

MEMORANDUM

To: Route 236 Implementation Committee and Interested Parties

From: Josh Mack, Transportation Planner

Date: June 24, 2005

RE: Meeting Notes for June 23, 2005 Route 236 Corridor Implementation Committee

Those in Attendance: Diane Brandon, Community Wellness Coalition; Jon Carter, Town of Kittery; Ken Creed, York County Community Action Corporation; Carrie Eisner, Greater York Chamber of Commerce; Lauren Fleming, HNTB/Maine Turnpike Authority; Josh Mack, Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC); Brad Moulton, State Representative; Terry Oliver, South Berwick/KACTS; Kate Pelletier, Eliot; Tom Reinauer, SMRPC; Rick Rossiter, Kittery/KACTS; John Rudolph, South Berwick; Duane Scott, Maine DOT; Steve Workman, Eastern Trail Management District.

Staff & Committee Activities Since May Meeting

Several activities have occurred since the last Route 236 Corridor Implementation Meeting on May 5, 2005. These activities are described below.

Commercial Vehicle Overlimit Permitting Meeting

KACTS and the Route 236 Corridor Implementation Committee convened a Commercial Vehicle Overlimit Permitting Meeting on May 25th (see meeting notes memo for detailed information about that meeting). Tom Reinauer noted that Gary Hinckley of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services Division, Chris Grotton of the Maine State Police, Conrad Welzel of the Maine Turnpike Authority and several DOT staff were present at the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to work on a way to reduce the number of overlimit vehicles passing through the Route 236 corridor. Some new short, medium and long strategies for controlling the overlimit truck issue surfaced at the meeting, most of which were transferred into the Route 236 Corridor Committee Plan. Both the Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services and the Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division have agreed to implement some short term steps to increase cooperative efforts with corridor communities. A follow-up meeting is set to be scheduled, this time with more representation from the trucking community and area legislators. Other Committee members had feedback regarding this meeting:

- John Rudolph said the meeting was well organized and productive, but expressed his disappointment that more town representation and agency representation was not at the meeting. South Berwick was well represented, Kittery had one

representative, but there was no representation from Eliot. He emphasized that the committee cannot effect change without broad based support, and that Committee-wide support including all the towns and agencies represented on the Corridor Committee makes a stronger statement. Ken Creed responded that the impression he was left with at the May 5 meeting was that the 236 Committee agreed the Commercial Vehicle meeting would not advertised as a public meeting and that only people directly impacted by overlimit permitting would be strongly encouraged to attend. Diane Brandon thought this probably came from a question she asked at the last meeting, as to whether advertise the meeting through a broadcast newsletter that she sends out. Tom Reinauer explained that the strategizing at the May 5 meeting was to keep the meeting on track with direct discussion about overlimit trucks, but there was a large e-mail list of people that were made aware of the meeting. The Committee agreed that for the next meeting, a broad segment of the Corridor Committee should be present at the next Commercial Vehicle Meeting and strongly encouraged to attend. SMRPC agreed to write a letter to other towns beyond 236 to make them aware of the next meeting.

- Terry mentioned that several years ago, South Berwick was considering hiring a local man, a retired officer, to inspect commercial vehicles on a part time basis. The Committee may want to find out if this is still a possibility.

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