

# MAINE MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

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*"The spokesman for the Maine Trucking Industry"*

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David Bernhardt, PE, Commissioner  
Maine Department of Transportation  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Dear Commissioner Bernhardt,

I am writing to offer Maine Motor Transport Association's support with MDOT's effort to secure federal funding to connect I-395 to Route 9. MMTA represents approximately 1,380 member companies whose 28,000 employees make their living in the trucking industry in Maine.

The Association appreciates the extensive analysis and planning that has gone into this project thus far and we are encouraged by the stated benefits that this new connector will bring with it. While the potential economic benefits realized by the reduction of truck miles and hours driven is important to our members bottom line, we see the safety benefits as even more critical for all highway users who will travel this new route.

As you know, MMTA's primary focus is to foster and promote safety. We understand and welcome the improved safety benefits that a reduction of vehicle miles travelled, hours driven, and the frequency of interactions with pedestrians, bicyclists, and passenger cars along routes 1A and 46 will have for our industry.

This project will certainly result in less congestion, improved efficiency, and most importantly improved safety of for all modes of transportation utilizing the new connector, including truck traffic. Because of these factors, we are pleased to support your efforts.

Please let Tim or myself know if we can be of further assistance.

Best Regards,



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