

To: 'Larry Adams';

Good morning

Thank you for your comments. The Record Of Decision outlined which alignment would be used and describes the factors for that decision. I realize that decision may be unpopular with some but it is the one I have been directed to move forward with. Pertaining to your questions specific to design, I have provided responses below.

Why hasn't more effort been done to mitigate 2B-2's noise impacts?

The FEIS, page 76, determined that noise barriers are not "reasonable" (i.e. cost-effective) based on MaineDOT's noise policy and will not be constructed.

Is the centerline cable barrier—promised to Senator Collins—still being considered?

I assuming the idea a centerline cable barrier is not part of the project?

There is no centerline cable barrier being designed. When the design considerations went from divided lanes to two lane undivided that was no longer an option.

How will construction activities affect our properties?

How does excavating some 40 feet under Eastern Avenue, a few hundred feet away from our neighborhood, affect the aquifer?

How will blasting affect our wells, septic systems and foundations?

How will this be monitored and who will be the liaison to the neighborhood?

How often will water be sampled and tested during construction activities?

MaineDOT will be conducting a Pre-Construction Potable Water Supply Characterization Assessment prior to construction. This assessment is undertaken to establish a baseline relative to the quality of water extracted from residential and commercial potable water supplies located along the project corridor. Samples are typically collected from water supplies positioned adjacent to the proposed construction and are analyzed for coliform bacteria, nitrate, nitrite nitrogen, fluoride, chloride, hardness, copper, iron, arsenic, manganese, sodium, lead, uranium, pH, color, turbidity and odor. The analytical data is maintained in a state-wide database and is used for comparison purposes should any potential claims arise relative to water supply impacts associated with MaineDOT's construction or long term winter maintenance initiatives. The contractor is responsible for monitoring foundations pre-blast and post-blast if there is any blasting required.

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