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**Attention:** Prospective RFQ Proposers

**Subject:** Howland, Piscataquis Bridge Design-Build Project (MaineDOT PIN 15635.00) – Answers to RFQ Questions

The following are answers to questions received on the RFQ as of the date of this correspondence. No further questions will be received.

**Q:** The Feasibility Report lists AADT at only 3960. This seems rather small to require the accommodation of traffic during construction. Please confirm the requirement to maintain traffic during construction.

**A:** Yes, traffic will need to be maintained during construction.

**Q:** Are the interchange ramps needed per Feasibility Report Location 2, and page 6 in the description of Alternative 2? Will the existing bridge be allowed to be closed to traffic?

**A:** No, the interchange ramps are not needed. Traffic needs to be maintained either on the existing bridge or on a temporary bridge near the existing bridge.

**Q:** Per page 2 of the Feasibility Report, last full paragraph, the existing bridge may have alternate use. Please clarify potential alternate uses relative to pedestrian access and utilities.

**A:** When the Feasibility Report was written, it was anticipated that the existing bridge could possibly be left in place to accommodate continued use by the utilities, and also possibly be converted to a broad pedestrian/bike crossing, acting more as a grand downtown amenity. In subsequent discussions with the Town, the Town indicated that they did not want to assume the responsibility and future costs for the bridge, which makes these options no longer possible.



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**Q:** Will FEMA CLOMR and LOMR be required for the new crossing? Who will be responsible for coordination with FEMA?

**A:** No, they will not be required.

**Q:** Has the sanitary sewer been confirmed to flow across the new bridge without a lift station if the profile is raised approximately 5 feet to accommodate freeboard with the new structure type?

**A:** The existing sewer on the bridge is already a force main, being pumped from just east of the project, over the bridge, to a gravity system on the west side of the river.

**Q:** Please confirm the intended geotechnical evaluation program that the Department envisions for Alternative 5 and the foundation recommendations for that alternative.

**A:** The Preliminary Boring Program and Data Report conducted by MaineDOT and the Supplemental Boring Program and Data Report which will be conducted during the RFP process will form the body of subsurface data that the Design-Builders will use in their evaluations. The Department has not made and will not be making any foundation recommendations. It will be the responsibility of the Design-Builders to formulate their own foundation designs within the framework of the RFP design requirements.

Please consider these questions and answers in preparing your SOQ for this Project. SOQ submission shall be on or before 1:00 PM (EDT) on May 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leanne R. Timberlake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the last name.

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