

Testimony in Support to LD 1674, “An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects”

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Good afternoon, Chairs Chipman and Williams and esteemed members of the Committee on Transportation. My name is Dana Staples. I am currently serving as a City Councilor, At-Large for the city of Auburn. I previously served as the chair of the 2020/2021 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, Auburn’s Planning Board, and the Lewiston Auburn Complete Street Committee.

Auburn and Lewiston have shown longstanding success with a shared complete streets policy. Our cities routinely send construction projects to the Lewiston Auburn Complete Streets Committee to review project plans for new construction through a lens that considers varying usages of the project. This committee continually makes the streets of Lewiston and Auburn safer for all users. Too often, construction projects in our state streamline streets for automobiles while shutting out pedestrians and cyclists. I wholeheartedly support LD 1674 as a way to bring equity to our streets.

Respectfully,
Dana Staples