

## **MaineDOT Interagency Meeting Notes**

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### **Attending Agencies:**

Federal Highway  
Maine Natural Areas  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Atlantic salmon Commission  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Maine Department of Marine Resources  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

### **Agencies Absent:**

Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
Federal Transit Authority  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Land Use Regulation Commission

### **Pre assigned Tasks:**

### **Presentations**

#### **Bangor-Trenton Transportation Alternatives Study, Presented by David Nelson, MaineDOT**

- Purpose of the project is to improve access from the Bangor/Brewer area to Mt Desert Island
- It is not the time to move forward on this project, no EA will be produced.
- MaineDOT will follow through with the study so that in the future if a project is needed an alternative will have been chosen.
- The studies weighting process, is not looked upon fondly by ACOE. ACOE does not want this weighting process to taint further environmental assessment of the project
- The Transportation Center/Visitor Center in Trenton will move forward with a site selection process
  - 5 sites were selected in Trenton, preliminary results indicate that 1 and 8 are not big enough parcels. Sites 2, 4, and 7 remain.
  - Agencies state that we should look into purchasing additional land for sites 1 and 8 to make the properties work and to have enough documentation for EA/EIS.
- Site selection criteria for MaineDOT include size and attractiveness; Acadia National Park (ANP) would like criteria to include sense of arrival at ANP, Park like setting, Rte 3 Frontage. Town of Trenton would like it to fit in with the town's land use development goal.
- ACOE makes a recommendation to Not use a weighting process with this study. And also states to be careful on how MaineDOT ties in Corridor study with the stand alone project of the Transportation/Visitor Center.

### **I-295 Corridor Study, Presented by Ed Hanscom, MaineDOT**

- Corridor feasibility study
- Purpose-to evaluate long term needs of I-295 from Scarborough to Brunswick
- Scope of Study includes:
  - Mainline and Interchanges, Safety and Mobility, Environmental and Cost Considerations, Planning horizon 2025, short term and long term recommendations
- Study Schedule Fall 2003 to Winter 2004
- Basic information on I295
  - Length 30 miles, 17 interchanges, speeds range from 50-65, Traffic volumes range from 35,000 to 85,000 VPD depending on location
- Improvement Strategies
  - No build, Transportation System Management(TSM) Auxiliary lanes, Interchange Improvement, Traffic diversion(Turnpike, commuter rail, bus), New Capacity (Thru lanes), or combinations of the strategies.
- Next steps in the study include reviewing input from public meetings, review deficiencies, Develop improvements, and Develop alternatives.
- Question as to how wide the existing ROW is came up and was answered that the ROW varies but is approx. 300ft.
- A website on MaineDOT's internet is available for information on this study.