

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF HOLDEN, MAINE**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A CORPORATE BOUNDARY ROUTE
(CBR) AS PART OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF I-395 TO ROUTE 9**

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) is currently reviewing possible routes to connect Interstate 395 and Route 9 in order to address transportation needs in this region; and

WHEREAS, this connection is critical to address local traffic issues on Main Street in Brewer, Route 1A in Holden, Route 9 in Eddington and Route 46 in Holden and Eddington, as well as larger regional traffic issues; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden recognizes the importance of this highway to address both local and regional transportation issues well into the foreseeable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Holden Town Council supports the construction of an I-395 connection to Route 9 as part of a larger, safer and more efficient regional highway system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Holden Town Council requests and urges MDOT to include the following recommendations for further study;

1. Develop a modified connector route from I-395 to Route 9 approximating the corporate boundary lines of Brewer, Holden and Eddington (Corporate Boundary Route, CBR);
2. Include a road connector headed northwesterly to Route 178;
3. Continue the center turning lane on Route 1A to Route 46; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these alternatives best accomplish objectives of the connector study for the following reasons:

- (a) Utilizes existing division corridors;
 - Major transmission lines
 - Corporate boundary lines
- (b) Improves safety and traffic flow;
 - Improves safety at highest crash intersection, Route 9 and Route 178
 - Improves north-south connection of I-395 and Route 178 (current traffic count of 5032 vehicles trips per day, of which 305 are trucks, with a projected increase of 200 additional truck trips per day by summer of 2004)
 - Reduces traffic on North Main Street in Brewer
 - Reduces traffic on Mann Hill Road in Holden
 - Improves safety of turning traffic on Route 1A

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- (c) Minimizes topographic impact;
 - Less slope means less noise
 - Less slope means less construction cost

- (d) Minimizes watershed impact;
 - Holbrook Pond watershed
 - Davis Pond watershed

- (e) Assures highest compliance with Holden’s Comprehensive Plan;
 - Protects unique hillside scenic areas
 - Maintains integrity of the community and neighborhoods

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Date Adopted

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