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The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) is making available for review and comment Maine's Draft 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Analysis Update for Federal Fiscal Years 2004, 2005, and 2006 of the 2004-2025 Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan and the 2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), developed in accordance with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

This is a re-determination of the projects analyzed in the existing 2004-2006 STIP. This re-determination evaluates these projects in light of the new 8-hour ozone standard, which takes effect June 15th, 2005.

The Conformity Analysis update for the 2004-2006 STIP must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration in order for Maine's present Capital Program to continue. The Conformity Analysis has been prepared in response to the Clean Air Act and its Amendments and with strict adherence to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) "Transportation Conformity Final Rule". Therefore, the Maine Department of Transportation is making available on May 10th 2005 a draft version of the 8-hour Ozone Update to the 2004-2025 Long-Range Plan and the 2004-2006 STIP for review through the Bureau of Planning at its Headquarters Office at Child Street, 16 State House Station in Augusta, Maine and at its five Regional Offices located as follows:

Northern Region Rice Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769	Eastern Region 219 Hogan Road Bangor, Maine 04401	Mid Coast Region 143 Rankin Street Rockland, Maine 04841
Southern Region Pleasant Hill Road Scarborough, Maine 04070	Western Region U.S. Route 2 Dixfield, Maine 04224	

In addition, the Draft 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Analysis Update may be found on the internet at the Maine Department of Transportation's web site at: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/air-quality-noise/air-quaility-noise.php>

Comments should be submitted to the Maine Department of Transportation, Bureau of Planning, Child Street, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, Telephone (207) 624-3400 – TTY (207) 624-3007. The Department will receive comments through June 10, 2005.

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 David A. Cole, Commissioner