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Dear Members of the Board:

MaineDOT is aware of your concern regarding the pavement condition of Route 69 in Carmel and has recently evaluated this corridor. As a state aid collector road averaging approximately 1200 vehicle per day, this road is classified as a Highway Corridor Priority (HCP) 4. HCP 4 corridors are those that MaineDOT aims to treat with a cyclical Light Capital Pavement (LCP) treatment every seven years. Because these roads are considered "unbuilt", and have never received a treatment to the gravel base, the intent of LCP is not to structurally improve the road. Rather, this pavement is aimed at improving overall ride quality and sealing the roadway surface to mitigate infiltration of surficial water in an attempt to minimize base failure and frost heaves.

Please understand that of MaineDOT's approximately 8800 miles of road, nearly 4300 miles fall into this "unbuilt" category and thus receive a cyclical LCP treatment. MaineDOT monitors pavement condition and balances the need of prescribed treatments with available funds and logistics of grouping geographic segments to produce larger LCP contracts to solicit better bid prices. This approach is taken to realize the greatest impact to the transportation system as a whole, in an effort to responsibly expend our resources and create the greatest benefit for the largest number of users of the system.

As a temporary remedy, MaineDOT is proposing to dedicate some resources to provide some spot shimming along the worst portions of Route 69 between the interstate and Route 2 as a holding action until the LCP treatment can occur.

We look forward to ongoing discussions regarding this and any other stretch of road, as well as how our corridor prioritization process and candidate selection works.

Sincerely,

Steven Theborge
Region Manager