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I totally support this Orono to Portland rail study. The rail infrastructure already exists and is in the midst of being upgraded by CSX, yet it is clearly underutilized from a frequency of use prospective by just using it perhaps a couple of times per day for freight. Yes, there will be costs to construct some modest entry/exit platforms and in some cases parking areas. Select an operator who is willing to provide their own locomotives & passenger cabins. Perhaps the locomotives can be a hybrid locomotive to further assist in reducing out State transportation emissions and reduce noise/emissions to nearby residents. The funding for some of this could come from the \$331 million plus that the MTA wants to spend on the Gorham connector, that many of the area residents there don't want.