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TOWN OF MACHIAS
P.O. BOX 418
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RE: Machias Dike Bridge #2246, WIN 016714.00

Dear Property Owner:

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) will be holding a public meeting on the proposed replacement of the Machias Dike Bridge #2246 located on Route 1 over the Middle River in the Town of Machias. The meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 2022 at the Machias Memorial High School. MaineDOT has selected a bridge to replace the existing four box culverts to carry forward into an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires the Federal Highway Administration and MaineDOT to consider public comment and all potential environmental impacts of the preferred alternative to make an informed decision. The preferred solution must also comply with all federal regulations and policies. In addition to the meeting on June 28th, the public will have an opportunity to comment on a draft EA later this year.

Because your property is adjacent to or close to the proposed improvement, you are specifically invited to the public meeting. MaineDOT will discuss the project, regulatory requirements, and process moving forward at the public meeting. MaineDOT staff will also be available for individual and small group discussions on June 28th, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Machias Railroad Station Chamber of Commerce Building. These discussions will be regarding the bridge alternative; potential property impacts; and the anticipated process during project planning, engineering, right-of-way, and construction. You may also contact me at 207-624-3317 or at martin.rooney@maine.gov. Additional project information is available at the project website: www.maine.gov/mdot/projects/machiasbridge/.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Rooney'.

Martin Rooney
Project Manager
MaineDOT