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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Authorizing State Highway Commission to Construct Certain Highway Facilities on Interstate Highway 95 in the Towns of Kittery and York.**

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State Highway Commission authorized to construct certain highway facilities on Interstate Highway 95. **Resolved:** The State Highway Commission is authorized, in connection with the construction of a new high-level, toll-free bridge over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine to cooperate with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads for the purpose of constructing the following:

- (a) A new toll plaza on Interstate Route 95 (Maine Turnpike) north of the intersection of Route 91 in York.
- (b) A new interchange at the intersection of Route 91 and Interstate 95, in York, to permit traffic to move in all directions between Route 91 and Interstate 95.
- (c) Repave the existing traffic lanes and shoulders, install underground drainage where needed and do such other miscellaneous work as may be indicated on Interstate 95 from the north end of the approach to the new bridge in Kittery to a point immediately south of the new toll plaza in York, a distance of approximately 5 miles.

Construction of (a), (b) and (c) is not to be authorized until the Maine Turnpike Authority and the State of Maine, acting through the State Highway Commission, have signed an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the construction projects as outlined in (a), (b) and (c) including transfer of title of that section of the Maine Turnpike referred to in (c) to the State of Maine.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Construction of a new toll plaza is necessary to replace the existing toll plaza in Kittery which must be removed by reason of construction of the approach to the new bridge. The estimated cost of construction of the new toll plaza is \$350,000 (90% federal, 10% state funds).

Construction of a new interchange at Route 91 in York will permit the communities of York Village, York Harbor and York Beach to be served from Interstate 95. Estimated cost of the interchange is approximately \$300,000 (90% federal, 10% state funds).

Repaving Interstate 95 from Kittery to the new toll plaza in York will place this approximately 5-mile section in satisfactory condition for a period of at least 15 years. Estimated cost is \$400,000 (50% federal, 50% state funds). The alternative would be reconstruction of existing U. S. Route 1 from Kittery to Route 91, a distance of approximately 5 miles at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 (50% federal, 50% state funds).

Construction as outlined in (a), (b) and (c) will provide the following:

1. Maine Turnpike Authority to collect tolls at the new toll plaza in York with no appreciable change in the amount of revenue.
2. Permit motorists traveling to and from the York area to utilize approximately 5 miles of Interstate 95 without tolls.
3. Eliminate the necessity for the State Highway Commission to reconstruct approximately 5 miles of U. S. Route 1, paralleling Interstate 95, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 by repaving about 5 miles of Interstate 95 at an estimated cost of \$400,000. Additional maintenance costs to the State Highway Commission on Interstate 95 will be offset by the elimination of construction expenditures of U. S. Route 1.