

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

S.P. 95 - L.D. 227

**Resolve, To Conduct a Transit Propensity Study for Communities between  
Portland and Bangor**

**Sec. 1. Transit propensity study. Resolved:** That, if the Department of Transportation receives funding in accordance with section 2, the department shall conduct a transit propensity study to assess the demand and viability for new or enhanced transit service, including passenger rail, between the communities of Portland and Bangor. The study must include a review of relevant traffic counts, most recent data from the United States Census Bureau, population and employment data, all reasonably feasible corridors of service and primary trip generators that could significantly affect demand. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 1, 2023. The report must include estimates of the propensity of transit service demand, an estimated range of incremental growth in transit service and cost estimates of capital required for operating new or enhanced transit service. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.

**Sec. 2. Municipal partnership. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study under section 1. The total costs of the study must be determined by the department. No funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives from municipalities for which new or enhanced transit service will be assessed as part of the study commitments for no less than 25% of the overall costs of the study. The department may enter into agreements with municipalities for the municipalities to pay their portions to fund the study in a single installment or in multiple installments. If municipalities have not fulfilled their commitment to provide 25% of the overall costs of the study by the dates agreed upon with the department, the department may discontinue the study. If the department discontinues the study, any remaining funds received from municipalities must be returned to the municipalities and any remaining department funds for the study must be returned to the accounts from which they were received.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a transit propensity study to assess the demand and desire for transit, including but not limited to passenger rail, between the communities of Portland and Bangor.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>