

To: Governor Janet Mills;

Cc: City Manager Steve Bost; Councilor Joseph Ferris; Councilor Kevin O'Connell; Councilor Thomas Morelli; Deputy Mayor Jerry W. Goss; Mayor Beverly Uhlenhake;

Bcc: Larry Adams;



Dear Governor Mills,

We were raised to blindly believe in our government, but there are times when our government is just plain wrong and this is one of those times.

It was not my intention to start-up a conversation with the DOT as I have done that ad nauseam; any email with the DOT since 2012 always ends with a similar offer to answer more questions when, in fact, they rarely answer the questions asked. My intention was solely to raise this project to the executive branch so that it can be reviewed in your proposed three month review of Maine's infrastructure. The three documents were provided with that intent and are heavily referenced to DOT's own documentation.

I will not answer DOT's current email – however - I would be remiss if I didn't make this one critical correction - the statement "2B-2 meets purpose and needs" is factually incorrect without using the disclaimer "In the near-term(Year 20XX)" as identified on page 258 of [Appendix C of the DEIS](#). Those are MaineDOT's own words – not mine.

Alternatives	Description	Meets Purpose		Meets Needs		
		Study Purpose	USACE Purpose	System Linkage	Safety Concerns	Traffic Congestion
Alternative 2B-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfies design criteria Length: 6.1 mi. of new alignment, 4.2 mi. of Route 9 without additional improvements Bridge length: 2,232 ft. Earthwork: 2.2 mcy (1.2 mcy cut, 1.0 mcy fill) 	Yes	Yes	In the near-term (Year 2035)	Yes	Yes

I oppose the expenditure of our limited state and federal transportation dollars on such a controversial \$79.25 million project at a time when we cannot even afford to maintain existing roads and bridges. I felt it my civic duty to advise the executive branch of my trepidation that those millions would be better spent on the unmet transportation needs of our state.

I would refer you to the City of Brewer to affirm the veracity of what I have presented.

Sincerely,

Larry Adams