

Maine will release roadmaps for road funding ... today



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Construction crews with the Maine Department of Transportation work on reconstructing the storm drains on High Street as flaggers guide traffic at the road's Main Street intersection in this 2019 file photo.

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Maine will release a three-year roadmap for road and bridge funding with fewer projects on the schedule due to an underfunded system. The Maine Department of Transportation released [its updated three-year work plan](#) — a routine occurrence setting the schedule for projects — on early Tuesday. The headline will be that it plans to fund 142 fewer projects through 2022 as an influx of one-time money gives it \$150 million more than it had the last three years.

The problems are an underfunded system [reliant on annual borrowing](#) and running a \$232 million shortfall that is [the subject of legislative negotiations](#) and rising construction costs that led the state to cancel tens of millions in projects last year. Transportation Commissioner **Bruce Van Note** will roll out the three-year plan with a news conference on Tuesday in Augusta. He's expected to press for a long-term funding solution.

AND—YET—they will continue on funding the I-395/Route 9 Connector as 142 other projects go unmet...