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Subject: what happened to the route that the state wanted??

Imagine my shock when I went on the 395 web site following an article on transportation in this morning's BDN. What happened to the 3EIK-2 "Ring" route that everyone was told by the State's own project engineer was the route that the state had decided they wanted to back? It seems that "some" people have been busy working behind the scenes when we all thought that this project was a dead issue. I would like to know what has changed over the past two years to drop the 3EIK routes from the map of May 2008 and the map presented at the last PAC meeting of 4/15/2009 (both maps are available on the website) and go back AGAIN to routes that were disparaged years ago as prime alternatives. Has future consideration for the 3EIK routes been dismissed? How was this decision made and who made it? And - was this morning's article in the BDN a test to see who was paying attention? I have attended every public and PAC meeting over the years and it is more than frustrating when there are apparently decisions being made outside normal public channels.

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Larry,

Please be assured that the article in the BDN was not "a test to see who was paying attention", the organization that prepared this report has no affiliation with MaineDOT.

For many years, MaineDOT supported Alternative 3EIK-2 as the preferred alternative to satisfy the purpose and need. Since the last PAC meeting MaineDOT, FHWA, and the federal cooperating agencies have met numerous times, to identify an alternative that satisfied the I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study purpose and need, the Army Corps of Engineers Project Purpose, as well as, identifying an alternative that would receive state and federal permits. At a December 2010 Interagency meeting, after considerable coordination discussing all present and past alternatives considered it was determined, although available and practicable, Alternatives 3EIK-2, 5A2E3K, 5A2E3K-2, and 5B2E3k-1 were more environmentally damaging than other build alternatives therefore they were dismissed from further consideration. The two routes that were previous "disparaged years ago" are included to consider alternatives that minimize impacts to unfragmented habitat and the utilization of the utility corridor, a previously disturbed environment.

In the first quarter of 2012, MaineDOT and FHWA will publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public comment. The DEIS will explain the process by which alternatives were dismissed from further consideration as well as the impacts of the four alternatives still under consideration. The publication of the DEIS will be followed by a public hearing in the study area, the comment period will remain open beyond the hearing date. Other activities to be scheduled for the first quarter of 2012 are meetings with the study area towns/cities, a PAC meeting prior to the public hearing, and distribution of additional study information.

I understand this has been a long and frustrating process, please be assured we have considered the public and resource agency input received to date and will continue considering future comments received in the decision-making process.

The DEIS will be available at the town offices, local public libraries, and on the Internet. If you would like to receive a copy of the DEIS please send me a note with your address and whether you prefer a paper copy or a cd.

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