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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 5, 2013

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine  
Turnpike Authority To Conduct a Study of Possible Connector  
Roads in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,  
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BOLDUC of Auburn, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls,  
WERTS of Auburn.

1           **Sec. 1. Study. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, referred to in  
2 this resolve as "the department," and the Maine Turnpike Authority, referred to in this  
3 resolve as "the authority," shall conduct a study of existing highway infrastructure and  
4 future capacity needs of state routes connecting Androscoggin County and Franklin  
5 County, especially State Route 4. The department shall develop a series of  
6 recommendations to enhance, expand and preserve highway connections between State  
7 Route 4 and the Maine Turnpike and communities in Androscoggin County and Franklin  
8 County. In conducting the study, the department and the authority shall review existing  
9 proposed and potential improvements that, in the determination of the department and the  
10 authority, would significantly decrease congestion, eliminate hazards and implement best  
11 traffic management practices in the area and improve access to communities in  
12 Androscoggin County and Franklin County. The study must be designed and conducted  
13 in a manner that allows the results to be used during future state and federal permitting of  
14 any proposal that may proceed to construction, and any recommendations must conform  
15 with state transportation policy in accordance with the Sensible Transportation Policy Act  
16 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. In evaluating and prioritizing  
17 strategies for the study, the department and the authority shall consider, at a minimum,  
18 the following:

19           1. The feasibility of expanding the existing highway infrastructure to accommodate  
20 existing and future traffic flow, to improve the safety of all travelers and pedestrians who  
21 use the road and to meet the economic demands of the region;

22           2. The role of transit and other alternative modes of transportation in managing the  
23 transportation demands in the region;

24           3. The feasibility and effectiveness of proposed transportation infrastructure  
25 strategies to meet future traffic and economic needs, including:

26           A. The traffic impact of any new infrastructure on the existing road network;

27           B. Environmental impacts;

28           C. Traffic toll revenue projections for any new infrastructure and the effects of such  
29 infrastructure on toll revenues for the existing turnpike; and

30           D. Construction and maintenance costs;

31           4. Coordinating with area communities and regional planning agencies to evaluate  
32 land use impacts of all strategies studied and developing recommendations for  
33 communities for land use controls to protect their community character, economic vitality  
34 and future investments in transportation; and

35           5. Any other factors determined relevant by the department and the authority; and be  
36 it further

37           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the department and the authority shall report the  
38 results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than  
39 January 15, 2014. Upon its receipt and review of the report, the committee may submit a  
40 bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**SUMMARY**

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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to conduct a study of possible connector roads in Androscoggin County and Franklin County.