

RESOLUTION
STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: April 11, 2017
ORDER NUMBER: 32-17

SUBMITTED BY: Nesbitt

TITLE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING GORHAM EAST WEST CORRIDOR

WHEREAS the 123rd Maine State Legislature in Resolve 2007, c. 95, commissioned the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) and the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to review existing and potential new routes from the Maine Turnpike to municipal centers in western Cumberland County, to determine how to reduce congestion on state and local roads and to improve access between the Turnpike and outlying communities., and

WHEREAS as directed by the Legislative Resolve, parties have completed the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study led by a Steering Committee of officials from Gorham, Westbrook, South Portland, Scarborough, MTA, MaineDOT, and the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), and

WHEREAS the Feasibility Study published in September 2012 responded to the Resolve with findings that the study area is highly congested with 64 high crash locations and seven intersections operating at unacceptable levels of service, and

WHEREAS the 2012 Feasibility Study identified two alternative highway improvement scenarios to address congestion and safety within the study area:

- (1) further develop, widen and expand the capacity of existing roads and intersections along the congested routes; or
- (2) build a limited access by-pass corridor to provide unimpeded mobility, remove traffic from existing roads, and preserve local roads for local destinations including residential, village, and small businesses areas, and

WHEREAS either alternative highway improvement scenarios could exacerbate the unacceptable service conditions at the intersection between Routes 25 and 35 in the Town of Standish with similar adverse impact to the intersection between Routes 35 and 114,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town of Standish joins the Town of Gorham to urge the Maine Legislature to find it in the public interest for the Turnpike to pursue planning and development of a limited access connector between South Gorham and an appropriate juncture to the Maine Turnpike at or near Exits 44 or 45, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town of Standish requests that such planning and development actions consider mitigation to existing intersections west of this area that currently experience unacceptable service levels.

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____

ROLL CALL	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
BLANCK	_____		
DELCOURT	_____		
HIGGINS	_____		
NESBITT	_____		
POMERLEAU	_____		
SARGENT	_____		
SIRPIS	_____		

COUNCIL CHAIR _____
CLERK/SECRETARY _____

