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Good afternoon, Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. My name is Marianne Moore. I proudly represent Senate District 6, which includes all of Washington County along with 16 Communities in Eastern Hancock County as well.

I am here to introduce LD 1141, *"An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations"*.

Last year, while attending a Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, I was asked by a constituent to submit this bill. We were both complimentary of the bike lanes installed last year on the major roadway leading to Cobscook Shores in Lubec. Prior to cloture, I reached out to the Bicycle Coalition for assistance in developing the bill. The goal is to identify state and state aid highways serving high-use state parks near population centers and state aid highways.

In an effort to propose a funding source, my initial bill proposed using Tourism Marketing Promotion funds along with general funds from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Parks General Operations program. After receiving quite a bit of feedback, I agreed to amend the bill to suggest the MaineDOT include and fund this program in the process of identifying High-Priority AT (HPAT) road corridors as part of its implementation of goals outlined in the Statewide Active Transportation Plan. I have attached the proposed amendment to my testimony.

My constituent, Wayne Peters, is unable to attend today's public hearing and has asked me to read his testimony. (Copy attached as well)

Thank you for allowing me to present this bill, and I ask for your support. (22)