

GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation

Goals

1. To plan for and develop an efficient transportation system that accommodates anticipated growth, economic development and changes in the State's transportation policies.
2. To implement and update a road maintenance plan.
3. To promote the development of and encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation.

Key Issues

Transportation is expensive, making funding and state policies the key transportation issues.

Recommendations

1. Develop additional parking in the village.
2. Encourage Maine Department of Transportation to develop additional parking at the Park and Ride.
3. Encourage Maine Department of Transportation to reconstruct Route 24 and its intersections with Ridge Road, White Road, and Carding Machine Road as part of the Route 24 Corridor Master Plan in coordination with Topsham and Richmond that was submitted to the MDOT.
4. Encourage Maine Department of Transportation to create bike lanes on Route 24 as included in the Route 24 Corridor Master Plan.
5. Encourage Maine Department of Transportation to create sidewalks on Routes 24, 125, and 138 in the village area.
6. Continue to develop bike paths and bike lanes on Town roads.
7. Support the development of the Merrymeeting Trail as well as other future trails.
8. Continue to develop sidewalks throughout the village as approved in Walkable Village Plan.
9. Implement and update the Town's Transportation Vision Statement.
10. Promote, encourage, and support public transportation opportunities.
11. Promote, encourage, and support alternative transportation, including exploring becoming a Bike Friendly community.
12. Encourage train service in Bowdoinham.
13. Promote, encourage, and support ride sharing.
14. Support the Town Manager to maintain the Road Maintenance Plan.
15. Participate in regional and state transportation efforts.
16. Promote, encourage, and support transportation opportunities to serve the elderly.
17. When contemplating infrastructure improvements, consider the effects of sea level rise to ensure more resilient systems.
18. Update Walkable Village Plan as needed to promote future growth.