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SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE FINANCING

WHEREAS, highway transportation is critical to the economic wellbeing of Maine; and

WHEREAS, a properly maintained system of highways and bridges is crucial to surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, the cost of materials for highway and bridge improvements is increasing five times more rapidly than gasoline tax revenues are increasing; and

WHEREAS, gasoline tax revenues fund a substantial portion of highway and bridge improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, establish a Special Task Force on Highway and Bridge Financing to advise the Governor on alternative methods of financing the highway and bridge maintenance and improvement activities.

MEMBERSHIP

The members shall include:

Harvey E. DeVane, General Manager, WDEA Radio (Chairman) William Bullock, President, Merrill Trust Co. Arthur J. Haug, President, Forster Manufacturing Co. Paul K. McCann, Manager-Public Affairs, Great Northern Paper Co. Dana Connors, City Manager, Presque Isle Jean Childs, Westbrook John S. Dexter, Saco Rodney L. Scribner, Commissioner of Finance & Administration Roger L. Mallar, Commissioner of Transportation James A. Mardin, Vice Pres. for Traffic, Merrill Transport Co. H. Blaine Sanborn, President, Sanborn's Motor Express, Inc. Alton E. Cianchette, President, Cianbro Corp. Ralph E. Leonard, Treasurer, H. E. Sargent, Inc. Senator Jerome A. Emerson Senator Ronald E. Usher Representative George A. Carroll Representative Elizabeth H. Mitchell Representative Richard E. McKean Representative Orland G. McPherson Representative Richard G. Morton

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibility of the Task Force shall be:

- to review current funding methods for the financing of Maine's highway and bridge programs.
- (2) to evaluate the impact which reduced gasoline consumption is likely to have on gasoline tax revenues.
- (3) to examine the probable effects of inflation on the cost of materials used in the highway and bridge programs.
- (4) to examine and evaluate available alternative methods for funding the highway maintenance and improvement programs.
- (5) to make recommendations regarding the future funding of the highway and bridge programs.

ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The Department of Transportation will provide clerical and staff support services for the Task Force.
- (2) The members of the Task Force will be reimbursed for actual and reasonable mileage, lodging, and meal expenses directly related to the activities of the Task Force.
- (3) The final report will be submitted as soon as reasonably possible.
- (4) This Executive Order will terminate with the submission of the final report.

BRENNAN. Governor of Maine