

Remember the Wiscasset Bypass project?



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[New traffic control plans bring MDOT back to Wiscasset](#)

“The Maine DOT dropped long-debated plan for a Wiscasset bypass several years ago, but now has a new plan it says will make a big improvement in traffic delays for far less money...The DOT is asking the town to choose one of the two options, or choose to do nothing.”



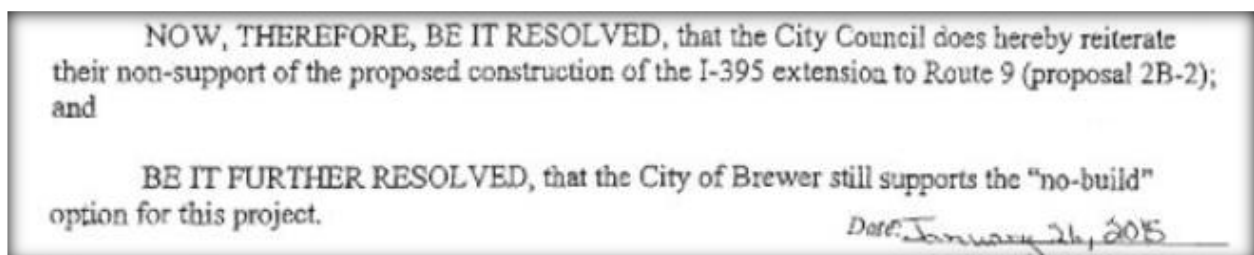
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[2 plans to relieve Route 1 congestion in Wiscasset](#)

“The next steps will include a town referendum in June, followed by a vote by the board of selectmen.”

Eerily similar to the I-395/Route 9 Study—the [Wiscasset Bypass](#) preferred alternative was 3.2 miles in length at a cost of \$100 million and was managed by many of the same people. The project was cancelled by the LePage administration in August 2011 after an issue surfaced with an eagles nest. “Transportation Commissioner David Bernhardt said Monday that his decision to end the bypass study had little to do with the discovery of the nest and everything to do with the estimated \$100 million price of the project.” [Portland Press Herald 8.02.2011](#)

The [Brewer City Council](#) has unanimously issued three resolves since March 2012, unequivocally stating non-support of 2B-2 and support of the No-Build option for the I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study.



- Did I miss the memo that said WE could choose to do nothing? Did I miss the referendum vote? Why are the good people of Wiscasset offered an option and all we get is eminent domain?