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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:49:14 PM

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Date: Saturday, 01-Oct-2022 13:41:33 EDT
Name: Spencer Egan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073293387
Email: spencer.thomas.egan@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a strong supporter of the Casco Bay rail trail. I would certainly use the trail to commute and recreate, and I know many of my friends would as well. Biking on roads, especially Maine roads can be scary and a little dangerous. A separate trail gives peace of mind, and is just more fun than breathing in car exhaust while riding. Whenever I visit other cities and towns I look for bike trails, and if they exist they are always in heavy use. It is a great way to see the community out and about, and connect areas that are otherwise difficult to get to without a car. Everyone knows that 295 is getting quite congested, and the rail trail is a great way to address that without adding lanes (which has been shown to not reduce congestion in the long run). Healthy commuting options for Maine's most densely populated area can only be a good thing!

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Name: amy sinclair
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073297735
Email: amysinclair@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I manage the Yarmouth Farmers Market which abuts the tracks. LOVE the idea of people biking to and from the market using trails. Also, as an avid road biker, I like the idea of biking to Portland without having to worry about cars. Let's do this!

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Date: Saturday, 01-Oct-2022 15:22:58 EDT
Name: Donna Levi
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076152130
Email: levi_donna@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

There are so many benefits to designating the railway to off-road trails. As the number of cars on the roads have increased again and there is a danger in non-attentive driving, rail-trails can provide a safe place for people in so many communities along the route to be physically active which can also benefit people's mental health by getting outdoors and moving their bodies! There are also environmental benefits by providing alternative ways to commute for work or errands. This can also open up areas for economic revitalization.

The Casco Bay trail is the best use for this disused rail corridor especially since the parallel CSX corridor remains available for potential future passenger rail.

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Date: Sunday, 02-Oct-2022 07:48:18 EDT
Name: James Harder
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-232-6541
Email: james@floatharder.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello Advisory Council,

Thanks for all the work you do. I sit on 2 non profit boards so I am keenly aware of how much work goes into some of the most minute agenda items, let alone the use of a huge swath of land. As an avid trail user (Appalachian Trail thru-hiker in 2013 and multiple times per week user of the Portland Trails network) I would love to encourage you to move forward with the Casco Bay Trail Alliance's planned use of the Portland to Auburn Rail corridor. The opportunities this can create for physical, mental, spiritual and even economic wellbeing are countless. Thanks so much for your time, wishing you all the best.

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Date: Sunday, 02-Oct-2022 11:18:27 EDT
Name: Bill Dunn
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078479342
Email: wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the Casco Bay Trail (CBT). As one of the people who has worked on the West Side Trail (WST in Yarmouth since its beginning, the CBT would provide an excellent connection at the I-295, Exit 15 Park & Ride. This would allow people from all over Yarmouth to walk or ride their bikes on the WST to that connection and then continue on the CBT to Portland or Auburn, or any of the towns in between. What a wonderful extension of the WST!

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Date: Sunday, 02-Oct-2022 12:47:49 EDT
Name: Edward Libby
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078466380
Email: ed_libby@msn.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in support of the Portland to Auburn rail trail. This seems like a no brainer with all the benefits of self propelled alternative transportation and the proximity to populations that will use it. Rail until trail preserves the chance to revert and the parallel CSX line is a better option for light rail commuting, should that ever become economically feasible. I live in Yarmouth and would love to see this happen in the next couple years. What a terrific asset for the people along the trail, as well as visitors to our area who would seek it out as a destination experience. Lets get this done!

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Date: Sunday, 02-Oct-2022 20:18:54 EDT
Name: Chuck Thorp
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078463203
Email: chuck.r.thorp@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in favor of a rail trail on the unused rail corridor from Portland to Auburn. My daughter and her family live within a 1/2 mile of a 60 mile rail trail in New Hampshire. When I visit I am often on the trail anytime of year. I run and walk on it. I bike on it and snowshoe and cross country ski on it. My parents visited on Father's Day while I was there and we had 4 generations walking with a stroller on the rail trail. The trail in parts is wide and paved. On this section 1/2 the trail is groomed for cross country skiing and the other 1/2 is plowed for winter walkers. The benefits of an off-road trail are many. More people are able to get out for physical activity. The emotional and psychological benefits of exercise and time in nature are substantial. Environmentally more people walking or riding a bike decreases road traffic and congestion. I simply cannot say enough good things about the potential for a rail trail including the economic benefits as people are drawn to the area for its use and access.

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Date: Monday, 03-Oct-2022 09:07:24 EDT

Name: anna

Organization(if applicable):

Phone: 207-807-0203

Email: lotteddeutsch@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Building a rail trail will be a huge economic win, plus it will add enormous lifestyle benefits for the people of Yarmouth

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Date: Monday, 03-Oct-2022 09:36:29 EDT
Name: Casey Ford
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207.847.0228
Email: casey@kbwheels.com

Topic:

Comments:

Thank you for considering the Casco Bay Trail proposal. As the owner of KB Wheels bicycle shop, adjacent to the proposed trail in Yarmouth, I see many opportunities to expand my business and in turn provide support to bicycle riders on the trail as well as contributing to the Town through taxation. I have personally seen the benefits to communities from similar rail conversions. In my experience they are a wonderful and popular means of providing recreation and commuting opportunities. I hope you will approve this proposal. Sincerely, Casey

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Date: Monday, 03-Oct-2022 11:37:48 EDT
Name: Lucas Prescott
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073317795
Email: lucas.prescott@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think the Casco Bay Trail project is the best possible use for the currently unused rail corridor. Having grown up in Yarmouth, one of the towns this path intersects, I've seen firsthand the evolution of this rail corridor and how useful it could be as an off-road trail. There already exists a nearby passenger rail corridor, and the environmental and community benefits of a biking/walking trail to Portland and beyond would be incredible. Additionally, it would increase the number of people traveling between towns, thus creating an economic benefit for each stop on the trail. This project would also benefit the physical and mental health of various communities along the trail's path, as it would promote exercising and spending time in nature. I hope you will support this wonderful project and help it become a reality!

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Date: Monday, 03-Oct-2022 13:51:58 EDT
Name: Susan Prescott
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078315080
Email: tspresco@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Casco Bay Trail. It makeâ€™s perfect sense for this unused trail line to be transformed into a trail that would be available to so many people, I have no doubt it would be extremely popular. As an active older person I would love to ride my bicycle on a safe trail without the constant concern about cars. This trail would encourage people to be more active and less dependent on cars. The benefit to physical and mental health would be tremendous!

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Date: Tuesday, 04-Oct-2022 14:48:10 EDT
Name: Rebecca Andersen
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077555976
Email: andersen.casey@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello!

The Portland to Auburn Rail Use Plan is very exciting to me for a number of reasons.

I can see it being a great way to connect communities, provide people with more options for commuting and recreating (there seems to be an increased interest in these areas over the past few years), and provide an option to enjoy the state while also being safe (off the road). Especially in the L/A area, there are not many options for this, which is a hindrance to quality of life and a hindrance to people looking to live in the area.

I think that the presence of this trail system would likely lead to safer spaces and an enhanced overall well-being in these areas.

I truly believe that this will also increase the desire of people to live in areas connected by this trail and that it will bring the economic benefits of revitalizing our communities with active transportation infrastructure. More options for commuting means less cars on the road and less environmental waste.

Thank you so much for considering this!

R Casey Andersen

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Date: Wednesday, 05-Oct-2022 11:14:04 EDT
Name: Dan Ankeles
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-756-3793
Email: dankeles@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

My name is Dan Ankeles, and I am the Vice Chair of the Brunswick Town Council and the incoming state representative for House District 100 in central Brunswick. Shortly after I moved to town over a decade ago, I joined our local Recreation Commission. For years our community has been working hard to build bicycle and pedestrian connections, both within Brunswick and between Brunswick and our many neighbors. State support for this effort is essential to its success, as are having concrete proposals and a well organized multi-community advocacy group. That's why I am in full support of the Casco Bay Trail Alliance and their work with local governments, MDOT and state legislators. The world is changing, and we need to build these connections as soon as we can. My constituents have made it clear to me that this is something with broad public support, and I stand ready to partner with you to get this done and link our communities together. When we say the word multi-modal, let's really mean it. Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments.

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Date: Wednesday, 05-Oct-2022 12:28:20 EDT
Name: Margaret Littlefield
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074006367
Email: oceanhousecdc@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love to see the Casco Bay Trail become a safe off-road trail for walkers and bicyclists. I ride frequently on the many trails in Maine and New Hampshire. I have ridden all of the East Coast Greenway from Canada to Rhode Island on separate occasions. While I love backroads; I feel especially comfortable and confident on trails - away from traffic, dogs in peoples' front yards and debris on the sides of roads. I look forward to hearing about continued progress in establishing this off-road route. This will be a wonderful economic boost to the towns along the way and an important step in getting more families and people of all generations active. Thank you.

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Date: Wednesday, 05-Oct-2022 15:23:34 EDT
Name: Susan Hall
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073291893
Email: shall1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am hoping your will support the Casco Bay Trail. We need long, SAFE trails where children, adults and seniors can get out to bike ride, ski and snowshoe without the fear and danger of being hit by cars.

Susan Hall
Falmouth

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Date: Thursday, 06-Oct-2022 14:29:23 EDT
Name: Scott Douglas
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: scott@scottdouglas.biz

Topic:

Comments:

I'm strongly in favor of this trail being built. You all know better than I do how such trails improve quality of life while also having a positive economic impact. Please approve the trail and let Maine continue to be a leader in far-reaching public health projects.

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Date: Thursday, 06-Oct-2022 12:09:57 EDT
Name: Martha Leggat
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077123308
Email: mleggat@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm writing in support of developing a trail on the rail trail running from Portland to Auburn. I'll preface my support by saying that I am very much an advocate of rail, and other forms of carbon free transportation. With the existing trail line, I don't feel trail and rail are mutually exclusive. A continuous trail would offer commuting and recreational opportunities that could transform southern and midcoast Maine. The commercial and environmental benefits are obvious, as are the contributions to community and public health. To me there is nothing but "win" when it comes to developing this trail system, and I hope the Council supports this vision. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martha Leggat

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Date: Sunday, 09-Oct-2022 19:08:46 EDT
Name: Jacob Adams
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072666353
Email: jradams600@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Rail trail connecting to urban centers of our state? Yes please!!! I personally know many people who use the eastern trail to commute 5 days a week, 7-9 months out of the year. Not to mention all the people who use these resources for recreation and exercise.

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Date: Monday, 10-Oct-2022 11:15:03 EDT
Name: Peter Robbins
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076323636
Email: peter.e.robbins@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Every rail trail in every city I have ever used, seen, or read about has been a huge success. Giving people more opportunities to walk, run, and bike away from vehicle traffic, whether it be for recreation, exercise, or commuting is always a good idea. A rail trail linking Portland to Auburn would have a huge quality of life benefit to all who live along the corridor.

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Date: Monday, 10-Oct-2022 17:21:03 EDT
Name: Tracy T Teare
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078382245
Email: tteare@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! Please, please support the Casco Bay Trail. I went to a meeting recently and am in 100% support. Having lived on the Minuteman Path in Mass., I know firsthand the many benefits this would bring to our community, from health to economics. Thank you very much!

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Date: Monday, 10-Oct-2022 17:43:08 EDT
Name: Molly Marston
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mollymarston@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in support of the Casco Bay Trail. The ability to bike on this trail versus the dangers of road biking on unimproved roads with no side shoulders will greatly reduce biking accidents.

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Date: Tuesday, 11-Oct-2022 12:31:30 EDT
Name: Lynda Bond
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-408-9500
Email: LJRB@ME.COM

Topic:

Comments:

The Casco Bay Trail would be a wonderful asset to our community. Walking, biking, running, cross country skiing, snowshoeing can all be done within a short distance from so many peoples homes. As we all know it is easier to do an activity when it is nearby. Plus the safety factor is huge since all this can be done away from car traffic .

The train service can still continue on the other near by track so there should be no reason that this trail cannot be created.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: Wednesday, 12-Oct-2022 10:33:05 EDT
Name: Mary Stuart
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077761201
Email: mhstuart@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would really appreciate local access to a trail for biking. I do not ride as often as I would like as I have to mount bike carrier on the car and transport to another location for safe riding. We love the Sunrise Trail, bike trail along the river in Brunswick to Topsham, Cape Cod Rail Trail and Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville, NC. Along Cape Cod Rail Trail and Swamp Rabbit Trail there are bike rentals and cafes which add to the experience. Thank you for considering this rail trail. Regards, Mary Stuart

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Date: Thursday, 13-Oct-2022 09:54:34 EDT
Name: Chris Beam
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 12077848933
Email: chrisbeam9@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

To the Rail Use Advisory Council,

I am writing to give my wholehearted support to the efforts of the Casco Bay Trail Alliance to construct a hiking/biking trail around Casco Bay and up to Auburn and Lewiston. Such a trail would use discontinued rail lines and perhaps require the construction of paths parallel to existing lines.

As you know, this campaign is one among many around the nation to convert discontinued railroad rights-of-way to pathways that can be used by hikers and bicyclists and, perhaps in winter, by snowshoers and cross-country skiers.

I donâ€™t need to reiterate the tremendous recreational, cultural, environmental, and economic benefits of these infrastructure projects. They are well documented.

Suffice it to say that when my family and I lived in Falls Church in northern Virginia, from 1977 to 1988, we were able to use the network of trails that spun off from the old Washington and Old Dominion railroad right of way. The railroad itself was abandoned in 1967. Since then the roadbed has become the basis of an extensive network of heavily used biking/hiking trails.

I think most residents of northern Virginia would agree that the system is a blessing to all who live in the region. In my case, I used the trails to commute from my home in Falls Church to my workplace on the National Mall.

A similar network in southern Maine would do much to enhance the recreational and economic opportunities in the area.

As a resident of Lewiston, which has long sought to bring development to the community, a Casco Bay Trail would be a great windfall.

I realize such a project requires a lot of effort and would entail considerable expense, not to mention present other challenges.

Nonetheless, I hope the Advisory Council will see fit to approve and support a Casco Bay Trail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Beam
9 No Name Pond Road
Lewiston, ME 04240-2104

chrisbeam9@gmail.com

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Date: Tuesday, 18-Oct-2022 08:40:59 EDT
Name: Stephen Hayes
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076508467
Email: hayesstephen58@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I recently attended an information session on the Portland to Auburn Rail and its potential use as a pedestrian and bicycle route. I see this as opening up exciting opportunities to increase outdoor access for Mainers and others across the spectrum of age and fitness. Our communities will benefit from this landscape change. thank-you.

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Date: Thursday, 20-Oct-2022 09:32:57 EDT
Name: lukas Stephen sprick
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7853464420
Email: lukesprick07@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I moved to Maine from Kansas City, Kansas. We had a similar rail to trails project that was very popular called the Katy Trail. This trail was great for physical fitness, transportation, and tourism. There were enough people that used the trail that new businesses such as bike shops, restaurants, and camping grounds opened along the trail. I believe that this trail would be good for not only the people that use it, but also for the communities that it goes through.

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From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 11:40:54 EDT
Name: Peg Balano
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-781-2641
Email: peg.balano@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in favor of the the proposed 72 mile Casco Bay Trail that would utilize an unused train line that runs through our town of Falmouth and other nearby communities. It is a win-win utilization of space!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@Maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 11:57:01 EDT

Name: Kellan

Organization(if applicable):

Phone:

Email: kmsimp1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please build the rail trail (and others) as fast as possible! We need to expand our access to outdoors and transit options.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 12:36:09 EDT
Name: Virginia Goldman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: gte171f@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Casco Bay Trail!! I don't bike now because there are no dedicated bike trails vs. shared trails with cars. This trail would be great for the community and i'm sure various local commercial opportunities would pop up along the trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 12:59:53 EDT
Name: Peter Robbins
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076323636
Email: peter.e.robbins@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the rail trail! We need more places where people can walk, bike, and xc ski safely off road away from traffic.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Mt. Division Public Comments
Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 1:21:24 PM

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 13:14:50 EDT
Name: Melanie Fletcher
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-841-1630
Email: mfletcherhomes@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Current owner of 53 Middle Road, Falmouth.

My property runs directly on the railroad line that would be positively impacted by a multi use trail system. I could not support this proposal enough!

I have 3 very active children who love biking and with few sidewalks particularly on our section of Middle Road it can make going out for bike rides quite dangerous, specifically for my 4 year old son. I can't put into words how excited I would be to see this go through.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 13:24:45 EDT
Name: Jason Raichle
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6109371360
Email: jdraichle@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Falmouth resident, and I strongly support "trail until rail" for the proposed Casco Bay Trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 13:39:07 EDT
Name: Christopher Doehne
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075189580
Email: chdoehne@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the Casco Bay Trail and turning the unused rail line going through Falmouth Cumberland Yarmouth etc in to a bike walking trail

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 13:56:06 EDT
Name: Ann Cole
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: ann.tracy.cole@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a Falmouth resident, I'd love to see unused sections of rail turned into biking / walking trails. We currently lack safe spaces for families to ride bikes together outside of individual neighborhoods so would love to see the rail trail become a reality!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 14:11:14 EDT
Name: Audrey Hotchkiss
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6176803187
Email: aehotchkiss@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Greetings, I am a Falmouth Maine citizen and am in full support of a rail trail from Portland to Auburn. Thank you for your time!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 14:16:08 EDT
Name: Wendy Ricker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078926471
Email: wendysricker@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is such a great idea and will get a lot of use. I support this 100 percent

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 14:36:56 EDT
Name: Matthew Pines
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077475782
Email: matt@teencamp.com

Topic:

Comments:

While it would be truly amazing to see rail as a public transport option in our community again, if that is not an option, I would urge you to use the existing rail line for a pedestrian/cycling trail through Falmouth.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 15:12:33 EDT
Name: Michael Draper
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mich69d@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Interested, pls share details.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 15:40:17 EDT
Name: Elizabeth Ehrenfeld
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077562046
Email: e.ehrenfeld@me.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in full support of converting this rail corridor to a bike/ped facility. We need to jump start our minimal biking infrastructure in southern Maine and this would be a great start.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 17:02:26 EDT
Name: Militsa Plavsic
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: milaplavsic@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the "rail until trail" option. Thanks

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 17:35:24 EDT
Name: Julie Scammell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073183373
Email: scammelljulie@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love to have a safe trail for biking or walking!! I have lived and taught in Falmouth for 30+ years and the traffic has really increased, making using the roads for recreation a frightening experience.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 18:54:27 EDT
Name: Marcie Lapido
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077474005
Email: marcie.lapido@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a resident of Falmouth I support the Portland to Auburn trail. It would encourage people to get outside.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 19:55:31 EDT
Name: Daron Goulette
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2079390069
Email: darongoulette@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Fully support the rail trail plan, this absolutely needs to happen!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 21:02:54 EDT
Name: Marna Miller
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: marnam@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm very much in favor of the proposed Casco Bay Trail using an existing but currently unused rail line. I appreciate that development of a pedestrian/bike trail in this location does not preclude the eventual development of passenger rail between Portland and Lewiston/Auburn because another, more suitable line also exists. Bike/ped trails are good for the economy, good for the climate, and good for the well-being of people living in nearby communities. It's a no-brainer!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 21:23:50 EDT
Name: Madeline Cobb Mueller
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 978-793-9812
Email: madelinecobbmueller@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Iâ€™m writing in support of utilizing defunct rail sections to extend the casco bay rail trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 22:06:16 EDT
Name: Kathleen Welter
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3146142523
Email: kathleenwelter207@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail until Rail project

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From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 22:05:10 EDT
Name: Brett
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072528380
Email: brett.okelly@tylertech.com

Topic:

Comments:
Full support behind this!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 15:20:29 EDT
Name: Jason Maher
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: jasonmaher@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This off-road trail loop, and in particular the section from Portland to Yarmouth, represents an outstanding opportunity for recreation in southern Maine. And more importantly, it would provide a modern, transportation alternative to commute around Portland in an otherwise car centric area. I believe this investment would be attractive to many young adults and professionals that value freedom of choice in transportation.

- A current Falmouth resident

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Date: Friday, 21-Oct-2022 22:46:43 EDT
Name: Pam Conlogue
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076155096
Email: pamela.conlogue@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail. We need more trails for riding off rd. Thanks

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 04:11:54 EDT
Name: Jenny Yasi
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077569421
Email: yasijenny@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would use that trail a lot! We love to ride our bikes but it is too hard to share the road with cars.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 05:58:02 EDT
Name: Hollie Kenniff
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: holliekenniff@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

My family would love for an off-road bicycle/pedestrian trail similar to the Eastern Trail to be created in Falmouth.
We support "trail until rail".

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 06:36:10 EDT
Name: Erin McMullan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: erinmcmullan001@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes to Casco bay trail

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 07:07:04 EDT
Name: Robyn Erman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6198893847
Email: robyn.erman@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Let's build the trail! It would be great for our communities. Thanks for your consideration.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 07:57:53 EDT
Name: Kathy Bowen
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-833-6167
Email: kathy@kathybowen.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the trail until rail project
Thanks

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:22:55 EDT
Name: Karen Saucuer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: kksaucie@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please consider the rail to trail plan for biking and walking on the old rail bed! I would definitely use it!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:24:55 EDT
Name: Jeanne
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6178512164
Email: jeannewenger@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the 72 mile Casio Bay rail to t.rail initiative!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:22:55 EDT
Name: David McClelland
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078385677
Email: David_McClelland@Comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

As a cyclist and walker I would enjoy and use such a trail for means of trips to work in Portland and pleasure.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:36:22 EDT
Name: Jeffery Brookes
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077765838
Email: JHBROOKES@YAHOO.COM

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! I support the "trail until rail" plan and hope you will too.
Thanks for considering!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:44:29 EDT
Name: Hilary Jessen
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: hilary.jessen@wipfli.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail before rail access plan for the Casco Bay trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:38:12 EDT
Name: Mary Anderson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074500218
Email: mary_anderson_maine@msn.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please pass the "rail until trail" initiative as soon as possible. It would be an amazing asset for our state now and in the future.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 08:58:23 EDT
Name: Mary Calvin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7133854708
Email: maryecalvin@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail on rail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 09:35:12 EDT
Name: Ellen and Bruce Rapsher
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2154212802
Email: eswilcox@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

We would love this trail and would use it often.
Thanks.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 10:01:40 EDT
Name: Allen Browne
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-650-0349
Email: allenbrowne@sbcglobal.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am very much in support of taking advantage of the rail right of way for an off-road bike trail. I am a long time member of Rails-to-Trails. This would show off the beauty of the area. It. Would provide an area for people to get active walking, riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, jogging, etc. It tears nothing down and only builds on the qualities of the communities. It should be done. It is well worth the investment in development and upkeep.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 10:31:29 EDT
Name: jill sorrentino
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076161111
Email: jsorrentino1228@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I support!!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Saturday, October 22, 2022 10:36:39 AM

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 10:34:19 EDT
Name: Kate Malin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3476782774
Email: kate@katemalin.com

Topic:

Comments:

A note to voice my support of the trail on the existing rail line from Portland â€” it makes so much sense and would be an amazing asset to the community.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 10:50:52 EDT
Name: Sally Bowden-Schaible
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2079393254
Email: 1sallybs@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the development of the 'trail to rail' system. What a wonderful way to expand outdoor walking and biking opportunities!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 11:20:15 EDT
Name: John Flaherty-Stanford
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2124520914
Email: john@yuka.co.uk

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support this. Health. Financial benefits. Fabulous. Let's do it!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 11:21:20 EDT
Name: Sandra Paul
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-671-9916
Email: sndypls1951@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Would love to see the bike path!
Great addition to all the surrounding communities!
Thanks for your support!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 11:45:52 EDT
Name: Michelle Birkel
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mbirkel@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Trail systems make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors. I am in support of any trail systems that can be put into place for free outdoor exercise.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 11:55:05 EDT
Name: Kathleen Grandsoult
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074410963
Email: kgrandsoult@verrill-law.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please make the Casco Bay trail proposal real! I fully support this!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 11:54:18 EDT
Name: Kathryn Tolford
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: ktolford@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We bike a lot and would use this rail trail a lot since the main roads are getting dangerous to ride on!! Hope it happens!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 12:10:42 EDT
Name: Stephanie Tzrinske
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: smstewart321@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support this!

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 12:16:51 EDT
Name: Sarah Speare
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077490972
Email: sdspeare@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I support the Rail-Trail project 110%

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 12:44:34 EDT
Name: Cate DiMarzio
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: cateink@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The 72 mile Rail to Trail is a good idea. I've biked on rail to trails on Cape Cod and it delightful. The Eastern Trail in Maine is equally delightful to walk or ride. Pleas support this. It's a good was to create open space and promote recreational activities for Maine residents and visitors. It's good for our health. And it's good for our climate. Pleas soupport the Rail to Trail. Thank you.
Cate DiMarzio.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 13:51:22 EDT
Name: Tamara Cooper
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: tamaragcooper@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in favor of the proposed Casco Bay Trail and use of non motorized travel to help the climate issues we are facing and to provide safe recreational areas for folks.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 13:50:05 EDT
Name: Matt Montgomery
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7086063450
Email: mattmonty1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Rail trails are a valuable and popular amenity in a community!!!

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:06:19 EDT
Name: Shannon Goduti
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2066531433
Email: sgoduti@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail until rail. Thank you!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:09:17 EDT
Name: Maggie Hight
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9787718646
Email: maggie.w.hight@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Falmouth rail trail

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:11:23 EDT
Name: Kristen Roos
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 276718880
Email: krisaroos@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support all efforts to turn unused rail lines into trails. I bike to work which saves money and allows me to stay mentally and physically fit! Let's get to work turning something that the public will benefit from!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:37:44 EDT
Name: Ginger Lawson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074154933
Email: ginlawson@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the Casco Bay Trail, real onto trail program. I think this would be a tremendous improvement for the community. Thank you, Ginger Lawson

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:39:56 EDT
Name: Larry Ely
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 603-723-5822
Email: firstmtn@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'd like to offer my support the Casio bay trail development. Wonderful opportunity for the area. Thank you, Larry

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:44:23 EDT
Name: Steve Mortimer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074006129
Email: stevenhmortimer@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a 72 year old lifelong cyclist, this would be a dream come true. It has become increasingly dangerous riding on the roads, so this trail takes on even more importance. I recently rode the Dempsey 50-miler and even that had some scary moments for us cyclists. Please approve this project!

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 14:48:58 EDT
Name: Ellen McKee
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076323133
Email: smckee13@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I have been wanting a trail from Falmouth to Portland for years!! I know many avid cyclists who would bike to work instead of crowding our highways! Also, there are not many great places in Falmouth for people to safely walk/run/bike (especially with kids!) This would be such a huge bonus to our town and the rails arenâ€™t used anymore anyway!!! Fully support this idea!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 15:03:58 EDT
Name: Stev Parker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077738084
Email: Stev@daggettparker.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please count me as another enthusiastic voice for any and all rail to trail or trail until rail projects being considered, especially the one currently under study that goes through Falmouth.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 15:07:58 EDT
Name: Dibble Appleton
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-828-1090
Email: dib@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a 30 year member of Rails to Trails Conservancy and wholly support the creation of another great Rail Trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 15:05:42 EDT
Name: Keith Prairie
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073471002
Email: tectus1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the change to trail use for this corridor. To have public space available for recreation and the enjoyment of nature is a key part of what we need to be doing for our children and generations to come.

The only challenge to this would be if our society were to change from auto based back to a rail based system of transport in which case I would want the corridor moved back to have transportation the key use. If this is not on the horizon, I see no reason to no have the bike recreation space created.

Thanks
Keith Prairie

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 15:14:44 EDT
Name: Linda Englert
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5185276599
Email: lin.englert@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Want to add my support to the "trail until rail" proposal - more bike/pedestrian trails will be such an enhancement!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 15:21:08 EDT
Name: Emile Gauthier
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2524950724
Email: emile.p.gauthier@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support new rail trail through Flamouth & cumberland & yamouth

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 16:24:53 EDT
Name: Beverly Braaten
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207.489-9252
Email: bevandgunnar@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please please build this Casco trail. We, bikers, desperately need it. I come from a place with miles and miles of bike paths, but have been disappointed in Maine.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 16:29:38 EDT
Name: Jonathan Trott
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3864091359
Email: thycamaine@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
Please support trail until rail if tracks are unused

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From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 16:36:02 EDT
Name: Gail Stokes Smith
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5083972330
Email: gailstokessmith@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in favor of using the old railway in Falmouth to extreme the Rail Trail for biking and hiking.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 16:36:02 EDT
Name: Diane Spelman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: dspelman@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I totally support the proposed bike trail. Such a great use of unused rail line!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 16:36:02 EDT
Name: Jack Mann
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077728881
Email: jmann1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

We need more and better places to bike away from cars and traffic.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 17:20:41 EDT
Name: Carla Trott Lejade
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3108744878
Email: kennebunkcorp@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this is a fabulous idea
Hope you can make it happen .

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 17:47:14 EDT
Name: Gail Corson Sprague
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074318389
Email: gail.sprague@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The bicycle/pedestrian trail is a wonderful project. Sure hope it happens.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 17:48:00 EDT
Name: Kate Mann
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073189756
Email: katemann55@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support Trail until Rail. I am an avid bike rider and believe that we desperately need this to enhance our beautiful surroundings and to entice people to be out and enjoying biking. Thank you for this effort!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 18:03:42 EDT
Name: Sherry Dickstein
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3363372049
Email: sadingso@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We are enthusiastically in favor of creating the 72 mile Casco Bay trail. This would improve Southern Maine's quality of life tremendously.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 18:35:17 EDT
Name: carl king
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072324118
Email: cking78@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Iâ€™d love to see the old Rt bed used as a trail similar to the Eastern Trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 18:42:02 EDT
Name: Jeyn Levison
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: jeyn.levison@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I love the idea of the Casco rail trail - think it would be a fantastic addition to the accessible biking and hiking options in southern Maine.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 18:54:22 EDT
Name: Andrew Rosenstein
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077763272
Email: andrew718@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the rail trail Portland to Auburn. There is not a safe route for bicyclists. Please move forward with the project.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 19:24:04 EDT
Name: Linda Werner
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5087765671
Email: lwerne4506@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

One of the best parts of living in Maine are the walking/hiking trails. Please support this initiative for the Casco Bay Trail - what a great addition to us walkers.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 19:09:27 EDT
Name: Sandra Wendland
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072337788
Email: swendland@legacysir.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the "trail until rail" project as I feel it would be a tremendous asset to the residents of Maine. This trail would be incredibly valuable to not only bikers, but families seeking walks with their children, easy trail for the elderly and promotes the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Since the tracks have already carved the way, this would be an excellent project for Maine!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 19:45:17 EDT
Name: Ian Duggan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: ianaduggan@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is such a great project. I totally support the trail until rail! Great stuff!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 19:45:17 EDT
Name: Kevin Flaherty
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073701508
Email: kevin@kevconstruction.com

Topic:

Comments:

Would love a rail trail!!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 19:56:39 EDT
Name: Adam Zimbalist
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3475221554
Email: adam.zimbalist@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think creation of this trail would be incredibly beneficial to the community.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 20:20:28 EDT
Name: Peggy Leonard
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mainepg1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As an avid cyclist (and also a rail traveler), I am excited about the possibility of having this off-road trail pass through my hometown of North Yarmouth. And, it's good to know there is a parallel corridor to expand rail travel in Maine some day.

One request: please provide equal time to both sides. During the past few meetings, the rail advocates have monopolized the conversation. We need to hear from the "trail until rail" advocates as well. Thank you.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 21:05:41 EDT
Name: Christina Foster
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072728889
Email: christinafoster5@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would use this trail all the time. I love walking on the all pedestrian paths around Portland and wish there more!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 21:05:50 EDT
Name: Gail Witherill
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077120793
Email: gwitherill@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:

Folks,

I fully support the Trail until Rail initiative. It seems a fair way to make use of a valuable system that is not currently being used for a railroad but may be used as such in the future.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 20:55:39 EDT
Name: Kim Powers
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 518-337-8001
Email: kimberlyhpowers@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a resident of North Yarmouth and I fully support this initiative. We have such a spectacular landscape near Casio Bay and having safe experiences to enjoy it are so important. It would be very welcomed to have a safe place to bike, run or walk off of local busy roads. These types of healthy activities support the health and well-being of our communities. I fully support and look forward to using the trail someday with my family.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 20:55:39 EDT
Name: John Collins
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076072442
Email: jcollins@legacysir.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Casco Bay Trail Alliance efforts regarding the 72 mile "trail until rail".

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 21:15:07 EDT
Name: Kevin Conroy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072101880
Email: conroy.kevina@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Advisory Council Members,

The unused MDOT Railroad goes through our backyard, maybe 500' from our home, and we love the idea of re-use of the rail! I haven't closely followed plan specifics, but would hope a fence to keep users on the trail is installed (while also remaining accessible at Junction points) as well as some sort of visual screen for privacy where the trail nears residences are both considered. Again, we're very excited about the potential plans!

Kevin & Kristina

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 21:21:00 EDT
Name: Stephen Fournier
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078296402
Email: pfournier7@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

My property borders the proposed rail trail and I strongly support it.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 21:50:20 EDT
Name: Raymond Clark
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-657-5886
Email: rayclark343@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Will the trail go through Gray? I haven't heard much about this, but I'm all in favor of anything that gets people--especially kids--outside. Maine is a beautiful state (I spent the afternoon in Wolfe Neck State Park, and it was idyllic. I stuffed a contribution in the box, even though I'm 87 years old. I support all the State parks as well.)

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 22:50:52 EDT
Name: Bryan Bayerdorffer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5127637943
Email: bryan@meatspace.net

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Casco Bay Trail project as proposed.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 22:58:25 EDT
Name: Lenore Imhof
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 973-202-7423
Email: imhoflenore@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support creating a trail from the old rail. Transportation alternatives plus a commitment to helping everyone stay healthy and safe with outdoor activity makes the trail from the rail a perfect opportunity for everyone.

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Name: Joseph Smith
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3108712151
Email: jcs8112@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This project would bring great use and enjoyment of our outdoor spaces. This would provide a biking trail that would provide hours of use and enjoyment!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Saturday, 22-Oct-2022 23:30:22 EDT
Name: Vicki Swerdlow
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-781-8284
Email: vicki@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

This project is so exciting!! Can't wait to use this "trail until rail" when it's available. Thank you for all you are doing to make this a reality.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 02:21:52 EDT
Name: Gregory Wiessner
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-808-9463
Email: gregory.a.wiessner@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I strongly support the development of the trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 04:13:55 EDT
Name: Pat Haertel
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6465755664
Email: phaertel47@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
Make it a trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 05:19:47 EDT
Name: Judith Cunningham
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073180459
Email: megramm@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please fund the trail connecting Portland to Falmouth along the railway bridge 'trail by rail' extension.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 05:48:07 EDT
Name: Peggy Cyr MD
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-838-8767
Email: prcdoc@msn.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in support of the Falmouth Trail until Rail. Please help to make our community healthier

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 06:48:25 EDT
Name: RenÃ©e Anne Russell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207)956-1848
Email: reneepatn@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm looking forward to using the proposed trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:19:07 EDT
Name: Leigh Walker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: lwalker4@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the 72 mile Casco Bay trail. Providing a place for safe outdoor activity will benefit the community in so many ways! Thank you.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:23:55 EDT
Name: Monica Ferrari
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3052135902
Email: monicaferrari@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We support this project

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:22:28 EDT
Name: Sue Sage
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075419246
Email: suesage260@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I thank you for providing us with the "trail until rail" outdoor recreation route. We need all the green space we can get! I'm a senior in Westbrook who walks every day. Thank you for this gift that will last many lifetimes!!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:23:55 EDT
Name: Barbara Thomson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-797-3193
Email: thomsonbg@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I excitedly support the Casco Bay Trail. There are so many bikers in southern Maine and I am sure it would get much use. I am "From Away" and previously loved biking the Katy Trail which went from the east to the west across Missouri. I urge you to move forward on "rail to trail."

Barbara Thomson

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:35:39 EDT
Name: Emily Cartwright
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075700991
Email: emilyski@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in strong favor of the conversion to a gpaved recreation trail. What a huge benefit to Maine residents this would be!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:54:15 EDT
Name: Michael O'Connor
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078319933
Email: mikeoc2011@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support this plan wholeheartedly. This would be a valuable addition to our community.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:03:26 EDT
Name: Alexander Bixby
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: a.bixby.87@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support this project! Such a great idea as biking on main artery roads can be hairy

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 07:44:01 EDT
Name: Art Bell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078460148
Email: abell9086@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

The benefits of the Portland to Auburn trail (Casco Bay Trail) are numerous:

1. boosting the economy by attracting new businesses and drawing more people to existing retailers;
2. increasing use of non-motorized "active" transportation which reduces road traffic & decreases fossil fuels;
3. promotes environmental conservation and sustainability;
4. improves public health ... getting people outdoors recreating;
5. connects communities ... exercising, commuting, socializing and having fun outdoors.

And all this can happen by simply taking advantage of a valuable underutilized asset (rail corridor) that can be used as a recreational trail until such time as it might be needed in the future for rail, or some other use.

And the vision of passenger rail can also be explored along existing rail corridors that connect these same communities.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:20:10 EDT
Name: Leah M Pottle
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073201817
Email: leah.m.pottle@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I very much see value in the development of this trail and absolutely support it. I hope it comes to fruition.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:18:17 EDT
Name: Matt Davis
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2062457115
Email: matteius@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please build the rail trail that allos bikes--I have a great gravel grinder bike and few trails around here for that type of biking. The roads are too dangerous for bikers so I would prefer awesome long distance trail systems be available.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:20:34 EDT
Name: Anne Stickney
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-671-7212
Email: huntressheron@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

This would be a huge addition to those who want safe places to walk and ride. Being a defunct rail for years, it would be wonderful to see a new use for the line.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:23:16 EDT
Name: Penelope Gage
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078469297
Email: pgage1910@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is the type of development we need in Maine. I'm all for it.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:19:25 EDT
Name: Pattie Noakes
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5857492055
Email: oaksdoaks@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please make this happen! I have been waiting years since this was proposed. This would alleviate traffic as more people would be able at safely bike to work. Families would have a safe trail to use. Please expedite! Thank you

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:19:25 EDT
Name: Patricia Meserve
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072942545
Email: pkmeserve@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in support of the trail purposed I. Falmouth on rail lines

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:19:25 EDT
Name: Maryanne Seredynski
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076071312
Email: maresard@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please approve further development of this rail trail! Having safe, long distance, outdoor spaces to bike, walk and rollerblade/ski promotes the health of us as Mainers and the health of the environment.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:30:01 EDT
Name: Gerard Ferrari
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073309033
Email: geraferrari@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

It would really be a plus for all of us residents as well as our tourism industry to have such a rail.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:28:56 EDT
Name: Belinda A Osier
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: bosier206@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the creation of the Casco Bay Trail along the unused rail line. I have lived in the Falmouth/Cumberland area since 1993 and have often lamented that this route has been unused. It would also be good for traffic, the climate, and for commuters, if there were a safe way to ride a bicycle into Portland.

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Name: Charlotte Emery
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207)653-4934
Email: emerycharl@msn.com

Topic:

Comments:

I have had the pleasure of using the Sebago to the Sea trail and and many other public trail for recreation. I support any expansion of public use trails in Southern Maine.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Name: Arthur Batson Jr.
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077812906
Email: abatson@LucasTree.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the use of the old railroad R/W for a multi purpose recreation trail

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:42:18 EDT
Name: Rosanne Griffin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078464678
Email: rgriffin2@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am against converting this rail line to a trail.

And as a separate point, I would support finding a way to once again use this rail line for trains.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:50:57 EDT
Name: Pam Dawson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: pordawson@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the expansion of the Casco Bay Rail (trail until rail)

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:50:21 EDT
Name: Patrice D Samuels
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9176024553
Email: pdsamuels@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the "trail until rail" project being considered through Falmouth and surrounding areas. It would continue to develop southern Maine as a healthy place to live and work.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:58:38 EDT
Name: Pamela M Vose
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074156124
Email: vose.pam@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes, I would like to support using the rail line as a trail. Great idea!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 08:57:41 EDT
Name: Matt Gilligan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-318-9426
Email: mkgmaine@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail. It will put to good use rail lines that are unused and provide recreational and environmental positive outcomes.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:05:40 EDT
Name: cheryl blank
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3035967739
Email: cheb@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please consider the rail to trail in Falmouth. Thanks

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:20:20 EDT
Name: Helen Hanson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: hkhanson57@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Casco Bay Trail should go forward. It is so important for physical and mental health to have trails like this to get out and enjoy nature.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:18:21 EDT
Name: Jay Morin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078995047
Email: tankful_chewy_0x@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:
Yes on the Casco bay trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 00:06:54 EDT
Name: John Adelman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072323697
Email: jadelman45@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think the re-use of the old rail road line as a green trail is a wonderful idea and one that has proven highly successful in other parts of the world.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:30:24 EDT
Name: Kalynda Beal
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: kalyndabeal@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This needs to happen. Anything at all to encourage alternative travel options to fossil fuels.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:36:43 EDT
Name: Chris Sauer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072216353
Email: crsauer@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support trail until rail!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:47:14 EDT
Name: Robert Howe
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 407-960-4080
Email: robertkayhowe@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We support the rail trail!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 09:58:36 EDT
Name: Deborah Pendleton
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: dtpendleton@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is a wonderful resource for non-motorized connectivity and has our full support. Thank you for the consideration.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:15:41 EDT
Name: Nicolette Centanni
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 4133353207
Email: ncentanni@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please build the rail trail in Falmouth!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:15:41 EDT
Name: Chris Moore
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6038285930
Email: crmooredesign@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a South Portland resident who has watched how amazing the eastern trail has transformed the Sopo/Scarborough area (in terms of excitement around physical activity/cycling/being outdoors) this would likely have a similar impact. Not to mention its proximity to all of the amazing areas that will be connected via this path. All in favor.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:15:41 EDT
Name: Stephen Foster
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077452571
Email: sfosterphotography@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in support of the proposed project to convert the unused rail line from Yarmouth to Auburn to a multi-use "Rail Trail." I am an avid and regular road cyclist and mountain biker and live in North Yarmouth. I do, in fact, ride a short section of this corridor regularly on my mountain bike and would love to see it converted to a trail. My wife and I regularly use the Eastern Trail and have ridden "Rail Trails" in other parts of the State and the U.S. as well and whole-heartedly support this project. As I age, I find that biking the narrow roads of New England becomes a little more stressful and I would love the safety offered by a new trail in my own little town. While I don't know all off the "ins and outs" (not to mention the small town politics) of such a project, I do believe that the benefits to be derived will be shared equally among individuals, families, property abutters and the towns through which it will pass and I hope that you will vote to proceed with this first phase. Thank you.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:26:22 EDT
Name: Gretchen Greenberg
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072338750
Email: gretch1949@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please consider using the rail line in Portland to Lewiston for a bike trail, in addition to a train line. Having an off road trail is a huge benefit for all Maine residents. I am currently in Washington and it is such a pleasure to ride or walk on long off road trails. I would love to see this trail developed while I can still enjoy it in my lifetime. Thank you.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:34:21 EDT
Name: Donna M Palmer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-829-6230
Email: plainviewfarm1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in complete support of this great project. I have actually used a section of the proposed trail for walking. Make it better and I'll use it more! Thanks for this opportunity to give input.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 10:45:44 EDT
Name: Suzette Bois
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076508781
Email: sbois57@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the rail trail in Falmouth

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 11:09:36 EDT
Name: Kate Vose
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2079562942
Email: katevose@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the proposed "trail until rail."

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 11:01:22 EDT
Name: Alan Pratt
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078281794
Email: apratt3@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I voice my support for the Casco Bay Trail as it will provide for another location for people in the area or visiting to get out in the fresh air and exercise, and enjoy the natural environment in that area. I also think it's a good idea since the trail would predominately use a rail line which is not in use at this time. Thank you for your consideration of this.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 11:24:54 EDT
Name: Dan Pierce
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074155966
Email: pierces4@outlook.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would like to fully advocate for a rail trail which would encourage exercise, pollution free transportation, family adventure, and these days attracts tourists.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 11:26:57 EDT
Name: Priscilla Skerry
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077808063
Email: drskerry@myfairpoint.net

Topic:

Comments:

Hi. I wanted to let you know I'm in favor of the proposed 72 mile Casco Bay Trail that would utilize an unused train line running through Falmouth and other nearby communities. It would be so wonderful to have an off road bicycle/pedestrian trail similar to the Eastern Trail. I have learned that it is currently under consideration and review by the Rail Use Advisory Council. Wanted to let you know I am in full support of this trail. Thank you so much for considering...and making it happen...especially for the "health of it"> (I'm a naturopathic doctor, focused on life-style behaviors that lead to a healthy body, and healthy planet.)
Dr.Priscilla Skerry, N.D.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 11:54:11 EDT
Name: Sharon Hudson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073528785
Email: shari.l.hudson@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I support the proposed
Casco Bay Trail.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 12:19:51 EDT
Name: Albert Sledge
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2518022666
Email: agsledge@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support trail until rail project for cacao bay

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 12:19:51 EDT
Name: Elisabeth Sperry
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 4014776668
Email: bethsperry11@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail, "trail until rail" proposal/initiative! What an opportunity-please don't miss this.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 12:40:35 EDT
Name: Cristina Stirratt
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7739100359
Email: crissystirratt@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm a Bremen resident and a realtor, I'd like to voice my support of the potential bike trail. Good for the environment and good for quality of life. I really hope this is approved. Crissy Stirratt

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 13:14:12 EDT
Name: Judith Sobol
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 310-795-4973
Email: jsobol@ibgcf.org

Topic:

Comments:

I support the establishment of this trail. It is a splendid opportunity to do something wonderful for all segments of society, even mine -- and I am not a hiker. Having it will make my friends happy and will bring me more company from out-of-town, something I covet.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 13:37:22 EDT
Name: John
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078740048
Email: sgtmp2rn@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love this addition

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 14:27:05 EDT
Name: Michael Hollyday
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mhollyda@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I favor using the unused railroad track right of way for trail. What a great public resource for outdoor recreation. Many other states are doing this, finding that the rail trails are very popular for people walking, biking, roller blading, etc.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 14:37:59 EDT
Name: Lara Austill
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-871-9474
Email: loriaustill@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We live in North Deering Portland, are avid walkers and bikers and would be over the moon happy if this happened.
Great for the climate and health of all!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 14:37:59 EDT
Name: Rick Lynch
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-749-4016
Email: rlynch3@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the proposed trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 14:48:29 EDT
Name: Caroline Ferrari
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3056081297
Email: ferrari.line@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
In support of trail until rail

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 15:32:37 EDT
Name: Eileen Dugan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074157299
Email: neelie89@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the "trail until rail"project! I am hopeful this will not be a paved trail and for running and biking "off road".

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 16:26:59 EDT
Name: Mark Love
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076710616
Email: mlove196@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am wholeheartedly in favor of the proposed Casco Bay Trail. I am an avid senior biker and feel much safer on off-road trails with significant distance. I have twice biked the Veloroute des Bluets around Lac St Jean in Quebec (mostly off road trail) and a similar trail here in southern Maine would be a wonderful addition. Additionally it would be a prime incubator for new restaurants, pubs, ice cream parlors, B&Bs, bike shops, etc along the route. A win-win.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 16:29:08 EDT
Name: Brian Walker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-655-2175
Email: pointb@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am very much in favor of creating the 72-mile Casco Bay Trail from the unused rail right of way. My family and I would use it regularly and I believe it would create a positive economic boost for the region. Thank you for considering the Trail!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 16:49:11 EDT
Name: Deborah E Boyajian
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078317998
Email: boyajiand@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

Thank you

This would be fantastic, and surely a lot safer than navigating crowded roads with newcomers to Maine (bringing more aggressive driving styles). We are originally from Boston, and have lived in Portland for 20+ years. We loved our bike trails in MA, and in CA, as well as the NL!

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Name: James Foster Mason
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3146519634
Email: james.f.mason@sbcglobal.net

Topic:

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the proposed trail. I moved here from Missouri and frequently rode on the Katy Trail, a 200+ mile rail trail. I look forward to being able to do the same here.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 16:38:54 EDT
Name: Steven Palmer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075727151
Email: shpalm178ct@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Rail to Trail project makes enormous sense. Converting this stretch of tracks to a recreational trail just outside Portland is a phenomenally rich and exciting opportunity for a number of communities in a relatively highly populated part of the state. Users of the trail will not have to travel far to get out and enjoy the outdoors from an intriguing perspective.

Hats off to the folks willing to grind this to make this happen.

I look forward to getting back on my bike, using protected trails as a safer option than the busy and often, dangerous roads.

Steven Palmer
North Yarmouth

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:08:35 EDT
Name: Lisa arsenault
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: lifa81@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the rail to trail system. We need more off road trails for bikes and pedestrians for safety and environmental reasons.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:26:13 EDT
Name: Mark Shaughnessy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074004844
Email: mshaughn10@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We support the trail!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:05:36 EDT
Name: Barbara Trentacosta
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076082810
Email: btrentacosta@maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

I'd like to express my strong support for the proposed bike/ped trail along the old railroad—
I am a Falmouth resident who bicycles and walks nearby roads often, always searching for less-trafficked routes. I would use the trail frequently, much like I now enjoy the Eastern Trail, and other regional tracks. This access to riding and walking safe-from-automobiles will be a positive addition to our Maine culture of enjoying the outdoors—and would enable bicycle commuters to frequently leave the car in the garage.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:18:09 EDT
Name: Michele LaBotz
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074829436
Email: mlabotz@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a resident of Yarmouth, I have seen the changes in quality of life and activity patterns in our community with the advent of the West Side Trail. Given the increased population density and traffic in all communities between Portland and North Yarmouth, opportunities to enhance active transportation and outdoor recreation in this corridor is imperative.

Michele LaBotz MD.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:17:15 EDT
Name: Margaret Coughlin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9783875984
Email: macoughlin1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The Casco

Bay trail would be a phenomenal boost for all of the bikers and want to be bikers who live in or visit Maine. Our roads are so narrow and dangerous that I hear bikers constantly declining to bring thier bikes to mid coast maine. We have to correct this!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:34:12 EDT
Name: Erin Pappal
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073322982
Email: erinpappal@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

A bike trail would improve my life regularly I am strongly in favor. Thanks !

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:34:12 EDT
Name: samantha willsey
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: samanthawillsey@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes pls!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:40:53 EDT
Name: Iris Silverstein
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: isilverstein@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the establishment of the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail pedestrian/bikeway to Brunswick. This would be an exceptionally strong addition to recreational opportunities in the Portland/mid-coast area.
Thank you for considering this important project.
Iris Silverstein
Brunswick, ME

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 17:55:04 EDT
Name: James McNeill
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078389657
Email: james.mcneill56@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
more off road trails for biking and walking he better

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 18:26:51 EDT
Name: Joan tancrede
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6036303532
Email: tankkers.jt@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the rail trail for bikes and walking.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 18:37:51 EDT
Name: Ross Weber
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: rossweber60@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I support the trail until rail!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 19:24:10 EDT
Name: Hayley Davis
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: hayleybestdavis@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support this! Yes!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 19:53:17 EDT
Name: Margaritt McNulty
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6179756900
Email: margarittm@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes Yes Yes Rail/Trail proposal!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 19:53:46 EDT
Name: David Noakes
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: bikerdave24@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the building of the rail to trails along the retired rail bed between Portland ME and Yarmouth ME

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:02:08 EDT
Name: Katherine Kyle
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9149077330
Email: katherinekyle@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I urge you to support the conversion of the Casco rail line to a multi use trail. These kinds of trails provide communities with opportunities for active, healthful recreation as well as drawing visitors that boost the local economy. As a frequent traveler I am always drawn to areas that include biking and walking trails when I choose vacation spots.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:07:45 EDT
Name: Mary Ellen Randall
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7750938
Email: mary.e.randall@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please approve this off-road Casco Bay Trail that would follow rail corridors to give bicyclists a safe and enjoyable 72-mile loop. Both locals and tourists would utilize the trail gratefully getting away from the dangerous roads that currently are the only option for cyclists. This trail puts outdoor exercise within reach of all.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:08:09 EDT
Name: Andrea Tracy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077128622
Email: andrea.p.tracy@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support "trail until rail" for multiple reasons, the most important of which is safety. Cycling on roads with trucks and cars is dangerous. Distracted and rageful driving are real phenomena. Maine needs more trail options, especially long distance trails. The bike path in Brunswick is great, but quite short!

Yesterday I cycled on the carriage trails in Acadia. Today I cycled the Park Loop. After a couple of close calls with cars, I made the decision to seek out more cycling trail options. Happy to hear that we may have another trail in the area. I know many who would use it!

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:25:44 EDT
Name: Michelle
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077126367
Email: michdeane@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please consider the rail trail. It would be a huge asset to our communities.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:35:27 EDT
Name: Nadya Mullen
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: nadya.mullen@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this is wonderful. I would definitely use it multiple times a week.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 21:06:26 EDT
Name: LOIS ANN WINTER
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078718029
Email: loiswinter54@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I enthusiastically and strongly urge you to support the construction of the 72 mile Casco Bay trail from Portland to Yarmouth, and a loop from Yarmouth to Lewiston/Auburn to Brunswick and back to Yarmouth. What an exciting opportunity to provide recreational access to all of us in the Casco Bay region and to expand the East Coast Greenway.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 21:08:03 EDT
Name: Elizabeth Mullin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207) 781-5993
Email: mainedogluvah@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am excited about the Casco Bay rail trail and want to register that our household is 100% behind this plan. Thank you

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 20:57:38 EDT
Name: Steven Urkowitz
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207 699 8869
Email: surkowitz@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the proposed Portland to Auburn rail-trail project. As an 80 year old long-distance biker (often going 60 miles in a day with Bike Maine) I would use such a trail for solo rides. Under today's bike routes I feel at risk, so I have to pick among various low traffic roads. Not many qualify. This existing right of way if turned into a biking-walking route would encourage my riding for my NEXT 80 years.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 21:09:18 EDT
Name: Kelly Butterfield
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074000254
Email: bledsoedog@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

We love destination biking and would encourage this trail in Falmouth. Biking and then lunch in the area is a favorite outing for many of my friends. Thx for listening.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 21:12:26 EDT
Name: Elizabeth Mullin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207) 781-5993
Email: mainedogluvah@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As disabled person with some mobility difficulties I am thrilled to hear about Casco Bay rail trail. I love to hike but am finding uneven trails with rocks and tree roots are becoming too difficult. The rail trails make more the outdoors accessible to many of us. Having this local trail would add a lot to my life along with others like me. Thank you

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 21:40:43 EDT
Name: Jennifer Tabb
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072291547
Email: jen@jentabbsellshomes.com

Topic:

Comments:

Very excited about the possibility of a conversion of unused rail service in the Casco Bay area to a biking and walking trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 22:52:40 EDT
Name: Myles
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2027796179
Email: mylesgsmith@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello, I support building the trail network. There are other corridors for providing rail service and we can always do it later when the rail plan is ready. Letâ€™s have a safe place for our kids and seniors to transport themselves without danger or pollution.

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Date: Sunday, 23-Oct-2022 23:04:53 EDT
Name: Michael Lynch
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: Ghanadmo@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I often ride my bike from Westbrook to Pineland using mostly backroads for safety. I would love to be able to use a rail trail. My sons learned to ride on rail trails in Mass.
Great idea. Please do it!!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 02:04:25 EDT
Name: Shoshana Hoose
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: shoshanahoose@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The trail is a great idea. It will reduce car traffic, thus improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gases. It will provide a way for people to get exercise and improve their health, thus decreasing medical costs. It will help build a stronger community.

We have a good trail network in Portland and vicinity now. I use it almost every day for transportation and exercise. It adds a lot to my qualify of life.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 03:48:58 EDT
Name: Susan Theriault
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072291692
Email: susantheriault86@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

We strongly Support trail through rail going through Falmouth!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 05:44:21 EDT
Name: Heather richambault
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072335887
Email: heatherhmr2002@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Itâ€™s imperative we have safer options for people to get out and exercise in Maine. I really hope this trail comes to fruition!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 06:23:21 EDT
Name: Kathleen Fairfield
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2079395022
Email: kfairfld@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I want to add my support to this proposed rail use. I have seen the health benefits of the "rail trail" from Augusta to Gardiner. As a primary care physician, I see the difficulty people have finding places to exercise safely in areas with no sidewalks and small 'shoulders' on the road. I think this would have fantastic community benefit.

Thank you,
Kathleen

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 06:33:02 EDT
Name: Catherine Share
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072054945
Email: share.grammy.2018@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the creation of the Casco Bay Bike/Pedestrian Trail from Portland to Brunswick and the side trail to Lewiston/Auburn. I am 72 and an avid cyclist but am wary of roads with poor shoulders. I delight in the access to safe off road trails!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 07:02:58 EDT
Name: Tom
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: Day
Email: tomday10@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Would love to se a bike trail at the proposed location

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 07:00:07 EDT
Name: Steven Smith
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077307138
Email: steven.earlson@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the Casco Bay rail trail. You just have to look at how crowded the Eastern Trail gets to realize we need more of these and it will get utilized. Thank you

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 07:15:14 EDT
Name: Catherine Bursk
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073185369
Email: kabursk@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes. Please build the trail until we get rail.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 07:15:14 EDT
Name: Lin Lisberger
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: lin.lisberger@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I write to support the Casco Bay Trail (until Rail) proposal. We use trails all over southern Maine for hiking and biking and would more than welcome this trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 08:01:57 EDT
Name: Danielle Smith
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2079394950
Email: dsmithbruce@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support the rail to trail project!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 08:39:52 EDT
Name: David Bannon
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: davidbannon@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Council Members, I strongly support the "rail until trail" proposal for the proposed Casco Bay Trail & bike path. With the advent of e-bikes, the trail will see significant popularity and usage from a more diverse and older population looking to explore all that Maine has to offer. I would consider participation on planning committees or financial support for furtherance of the CBT proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 08:49:54 EDT
Name: Heather Sustersic
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 8145745256
Email: hsustersic@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the rail to trail project - Maryland did this with the B&A rail that became the B&A bike trail - huge positive impact that improved the area's bike-ability

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:10:22 EDT
Name: Carol Carpenter
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076139554
Email: cbcarpenter@stny.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support using old railroad lines for the Casco Bay trail alliance, As a cyclist, I am always looking for safer ways to ride my bicycle. Maine has a reputation of cyclists but we need safer places to ride. Please support the trail development system. It's good for people to enjoy the outdoors, it's good for the economy and it's good for tourism.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:24:09 EDT
Name: Karen Wilson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072106016
Email: karen.wilson@maine.edu

Topic:

Comments:

Yes! More safe trails for bikers, walkers, and winter recreation. Next please: Portland to Gorham (somehow).
Thank you.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:43:43 EDT
Name: Janice Wendy Erickson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076151116
Email: mebdancn4ever@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
YES to the trail to rail
We need it!!!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:49:41 EDT
Name: Zac Champ
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: zac.champ@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the trail until rail proposal. As as a longtime user of the C&O towpath in the midatlantic, I would love to see a similar trail for use closer to home.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:53:36 EDT
Name: Keelin des Rosiers
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072324715
Email: keelin.elaine@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail until rail proposal!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:49:41 EDT
Name: Evan Zimmerman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-423-1885
Email: evanzimmerman@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the "trail until rail" proposal for the Casco Bay Trail coming before the council soon. We have kids and live on a busy rural road, and there aren't enough places to walk or bike ride with them without risk from cars. We live close to where this would pass through town and would use the new trail.

Thank you!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:55:12 EDT
Name: Judith Mulligan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: jlynm402@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am very excited about the idea of a recreational trail in Falmouth!
I use the Eastern Trail quite a bit, and would use such a trail in Falmouth even more!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 09:55:54 EDT
Name: Charlene Ferguson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073181720
Email: cfergy4@outlook.com

Topic:

Comments:

Although I'm a resident of Yarmouth, for many years I've expressed my desire for a trail to Portland, the benefits are numerous! Trails have proven to keep people healthier, happier and promote tourism especially if people have a destination, whether it be scenic, a restaurant or maybe some history in a town, I know because even in our seventies we seek out bike trails between Maine and Florida!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:26:00 EDT
Name: Chuck Thorp
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078463203
Email: chuck.r.thorp@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please support a Rail trail between Portland, Yarmouth, Brunswick and Lewiston Auburn.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:13:52 EDT
Name: Jane Champ
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: Jane.M.Champ@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello -

I am thrilled to hear about the potential Casco Bay rail trail, and very supportive. As an avid cyclist residing in Brunswick, it would be wonderful to see a safe, interconnected trail system like this where I can more comfortably take my toddler for long rides and visit other towns and cities. Rail trails like the Cape Cod Rail Trail, DC's C&O tow path, Pennsylvania-Maryland's Great Allegheny Pass, and Minnesota's Paul Bunyan Trail have been wonderful to ride and proven to bring economy and tourism dollars to those areas along the trail. This would also be a great way to bring additional tourism from the region during the non-summer months. I strongly support and hope to see this effort continue.

Thank you!
Jane

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:26:00 EDT
Name: Dyan Albano
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076158135
Email: albano.dyan@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am strongly in favor of building out a new trail, and would be willing to make a small charitable donation towards its development. I am confident that many other local citizens would do the same!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:26:03 EDT
Name: Janet Heroux
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7322411349
Email: heroux.janet@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I recently moved from NJ where the trail movement has made slow but steady progress--and is highly appreciated by the public. I moved to Maine in March and have enjoyed those trails that I have traveled. The proposed Rail-Trail plan is exceptionally well-conceived, prioritizing use for bike-ped and trains respectively, where each makes most sense. MaineDOT will be proud of implementing this visionary plan to accommodate both train and trail users. Someday we all need options beyond automobiles. Maine, especially, is beginning to suffer from traffic that is as bad as NJ! How can I be of service to this effort? Janet.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:31:37 EDT
Name: Mogens Ravn
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: mravn2@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would like express my support for the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail. I am an avid cyclist and I ride the trails in Southern Maine. The Eastern Trail has been an overwhelming success, and I'm sure this trail will be as well.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:26:00 EDT
Name: Jamie Storrs
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 4015291543
Email: jamie.storrs@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Rail Trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:43:42 EDT
Name: Richard Hubbell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076713647
Email: hubbell.rich@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm okay with using the St Lawrence and Atlantic rail corridor as a walking/biking trail as long as it's potential reuse for rail, or a limited access commuter bus is not eliminated. As we reconfigure our transportation system for greater energy efficiency and lower carbon emissions, it is important to maintain corridors like this one for express bus or rail use

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:52:24 EDT
Name: Elena Morrow-Spitzer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-831-6514
Email: elenamorrowspitzer@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love to see this trail happen!!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 10:58:18 EDT
Name: Ted Morrow-Spitzer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: tedspitzer@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please make this rail trail happen as soon as possible. Hugely beneficial to the community. My family and I would be regular users (we are Portland residents)

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 11:13:31 EDT
Name: Nancy T Holler
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6103929591
Email: ntholler0501@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please approve the Trail Until Rail initiatives currently being considered. They are a great way to use old railbeds and are a safe way for bikers and walkers to exercise and share Maine's beautiful landscape without causing further destruction of our environment.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 11:13:31 EDT
Name: Erik Sulcs
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6465398004
Email: erik.sulcs@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please do what is necessary to make this rail to trail project a realityâ€

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 11:30:01 EDT
Name: Molly Rose
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2159838474
Email: mollybrose@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes to more trails! I am car-free and would love safe long distance routes for travel around Maine.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 11:49:35 EDT
Name: Tom Field
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: thomfield@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the extension and creation of new rail trails from Portland to the Lewiston area as well as to Falmouth and other points. Rail trails are a fantastic addition to the recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. I've travelled as far as Florida and Nova Scotia just to be able to ride a bicycle along their rail trails and I can imagine that people in the northeast would travel to Maine in order to ride along our rail trails if they were expanded.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 11:49:35 EDT
Name: Shannon Richards
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-650-3285
Email: shannon@hayrunner.com

Topic:

Comments:

I like the idea of adding rail service to the community.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:19:41 EDT
Name: Cathy Chamberlain
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072102801
Email: chathamcc@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing to let you know of my support for the trail until rail project. An of road bike path is absolutely necessary. I came from Cape cod where we enjoyed the rail trail for many years. It brings people from every where to enjoy the trail. It will connect communities and enable families to ride together. Something I wouldn't recommend in Falmouth at this point. Please do what ever you can to create this trail

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:18:07 EDT
Name: Shawn Munro Edgecomb
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076537576
Email: shawnme@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Creating a path from the unused rail beds through yarmouth and surrounding areas is a wonderful idea!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:22:44 EDT
Name: Brian M Stam
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7817181082
Email: brian.stam@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the Portland to Auburn trail. I would use it regularly to reach both Auburn and Portland from my home in Yarmouth. I look forward to this project being approved and completed.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:21:21 EDT
Name: laura balladur
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076713412
Email: lauraballadur@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully endorse the proposed 72 mile Casco Bay Trail that would utilize an unused train line, a once in a lifetime chance to create an off-road bicycle/pedestrian trail that would be similar to the Eastern Trail. It's green, promotes health and well-being, and is all around a no-brainer. yes, yes, yes!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:51:29 EDT
Name: Tenley Harrison
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 4158463971
Email: tenleyh@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

A bike trail on the old railway would be an amazing addition to Yarmouth and Southern Maine. yes yes yes!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 12:58:07 EDT
Name: John Wensman
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 651-315-0524
Email: jkwensman@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is SO SO SO long overdue! Rail trails are proven as positive community builders, economic engines, and health supports. Please make this happen, especially if you can address the bottleneck at the new 295 exit in Portland.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:04:58 EDT
Name: Thea
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076711205
Email: rtbeaudoin@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this is a fantastic idea! We used a converted track to trail when we lived in Sun Valley Idaho and it was a wonderful "thread" that connected several towns and was very much utilized for recreation as well as some commuting by cycle. So much safer than to walk/bike than the road with all the cars. thank you!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:13:13 EDT
Name: Sam LeGeyt
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: swlegeyt25@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Highly support this trail as an excellent means of travel, exercise, and commerce. Please approve this project.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:18:47 EDT
Name: Margaret Downing
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076153732
Email: mdowning90@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

My husband and I have long been users of the Eastern trail. We drive about a half hour to get to a trail access point. To be able to hop on an off road trail right here in Yarmouth would be far ore energy efficient and generally wonderful. I hope we live to see this come to pass.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:12:37 EDT
Name: Kurtis Petersons
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073448980
Email: kurtis.petersons@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is an extremely exciting opportunity to add an amazing quality of life improvement for Portland, Auburn and all communities in between. My wife, 4 kids and I ride the Windham 2x-3x per year. It's a great activity for everyone and I often see people enjoying this from all ages. Having a longer, more accessible, trail would be a huge benefit to all members of our state. Thank you for considering it and my fingers are crossed that we see this in our near future!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:21:31 EDT
Name: Shawn Hunter
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077494141
Email: shawn@mindsclaling.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! I live in Yarmouth and strongly endorse the idea of converting the rail line through yarmouth into a pedestrian/cycling trail.

-Shawn

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:24:13 EDT
Name: Erin Brown
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-274-0656
Email: erinbrown31@msn.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Portland homeowner writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed 72 mile Casco Bay Trail! My husband and I had a chance to use the rail trail in Cape Cod this summer, and it was fantastic--such a wonderful, safe, accessable way for people and families of all ages and abilities to get outside and be active. I believe the Portland to Auburn trail would be a huge quality-of-life asset here in Maine and incentive for healthy lifestyles. Let's do it!

Thanks for considering my view.

Sincerely,
Erin Brown

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:32:51 EDT
Name: lauren marie anderson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072726276
Email: laurenanderson1011@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Having a rail trail in this area of Greater Portland/Auburn would be such a beneficial access point for community members to get biking/trail access!!!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:32:29 EDT
Name: Kathleen Hutchinson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: khutch0609@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! Just wanted to voice my support for the proposed expansion to the Casco Bay Trail. We live on the Eastern Prom and use the trail system on a daily basis. Would love to have the ability to access the extended trail for longer hikes/runs/bike rides! Thank you! Kathi Hutchinson

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:38:10 EDT
Name: Jeanne Glessner
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072332223
Email: jeanne.glessner@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Would line to see expanded bike trail through Yarmouth, ME
Thank you

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:39:33 EDT
Name: Amy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078296848
Email: 2947amy@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I totally support the Casco Bay Rail Trail. It would provide a wonderful opportunity to make great use of Maine's beautiful outdoor space.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:51:55 EDT
Name: Santo Carter
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9737528754
Email: santocarter@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hi -

Wanted to express support to the Council for the Portland to Auburn Rail Trail. Have recently moved to New Gloucester from the NYC metro area with experience seeing the value and benefits of rail to trail improvements I strongly support the multi-pronged approach here where there are two parallel rails that one can be used for an offroad pedestrian/biking/hiking trail while also allowing the other to be utilized for public transit. And also great to see this could be added as a part of the East Coast Greenway. Hope the consensus of the council goes in this direction.

Thanks in advance.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 14:04:56 EDT
Name: Joan Bannon
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 5082593333
Email: joanbannon@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail until tail as a bike rider and runner

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 14:04:56 EDT
Name: Stephen Meyer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072740551
Email: srm@interstellar-media.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support construction of the Casco Bay rail trail. I've ridden similar trails in Massachusetts and they are an enjoyable and safe way to see the countryside and nearby communities. Establishing a trail in Greater Portland would be a great benefit to residents and visitors.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 13:06:24 EDT
Name: Nick Popoff
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: nipopoff@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the proposal to make a rail trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 14:54:29 EDT
Name: Alex Herold
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: acbherold@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a Yarmouth resident and outdoor enthusiast, I am strongly in favor of converting the unused rail that runs through our town. We need more ways for our community to safely be outdoors and active. The current rail is an eyesore and waste. A new trail would bring more people from across Maine and across the US to our area for this unique opportunity - a boon to businesses and communities. Please consider supporting!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 15:40:17 EDT
Name: Susan M Perron
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078319337
Email: smperron1@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support this endeavors

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 16:44:12 EDT
Name: Denise Lund
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072528563
Email: dnslund@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the "trail until rail"!!! Thanks!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 16:39:52 EDT
Name: Stephen Moriarty
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9787585750
Email: stephen.e.moriarty@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I urge you to support development of the Casco Bay Trail. My wife and friends and I cycle more and more, and yearn for additions to our existing rail trail network. Connecting the cities of the Casco Bay Trail would greatly expand our access to visit these neighboring communities from our own in Brunswick. With the adoption of e-bikes, trips as far as Portland become increasingly feasible, promoting health, commerce, and quality of life.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 17:35:53 EDT
Name: KAI MCGINTEE
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072284801
Email: kaimcgintee@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Yarmouth resident, an avid runner/biker and very much in favor of converting the rail pathway into a trail system. I think this would have huge benefits for our town and surrounding communities. Many areas that have done this have seen incredible boosts to their communities. It would be great to encourage children to use and appreciate the outdoors. I hope this initiative will pass.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 18:12:00 EDT
Name: Katherine Goodrich
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: katherinegoodrich@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this is a wonderful idea!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 18:34:45 EDT
Name: Chris Nash
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: nc3629@att.net

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support the expansion of bike/pedestrian trails in Maine. Connecting Portland, Brunswick, Lewiston would be fantastic. Expanding train service north of Brunswick would be welcomed. The original plan to expand eventually to Bar Harbor would be great and would connect the whole of Coastal Maine. Many thanks for your relentless efforts to make this a reality !

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 19:02:37 EDT
Name: Judy Muller
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077980612
Email: jmullerlcsw@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes, please support the rail trail

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 19:15:48 EDT
Name: Nancy Martin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 917-514-7495
Email: nancykleahy@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I live in Yarmouth and my family and I would greatly benefit from a rail trail. Itâ€™s a safe, healthy, environmentally friendly means of transportation and it would increase property values in town!

Thanks,
Nancy

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:03:39 EDT
Name: Ellen Gagne
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076552322
Email: egagne1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Rail until trail

I would absolutely love an off road bike trail. Iâ€™m in full support.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:07:19 EDT
Name: Nate boutin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: nateboutin34@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
We need the bike trail ASAP!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:07:01 EDT
Name: Heather Boutin
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: heatherboutin34@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! I am a Yarmouth resident and would love to see the the railway turn into a bike path. I am in support 100%.
Thank you!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:02:30 EDT
Name: Kate Rosenfeld
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: kerosenfeld@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in support of the creation of the Casco Bay Trail, an off road bicycle/pedestrian trail, using unused train line, to connect a recreational trail loop through the communities of Auburn, Brunswick, Cumberland, Durham, Falmouth, Freeport, Lewiston, Lisbon, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Portland, Pownal, Topsham, and Yarmouth. I live in Freeport, and my family and I think this is a wonderful opportunity for this entire area! Thank you for considering.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:30:08 EDT
Name: Matt Webster
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: deafie@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Doooooooooooo iiiiiit. We want the walk way.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 20:50:38 EDT
Name: Maureen Sullivan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: maureen.jfriends@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes I support this exciting project!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 21:03:37 EDT
Name: Katie Toro-Ferrari
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: katherine.ferrari@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Casco Bay Trail. As a resident of Freeport, I know how much we need an off road biking corridor. This is an amazing opportunity to create something that will positively impact local communities in a host of ways from health and wellness to economic development.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 21:13:54 EDT
Name: Meg Zellinger
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077372091
Email: nutzforhockey25@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Yes, I support the rail to trail initiative that will bring the trail to the Brunswick-Topshan area

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 21:55:27 EDT
Name: Connor Davis
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 802-558-3681
Email: connorwilliamdavis@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hi,

I'm a resident of Portland, a father, a business owner, and massive supporter of the Casco Bay Trail.

As a cyclist/skier/runner from Vermont, moving to Portland 3 years ago was a big daunting—not knowing what kind of outdoor opportunities I'd have in my backyard. I was pleased to find the Portland Trails network, which has been huge for me both physically and mentally. In these trails, I come alive, and I see the same with my two young daughters—as well as my friends and other family in the area. Trails like these change lives, improve lives, and attract those seeking more out of their lives. I know the same rings true for the Casco Bay Trail.

The benefits of this trail have been laid out in a clear and obvious manner before. I'm here simply to show my support as yet another person who would love to see this happen. The alternative is doing nothing. Let's do something special instead that will make Maine an even better place to live, work, play, and visit.

Connor Davis

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 21:57:01 EDT
Name: Chris Lomaka
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: CLontheroad2@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please approve the Casco Bay "trail until rail" path that is being considered. Connecting Brunswick, Lewiston-Auburn, Yarmouth, and Portland, it would provide exercise and commuter paths that don't currently exist. This path would help Maine fight climate change by providing safe paths for commuters to those cities. It would provide obvious health benefits and increase our happiness factor here in Maine monumentally. Some bicyclists could complete the entire path in one day (and I hope to be strong enough in the future,) but the rest of us could do it in bits and pieces, taking advantage of motels and restaurants along the way, feeding our local economies. This path is a win-win for everyone. Please approve it and start working on it immediately.

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 22:04:31 EDT
Name: Jessica Schulte
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072450729
Email: schulte.jess@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
Hi there!

I just wanted to take a moment to drop a note in support of the proposed Casco Bay Trail!

This would be an incredible addition to our community! As a Yarmouth resident and cyclist, I have my fingers crossed that this amazing proposal will come to fruition!

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Date: Monday, 24-Oct-2022 22:17:44 EDT
Name: N. Dorr
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: nrdorr@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
I support the developing of the 72 mile Rail to Trail.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 00:42:03 EDT
Name: Toni Rockwell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077666530
Email: tonil.rockwell@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I do not want to see our little road of 7 houses bombarded with constant traffic for this project. Along with the massive influx of people who will be traveling along the tracks next to my house. We purchased this property because itâ€™s in the woods and quiet. This project will have serious consequences for many houses along the trail.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:10:42 EDT
Name: Gail kelly
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 781-645-8198
Email: kellymariegail@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Exciting for bikers and walkers

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:22:36 EDT
Name: Patricia Cavanaugh
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073328833
Email: pc.islandview@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

This is truly a project that will bear benefits for generations to come.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:18:38 EDT
Name: Barbara Murphy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-522-4585
Email: bjmurphy@gwi.net

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed 'Casco Bay Rail to Trail'. I believe that it would be widely used and it would provide a valuable alternative for cyclists and pedestrians. It has become increasingly difficult to find safe routes to walk and bike because of increased traffic on roads and because of increase of bigger vehicles traveling at higher speeds. The trail would provide a safe place for walkers and cyclists to get outdoors for exercise and thereby contribute to the health and well-being of the citizens of Maine!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:41:23 EDT
Name: Jill Shaw
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075225972
Email: jshaw16@outlook.com

Topic:

Comments:

I believe this project would be wonderful. I personally use the Eastern trail a lot for biking, walking and taking our dog walk. I believe this type of trail would draw outdoor enthusiasts to the area. I give my resounding support for the rail trail.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:54:45 EDT
Name: Lance and Amanda Feeley
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: amanda.feeley@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We would support a bicycle/pedestrian trail in Yarmouth!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:58:50 EDT
Name: Jeffrey Fischer
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078412859
Email: jeff.fischer@comcast.net

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the 72 mile loop trail connecting Brunswick, Lewiston, and Portland.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 07:55:57 EDT
Name: Kate Beever
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072338734
Email: kate@mainemusicandhealth.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am in support of the Trail Until Rail - as long as the trails can easily be switched back to rails if needed, I think it would be wonderful to have walking/biking paths that are safe for pedestrians (no cars). Just wanted to share my support for this project.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 08:08:45 EDT
Name: Ellen Jankowski
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: ellen_jankowski@me.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a tax paying resident of Portland and I highly support the proposed trail system!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 08:18:35 EDT
Name: Deborah Napier
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072100776
Email: deborahnapi@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the "Trail until Rail.". We need more "off road" options, as the combination of little to no bike lanes, and distracted drivers, has made road biking too dangerous.

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Name: nancy egan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077252276
Email: negan121@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support this amazing opportunity, besides being a great use of space in an increasingly congested southern Maine, the loop format is unique. I think it would be used and used and used

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 08:53:16 EDT
Name: keith case
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075767620
Email: keithwcase@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this would be an excellent use of the disused rail corridor. It would be great for recreation and for family activities, there are a lot of avid cyclers in the communities between Yarmouth and Auburn. It might be an opportunity for people who live within a few miles to commute to jobs in Yarmouth or Lewiston and Auburn, so there's a strong economic argument. Much of the recent analyzes has shown that increases in bicycle infrastructure has accompanying economic growth.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 09:12:49 EDT
Name: Joseph Noel
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 315-414-1858
Email: josephrnoel@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The members of the Parks and Lands Committee of the Town of Yarmouth express our support for the Casco Bay Trail. Pedestrian and bike trails provide numerous benefits, including but not limited to:

Promoting Year-Round Outdoor Sports and Recreation

This trail would provide a safe place to walk, run, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, etc.
Future events could include sponsored races, health/cause walks, and others!

Obvious Safety Benefits

In the years 2016-2020 alone, there were 1324 automobile crashes that involved pedestrians and cyclists. While many of those were in urban settings, nearly 1 in 4 were in rural. This highlights that Maine's roadways were not designed with cyclists in mind and puts them at peril when sharing narrow roads with cars. Maine's roadways were not even designed with the current volume of traffic in mind! (MDOT 2020 Ped-Bike Crash Report, Page 8)

Transportation Alternative

The Casco Bay Trail would provide a significantly safer alternative to commuting by car by allowing alternate forms of transportation.
Direct bike pathways are usually faster and more direct than cycling Maine's meandering roads.

Citizen Health and Fitness

Active lifestyles improve quality of life and community health. A centrally located bike trail through the heart of Yarmouth (and other towns) is vital in the overall connectivity within the town and neighboring communities.

Economic Gains and Savings

Pedestrian traffic will support local businesses.
Specifically to the rail trail proposal, re-using the abandoned railways that already exist dramatically lowers the cost of building a long pathway. It also avoids legal entanglement with private landowners which would be an issue if the path were built elsewhere.

Environmental Conservancy

A safe alternative to automobile transportation is an inexpensive and direct means to combat climate change on a local level.
Re-using abandoned railways is one of the lowest-environmental-impact ways to create a long pedestrian pathway.

Education Opportunities

The Casco Bay trail could potentially provide cultural and historical background, especially with the collaboration with the Yarmouth Historical Society (located next to the potential rail trail)

Environmental and health education could also be promoted along with the trail.

We urge the MDOT to move forward with accepting the rail trail proposal; furthermore, we would not be opposed to a “trail until rail” compromise if that is what is required to move the project forward. Our members understand the concerns brought by the rail enthusiasts and advocates but would prefer to see those corridors used for the good of the residents of Maine now. The Casco Bay Trail proposal is a real plan; rail revitalization for commuter (or fast) railways involves a significant private (and government-subsidized, most likely) investment that may never occur.

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Name: Julia
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078461518
Email: megask@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

This sort of trail would support senior citizens who like to ride bikes but do not want to get out on busy roads.
Please make this happen! Thanks!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 09:30:48 EDT
Name: Emilia Toro
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: emilia.k.toro@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the trail until rail casco bay trail loop. I live in Yarmouth and my family lives in Freeport and Brunswick. It would be amazing if we could all make use of this beautiful trail together.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 09:44:54 EDT
Name: Lesa von Munkwitz-Smith
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-222-1817
Email: lvon397@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
Support Eastern Trail proposal

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Name: Dana Riker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: driker2@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a physically active resident of Yarmouth, ME, I enthusiastically support creation of a bike path/trail for active use where current unused rails are!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 09:38:07 EDT
Name: Daniel W Emery
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 12078073750
Email: dan@danielemery.com

Topic:

Comments:

Rail Use Advisory Council:

I have been an abutter at my home in North Yarmouth since 1985 and at my office in Yarmouth since 2001. The rail line bisects the driveway to my home, about 70 yards from my house. I have private crossings in both locations. I strongly support the proposed Casco Bay Trail. Encouraging bicycle use has many benefits: Cycling is valuable for physical and mental health; it is good for the environment; it is economical; and it is fun.

In addition to recreational use, the Trail would provide a viable means of transportation which will lessen vehicle traffic, and thereby lessen greenhouse gas emissions.

The Trail will also give cyclists an alternative to riding on the road, and thereby lessen congestion.

The railroad hasn't been used for years and there is a more viable rail line for freight and/or passenger use.

I urge you to support the proposed Casco Bay Trail.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Dan Emery
North Yarmouth

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 10:05:27 EDT
Name: megan roy
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 6176209325
Email: meganroy19@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello! I am sending strong support for the rail trail project. Would be a great addition to the community. Thank you!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 10:03:47 EDT
Name: Olin Hatton
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: polar@protonmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please make this happen. For us and our kids. Keep Maine healthy

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 10:15:43 EDT
Name: Kimberly Haynes
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-837-4354
Email: khaynes0260@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support this rails to trails initiative. I think it would be a great alternative to cycling on the roads which we know can be hazardous. And it will provide outdoor exercise and nature watching opportunities to a large portion of our residents.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 10:28:57 EDT
Name: Kathleen Kasperek
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: +12078996600
Email: kate.kasperek@outlook.com

Topic:

Comments:

We must seize this once only opportunity! I whole heartedly support this project.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 10:41:04 EDT
Name: Stephanie Verwys
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9734598925
Email: slverwys@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Rail trails provide such a benefit to our community. Families and friends can connect outside while walking or biking, people may use the trail as a means to commute, and kids (and adults!) have a safe place to bike without cars. Visitors from outside of Maine may come for cycle touring bringing more tourists to the area. This is an excellent opportunity!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 11:14:17 EDT
Name: David znamierowski
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074496151
Email: kdznam@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support the rails to trails initiative in our state. What a wonderful project!

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 11:57:29 EDT
Name: Margaret Macdougall
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207 751-9411
Email: mmacdoug45@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail. We have many Maine bikers and want to keep them safe.
Thank you.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 12:13:54 EDT
Name: Jillian Werb
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077560283
Email: jillianwerb@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I live in Yarmouth. I strongly support the trail until rail option for the unused rail line between Portland and Auburn (the proposed Casco Bay Trail). Thank you for your work on this project.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 12:31:04 EDT
Name: Molly Toothaker
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-749-8314
Email: toothaker.molly@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

100% support the concept of the Casco Bay Trail! What a wonderful addition this will be for our beautiful state.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 13:14:25 EDT
Name: Richard Saunders
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073704212
Email: saunders.richard@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the creation of the Casco Bay Trail. It will be a great way to get between the cities in a carbon neutral way, provide a safe and easy way to get outdoors, and increase tourism and economic development.

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Name: Joe McIntyre
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7814200719
Email: joseph_mcintyre@gse.harvard.edu

Topic:

Comments:

I enjoy hiking and biking and love the idea of the Casco Bay Trail.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:37:52 PM

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 14:33:54 EDT
Name: Maureen McCormack
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 7813152828
Email: mmccormack141@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love to use these trails, and think itâ€™s a wonderful use of the old rail lines.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 16:38:12 EDT
Name: Judith James
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2077303224
Email: JudithJamesStudio@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a member of rails to trails and a user of these trails for the last 25 years I highly support this project

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 19:34:46 EDT
Name: Elizabeth Tomlinson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074207172
Email: eatomlinson@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Iâ€™m very much in favor of developing a trail for families to use - walking, running, cycling, being outdoors.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 19:39:48 EDT
Name: Laura Cannon
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2075427059
Email: igocoastal@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Casco Bay Trail. The rail line is on the border of my property (full time home in North Yarmouth). A multi-use trail would be a great amenity to the community, supporting physical and mental health, connection with nature and between neighbors and neighborhoods, and possibly economic benefits. Thank you!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Subject: Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 19:39:12 EDT
Name: Jean Burr
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: burr.jean@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of the proposal to create a rail trail from Portland to Auburn. This trail would allow numerous children in my neighborhood to bike to after school activities, many of the adults in my neighborhood to bike to work, and all of us to walk and run into town without having to bike or walk on a road (North Road in North Yarmouth) where cars drive 55mph and there is no shoulder. This trail would be a life changing improvement that would greatly enhance the lives of all who live along it. Thank you for your consideration!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Subject: Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 20:21:08 EDT
Name: David
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073170307
Email: dave@holmanhomes.com

Topic:

Comments:

I strongly support a rail trail from portland to yarmouth and beyond, please make this happen ASAP!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 20:21:35 EDT
Name: Stephanie Mangum
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 4059197281
Email: Stephanie.b.mangum@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I would love to see this used as a trail rather than for commuting purposes. I think with the advancement of electric cars anticipated in the next few years, Maine's tax dollars would be better used upgrading roadways and perhaps increasing the number of buses. There just isn't enough traffic to convince someone to take on the downsides of commuting by rail, they will get to work faster by car.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Tuesday, 25-Oct-2022 21:36:27 EDT
Name: Su Langdon
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207)781-4931
Email: sulangdon@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:
enthusiastic support for the Rail Trail in Falmouth (& beyond)

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 04:46:39 EDT
Name: George Veronica A.
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074157634
Email: vabgeorge@me.com

Topic:

Comments:

Let's do this, not only for us but for our kids and their kids and on....

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 07:01:03 EDT
Name: Erin McAllister
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073186972
Email: erin.mcallister@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Although I cannot attend the meeting at town hall this afternoon, I am in full support of this project. I appreciate the connection it will provide for biking/walking between towns whether for work or leisure. This project lives up to important topics such as inclusivity, environmental friendliness, and encouraging healthy habits. Having spent time on the rail trail in Augusta and Hallowell, it would be a dream to have the same accessibility here in Cumberland.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 08:14:14 EDT
Name: Sherry Tremblay
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076070835
Email: sytremblay@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

The trail would indeed enhance the health and lifestyles of a significant number of people in Maine.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 08:14:14 EDT
Name: Russell Tremblay
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-751-2777
Email: russtremblay@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Maine citizens would significantly benefit from this trail and I am in support.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 08:24:49 EDT
Name: Judy and Michael Land
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 201-974-1645
Email: mland96330@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

We support creation of the proposed 72 mile pedestrian/biking pathway.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 08:59:18 EDT
Name: Teresa D Price
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2072329360
Email: Teresadfp@aol.com

Topic:

Comments:

I think this trail would be a wonderful use of resources. I love to bike since I can't run anymore. I do NOT feel safe running on North Road, Ledge Road, Route 9, etc. If this trail is created, I will get so much more exercise. The trail would go across the culdesac I live on (Farms Edge Road in North Yarmouth), and I am all for it. Thanks!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 09:23:08 EDT
Name: Vanessa Bryant
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073211065
Email: bryantjvs@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Hello,

I am a land abutter to the Railroad tracks crossing Farms Edge Rd in North Yarmouth. I would like nothing more than to have a Rails to Trails system and NOT a commuter train.

I have brought this to the Town of North Yarmouth and most of the counsel are in favor of a Rails to Trails system. In-addition this is the consensus among several homeowners on Farms Edge, one of which is also has land that abutters to the Railroad Tracks.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 10:38:29 EDT
Name: Alexa Oestreicher
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073299307
Email: alexa@legacysir.c

Topic:

Comments:

This would be an amazing asset for both locals and tourists. As Maine has grown & become busy, many of our roads have become unsafe for biking and walking. Instead of widening the roads this would create a safe and more environmentally conscious option that would also be extremely enjoyable!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 10:39:43 EDT
Name: Pam Barnickel
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-650-6060
Email: lprjm5@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

We would love to have a hiking trail here in North Yarmouth and not another loud noisy railroad in our quiet town!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 12:36:08 EDT
Name: Suzy Foge
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 603-289-1792
Email: suzyq64@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the proposed rail trail which would create a corridor for working out off road as well as enable people to use forms of transportation better for the environment

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 13:36:17 EDT
Name: Emily Tocci
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: getocci38@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Windham Resident who supports completion of the Portland to Auburn Rail Trail for hiking and biking.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 14:12:55 EDT
Name: Denise Lee
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078335670
Email: deniselee89@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

I love the idea of the "rail trail".

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 17:18:00 EDT
Name: John J Quinn
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 1304840115
Email: mooneybluesj@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

This will be an added attraction to Mid Coast in keeping with the caring for the natural environment.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 17:37:27 EDT
Name: Kimberly Vine
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076506417
Email: vinekimber@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:
very much in favor of the proposed 72-mile Casco Bay Trail!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 19:40:02 EDT
Name: Robert Haile
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: (207) 632-6305
Email: rob.haile.jr@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I hope that you will consider converting the unused rail line between Auburn and Portland to a bicycle trail. This line, across the street from my house, is frequently used by dog walker, skiers, and mountain bikers now. Please officially permit these activities. You have the opportunity to make this unused line into a real asset for the communities it passes through.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 20:34:21 EDT
Name: Anne Ball
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074155770
Email: anneball@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am a Yarmouth resident and I am writing in support of the Portland to Auburn Rail Trail. Trail creation and connectivity to other trail systems promotes healthy communities and people, attracts visitors nationally and stimulates economic development. Thank you for your consideration.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Date: Wednesday, 26-Oct-2022 23:19:03 EDT
Name: Sheila Brennan Nee
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076158020
Email: sheila@mainesportscommission.com

Topic:

Comments:

Our organization promotes healthy, active lifestyles in addition to promoting sports and sports events. I am in support of the approval of the Portland to Auburn corridor for a multi-use trail. I also live in the area and would enjoy using the trails.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 06:56:34 EDT
Name: Joel Antolini
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 9087232901
Email: joel.antolini67@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

Please approve the P to A Trail. It is so long overdue, would be so valuable to our communities in so many ways (tourism, environment, transportation).

I would attend this meeting if I did not have to be out of Maine for work this week.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 07:24:20 EDT
Name: Chris Kuhn
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2074502053
Email: jckuhn@icloud.com

Topic:

Comments:

I fully support creation of an active transport corridor along the rail line from Portland to Auburn. This will significantly improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians, decrease frustration for motorists and offer a healthy no carbon choice for commuters. We have a train going North from Portland already, please build a safe bike/ walking path to connect the northern towns with Portland.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 07:47:12 EDT
Name: Stephen Thompson
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: Thompsonpek@live.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the initiative for the "Trail until Rail" project.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@Maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 07:47:16 EDT
Name: David chirnitch
Organization(if applicable):
Phone:
Email: dchirnitch@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I support the Portland L/A Rail trail corridor. As a necessary utilization of this unused rail corridor

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 07:57:14 EDT
Name: David Langdon
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-450-0505
Email: davidlangdon@mac.com

Topic:

Comments:

100% in support ofâ€|yes please
Excellent use for public land. Rail trails ring true

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 08:00:20 EDT
Name: Tracy T Teare
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2078382245
Email: tteare@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I'm very sorry I can't attend today's meeting to voice my support of the Portland/Auburn rail corridor conversion to a rail trail. We desperately need more ways to rely less on cars and add physical activity to our lives - this trail would do both and so much more. After living next to the Minuteman Trail in Arlington, Mass., I can assure you it will be used and loved! thank you for your consideration.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 08:55:18 EDT
Name: Bob Hamblen
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-294-2962
Email: bhamble1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

Pleased to offer my support for the Casco Bay Trail and all potential rail with trail development within the state of Maine. Rail and trails co-exist across the country, and are examples of two disparate uses demonstrating how to co-exist and utilize a scarce resource for the benefit of the greater community. Trails are a demonstrated economic development engine, offer health benefits to community members, and are a plus for the environment every time an individual chooses to walk or bike rather than drive a car. Trails with rail in Maine are largely a grassroots effort, and deserve the support of the Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council. Thank you.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 09:26:30 EDT
Name: Ellen Peters
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076151491
Email: ellenp@securespeed.net

Topic:

Comments:

As an abutting landowner we would be very pleased to see this happen. This would benefit our rural community of New Gloucester as well as the surrounding towns in many ways, health, economic, and environmentally sound.

Thank you.

Ellen and Chuck Peters

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 09:54:30 EDT
Name: Terry DeWan
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 632-7030
Email: dewan@tjda.net

Topic:

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the work of the Council to advance the trail corridor! Years ago I had the privilege of working on the Eastern Trail plan, and it's been so gratifying to see how this concept of off-road corridors can energize a community. Love to help out in any way! Thanks for what you're doing!

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Name: Caroline Hartnett
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 3413482377
Email: caroline_sten@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Iâ€™m writing in support of the 72 mile Casco Bay Trail that would utilize an unused train line that runs through my town (Yarmouth). This would enhance the quality of life for so many local residents. "Trail until rail" has my full support and enthusiasm

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 10:13:33 AM

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Name: Thomas P Driscoll
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Topic:

Comments:

I received an email today announcing your meeting at the Cumberland Town Hall.

It appears that you will only accept comments from SUPPORTERS and but not from DISSENTERS regarding public input.

Quoting from your message:

"You may send comment to the Council, voicing your support for the Casco Bay Trail, explaining why you support the Trail (health benefits, environmental benefits of reduced car trips, community benefits and economic growth, and more.)"

It appears that the public is being railroaded.

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From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
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Name: jennifer peloquin
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Email: jenkettle@hotmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

what a fantastic way to encourage ride sharing, increase community connectivity, transport from one major economic center to another and lovely rural areas in between - and the awesome thing is- it's already made! i definitely encourage reviving this fantastic option thank you.

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To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Name: Sue Ellen Bordwell
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2076503858
Email: seabordwell@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

As a Yarmouth resident I strongly support turning the Portland to Auburn Berlin Corridor into a trail until rail is feasible. For all the reasons, health benefits, economic development and climate, having this facility for safe transportation and local recreation is a winning solution for an unused rail corridor.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Name: Kristine Keeney
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2035307194
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Topic:

Comments:

I understand the desire for an in-person meeting for the last RUAC, however, since virtual has been an option thus far for the Mountain Division and all of the Portland to Auburn meetings. Is there any way for the rest of the meetings going forward to have a hybrid in-person and virtual options to make the meetings more accessible to everyone.

I also just want to make sure I register my support from the East Coast Greenway Alliance in support of "trail until rail" and the Casco Bay Trail (as well as a resident of Maine). This facility to crucial to completing a Active Transportation Arterials network in Maine to connect cities and towns for safe and accessible commuting and recreation purposes, and making living in the Portland area possible for more people as housing becomes more expensive. This rail line hasn't been used since beans ran on it, there is no sense in allowing this corridor to sit and not serve any public purpose, while it could be a community and economic development asset in southern Maine as a "trail until rail" facility.

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Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Name: Penelope Daborn
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Email: pdaborn@me.com

Topic:

Comments:
Fully support the Casco Bay Trail proposal - thank you!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 8:08:41 PM

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Date: Thursday, 27-Oct-2022 20:01:39 EDT
Name: Mary Mraz
Organization(if applicable):
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Email: mary.mraz@gmail.com

Topic:

Comments:

I am all for trails until rails.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Friday, October 28, 2022 1:13:57 PM

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The following message was submitted from your MaineDOT website contact form .

Date: Friday, 28-Oct-2022 13:01:05 EDT
Name: Susan Hall
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 2073291893
Email: shall1@maine.rr.com

Topic:

Comments:

I attended the Rail Use Advisory Council meeting on Oct. 27th. I would like to add something that nobody spoke about. All the comments were about money.

I'd like to say this trail would be something to promote health and well being. I suppose a dollar figure could be put on that but the many people who want this trail are thinking about a safe place to be outside on bikes, skis or just walking without the danger of cars. I see happy families on the Eastern Trail with their children on tricycles and bicycles. Elderly people riding. All ages. The Cumberland Council member spoke about how great riding on Route One is. Well, I rode my bike to the meeting up Route on and was nearly blown over by a cement truck. Even Route 88 is getting too much traffic for many of us to feel safe. The roads are dangerous and scary, especially for we who are getting older.

Please take the health and well being of the citizens of the area in mind when making your recommendation.

Thank you for reading this.

Susan Hall
Falmouth

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Friday, October 28, 2022 2:48:58 PM

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Date: Friday, 28-Oct-2022 13:46:45 EDT
Name: Patricia Barber
Organization(if applicable):
Phone: 207-625-4755
Email: rugbyvet88@yahoo.com

Topic:

Comments:

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the Berlin Subdivision Rail Trail meeting Oct 27th, specifically regarding the public comments at the end.

I fully support the first public commenter- the woman who was from Cumberland, on the town council, and an abutter to the proposed rail trail line. She stood strong AGAINST THE BIKE TRAIL. Her voice was a powerful one, and everything she said was true. That it felt like her opinion was in the vocal minority, and that she would be attacked on social media for her stand by the pro trail people. That the figures in the report given earlier were wrong (specifically that she counted only 28 abutters in Cumberland not the 348 reported). That there already are ample bike and walking trails in the proposed area. That a trail only represents a small fraction of all the tax payers along the line, and the No Trail people felt afraid to speak up. That public safety might be an issue with a paved trail bringing people right into their backyards. Every one of her points amplified what I myself have felt through this rail trail process.

I also agree with Mr. Weise, who stated that the figure of bike riders spending \$118/day was NOT TRUE, spoken as a long term rider with the Portland Cycling Club. The average user of the bike trail will be a local, who will not spend anywhere near that \$ while out for a 1 or 2 hour bike ride. That is a ridiculous number, and incredibly misleading. And the report had the gall to compare that figure directly to a train rider who spends \$8/day, as if buying a coffee and muffin was the only benefit from people using the train.

IMO these two examples of misleading 'facts' in the report put the entire report in question. That it is skewed to support trail use. As the CPA from Portland commented, where is the Benefit Cost Analysis which the USDOT uses when considering funding? I hope equal time is given to any critique of the report findings in the next meeting.

Sincerely, Patty Barber Hiram Maine

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From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
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Name: Phil Gleason
Organization(if applicable):
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Topic:

Comments:

While I was unable to attend yesterday's meeting, I support this project 100%.

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: Communications.MaineDOT@maine.gov
To: [Howard, Nathan](#)
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Comments
Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022 7:34:23 PM

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Date: Saturday, 29-Oct-2022 19:29:27 EDT
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Topic:

Comments:

72 miles of trails would be a fabulous addition creting safe space for recreational walking, running snd bikes!

If required, please respond as soon as possible.

From: [Howard, Nathan](#)
To: [Carl Wilcox](#); [Moulton, Nathan](#)
Cc: [Jan Wilcox](#)
Subject: RE: Beaver issue and SLA railbed time line
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 9:50:00 AM

Carl – Thanks for the heads up on the culvert. Our crew was out there last week trying to open up the flow with hand tools. They will be back in the near future with a backhoe to clear the rest. I responded to your questions below in red.

Nate

Nathan Howard
Director, Rail Transportation
MaineDOT, Office of Freight and Passenger Services
(207) 624-3042

From: Carl Wilcox <cwilcox.maine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 8:08 AM
To: Howard, Nathan <Nathan.Howard@maine.gov>; Moulton, Nathan <Nathan.Moulton@maine.gov>
Cc: Jan Wilcox <jwilcox.maine@gmail.com>
Subject: Beaver issue and SLA railbed time line

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Goodmorning Nate and Nate,

I don't care who responds.

First I want to let you know that it is quite apparent a beaver dam is blocking the culvert under the SLA a little south of the crossing of Route 231 at the intersection of Woodman Road in New Gloucester. About 100 yards south of the intersection on Route 231 the water level to the west has been a few inches below the pavement for days. even though the river level has gone down.

Second, can you give me a short schedule for this SLA possible conversion project.

I noticed in Madison, Maine the Oakland to Madison railbed was removed this summer and it seems like the decision to convert it to a trail was made a relatively short period of time ago.

The Madison Branch was purchased from PAN AM by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands for the purposes of creating a new multi-use trail. It was not purchased under the Rail Preservation Act like the SLA.

From the meeting, if I understand correctly, after the public meeting in December, the committee

has 3 months to make a recommendation to either some Department commissioners DOT, Conservation? or a legislative committee? Then how long until a decision is made: commuter rail, trail, or do nothing? Is the do nothing alternative a possible outcome or is that disallowed by this process?

The Council has 9 months (until January 25, 2023) from its first meeting to make a recommendation to the MaineDOT Commissioner. The Council is considering 3 options for future use: Rail, Rail with Trail, and Rail until Trail. The rail use option is the status quo option. Under the rail option, MaineDOT would continue to preserve the line for future use. Any decisions regarding use of the line for passenger rail will be made outside of this council.

There is an ongoing study evaluating passenger rail between Portland and L/A on both the CSX and SLA lines: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/larailplan/>

Having lived along the tracks for 50 of my life years, in my opinion I don't think that rail with trail is economically viable or can safely be implemented.

After the commissioners or legislature have made their decision, how long to implement. In my opinion a trail is implemented as soon as the rails and ties are removed. People will immediately begin to use it as a trail. For years, even when Canadian National owned and operated the line and it was quite busy with four trains a day, it was used locally to a limited degree as a walking path. That has only increased with the decline in use and now discontinuance.

If it is determined to become commuter rail, I know it is beyond your control, but what is a reasonable expectation for it to become a reality? I suspect if the Republicans take the senate and house, I believe Senator Collins will become the appropriations chair, and funds may flow much faster. What is the soonest reasonable time frame to become active commuter rail and a realistic time frame based on current federal funding? Seems like there is a lot of federal infrastructure money floating around.

It is too soon to say whether any passenger service is eligible for federal funding or how soon such a service could start running. It has not been determined which corridor (CSX and SLA) is the preferred alternative for passenger rail or whether any such service is eligible for federal capital funding based on ridership demand.

Thank you.

Carl Wilcox

Scott LaFlamme

From: Chuck Thorp <chuck.r.thorp@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:37 PM
To: Scott LaFlamme
Subject: rail trail

Scott Laflamme, I am in favor of a rail trail on the unused rail corridor from Portland to Auburn. My daughter and her family live within a 1/2 mile of a 60 mile rail trail in New Hampshire. When I visit I am often on the trail anytime of year. I run and walk on it. I bike on it and snowshoe and cross country ski on it. My parents visited on Father's Day while I was there and we had 4 generations walking with a stroller on the rail trail. The trail in parts is wide and paved. On this section 1/2 the trail is groomed for cross country skiing and the other 1/2 is plowed for winter walkers. The benefits of an off-road trail are many. More people are able to get out for physical activity. The emotional and psychological benefits of exercise and time in nature are substantial. Environmentally more people walking or riding a bike decreases road traffic and congestion. I simply cannot say enough good things about the potential for a rail trail including the economic benefits as people are drawn to the area for its use and access.

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Scott LaFlamme

From: mhstuart@maine.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Scott LaFlamme
Subject: Casco Bay Trail Alliance

Hello Scott,

As a Yarmouth resident I would like to send my support for the conversion of the railroad to biking/hiking trail. My husband and I enjoy biking on trails that off road and not too hilly. We would offer the example of Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville SC as an excellent outdoor exercise experience and economic partnerships that are mutually beneficial. <https://greenvillerec.com/swamprabbit/>

We have recently returned from Cape Cod where we experienced the Cape Cod Rail Trail, the Chatham biking trails and the Shining Sea Biking path. These trails provide access to many hidden environmental wonders that are not easily accessed by car, promote health and offer safe riding for all ages.

Yarmouth already offers a Main Street experience and I believe a trail such as this would be a draw for visitors and residents.

Please consider lending your support to this effort.

Regards, Mary Stuart
46 Evergreen Drive
Yarmouth, ME

Scott LaFlamme

From: Casey Andersen <randerse@bates.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:16 PM
To: Scott LaFlamme
Cc: Casey A
Subject: Portland to Auburn Rail Use Plan

Dear Scott,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Casey Andersen, and I have been a resident of Yarmouth for the past 5 years. I moved to Yarmouth because of the trail systems, as well as proximity to L/A, Pineland, and Portland.

I am now reaching out about the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Plan. It's very exciting to me for a number of reasons! Thank you for considering it, and I really hope it comes to fruition.

I've noticed that cyclists and people cycling with young kids love to stop at local shops and cafes when on rides. I can see this trail increasing the number of people stopping in Yarmouth to enjoy the local shops and restaurants. (Currently, it seems that most of the people at the local shops and restaurants are residents of Yarmouth, and this could expand the people who support our local economy!)

Some other reasons this could be great--

- The benefits of off-road trails, including environmental benefits, physical and mental health benefits, the importance of safety while commuting or recreating, and the economic benefits of revitalizing our communities with active transportation infrastructure.
- The trail is the best use for this disused rail corridor; the parallel CSX corridor remains available for potential future passenger rail.

Thank you so much for considering this!

Casey Andersen (115 Portland Street, Yarmouth)

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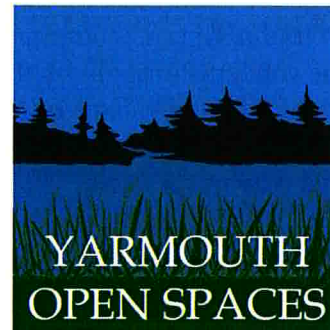
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TO: Scott LaFlamme
Planning Board Members
c/o Erin Zwirko, Planning Director

DATE: October 20, 2022

RE: Casco Bay Trail letter of support



The members of the Parks and Lands Committee of the Town of Yarmouth express our support for the Casco Bay Trail. Pedestrian and bike trails provide numerous benefits, including but not limited to:

- Promoting Year-Round Outdoor Sports and Recreation
 - This trail would provide a safe place to walk, run, bike, snowshoe, cross country ski, etc.
 - Future events could include sponsored races, health/cause walks, and others!
- Obvious Safety Benefits
 - In the years 2016-2020 alone, there were 1324 automobile crashes that involved pedestrians and cyclists. While many of those were in urban settings, nearly 1 in 4 were in *rural* zones. This highlights that Maine's roadways were not designed with cyclists in mind, and puts them at peril when sharing narrow roads with cars.¹ Maine's roadways were not even designed with the current volume of traffic!
- Transportation Alternative
 - The Casco Bay Trail would provide a significantly safer alternative to commuting by car by allowing alternate forms of transportation.
 - Direct bike pathways are usually faster and more-direct than cycling Maine's meandering roads.
- Citizen Health and Fitness
 - Active lifestyles improve quality of life and community health. A centrally located bike trail through the heart of Yarmouth (and other towns) is a vital piece in the overall connectivity within the town and to neighboring communities.
- Economic Gains and Savings
 - Pedestrian traffic will support local businesses.
 - Specifically to the *rail trail* proposal, re-using the abandoned railways that already exist dramatically lowers the cost of building a long pathway. It also avoids legal entanglement with private landowners that would be an issue if the path were built elsewhere.
- Environmental Conservancy
 - A safe alternative to automobile transportation is an inexpensive and direct means to combat climate change on a local level.
 - Re-using abandoned railways is one of the lowest-environmental-impact ways to create a long pedestrian pathway.
- Education Opportunities
 - The Casco Bay trail could potentially provide cultural and historical background, especially with the collaboration with the Yarmouth Historical Society (located next to the potential rail trail)
 - Environmental and health education could also be promoted along with the trail.

¹ [The MDOT 2020 Ped-Bike Crash Report, page 8](#)

We urge the committee to move forward with the rail trail proposal; furthermore, we would not be opposed to a “trail until rail” compromise if that is what is required to move the project forward. Our members understand the concerns brought by the rail enthusiasts and advocates, but would prefer to see those corridors used for the good of the residents of Maine now. The Casco Bay Trail proposal is a real plan; rail revitalization for commuter (or fast) railways involves significant private (and government-subsidized, most likely) investment that may never occur.

Thank you for your work on this matter,

The Parks & Lands Committee
Town of Yarmouth, Maine
Ron Dupuis, Chair

To the members of the Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council:

I am a long-time resident of Yarmouth (40 plus years). I have raised my children here, worked here, and volunteered in various capacities for the town and the community. I am convinced that a rail trail connecting Auburn to Portland would be a boon to the town and the surrounding areas.

Though not an avid biker myself, my son commuted to Portland by bike for several months before moving to Portland where he continued walking and biking to work. He is not alone in his desire to decrease his carbon footprint while maintaining a certain level of fitness. A rail trail would create a safe way for more people to look at alternative means of travel.

Though not unfamiliar with the term “rail trail”, when my daughter and her husband relocated to Lebanon, New Hampshire in 2014, I was able to see the benefits first hand. The trail that ran into Lebanon was over 50 miles long. Furthermore, the link from the east passed right into the heart of downtown Lebanon and its town green. Whether walking into town for a sandwich or pushing a baby carriage to the playground, I would always see a large number of people of all ages utilizing the trail.

Over the last 8 years, the family has grown and they moved into a larger house in Lebanon. One of their criteria was accessibility to the rail trail and downtown. AND over these 8 years, there has been a sizable extension to the rail trail with plans to continue through West Lebanon and into Vermont. I have seen first hand during the pandemic the importance of outdoor opportunities and the substantial economic benefits to the businesses of downtown Lebanon. The trail really aided in their survival.

I urge the committee to support efforts to make this rail trail a reality whether it is “rail trail” or “trail until rail”. It is too good an opportunity to pass up with its health, safety, and economic benefits. Please give this proposal the attention it deserves.

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