

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
FY 23-24 CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS “CRISI”
GRANT APPLICATION**

**Driving Maine's Rural Economy through
Freight Rail Efficiency Project**

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Project Location and Geospatial Data

The Project stretches from Millinocket to Vanceboro and runs through the following counties: Penobscot, Piscataquis, Washington, and Aroostook. The Project is 100 percent located in a rural area. The Project begins in the freight yard in Millinocket, Maine with improvements to the One North Bio-Industrial Park site; mainline track upgrades from Millinocket yard to Brownville, Maine; and mainline track and structure improvements from Brownville to Vanceboro, ME. The area is remote and rural, leading to a classification by FRA CRISI as a Rural Area (*source: BTS Rural Funding Eligibility Tool*), although the Town of Millinocket was designated as an Urban Cluster in the 2020 Census. The Project is a rural freight rail Project. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Population Estimates Program, the population of Maine was 1,395,722 as of July 2023, a 1.2% increase from 2020.

The project boundaries and waypoints are described in [Table 1](#) below and [Figure 1](#) on the next page.

Table 1. Site and Waypoint Locations

Site or Waypoint Description (<i>refer to Figure 1</i>)	Latitude (N) / Longitude (W)	Milepost
One North Bio-Industrial Park, Project Endpoint	45.639091 / -68.696194	109
At-Grade Intersection #1: Elm Street	45.652003 / -68.709474	104.77
At-Grade Intersection #2: Poplar Street	45.653669 / -68.710758	104.77
At-Grade Intersection #3: Spruce Street	45.654930 / -68.712095	104.77
Penobscot-Piscataquis County Line	45.523044 / -68.885755	90.18
Brownville Junction	45.350505 / -69.052079	72.43
I-95 Crossing (separated)	45.394764 / -68.601692	77.00
Mattawamkeag (Town)	45.511941 / -68.355001	62.00
Route 170	45.549036 / -68.190721	53.20
Route 171	45.641053 / -68.076918	44.39
U.S. Highway 1 Crossing	45.605590 / -67.804840	26.99
Forest City Road	45.571100 / -67.728327	22.40
Route 6	45.563250 / -67.429540	5.72
Vanceboro, Project Endpoint	45.563988 / -67.427424	5.72

Figure 1. Project Boundaries and Waypoints

