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Regarding ME LD29, I would like to state that I am a frequent users of the existing rail trail corridor between Gardiner and Augusta. I use the existing trail to access business and amenities in each of the municipalities it passes through.

My opinion is that extending the rail trial south through South Gardiner, Richmond, Bowdoinham, Topsham, to Brunswick would present some great opportunities to these communities as well:

- Economic activity in the form of recreational visitors to eateries, stores, shops.
- Safe routes without motorized vehicles for recreation by residents in the communities (In particular for children and those who may have mobility issues)
- A scenic outdoor attraction for visitors to the area and the possibility of related business opportunity (ex. bike rentals, guided rides).

Personally, I would love to spend my day off taking a ride down to Brunswick and back.

Thank you for your time.