

Maine Department of Transportation Partnership Initiatives

Initiative	Objective	Project Types Covered	Funding Split/Project Size Limits	Notes
			Cannot use federal funds for Town contribution	
Planning Partnership Initiative	Assist strategic analysis, and planning efforts for feasibility and concept studies for large projects.	Develop transportation plans. Analyze feasibility of large projects.	State 50% Town 50% Max: \$75K	Example: Kittery Bike/Ped Plan
Business Partnership Initiative	Road changes to enable economic development.	Lane additions or changes; drainage around	State 1/3 Business 1/3 Town 1/3	Business may pay Town share
Municipal Partnership Initiative	Improving State Roads beyond normal maintenance. Primarily Category 3 and 4 state roads.	Focus on the Road, drainage, subsurface, and related efforts. Bike/Ped if only small part of project.	Varies by Town. In York, State 50% Town 50%	Example: York Street, Short Sands; Long Beach Bathhouse road relocation
Village Partnership Initiative	“This Village Partnership Initiative will be focused on improving lower-speed areas where people meet, walk, shop, and do business. These projects can vary from small, safety improvements to larger, once-in-a-lifetime, placemaking investments.”	Includes roads, connections, related projects for vehicle and active transportation. E.g. parking, sidewalks, “parklets”, transportation hubs...	Tentative: Federal 80% Town 10% State 10%	Newest program. Implementation guidance is being developed. Projects similar to MPI – roundabout at Boothbay.

Links:

PPI: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/ppi/>

BPI: www.maine.gov/mdot/planning/docs/BPIMunicipalGuide2016.pdf

MPI: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/docs/2020/MPI2020.pdf>

VPI: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/news/> News Release for January 18, 2022 Three Year Plan

Excerpt:

“Third, MaineDOT continues to expand its partnerships with stakeholders, including municipalities. Better collaboration means better results for the people of Maine. This year, MaineDOT is leading a comprehensive look at what current trends and funding could mean for Maine's transportation system and customer needs. These endeavors include a revision of our state's overarching Long-Range Transportation Plan and several modally specific plans. Further, this year, MaineDOT is adding a Village Partnership Initiative to its suite of community-based initiatives. This Village Partnership Initiative will be focused on improving lower-speed areas where people meet, walk, shop, and do business. These projects can vary from small, safety improvements to larger, once-in-a-lifetime, placemaking investments.

Building off past successes with projects like Woodford's Corner in Portland, downtown Ogunquit, Naples, Bridgton, Hallowell, and Belgrade, partnerships between MaineDOT and municipalities can revitalize our iconic New England villages.

"The transformation of Belgrade's already charming village into a must-visit destination has been nothing short of amazing," Belgrade Town Manager Anthony Wilson said. "That could not have been possible if not for our partnership with MaineDOT, along with some generous and civic-minded private donors. During the summertime, the village's sidewalks bustle with all manner of vibrancy. We invite anyone interested in the department's Village Partnership Initiative to come to Belgrade and see for themselves."