

132nd Legislature - Transportation Committee Testimony - LD 956
Casco Bay Trail Alliance Testimony
April 4, 2025

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

My name is Sue Ellen Bordwell from Yarmouth Maine. I represent the Casco Bay Trail Alliance. We urge you to support LD 956, a resolve directing the Maine DOT to implement the recommendation of the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council (RUAC).

Completing the Down East Sunrise Trail (DEST) would be a major milestone for Maine. The DEST has long been a destination for cyclists, hikers, skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers. The completion of the DEST will have a positive and measurable impact on increased tourism dollars, will provide local car free transportation and will benefit the health of the communities it passes through.

The DEST will support Maine's vision and goal of a connected network of active transportation trails, which support tourism and outdoor recreation. Imagine starting in Ayers Junction and ending in Key West Florida or Fryeburg, Maine.....without a car or conflict with vehicular traffic.

You and I won't see the completed network of trails in our lifetimes. This is a legacy we'll give to our great grandchildren to enjoy. Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 956

Thank you!

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