

## Transportation Bond Referendum June 10

**\$23 million in transportation funding will leverage up to \$26.52 million in federal and private matching funds**

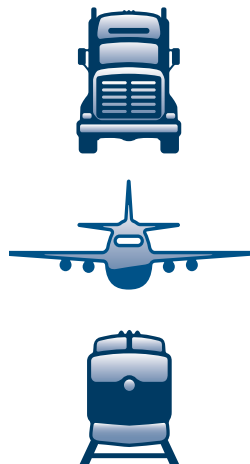
ON JUNE 10, MAINE CITIZENS WILL VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. On the statewide ballot, QUESTION 1 will be a bond referendum for \$29.7 million. The bond includes \$23 million for a range of transportation infrastructure improvements including essential highway and bridge projects, passenger and freight rail, aviation and port improvements, investment in the state's public transit systems and bicycle and pedestrian trails. The bond also includes funding for \$6.7 million to develop clean air and natural resource programs.\*

### Please vote on this important issue

This is an important issue that impacts our families, our communities and our economy. Please remember to vote on June 10 and urge your friends and family to also weigh in on this issue that will bring jobs to Maine and make our transportation system safer and more efficient. The \$10 million for highway and bridges – along with matching funds - supports up to 1,224 good-paying jobs for Maine workers. The other components of the bond create or sustain additional jobs. Below is a snapshot of the investments in Maine's economy and transportation infrastructure that will result. For more information or to join the Vote Yes on #1 Coalition, visit [www.mbtaonline.org](http://www.mbtaonline.org).

- **STATEWIDE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE PROJECTS: \$10 MILLION** *Will leverage \$16 million in federal matching funds*

To fund critical statewide highway reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects in MaineDOT's biennial Work Plan. If the bond is rejected, MaineDOT will have to further delay several projects from the Work Plan, including some backlogged during cuts in 2006.



- **PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL SYSTEMS: \$9.675 MILLION** *Will leverage \$2.5 million in federal and private matches*

To provide essential upgrades to passenger and freight rail systems throughout the state to improve safety, reduce freight shipping times and prepare for expansion of passenger rail service to new areas of the state.



- **PORT AND FERRY IMPROVEMENTS: \$1.2 MILLION**

To rebuild a facility for the U.S. Coast Guard in Portland Harbor and to help refurbish ferries and facilities for the Casco Bay Island Transit District.



### QUESTION 1: Bond Issue

'Do you favor a \$29,725,000 bond issue for natural resource, agricultural and transportation infrastructure that will leverage \$29,780,000 in other funds?'

- **STATEWIDE TRANSIT SYSTEMS: \$1 MILLION** *Will leverage up to \$4 million in federal funds*

To purchase vehicles, including disabled-accessible buses, for Maine's 20 transit providers and the GO MAINE vanpool program. A new system is planned for Brunswick, and connecting service is also planned for the St. John Valley.

- **AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS: \$200,000**

To support pavement preservation at Maine's publicly owned airports.

- **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAILS: \$950,000** *Will leverage \$2.8 million in federal funding*

To construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities including trails throughout the state and to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety for kids going to school and after-school activities.

\* The bond referendum also provides \$4.4 million to the Department of Environmental Protection for small community grants to address failing septic systems; to clean up hazardous waste at municipal and industrial landfill sites; and for air quality monitoring equipment. Another \$2.3 million is for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) for hatchery rehabilitation and dam repair.