



# COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES

*Village Centers / Downtowns  
&  
Transportation Infrastructure  
For the NEXT GENERATION*



# OUTLINE

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1. Introduction of Community Based Initiatives
  - General Philosophy & Program
  - DOT Speak & Acronyms
2. Planning Partnership Initiative (PPI)
3. Village Partnership Initiatives (VPI)
  - Spot VPI
  - Large VPI
4. Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI)
5. Business Partnership Initiative (BPI)
6. Next Steps & Process
7. Timeline







# INTRODUCTION & PHILOSOPHY

A new program that address **infrastructure & placemaking** in historic downtowns, village centers & community districts.

Aims to revitalize areas that have issues with pedestrian infrastructure, gateway signage, ADA compliance, etc. - all while creating destinations worth visiting and living.

The Community Based Initiatives:

1. Village Partnership Initiative - (VPI)
2. Business Partnership Initiative - (BPI)
3. Municipal Partnership Initiative - (MPI)
4. Planning Partnership Initiative - (PPI)



# PPI

- Locally initiated (THE MUNICIPALITY is requesting and driving the process)
- Provides DOT match and technical assistance in planning & feasibility studies
- Types of projects include:
  - a) Economic Development Studies
  - b) Active Transportation Plans (Bike/Ped Studies)
  - c) Renderings and Conceptualization for Village Centers, etc.
  - d) Cost estimating for transportation alternative scenarios

Funding is capped at \$75,000.00 per project.  
Based upon same 3-tiered local match approach.



## PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE





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# VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

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The VPI program allows for towns to address specific transportation needs with Federal & State match depending on VPI.

## SPOT VPI

- Projects that have a max cost of \$500,000 (no minimum)
- Examples: gateway treatments, signage, traffic calming, ADA improvements, and pedestrian crossings

## LARGE TRANSFORMATIVE – RAISE Grant

- Projects ranging from \$5 million to \$35 million
- Focus on downtowns/villages with revitalization and safety-focused rehab of transportation infra
- Match Formula -- 80% Fed / 10% State / 10% Local Match
- Makes large scale improvements in downtown/village centers possible for municipalities with a vision





# VPI EXAMPLES





# MPI

- Streamlined approach to address municipal requests to deal with transportation infrastructure
- Focuses on the road core of state-aided highways for surface treatments, drainage, intersection improvements
- Three-tiered funding approach based upon municipal valuation:

Municipal Valuation	MaineDOT	Municipal Match
Less than \$150 million	70%	30%
\$150 - \$350 million	60%	40%
More than \$350 million	50%	50%

# MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE



# BPI

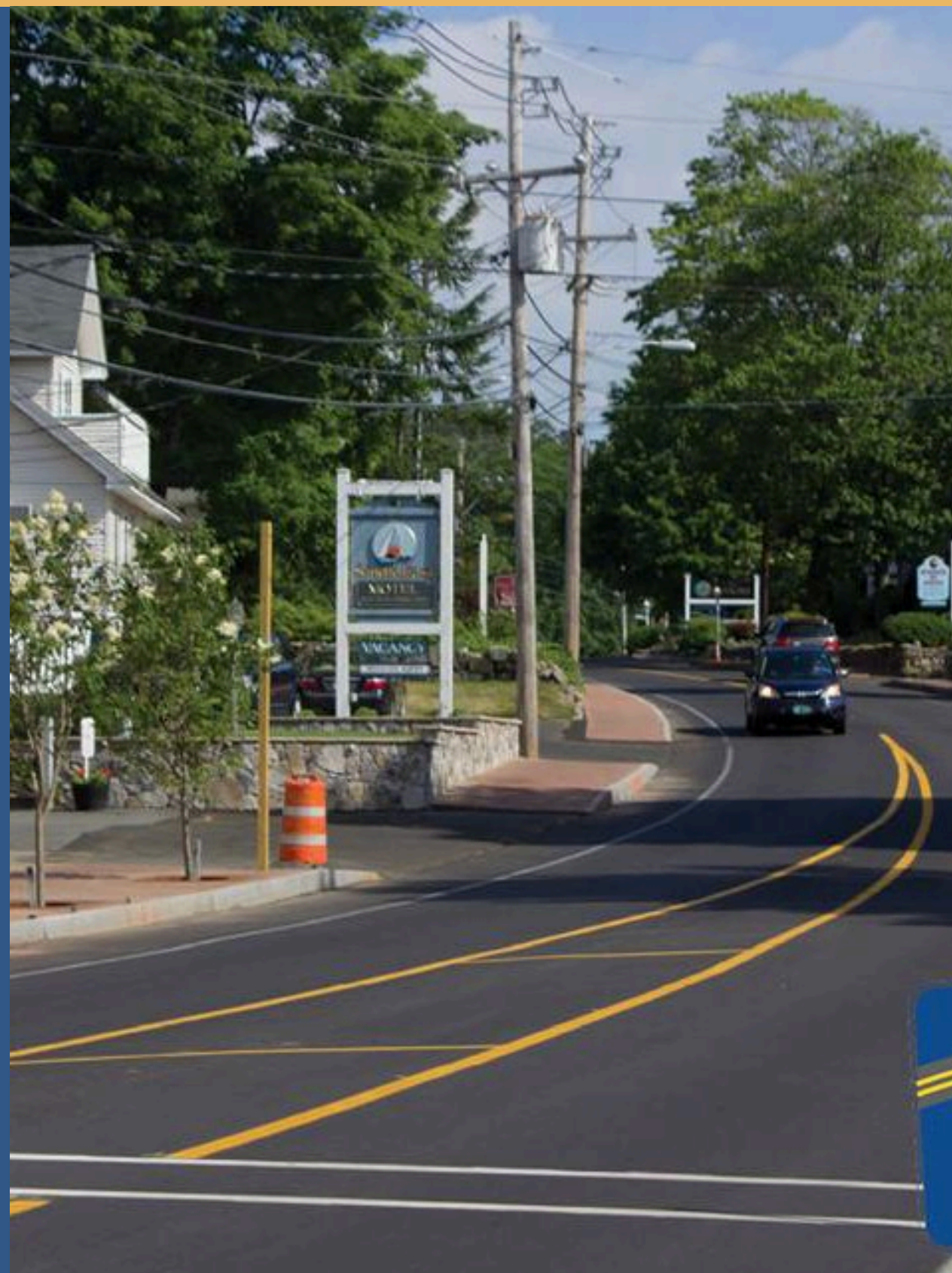
## Public – Private Partnership

Match is:

33.3% business,

33.3% municipality,

33.3% DOT



Allows local businesses to partner with a municipality to address state aid highway infrastructure that is hindering business expansion or opportunities.

Types of projects include thing such as:

- Access to and from state highways
- Traffic circulation
- Improving bike/ped access

The project must:

- a) improve economic development,
- b) transportation safety,
- c) customer benefit

# BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE







# NEXT STEPS

For the following: PPI / VPI / BPI

Contact your regional planner:

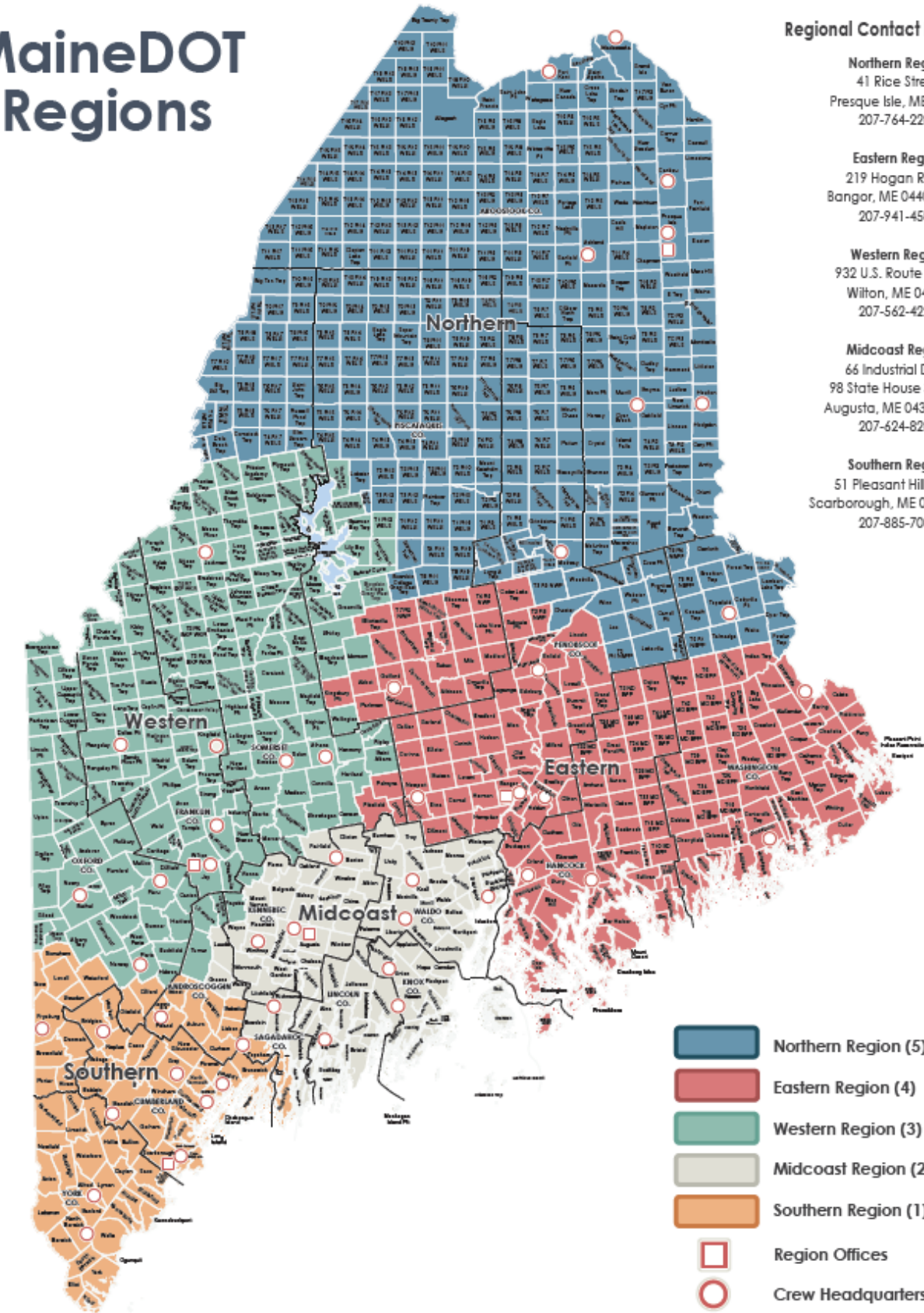
Region 1: Stephen Cole – 207 - 441- 4803

Region 2 & 3: Matthew Drost – 207 – 441 - 1897

Region 4 & 5: Jarod Farn – Guillette – 207 – 215- 9558

For MPIs: Contact your Region Office

## MaineDOT Regions



### Regional Contact Information

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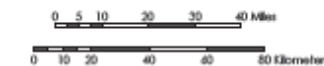
**Western Region**  
932 U.S. Route 2 East  
Wilton, ME 04294  
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**Midcoast Region**  
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# PROCESS & TIMELINE

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## **For the following: PPI / VPI**

1. Municipal Admin (MA) contacts regional planner (RP)
2. RP makes a site visit with MA, then drafts a project scope of services
3. MA presents or RP presents draft scope to selectboard / council
4. Council authorizes municipality to enter into an MOU with MaineDOT
5. RP submits project to Work Plan Management upon confirmation of local match
6. Municipality begins RFP process
7. Select consultant and begin process



# BIKE/PED FUNDING PROGRAM

## Federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program

- Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure
  - Safety and Connectivity
  - Accessibility
- Applications due in July
  - 20% local match
  - Work together to identify and scope project
  - Multi-year process
- Multi-use trails, sidewalk, crossings and intersection treatments, etc.







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