



"One Angry man
with a laptop"

Welcome to the 1st quarter of 2020 in the 20th year of the I-395/Route 9 project—estimated in 2017 to cost \$79.25 million—at the same time that the shortfall in the road and bridge maintenance budget increased by 46% in just the period between March and October 2019 to an annual \$232 million. DOT reports this was due mainly to higher construction costs, but one has to wonder if the real reason is that the DOT intentionally “lowballs” estimates to get project passage—hoping they would later be able to pass on budget overages covertly...



“Repair work on roads and bridges generates 16 percent more jobs than construction of new bridges and roads and that is where the priority must be; new projects should be immediately suspended with the savings reallocated to fund Maine’s current unmet transportation needs—that’s a viable solution that can start immediately and anything short of that is disingenuous and fiscally irresponsible. Ask these people!!