

I-395 and Route 9 connector plan unveiled Wednesday

Connector between I-395 and Rt. 9 will be unveiled Wednesday



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BREWER, Maine (WABI) - In 1998, the state of Maine started looking at extending I-395 from Brewer to connect with Route 9 to help with the transportation of goods and services from the Canadian Maritimes.

20 years later, that plan is in place and construction is set to begin as early as next fall.

There's a meeting about the plan for the connector tomorrow night in Eddington, but some are still holding out hope the new roadway will not be going through their backyard.

Lisa Sturgeon of Brewer

"Show up and be ready to speak and just say you're not in favor of this. And then I really hope that they listen and really consider going back to one of the alternate routes."

But according to DOT officials, the route can't really be changed. Studies are done, reviews are completed, and now plans are in place.

Scott Rollins, Assistant Director of Bureau of Planning for Maine DOT

"This went from a planning study to our folks in project development to start actually developing the project, so this is really the only alignment, the only project which can be built after that initial review of multiple reviews and looking at many different facets of the environment."



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