

MEMORANDUM

To: Bowdoinham Selectboard
From: Community Development Advisory Committee
Date: June 6, 2023
Re: Recommendation for DOT BikePed Grant
Application

Recommendation:

CDAC unanimously recommends that the Town of Bowdoinham apply for a MaineDOT BikePed Program grant to extend the sidewalk along Main Street 1,510 feet west along the south side towards our population centers in alignment with the goals and recommendations of the 2010 Walkable Village Plan. We recommend a motion from the Select Board to allow the town to apply for this grant. We propose using the CMP TIF to fund this project which will not entail any outlay of town money.

Background

We have an opportunity to apply for a MaineDOT BikePed Program grant to further the 2010 Walkable Village Plan. The MaineDOT BikePed Program principally supports locally-initiated projects that improve the community transportation environment, economic vibrancy, safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, downtown revitalization initiatives and environmental mitigation.

We are requesting to apply for a grant award of \$720,000 (the maximum allowable grant amount) and for approval of our local match requirement of 20%, which is \$200,600 for a total project cost of \$920,600. Our match would be required in two installments: \$39,160 due on January 1, 2024 for design and right of way and \$161,440 around March 1, 2026 for construction.

The total project costs were determined using a \$400/linear foot formula provided by DOT which we believe is conservative. However, it is possible that a greater match may be required if actual costs exceed our estimates.

Grant Information

MaineDOT BikePed Program Grants are due Friday, July 14, 2023. This is a three-year grant and awards would be announced in January of 2024. The maximum award is \$720,000. A match, in cash or in-kind, of 20% of total project cost is required. Those not chosen for awards in January will be given a second chance to revamp their submissions and be considered for the next round of funding.

Proposed Scope

January – February 2024: Upon award schedule a kick-off meeting with the assigned DOT Project Manager.

March – May 2024: Draft and issue RFP for project design, interview applicants, and award a contract for a design consultant for the project.

June 2024 – June 2025: Designing project with public engagement process

December 2025 – June 2026: Right of Way work

June – August 2026: Draft and issue RFP for project construction, interview applicants, and award a contract for a construction contractor for the project.


September – December 2026: Project construction and close out.


Community Development Advisory Committee



Jean de Bellefeuille, Chair



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Option #	West on Main St. to:	Linear Feet	ROW	Utility Poles	Fire hydrants*	Project Total	Grant Request	\$/ft	Amt due 1/1/24	Amt due 3/1/26	Total out of pocket**
1	Extend across frontage at 116 Main St. (Kress)	1,510	10	4	2	\$920,600	\$720,000	\$133	\$39,160	\$161,440	\$200,600
2	Extend across entire property frontage at 104 Main St. (Reinheimer)	1,364	9	4	2	\$831,340	\$665,072	\$122	\$35,324	\$130,994	\$166,268
3	End before reaching driveway at 104 Main St. (Reinheimer)	1,100	9	4	2	\$687,500	\$550,000	\$125	\$31,100	\$106,400	\$137,500

*Hydrant at church may not be an issue, other hydrant is located at the curve

**Does not include costs of maintenance cost, employees, machines, maintenance, sand/salt

Option 1

1,510' along Main St. from School St. intersection heading west, extending across entire frontage of 116 # Main St. (Kress)

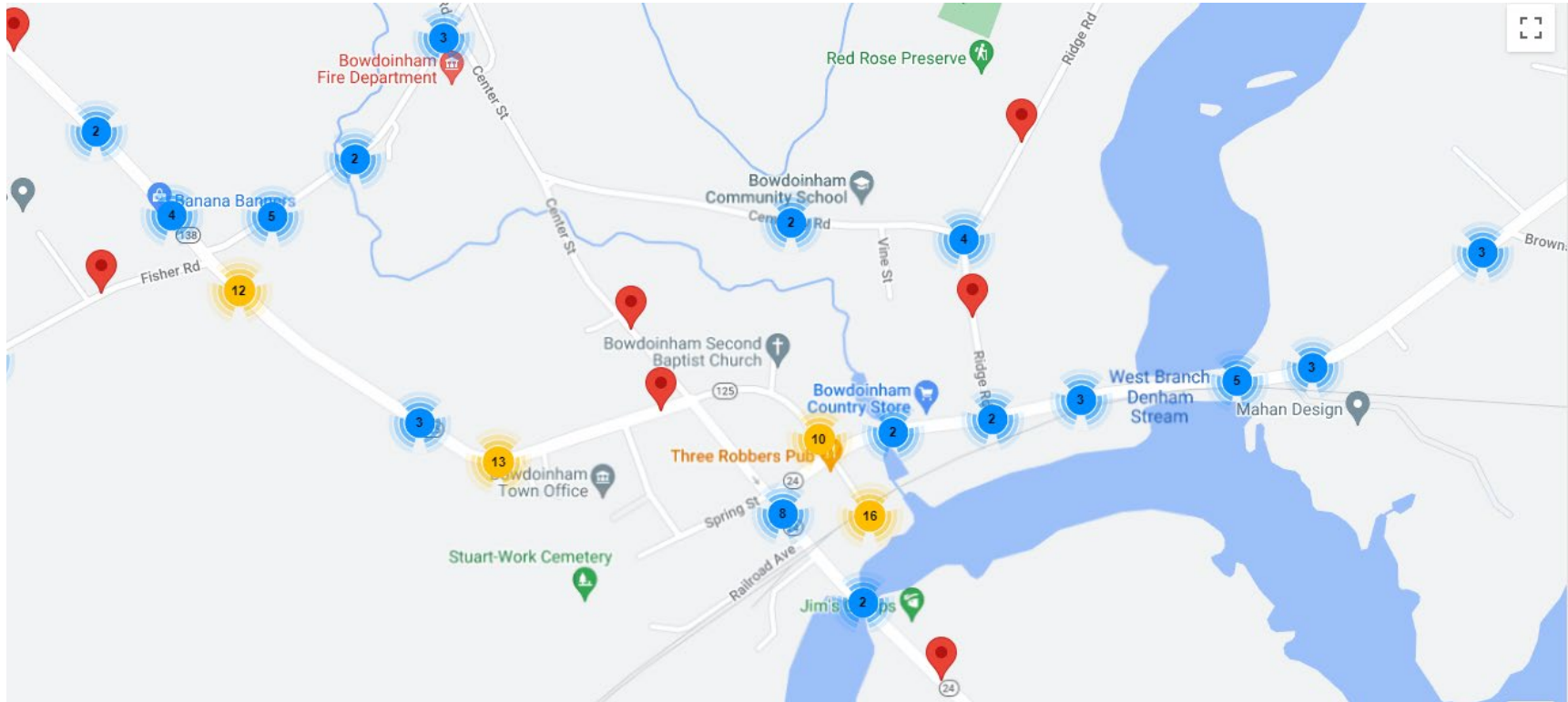


Option 3

1,100' = Main St. from School St. intersection heading west, ending before driveway at 104 # Main St. (Reinheimer)



DOT Crash incidents 2003-2023



Crash data in project area from Maine DOT:

Occurance	Date	Time	Damage	Deer collision	ID #
1	1/23/2023	5:11 PM	Property damage only	Went off road	2023-2235
2	2/13/2022	3:29 AM	Property damage only	Went off road	2022-5060
3	1/13/2022	12:04 PM	Property damage only	Went off road	2022-1068
4	11/8/2020	9:51 AM	Property damage only	Deer collision	2020-27187
5	10/28/2020	2:02 AM	Property damage only	Deer collision	2020-26489
6	3/24/2017	7:30 PM	Property damage only	Went off road	2017-10028
7	2/10/2017	7:55 PM	Property damage only	Went off road	2017-4945
8	3/16/2015	11:56 AM	Property damage only	Went off road	2015-9647
9	7/30/2011	9:20 AM	Injury- non fatal	Head-on/Side swipe	2011-22143
10	6/25/2011	1:34 AM	Fatal	Went off road	2011-3701
11	2/5/2007	11:55 AM	Injury- non fatal	Went off road	2007-3574C
12	1/26/2005	11:27 AM	Injury- non fatal	Went off road	2005-3983C
13	1/5/2005	5:19 PM	Property damage only	Went off road	2005-2513C
14	10/8/2004	7:30 AM	Injury- non fatal	Went off road	2004-30277C
15	2/10/2004	10:15 AM	Injury- non fatal	Went off road	2004-5102C
16	11/10/2003	4:03 AM	Property damage only	Deer collision	2003-40153C

Source: mdotapps.maine.gov/mainecrashpublic/