

ROUTE 1 & ROUTE 9 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Preliminary Draft for Committee Review

April 9, 2008

Purpose

The Routes 1 and 9 Multi-Modal Corridor Management Plan (MMCMP) requires substantial public involvement if it is to receive the support necessary for implementation and long-term support. This document summarizes the steps that the corridor committee, with help from its support staff, will take to solicit public input.

STEP 1: PREPARE OUTREACH MATERIALS

The Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) and Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG) will prepare an executive summary of the draft report, which focuses on the key recommendations. In addition to hard copies, this material will be placed on the HCPC website. Press releases will also be prepared.

STEP 2: HOLD FIRST ROUND OF SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Invitations would be sent to municipal officials, chambers of commerce, transportation providers and major employers inviting representatives to sub-regional meetings. There would also be press releases inviting the general public. Meetings would be held in the Bucksport, Ellsworth, Schoodic-Steuben, Machias and Calais areas. The draft recommendations would be presented at the meeting and possible revisions would be discussed.

STEP 3: HOLD SECOND ROUND OF SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS ON IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AND MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT

After the committee has drafted the detailed implementation strategies, there would be a second round of sub-regional meetings. The focus of these meetings would be to present the implementation strategies and determine the content of the proposed memoranda of agreement.