

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1614                      House of Representatives, February 9, 1988  
Reported by Representative MAHANY from the Committee on  
Economic Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered  
printed. Approved by the Legislative Council on June 19, 1987.  
Reference to the Committee on Economic Development  
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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

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1                      **AN ACT to Incorporate Economic Growth and**  
2                      **Development and Growth Management in**  
3                      **Transportation Planning.**  
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5                      Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6                      follows:

7                      Sec. 1.     23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted  
8                      by PL 1971, c. 593, §16, is amended to read:

1 A. To develop for the State comprehensive,  
2 balanced transportation policy and planning as  
3 that take into consideration economic growth and  
4 development in the several regions of the State  
5 that will meet the present and future needs for  
6 adequate, safe and efficient transportation  
7 facilities and services; and that will  
8 facilitate economic growth and development as well  
9 as the good management of growth and development  
10 throughout the State.

11 (1) In considering economic growth and the  
12 management of growth, the commissioner shall  
13 consider the impact of existing and proposed  
14 transportation facilities upon existing  
15 community businesses, land values, growth and  
16 development patterns and community identity;

17 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§10 is enacted to**  
18 **read:**

19 10. Require municipal transportation plans. The  
20 commissioner shall require any municipality that  
21 obtains any money from or through the department to  
22 develop a comprehensive transportation plan that takes  
23 economic growth and development and the prudent  
24 management of growth into consideration.  
25 Comprehensive plans shall be updated every 5 years.

26 A. In considering municipal economic growth and  
27 development and the prudent management of growth,  
28 the municipal officials shall consider the impact  
29 of existing and proposed transportation facilities  
30 upon existing community businesses, land values,  
31 growth and development patterns and community  
32 identity.

33 B. The commissioner shall encourage neighboring  
34 municipalities to develop regional comprehensive  
35 transportation plans that take into consideration  
36 the factors defined in paragraph A.

37 (1) A regional comprehensive plan may be  
38 substituted for a municipal comprehensive  
39 plan.



1 testimony from persons and organizations with respect  
2 to the need for municipal and regional economic  
3 development and growth management plans or strategies.

4 One of the areas in which more comprehensive  
5 planning and analysis is needed is in transportation  
6 planning. Municipalities in particular, according to  
7 the testimony, do not adequately plan with respect to  
8 transportation facilities and systems. The Department  
9 of Transportation testified that economic development  
10 and growth management are not variables taken into  
11 consideration by the department with respect to  
12 transportation planning.

13 Transportation is a key to economic development  
14 and growth management. This bill requires these  
15 factors to be considered by the State and its  
16 municipalities in developing transportation plans. In  
17 addition, any municipality receiving funds from the  
18 Department of Transportation is required to develop  
19 comprehensive municipal transportation plans.  
20 Municipalities, in lieu of a municipal plan, may join  
21 with other municipalities to develop a comprehensive  
22 regional transportation facilities plan.

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