

# County of Aroostook

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DOUGLAS F BEAULIEU



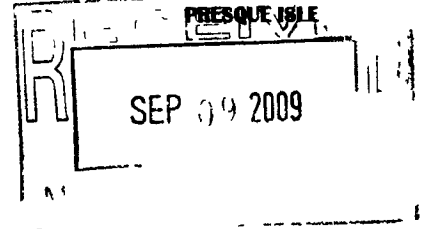
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August 31, 2009

David A Cole, Commissioner  
Maine Department of Transportation  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Commissioner Cole

The County of Aroostook strongly supports the proposed Transportation Investment Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application entitled "Caribou Connector" between Route 1 and Route 161 in Caribou, Maine, for the following reasons

- It would improve the region's economy by improving transportation mobility. The current system limits access, which, in turn, limits economic opportunity,
- The Caribou Connector would be the first segment constructed supporting the overall project purpose, which is to serve all persons and businesses within Aroostook County,
- The connector would address a long identified need within Caribou to segregate the bypass traffic from the downtown to improve transportation needs and to improve the economic development of the county as a whole

From the County's perspective, investment in this infrastructure would be a real sparkplug to our overall economic development efforts, thus improving our overall transportation system in a region of the State that is without an efficient highway system

Sincerely,

Douglas F Beaulieu  
County Administrator

Pc County Commissioners  
City of Caribou  
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