

U. S. ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR STUDY

PERCEPTION SURVEY

The Maine Department of Transportation is conducting a study of U. S. Route 1, between Bath and Bucksport, to identify both short and long range highway needs along the corridor and to establish a prioritized plan to address those needs. This survey is being conducted in conjunction with that study to help provide a basic understanding of the perception of local officials, residents, and others along Route 1 as to existing conditions, improvement needs, and solutions. Your cooperation in responding to this survey would be greatly appreciated.

1. In what town or city do you now live? _____

2. Do you operate or have an interest in a business along Route 1?
Yes ___ No ___

3. How do you view the issue of traffic flow and safety on Route 1 in general?
___ a. An important issue now that requires immediate attention
___ b. A growing problem that warrants study
___ c. An emerging issue that will require study
___ d. Not a problem now

4. Which option best describes your vision of what Route 1 should be?
___ a. A high speed arterial with limited access bypasses around town centers.
___ b. A high speed arterial between town centers with reduced speed segments through town centers.
___ c. A moderate speed arterial coupled with a total in-land, toll-financed, bypass located as close to Route 1 as possible.
___ d. Other _____

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning EXCELLENT and 5 meaning POOR, how would you rate summer traffic conditions along Route 1?
In your locality ___ Overall ___

6. Would you say that over the last five years traffic conditions along Route 1 are: Better ___ About The Same ___ Worse ___

7. What hour of the day during the summer would you say that traffic is the worst? _____

8. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning MOST CONCERNED and 5 meaning NOT CONCERNED, rank how you view the following Route 1 issues.

<u>In Your Locality</u>	<u>Overall</u>	
___	___	a. Roadway safety
___	___	b. Summer traffic congestion
___	___	c. Pedestrian/bicycle safety
___	___	d. Strip development/entrances
___	___	e. Roadway/bridge deterioration
___	___	f. Air, noise pollution
___	___	g. Other _____

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9. On a scale of 1 to 5, with a rating of 1 meaning EXCELLENT and a rating of 5 meaning POOR, rate the following features of Route 1.

In Your Locality Overall

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| ___ | ___ | a. Road surface |
| ___ | ___ | b. Width of driving lanes |
| ___ | ___ | c. Visibility of road signs |
| ___ | ___ | d. Entering/exiting traffic |
| ___ | ___ | e. Number of lanes |
| ___ | ___ | f. Breakdown lanes/shoulders |
| ___ | ___ | g. Other _____ |

10. The purpose of the majority of your trips on Route 1 is:
Work ___ Shopping ___ Recreational/Social ___ Other ___

11. At what point(s) along Route 1 do you think traffic congestion is the worst? _____

What specific remedial actions should be taken? _____

12. What immediate steps could be taken to improve overall traffic flow/safety along Route 1? _____

13. What long term strategies should be undertaken to address present and future problems on the corridor? _____

14. Would you support a new inland toll road/corridor highway that would move commercial and thru traffic off coastal Route 1?

Yes ___ No ___

15. Would you pay to utilize public transportation (bus, rail, etc), if available, for travel along the Route 1 corridor?

Yes ___ No ___

GENERAL REMARKS _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO:

* YOUR LOCAL ROUTE 1 STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

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