

Testimony of Andy Kittredge on LD 1549
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and
Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation, my name is Andy Kittredge, and I'm President of Freeport Based CPM Constructors in support of this bill.

I want to thank the members of this Committee and the sponsors of LD 1549. CPM Constructors, founded in 1985, is a family-owned general contractor focusing on bridge, pile driving, railroad, historic rehabilitation and marine construction work across Maine and northern New England.

Planning is a critical component of our business operations, and our work is focused on public infrastructure. Throughout the years we have been engaged with the legislative process as funding for the most vital infrastructure was debated. Creating sustainable, long-term funding allows us to invest in equipment, hire more local employees and keep those who work for us now closer to home.

MaineDOT develops a three-year work plan and in the past, we have watched funding that the legislature has created create significant challenges in our industry. Our team must be ready to prepare bids, secure materials and decide which projects are best for our company, including our employees. Over many years we have entered a busy season with questions on funding availability and concerned that projects could get moved into another season. It's important that we have as much time as possible to plan the logistics for multi-year projects.

I understand the state budget has many competitive requirements for allocating our tax dollars. But our bridges are an essential component of our ability to create safe travel for the people of Maine and everyone seems to recognize how important it is to their lives. Send the proposed funding mechanism to voters and secure those dollars for transportation.

I encourage the Committee to pass this bill and allow voters to decide. Thank you.