

## **ROUTE 236 ACTION PLAN PURPOSE AND NEEDS STATEMENT:**

A document created by the Route 236 Implementation Committee  
to provide guidance for a proposed Route 236 Action Plan

### **FOCUS AREA**

- Route 236 spanning from the South Berwick/Berwick town line and terminating at the Kittery Traffic Circle at the junction of Route 236 and Route 1.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the proposed action plan is to:

- Guide the development of a long-term coalition of corridor stakeholders to maintain an ongoing forum to address Route 236 issues and measure progress on the corridor;
- Preserve and balance mobility, safety and accessibility on the corridor. The action plan shall
  - a) Coordinate, consult and prioritize previous and existing planning efforts and recommendations related to the corridor;
  - b) Develop new recommendations based on Committee findings of any gaps in previous or existing planning efforts;
  - c) Develop short, medium and long term time-lined action strategies to resolve corridor issues; and
  - d) Identify leaders and develop strategies to recruit local leadership to monitor, advocate and/or perform action strategies developed in the plan.

### **NEEDS**

An action plan is needed to address:

- Insufficient capacity and poor level of service of the corridor during peak commute periods;
- Expanded alternative mode choices for workers, students, bicyclists and pedestrians;
- Crashes, traffic congestion and speed enforcement on the corridor;
- A corridor that efficiently links the region to other major transportation arterials;
- Discrepancies and conflicts between local and regional land use, transportation and economic development needs on the corridor;
- Opportunities to integrate and coordinate local, regional and state planning and programming efforts for the corridor.