

Saturday, April 30, 2016: LePage lacks business sense, protecting firefighters, I-395/Route 9 connector sad

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It is sad to think of [what our currently peaceful neighborhood will be like](#) once the I-395/Route 9 connector is built. It is sad that the Maine Department of Transportation forced the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System to OK this project by holding hostage \$57 million in road project funding for the upcoming year in the Bangor area if they voted against the project, as reported in a [March 26 BDN article](#).

It is sad that we wasted years with public meetings with the Department of Transportation, which promised the towns and residents a voice in how and where this connector would be built, or not built, as residents of the town of Eddington and the [city of Brewer](#) support.

It is sad the Department of Transportation changes its mind like the weather when this route was rejected for not satisfying the purpose and needs only to be brought back in the dark of night with no transparency on the department's part.

It is sad that we taxpayers will be dishing out \$61 million or more for a road when the state can't keep up with repairs to the roads and bridges we already have. It is sad that since this project started in 2000 traffic patterns, mill closings and other changes in our area do not change a thing. It is sad that more people don't check out the truth at <http://i395rt9hardlook.com>. It's just plain sad.

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