

City of Gardiner Resolution 05-35

Whereas, the Maine Department of Transportation has recently announced plans for upgrading the New Mills Bridge, and

Whereas, the City of Gardiner wishes to be a strong and positive partner with the Maine Department of Transportation to plan and construct a quality project to serve the citizens that use this transportation corridor, and

Whereas, the Route 126/New Mills Bridge area is a heavily used vehicular traffic conduit, and

Whereas, this area is a primary gateway entrance to the City of Gardiner, and

Whereas, the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, including schoolchildren traveling to and from the Gardiner Regional Middle School in this area has long been a serious concern, and

Whereas, the City recently completed an ambitious planning project, the Cobboseecontee Corridor Master Plan, which includes this area,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Gardiner City Council desires a comprehensive design approach be utilized by Maine Department of Transportation that includes both the New Mills Bridge and Route 126 reconstruction, and that it:

- Incorporates pedestrian, bicycle and safety concerns, and
- Addresses aesthetic issues relating to the gateway entrance factor, and
- Applies appropriate elements of future uses and activities as envisioned in this area by the Cobbosseecontee Corridor Master Plan, and
- Is careful to mitigate unwanted effects upon residents regarding traffic diversions and temporary routes.

Attest: _____
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