



YARMOUTH MAINE

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Committee on Transportation
Maine Legislature
c/O Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Representative Crafts, Senator Nangle, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

The Town of Yarmouth is pleased to submit this letter of enthusiastic support for L.D. 511/S.P. 229, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council," and for L.D. 30/S.P. 47, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth."

The Yarmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, and residents of Yarmouth have long supported the concept of the Casco Bay Trail, advocating for it as early as 2010. The Casco Bay Trail is one of the most important pieces of planned biking and walking infrastructure within the region, connecting our town center to other surrounding towns. It realizes one of the principal regional connectivity goals laid out in the 2014 PACTS funded Portland Area North Bicycle & Pedestrian Implementation Plan and provides an important safe connectivity corridor from Portland to Auburn. It was also included as a goal in Yarmouth's recent comprehensive update and is a "shovel ready" project for Yarmouth's section. It is fully endorsed by the Yarmouth Town Council for providing regional and local bicycle commuting options, reducing Yarmouth's vehicle emissions, and increasing access to local and regional green spaces and recreation.

The Town of Yarmouth strongly urges you to consider and approve L.D. 511 and L.D. 30.

Thank you for your consideration,

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