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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the grant applications recently submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to the FY2023 – 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). These applications represent vital efforts to address infrastructure needs in our state by focusing on the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of several bridges crucial to our transportation network.

If awarded, this funding will assist in the rehabilitation or replacement of six bridges on Interstate-395 between Bangor and Brewer, Maine, and the replacement of six aging overpasses carrying rural local and collector roads over Interstate-95 near Augusta, Maine. Specific to the Interstate-95 projects, the proposed replacement bridges will meet today's design standards, including recommended height clearances, and will employ safety improvements for motorists traveling on and over the Interstate. These bridges provide vital connections and link numerous communities in Kennebec County, Maine, to service centers.

Thank you for your consideration of these applications, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please notify Deidre Grant in my Bangor office at (207) 945-0417 when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator