

Introduction

This is the Executive Summary of Maine's 2006 State of the System Report. Its purpose is to catalog transportation assets and their condition, report on the uses, identify the present and future needs, and develop and recommend funding strategies for Maine's transportation system. This report is a precursor to MaineDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan and it provides data-supported historical trends and future predictions essential for long term planning. In short, the State of the System Report is a tool for strategic transportation planning and analysis of the state system and the physical infrastructure that supports the movement of Maine's people and goods.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan

expresses MaineDOT's mission, policies and the long-term goals, objectives, and strategies that guide the Department's allocation of resources. MaineDOT formulates the Long-Range Plan on the basis of the condition and performance of the system and on information obtained from the public, municipal officials, Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) and the Legislature.

The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

links the goal-oriented Long-Range Plan with the project-based Biennial Capital Work Plan, formerly BTIP. The Six-Year Plan includes specific project candidates that MaineDOT anticipates funding over the next six years or next three Capital Work Plans. The Six-Year Plan provides the opportunity for MaineDOT to begin developing projects with municipalities and developing detailed scopes of work and cost estimates.

The Biennial Capital Work Plan

updated every two years, lists the projects that MaineDOT intends to fund over the upcoming two-year period based on an assessment of federal and state resources and project cost estimates. Work Plans provide project-specific details and are based on the goals and priorities of both the Long-Range Plan and Six-Year Plan.

