

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 173

House of Representatives, January 16, 1997

**An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Notify Counties  
of Planned Bridge Projects at the Time of Planning.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and  
Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old  
Town, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NASS of Acton, PAUL of Sanford, TUTTLE of Sanford,  
Senator: MacKINNON of York.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §608-C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 480, §§7  
and 10, is amended to read:

6 **§608-C. Capital improvement candidates**

8 On and after July 1, 1986, the department shall biennially  
10 prepare lists of bridges eligible for improvement under this  
subchapter, arranged in priority order. The department shall  
12 offer to the towns an opportunity to improve bridges based  
inasmuch as is practical on those lists. Any town, county or the  
14 State may petition to the department, based on the lists prepared  
under this section, to improve a bridge under this subchapter.  
16 Prior to the placement of a bridge on the biennial list, the  
department shall notify the county commissioners of the county in  
which the bridge is located of preliminary engineering work, cost  
estimates and the anticipated inclusion of that bridge in the  
biennial list.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to  
26 notify the county commissioners early in the process when a  
bridge in that county is being considered for capital improvement.  
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