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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 17 to 34 and page 2, lines 1 to 4 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Whereas, the Caribou and Presque Isle segments of the Aroostook North-South Highway have available and ready for use in construction over \$40,000,000 in federal funding through the provision of high priority project funding by the United States Congress since 2001; and

Whereas, the Governor executed an order in March 2009 directing the Department of Transportation to make the completion of these segments a priority, with construction of the Caribou segment to begin in 2010 and the Presque Isle segment to begin as soon as the approval of the Army Corps of Engineers is given; and

Whereas, the cities of Caribou and Presque Isle have unanimously resolved through their respective city councils to proceed with the construction of these segments; and

Whereas, through An Act To Secure Maine's Transportation Future, Public Law 2007, chapter 470, which took effect June 30, 2008, the Legislature listed the Aroostook North-South Highway as an extraordinary corridor, which now has a scope, priority and schedule for community consensus within the meaning of that Act; and

Whereas, the current available funding to complete the construction of both of these segments is insufficient; now, therefore, be it

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "full"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "all"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the last line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "partnerships." and inserting the following: 'partnerships; and be it further'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2 Department support for listed projects. The Department of Transportation shall support funding for all projects listed in Public Law 2007, chapter 470, Part B, section 2 as significant new capacity projects of all modes and extraordinary bridge replacement, removal or rehabilitation projects.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency clause (page 2, lines 12 and 13 in amendment)

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the committee amendment. This amendment also removes the requirement that the Department of Transportation secure full funding to complete the Aroostook North-South Highway and requires the department to support

funding for the projects listed as “significant new capacity projects of all modes and extraordinary bridge replacement, removal or rehabilitation projects” in Public Law 2007, chapter 470.