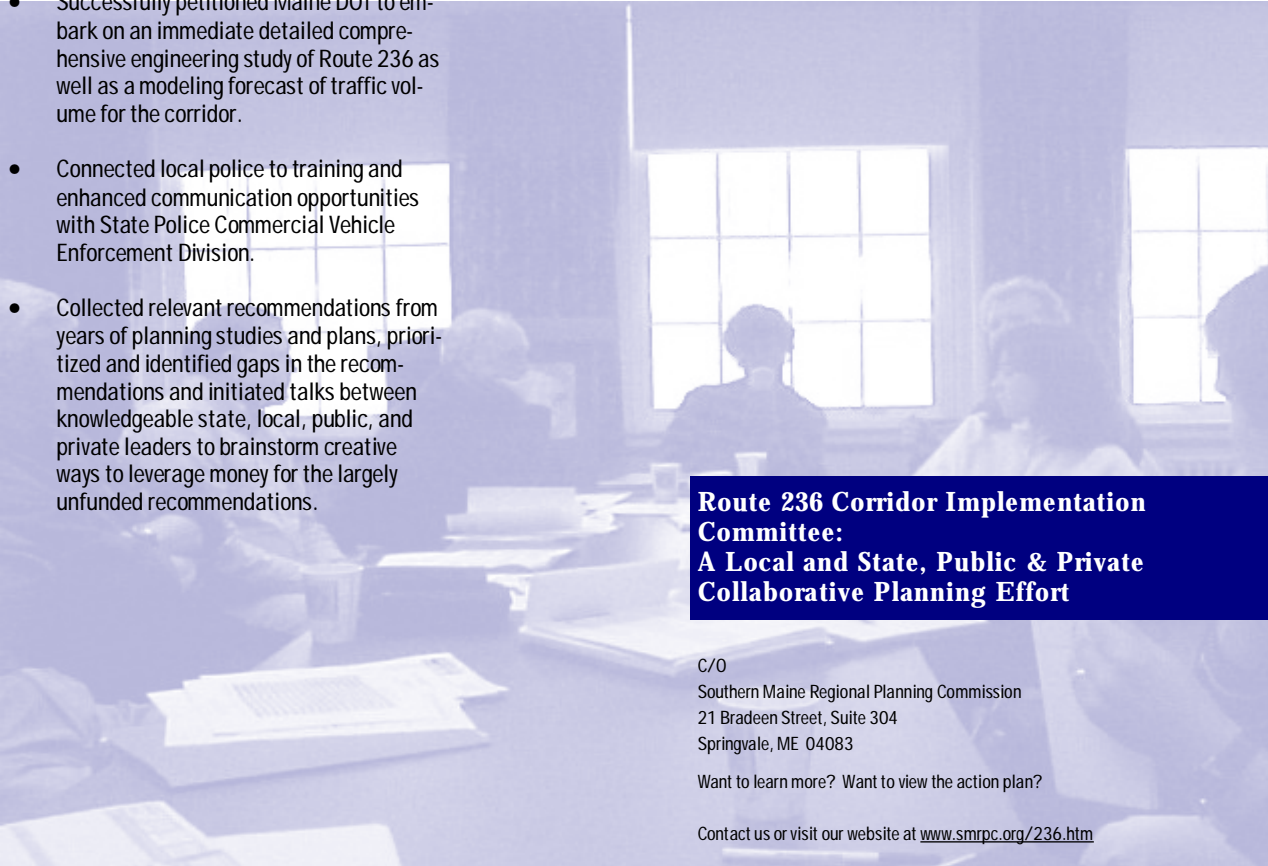


## ***Major Accomplishments To Date October 2004 to October 2005***

- Brought the State's Overlimit Commercial Vehicles Permitting Division, the State Police, and the Maine Turnpike Authority to the table with Route 236 communities to address routing and permitting concerns.
- Successfully lobbied for funds from the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (KACTS) to offer immediate technical assistance to communities to improve local highway mobility and safety regulations.
- Successfully petitioned Maine DOT to embark on an immediate detailed comprehensive engineering study of Route 236 as well as a modeling forecast of traffic volume for the corridor.
- Connected local police to training and enhanced communication opportunities with State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.
- Collected relevant recommendations from years of planning studies and plans, prioritized and identified gaps in the recommendations and initiated talks between knowledgeable state, local, public, and private leaders to brainstorm creative ways to leverage money for the largely unfunded recommendations.



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***Proactively Planning for  
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# The Route 236 Corridor Action Plan

Why an Action Plan for Route 236? Southern Maine is growing faster than any other region in the State, and nowhere are the effects of growth more readily apparent than on our highways. Geographically, Route 236 communities are on Maine's frontline, so to speak, facing these new growth challenges. While growth has been steady and gradual for a long time now, its cumulative effect has reached new thresholds that are seriously degrading our safety and mobility. Over the past twenty years traffic volumes on Route 236 have more than doubled—up to 18,000 Average Annual Daily Traffic in some locations. At present, there are currently 9 different Maine DOT-designated "High Crash Locations" on the 10 mile stretch from downtown South Berwick to the Kittery Traffic Circle.



Commuters, transit, and commercial truck traffic on the Route 236. We all have a stake.

The Route 236 Implementation Committee is a collective group of individuals representing state, local, regional, private and public interests that believe that good planning is the best way to most efficiently and inexpensively prepare the corridor for its growth challenges. Committee members believe good planning will require:

- ⇒ A comprehensive and ongoing understanding of corridor issues and needs
- ⇒ Participation and input from a diverse body of state and local, public and private leaders in building consensus and prioritizing goals
- ⇒ Support from local, state and federal officials with decision-making authority and access to funding
- ⇒ Strong organization and advocacy to see good ideas implemented

Short, medium and long-term corridor actions have been folded into a proposed Action Plan that is based on a research and evaluation process conducted by the Route 236 Implementation Committee. These actions address the following issues:

- ⇒ Insufficient capacity and poor level of service of the corridor during peak commute periods
- ⇒ Discrepancies and conflicts between local and regional land use, transportation and economic development needs on the corridor
- ⇒ Limited alternative mode choices for workers, students, bicyclists and pedestrians
- ⇒ Problems with safety, traffic congestion and speed enforcement on the corridor;
- ⇒ Lack of a plan to efficiently link the corridor to other major transportation arterials in the region;
- ⇒ Limitations of coordination between local, regional and state planning and programming efforts for the corridor



The Route 236 Implementation Committee is composed of a diverse body of knowledgeable and committed people representing:

- Town of Eliot
- Town of Kittery
- Town of South Berwick
- Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (KACTS MPO)
- Maine Department of Transportation
- Maine Turnpike Authority
- Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission
- Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce
- Community Wellness Coalition
- State Representatives
- York County Community Action Corporation
- COAST Transit
- Eastern Trail Management District
- MSAD #35
- Strafford Regional Planning Commission
- Interested Citizens