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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 187, L.D. 287, “An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Prioritize Funding Transportation Construction Projects That Facilitate Access to Affordable or Dense Housing'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Transportation; funding priorities. Resolved:** That during the period beginning on August 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2027, the Department of Transportation, subject to available funding resources, may prioritize the funding of transportation construction projects that:

- 1. Provide street access for all transportation system users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, other users not in a motor vehicle and users of public transportation;
- 2. Encourage mixed land use by constructing residences, offices, schools, parks, shops, restaurants and other types of land use near each other;
- 3. Encourage infill development by building on empty or underutilized lots that have access to public water, sewer and emergency services;
- 4. Facilitate access to affordable or dense housing;
- 5. Encourage walkable neighborhoods;
- 6. Preserve open space, wetlands, parks, farms and woodlands; or
- 7. Encourage robust community and public participation, opinions and input in the type and scope of the transportation construction or other project.

The department may consult with the Maine Office of Community Affairs or any other relevant state agencies in evaluating transportation construction projects for funding prioritization in accordance with this section.

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1 development matters on the transportation construction projects the department funded that  
2 fit the provided criteria.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**