

Appendix L

Public Involvement Calendar

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Southern Maine Corridors Committee

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to assist MaineDOT in improving public outreach and to develop a Southern Maine Regional Transportation Assessment. The plan includes tools and techniques for involving people in the transportation planning process and identifying public opinion on important transportation issues in the region.

Objectives: The following objectives identify ways to reach out to the general public:

- Involve as diverse a range of voices in the community as possible.
- Provide opportunities for public participation and input during the development of the Regional Transportation Assessment.
- Educate and inform people on transportation issues and major projects to ensure meaningful public participation and community input.
- Improve information dissemination and public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the assessment

Public Involvement Timeline

<i>Task</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Identification of stakeholders	September 2004	
Notification of meetings and distribution of meeting agendas and minutes	Ongoing	
Press Releases	Ongoing	
Open Houses	March 2005	Cumberland and York Counties
Public Forums (MaineDOT)	September-October 2005	TBD
Public Meetings	May 2005	Cumberland and York Counties
Public opinion surveys	February 2005	Cumberland and York Counties
Web-based outreach	Ongoing	
Dissemination of draft and final Regional Transportation Assessment documents	May 2005	

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