

Maine's State Active Transportation Plan



- **What It Is**
- **How You Can Provide Input**



What is the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Part of the MDOT “family of plans” that will all feed into their Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050

- Statewide Strategic Transit Plan
- Maine State Rail Plan
- Statewide Aviation Systems Plan Phase II,
- Statewide Active Transportation Plan

More info on all the plans at:

<https://www1.maine.gov/mdot/longrangeplan/>



The ATP seeks to answer three questions

1. Where are we?

- Review existing active transportation infrastructure (defined in this plan as walking, bicycling, e-bicycling, the various ways of rolling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and, with some restrictions, trail use for motorized users).
- Review programs and policies, including bicycle and pedestrian education programming,

2. Where do we want to go?

- Identify policy that will guide the active transportation program at MaineDOT.
- Identify priority issues and key corridors.

3. How do we get from where we are to where we want to go?

- Create policy guidelines for improving active transportation in Maine,
- Help prioritize investments in active transportation infrastructure and programs.
- Assess state-owned inactive rail corridors with significant potential for conversion to interim trail use.

Scope of Work Highlights

Task 1: Public Engagement

- »Stakeholder Meetings
- »Public Meetings
- »Survey
- »PIMA site (comments and input map)

Task 2: Existing Conditions

- »Education and Policy Inventories
- »Safety Data

Task 3: Assessment of State-owned Inactive Rail Corridors

Task 4: Needs Assessment

Task 5: Draft/Final Report



Scope of Work Highlights

» Education Program Inventory

Maine State Bike/Ped Education Offerings Overview of Types	Color Key		Numerical Key													
	Regularly Available	Less Regularly Available	1 = Statewide	2 = Local												
	Occasionally				Adult/Senior	K-12 Programming	Bike Safety	Ped Safety	Rodeos	Educational	Mechanical/Self	Bicycle Fleet	Electric Bike	Off Road Bicycle Ed	Low Income, BIPOC	Traffic Calming
Program Provider																
Maine DOT Supported																
Bicycle Coalition of Maine	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1	
Heads Up	2		2		2		2		2						2	2
Schools																
Schools*			2		2		2		2		2		2		2	
Municipalities																
Police/Fire*			2				2									
Adult Education Depts*	2				2				2		2			2		
Recreation Depts*	2		2		2		2		2					2		
Libraries*	2		2		2		2				2				2	
Other Municipal Groups*	2		2						2						2	2
Public Health Entities*	2		2		2		2		2						2	
Tribal Groups*			2						2						2	
Other Non-Profits																
Portland Gear Hub	2		2		2				2		2				2	
Camp Ketcha			2		2				2					2	2	
Apex Youth Connection (Community)			2		2				2		2			2		
Nasson Bikes (Community Bike)			2		2				2					2		
Bangor Earn a Bike*			2		2				2		2				2	
CEBS (Center for an Ecology-Based	2											2	2			
NEMBA (New England M. Bike Assoc)	1								1					1		
Rockland Landing Place*			2								2				2	
Teens to Trails			1								1			1		
Lincoln "The Warehouse"			2								2				2	
Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts			1					1	1		1			1		
Churches*			2					2							2	
Boys & Girls Clubs*			2					2	2		2				2	
Neighborhood Associations*			2					2	2						2	
Maine Outdoor School* (Downeast)			2								2					
For Profit Education																
Youth Cycling Project			2						2					2		
Ride Like a Ninja	1								1					1		
Childcare centers*			2					2	2						2	
Community Organizations																
Kiwanis					2		2		2							
Rotary					2		2									
Bike Clubs	2				2						2			2		

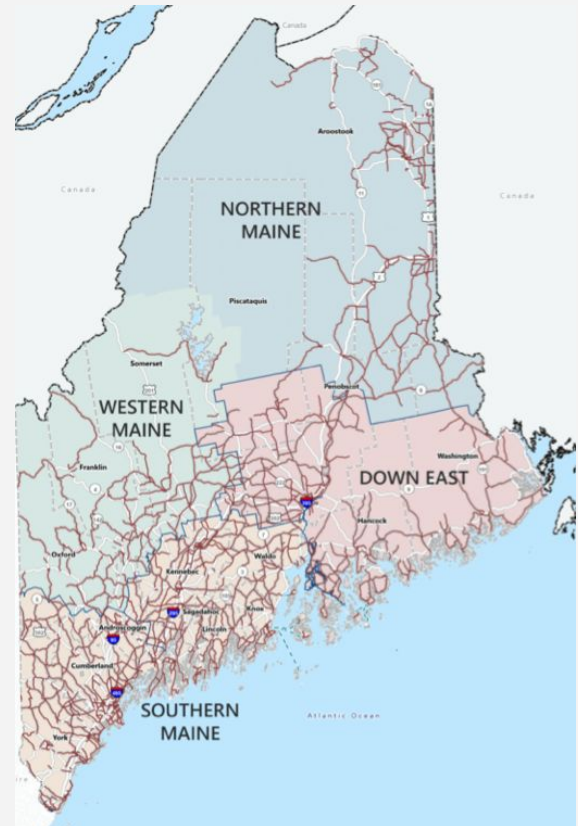
*note that the programming provided by this entity includes both BCM-facilitated and independent programming

Scope of Work Highlights

HCP 3 and 4 Road Analysis and Shoulder Prioritization

Evaluation Criteria:

- » **Community input**
- » **Traffic volume and speed**
- » **Ped/bike crash history**
- » **Residential density within ½ mile**
- » **Proximity to AT destinations**
- » **Proximity to low-income groups**
- » **Connectivity to existing trails**
- » **Filling in short gaps in long corridors**
- » **Engineering/permitting issues**



Scope of Work Highlights

Assessment of four state-owned, inactive rail corridors for interim trail use (106 miles)

Calais Branch (Calais to Sunrise Trail)

The Lower Road (Augusta to Brunswick)

Berlin Sub-division (Auburn to Portland)

Mountain Division (Fryeburg to Gorham)



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Opportunities for Public Input

Public Meetings

- Four public meetings that will cover the family of plans—active transportation, rail, aviation, and transit
- Open to any interested participants.
- NOTE: each meeting will cover *ALL* the plans, not just active transportation, and will incrementally develop and provide new info and questions

The first one is scheduled for
March 15, 2022, from 6 – 8 p.m.

A chance to weigh in on
department-wide policy driven
issues—speed limit policies, Complete
Streets; more system level questions
rather than specific locations

Additional Meetings on
April 6, May 4, June 7

Opportunities for Public Input

Public Meetings – Agenda

- Overview of Family of Plans
- Breakout session for each plan 2x
 - Plan overview
 - Public discussion
- Participants can join up to 2 breakouts

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Public Meeting Discussion Topics

1. Any clarification questions related to the SATP's purpose, scope, vision, or engagement strategy? (5 min)
2. Based on AT needs in Maine, what policy, program, funding, etc. priorities would you like to see MaineDOT incorporate in the future? (10-15 min)
3. Which road and inactive rail corridors should be prioritized for improvements based on places you currently—or would like to—walk, bike, or roll? (10-15 min)

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Stakeholder meetings

- Small invitation-only conferences for specific constituencies, such as public health, environmental, older adults, and others
- Exact format of the stakeholder meetings is still being determined
- Meetings are expected to be held in March and April



Opportunities for Public Input

Survey

- A survey will be made available for anyone to provide input into the ATP—likely in April
- Survey questions will explore barriers to AT and include a prioritization tool
- Still in development



Opportunities for Public Input

Public Input Management Application (PIMA) site

- A virtual public meeting and input platform
- Provide some basic info, and then arrive at this screen
- Sidebar has the input interface
- Provide comment, select Active Transportation,

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1. Please enter your comment below:

Please do not place any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, or email addresses within this field and be aware that any comment you place in this field will be available for public consumption.

Comment is required.

2. Select any of the following topics that apply to your comment: (Select up to 3)

- Active Transportation Plan
- Aviation System Plan
- Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Rail Plan
- Strategic Transit Plan

Opportunities for Public Input

PIMA site

- A virtual public meeting and input platform
- Location specific inputs possible using map
- Indicate your level of support—green=strong; red=weak

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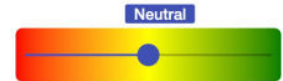
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5. What is your level of support for the project you are commenting about? Click on the dot to drag it along the scale.



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