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JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PORTLAND NORTH PASSENGER TRANSIT SERVICE LINKING THE MUNICIPALITIES FROM PORTLAND TO LEWISTON AND AUBURN

WHEREAS the City of Portland would like to study and evaluate the feasibility of developing high-quality passenger transit service between Portland and Lewiston-Auburn; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for fast, economical and environmentally sound transit service between Portland, Lewiston, and Auburn, that will help employment, medical and entertainment opportunities within our neighboring regions; and

WHEREAS the municipalities of both regions support the goal of reducing single-passenger vehicle trips and work toward developing transit service while utilizing existing transit corridors; and

WHEREAS MaineDOT conducted the Portland North Project as part of a New Starts Federal Transportation Program in 2010, which focused on addressing congestion mitigation; in communities north of Portland; and

WHEREAS Federal New Starts and Small Starts Transportation Programs have recently instituted new broader standards to achieve land use, economic development, environmental, congestion mitigation and economic opportunity goals; and

WHEREAS the municipalities of Portland and Lewiston-Auburn regions view this study as part of a broader collaboration where communities can assist each other in addressing commuting, employment and other sustainable practices that enhances the livability of all three communities, and

WHEREAS the participating municipalities desire to work through the Portland region MPO, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS) and from the Lewiston-Auburn MPO, Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) to jointly conduct and manage the study for the municipalities and their constituents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the municipalities of Portland and Lewiston-Auburn regions hereby endorse this Resolution and look forward to working collaboratively toward seeking project funding and management through PACTS and ATRC and to work together on completing the feasibility evaluation of future high quality passenger commuter service between Portland and Lewiston, and Auburn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council directs the City Manager to take the steps necessary to work with officials of PACTS, ARTC, and the Cities of Lewiston-Auburn and other communities within the region on seeking program funding to advance this project toward implementation.