

## **The Eastern Trail Management District**

Arundel • Biddeford • Eastern Trail Alliance • Eliot •Kennebunk • Kittery • North Berwick

Old Orchard Beach • Saco • Scarborough • South Berwick • South Portland • Wells Stephen Huntress, President • Jim Gailey, Vice Presidnet • Dan Fleishman, Secretary • Bruce Gullifer, Treasurer

#### Board of Directors Meeting Notes Wednesday, March 8, 2006 Kennebunk Town Hall

#### Attendees:

John Andrews, ETA; Harry Tomah, Wells; Dan Fleishman, Arundel; Dan Blanchette, Eliot; Stephen Huntress, Kittery Bruce Gullifer, Scarborough; Bob Hamblen, Saco; Terrence Parker, South Berwick; Mike Claus, Kennebunk; Brandon Gillard, ETA; Dan Letellier, Biddeford; Jim Gailey, South Portland; Tom Daley, ETA; Steve Workman, Consultant

Notice given - unable to attend: Mac Sexton, legal;

7 voting members needed for a quorum

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

• Steve Huntress called the meeting to order at 8:35am

#### II. Presidents Report

• No Report

#### III. February 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes

• Milliken Mills on-road option needs to be added to minutes.

• Minutes tabled to April 12, 2006 to allow for corrections

#### IV. Agenda Items

#### A. Construction Projects

#### 1. South Portland Connector Project

• Public Hearing #2 was held Monday, March 6 at Scarborough Town Hall. Residents from Rigby Road and Pond View Drive attended. Several residents of Pond View expressed concerns that the trail would bring an increase in traffic to their street and bring with it negative things such as trash, illegal use, vandalism, theft, etc. Alternatives were explained and additional input was taken from residents. Several expressed a willingness to work with us to find the best route and bring improvement to their neighborhood.

• Steve Workman presented the PowerPoint presentation WSA prepared for the March 6 public hearing. The Board looked at the new option for using Portland Water District easement from Rigby Road to Pond View to avoid most of Pond View. [See Attachment IV.A.1 for the PowerPoint presentation].

• In order for WSA to finish the study and issue the final report the ETMD will need to select the final route for the study. Feedback from the public hearing, including a new option that if viable may address residents' concerns may

Minutes taken and prepared by: Steve Workman

Board Approved:

ETMD Meeting Notes February 8, 2006 2 require more time before making a final decision. Steve and Bruce Hyman will be working to evaluate the feedback and to explore the potential use of the Portland Water District connection between Rigby and Pond View. Steve has extended the deadline for completing the Study to the end of April.

#### 2. OOB Project

• MDOT has completed its 50% design plan review and Steve and Andy reviewed comments on Monday, March 6. Steve will be taking the comments back to Milone & MacBroom and asking for revision of technical aspects and several design elements of the plan.

• GSGT is working today with our survey crew to remark the pipeline at Mill Brook. This final step will allow GSGT to complete relocation plans for the pipeline. The Land Management Office of Columbia is asking for us to enter into multiple agreements for relocation. Steve Workman believes that these agreements are unnecessary as the terms of the ETMD/GSGT agreement can satisfy their requirements while at the same time providing us with the type of protections that we need. Steve believes that this is being driven by an attempt to make all the work being done at Mill Brook & Old Cascade Road look like it is being required by the trail. Steve has not had further discussion with GSGT about cost or cost sharing for the relocation as he is still waiting for them to complete the steps needed to finalize the relocation cost and provide him with the information needed to complete our own design plans.

• Steve & Dave met with DEP on February 27 for a preliminary review of the project. It looks like permitting will primarily be handled under Permit By Rule which has a 14 day turn around. The one problem on the project is the Peterson Field Spur which may have to be abandoned if we cannot avoid the Tier III permit which is currently being required. By comparison, a Tier III is the big nasty one for complicated projects like crossing the Dunstan River, not a tiny little spur connection that already exists. Bruce Gullifer expressed concern that the proposed Peterson Field Spur not open up the athletic fields to possible ATV access. Steve explained that the pending design is taking that into consideration. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to explore ways around the T-III permit.

#### 3. Scarborough Project

• The Davis/Bacon audit is underway. Steve Workman has been asked to supply copies of all certified payroll from CPM, record of any payroll interviews taken during the project and the bid documents. Additional information may be required as the audit progresses.

• Steve Workman has notified CPM that we are willing to release the balance due on the contract less a portion that we will keep to insure that the spring cleanup and bridge topcoat repair is completed. CPM has been asked to provide us with a remediation plan prior to the release of any money; to date that information has not arrived. MDOT has agreed with our position. Steve also identified that over half the railings along the trail are also having problems with the topcoat peeling and cracking. CPM was again notified with a request to provide Steve with all purchase orders, receipts and other documents supporting the purchase of the topcoat for the bridge and railings. The Board confirmed its original position that Steve is to hold money in order to cover the cost of repairing the bridge and the railings.

#### 4. Desfosses Project

• No Change to site, project is in winter shutdown. TRAIL is CLOSED to the public.

• Management Issues: Bruce Gullifer, Ron Owens, John Andrews and Steve Workman met with Teresa Desfosses and her attorney Alan Beagle to discuss management concerns raised by Desfosses in a letter to the Town & ETA. She is concerned that ATV use, dumping and target practicing is occurring along the trail and her property. She has threatened to take steps to revoke the trail easement if something is not done. Within a week after receiving the letter, the Town installed barriers and trail closed signs to attempt to stop trespassing until the trail is opened and removed trash dumped. ATV's are accessing and cutting across Desfosses property at points that are not controlled by the trail and therefore must be handled by the Desfosses. Steve has asked Teresa to add the ETMD to the easement so that it can undertake its normal management obligations and help solve the problem. Teresa said that she would think about

it, but that she did not see any benefit to her in taking the action. Her attorney did view it as an opportunity to have more entities looking out for her interests.

• Bruce Gullifer announced that the Town of Scarborough was going to purchase an ATV to use when patrolling the Eastern Trail.

• The Town of Scarborough has requested a formal opening celebration of the Desfosses section. Based on the time needed to complete the remaining work on the trail, Steve recommended a date toward the end of May. It was suggested and agreed to that the opening should occur on National Trail Day, Saturday, June 3. Bruce will confirm the date with the Town.

#### 5. Saco River Crossing Project

• Saco and Biddeford have recently provided information needed to develop the RFQ for engineering services. Steve will be completing the draft and sending to MDOT for review and approval.

• Dan Fleishman and Bob Hamblen moved that the Board authorize the release of the RFQ for engineering and design services for the Saco River Crossing Project pending MDOT approval. **All Approved (12)** 

#### 6. Turnpike Crossing Project

• Bruce Gullifer and Steve Huntress moved that the Board authorize the president to enter into a project agreement with Maine Department of Transportation for the Turnpike Crossing Project. All Approved (12)

#### **B.** ETA Report

#### The following notes were provided in writing from a report from John Andrews:

• As snow started 2 hours before ETA's Jupiter Blues benefit started, again in 2006, ETA's ability to pay its ETMD dues is threatened.

• Ethan Davis has assembled a long list of summer rides and walks to be published on the Web and in the newsletter.

• Bob Bowker is converging on this year's 16 September 8-Lighthouse Ride, with Saco and Biddeford Savings agreeing to serve as major sponsor. This is the make-or-break ETA event of 2006.

• E-mailed complaints of dogs chasing people and dropping poop on the Scarborough Marsh ET continue. One complaint, from a radio talk show host, led to an invitation for ETA to serve as guests for a upcoming program. See pasted e-mails at the end.

• ETA was invited to share billing as a sponsor or Scarborough Marsh Clean Up Day, 22 April. Bruce Wakefield, host of the Jupiter Blues bash will coordinate as all three Scarborough Trustees will be wintering in Florida that day.

• In addition to hosting the ETA's annual meeting on 25 May, Kittery Trading Post is now selling the trail guide.

• During a sales call on L.L. Bean to ask if the store would sell the ET trail guide, L.L. Bean responded by asking ETA to write a letter asking for money. Trail guide sales are still in the works.

• Senator Dennis Damon, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee, has agreed to sponsor the 2007 Trails for a Healthy Maine Bond, and seek appropriate co-sponsors.

• During many years of communications with Guilford Rail about ET easements, ETA has developed material suggesting that adding trails to rail corridors greatly reduces facility rates. In a meeting last week, emphasis switched to the Mountain Division Trail connecting Portland with Westbrook, as a more ready to go trail. It could be a real ground-breaker. An attached cover page summarizes the change in fatality rates as a function of adding trails to rails. The rate does not double or increase ten-fold. It seems to drop to less than 10%. (Math available for those interested.)

• John Andrews reported that Commissioner Cole just announced that the Sunrise Trail was going to receive 3 million in construction funds. The Board discussed concerns that this would significantly impact the overall available funds for ET construction which typically averages 1 million per funding biennium.

#### C. Finances

#### 1. Finance Report for January 2006

• Steve Huntress and Mike Claus moved that the Board accept the January and February 2006 Finance Reports. All Approved (12)

#### [See Attachment IV.C.1 & IV.C.2 for the financial reports].

#### V. MDOT Funding Deferment Letter to Commissioner Cole

• Steve Workman has provided Stephen Huntress with a draft letter for review and changes. The Board said that the want the letter to be strong, but fair position on the issues impacting trail funding.

#### VI. Bridge to the Greenway

• Steve Huntress, Terrence Parker and Steve Workman have been working with a small group of Maine & NH trail supporters to address the issues on the Memorial Bridge and to focus citizen advocacy toward the development of the East Coast Greenway in NH and Southern Maine (Eastern Trail). The effort has been dubbed, "Bridge to the Greenway". Steve Workman has developed a strategic plan for the effort and increased advocacy has come from Bicycle Coalition of Maine and the East Coast Greenway Alliance. [See Attachment VI.1 for the strategic plan].

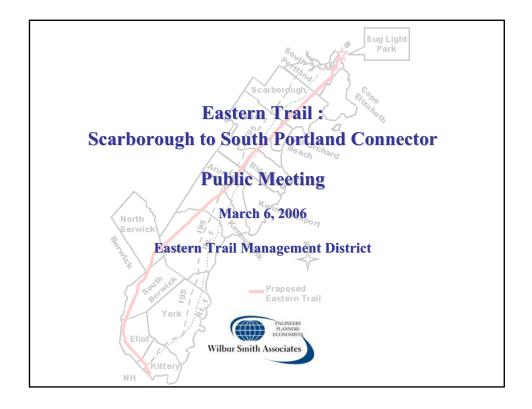
• Save the Date – The kickoff event of the "Bridge to the Greenway" will be held at the Portsmouth Brewery on Monday, March 27 at 7pm. Officials and members of the bike/ped communities are being invited to attend from both NH and Maine. The purpose of the one hour event is to educate the public about the Memorial Bridge, the East Coast Greenway (including ET) and solicit support in jump starting the development of the NH East Coast Greenway and increasing support for the Southern Maine ECG already in progress.

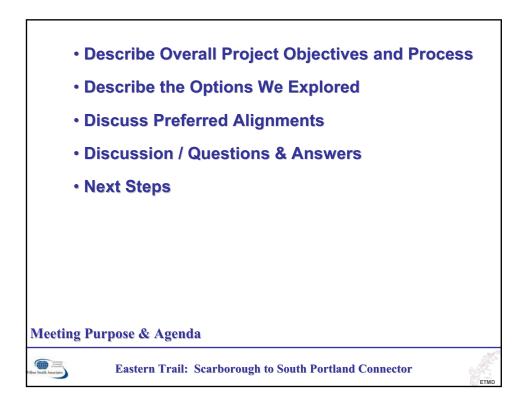
#### VII. Consultant Report

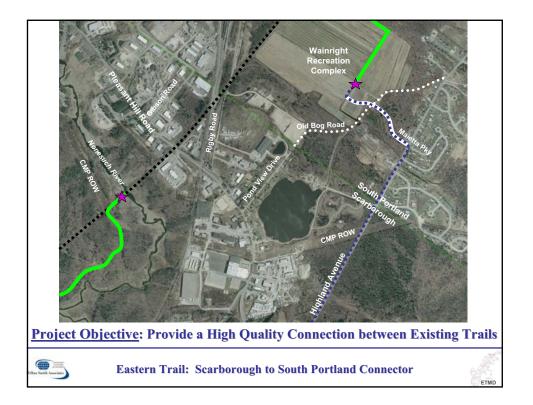
• Nothing additional to add

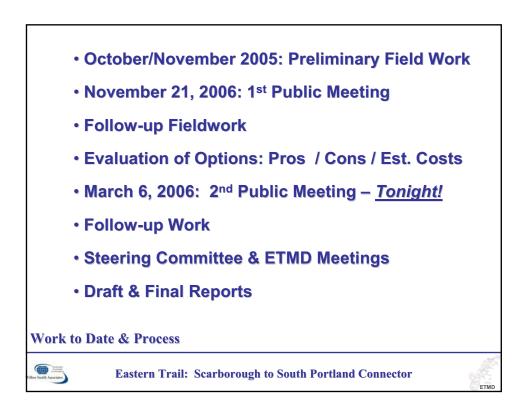
#### VIII. Next Meeting: April 12, 2006

IX. Adjourn – 10:35am

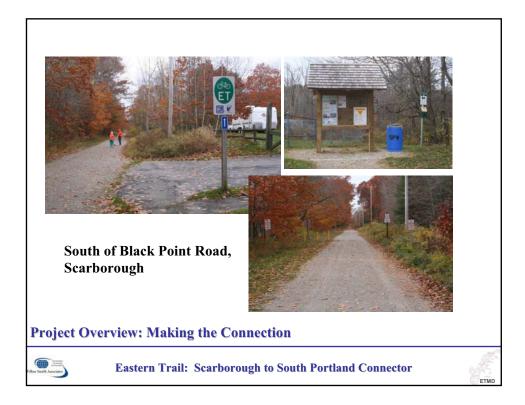


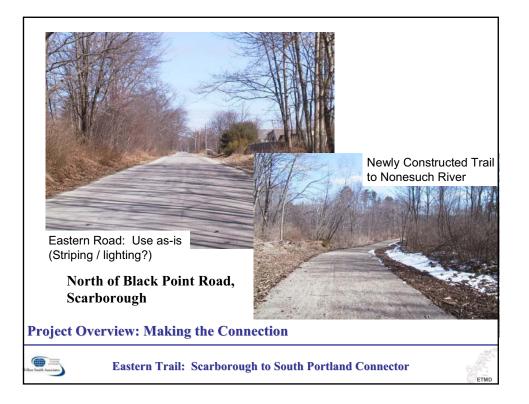


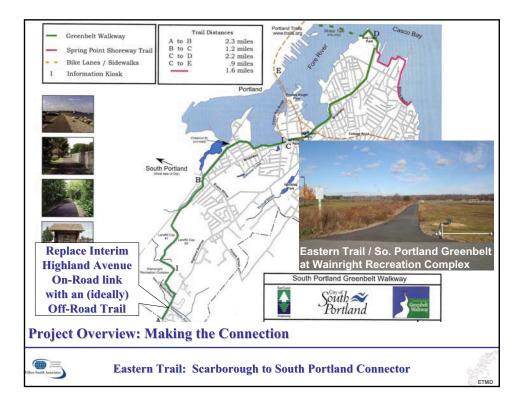


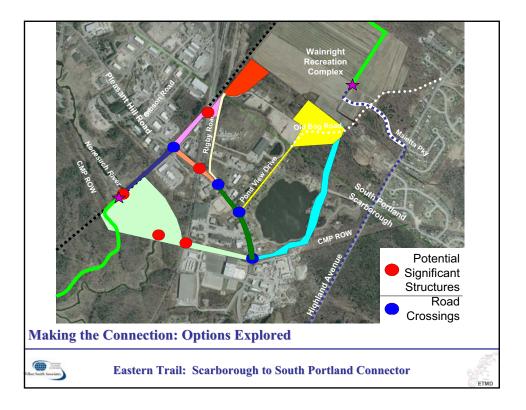


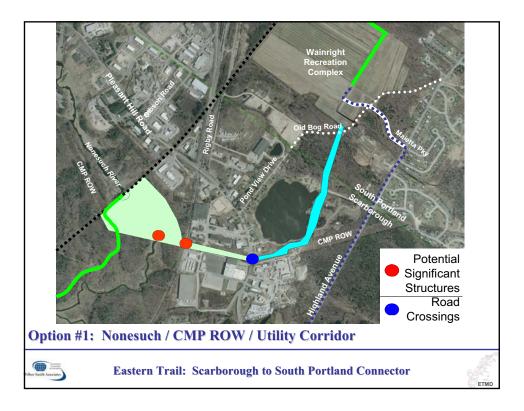


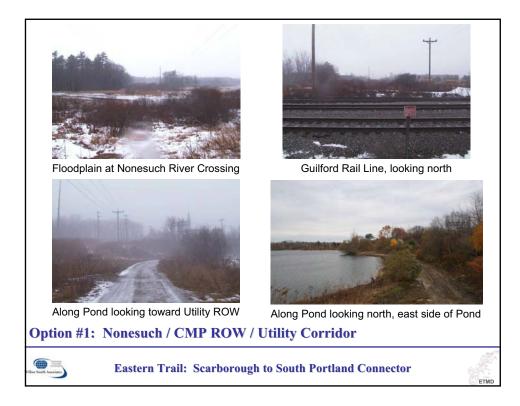


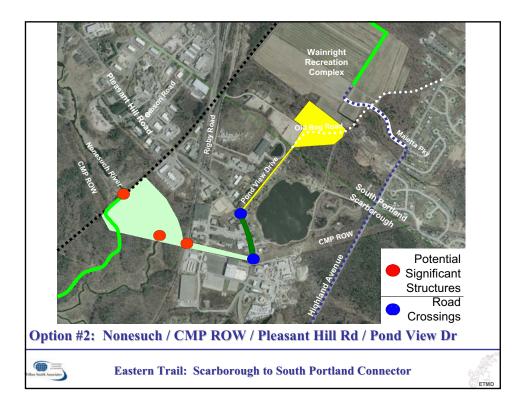


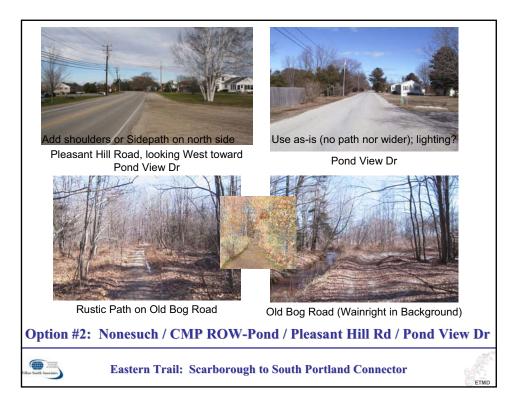


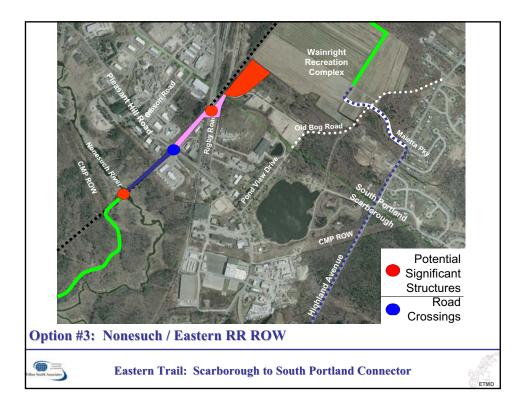


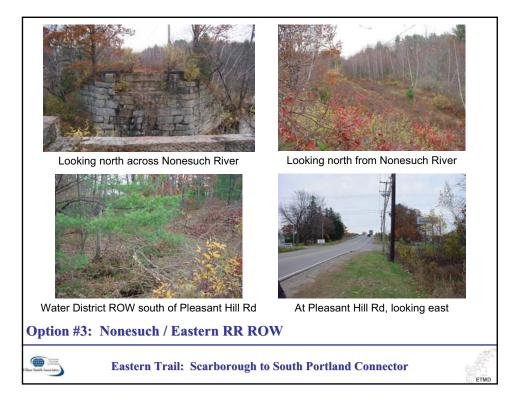


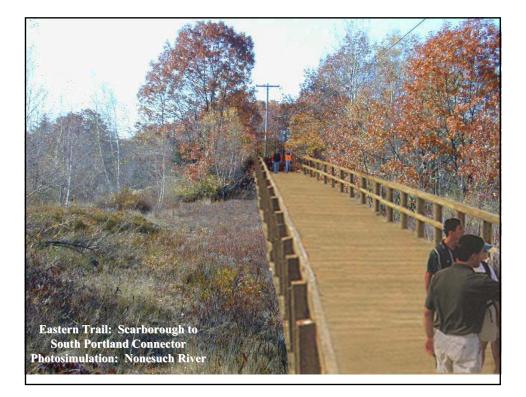


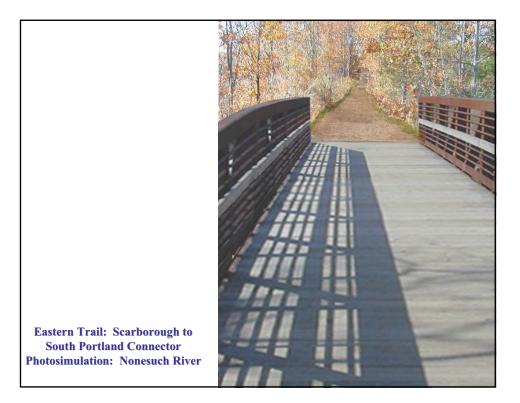


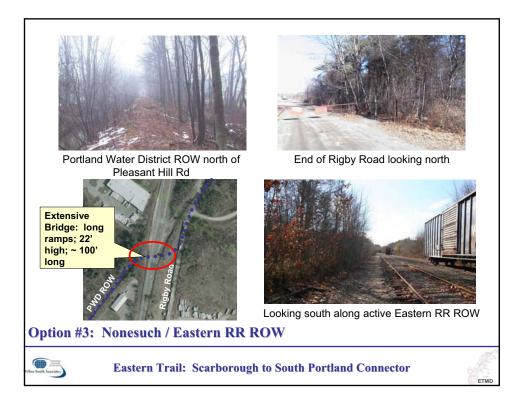


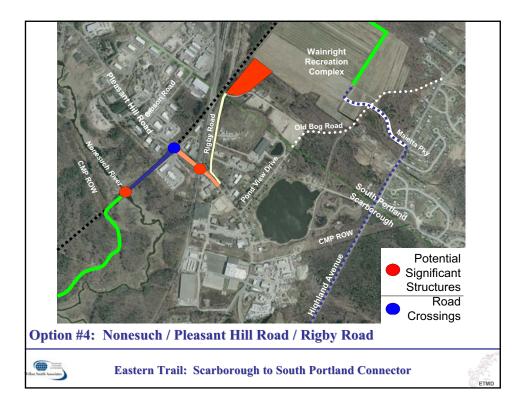


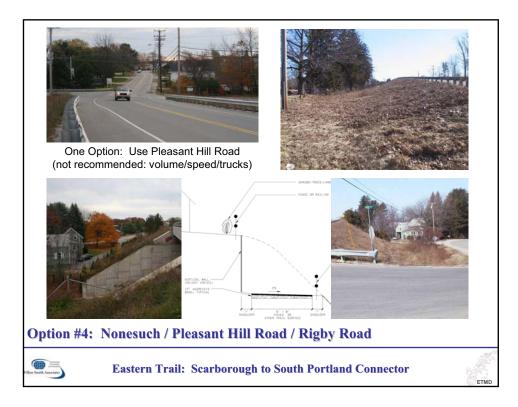


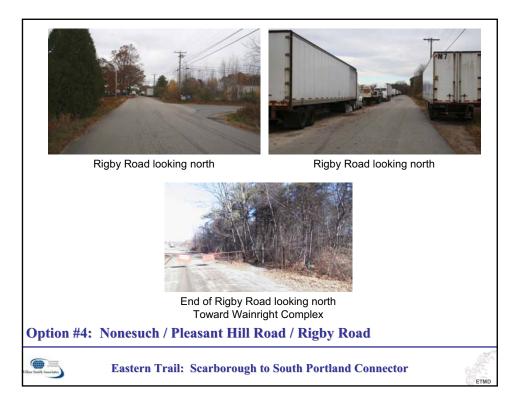


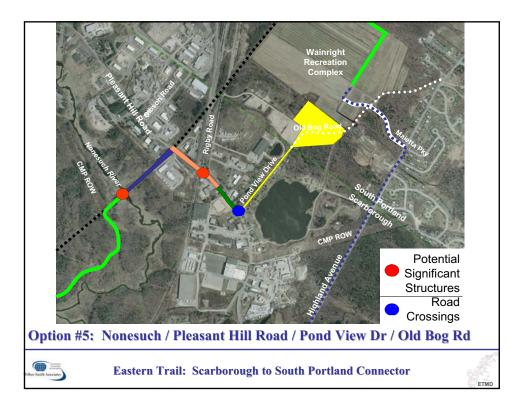


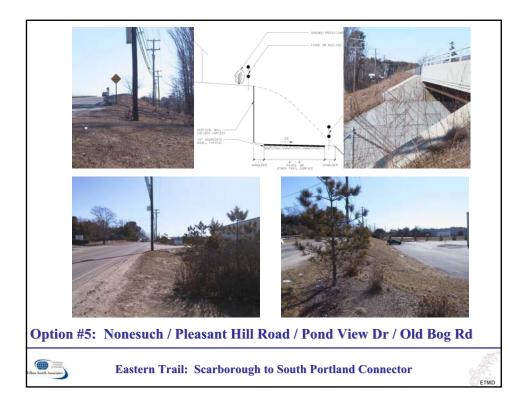


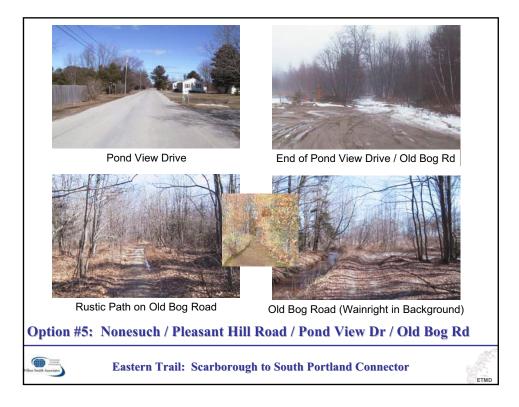


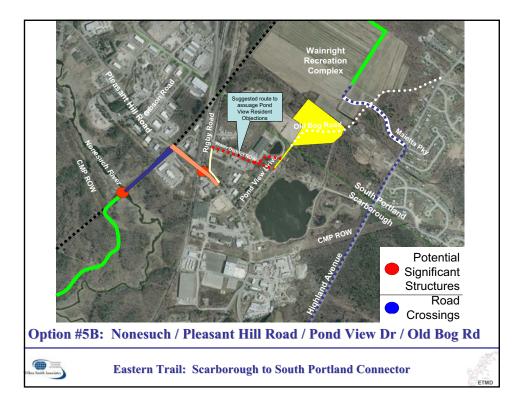


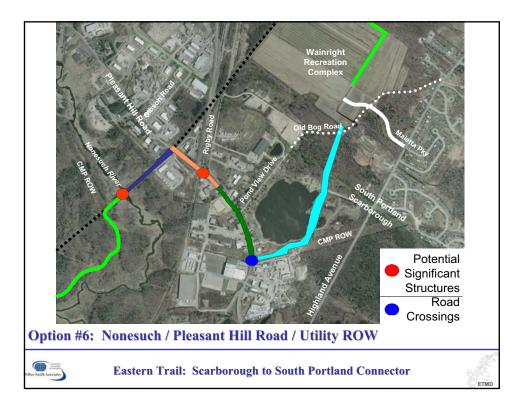














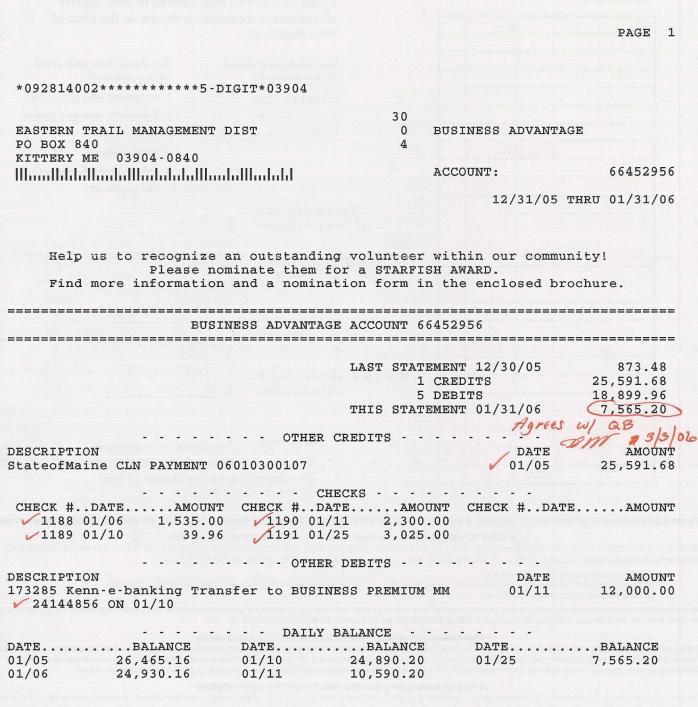






104 Main Street, P.O. Box 28 Kennebunk, ME 04043-0028 207-985-4903 or 1-800-339-6573

Attachment IV.C.1





Paid 1/6/2006 Check #1188 \$1,535.00

Paid 1/10/2006 Check #1189 \$39.96

And the second	1190
EASTERN TRAIL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	# 20 76 or
Two there & hour history	1542300,00
POH J. W. H. 4192	Daniel J Blandette
#001190# 1:211274.5024	L 41100 00 000 00

Paid 1/11/2006 Check #1190 \$2,300.00

1191 EASTERN TRAIL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT une\_4 /06. The Workman Consulling\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 # 3.0.25,00 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 0.25,00 -----ALL UMPSONT Yours I Since A Street fills -BI 40000 SU 2500/ Paid 1/25/2006 Check #1191 \$3,025.00

11:01 AM

03/03/06

### Eastern Trail Management District Reconciliation Detail Checking Account, Period Ending 01/31/2006

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balan	се					873.48
Cleared Tra	nsactions					
Checks a	nd Payments - 5	items				
Check	1/4/2006	1188	Workman Consulting	Х	-1,535.00	-1,535.00
Check	1/5/2006	1190	RHR Smith & Comp	Х	-2,300.00	-3,835.00
Check	1/5/2006	1189	White Sign	Х	-39.96	-3,874.96
Transfer	1/10/2006			Х	-12,000.00	-15,874.96
Check	1/24/2006	1191	Workman Consulting	X	-3,025.00	-18,899.96
Total Chee	cks and Payments	S			-18,899.96	-18,899.96
	and Credits - 1 if	tem				
Deposit	1/5/2006			Х	25,591.68	25,591.68
Total Depo	osits and Credits				25,591.68	25,591.68
Total Cleared	d Transactions				6,691.72	6,691.72
Cleared Balance					6,691.72	7,565.20
Uncleared T	ransactions				Agr	
Checks a	nd Payments - 3	items			2	PM 3/3
Invoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-7,906.31	-7,906.31
Invoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-8,597.88	-16,504.19
nvoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-9,087.49	-25,591.68
Total Chec	cks and Payments	6			-25,591.68	-25,591.68
Total Unclear	red Transactions				-25,591.68	-25,591.68
Register Balance	as of 01/31/2006				-18,899.96	-18,026.48
New Transa	ctions					
Checks an	nd Payments - 2	items				
nvoice	2/13/2006	06-16	MDOT		-4,376.81	-4,376.81
nvoice	2/13/2006	06-16	MDOT		-2,829.39	-7,206.20
Total Chec	cks and Payments	3			-7,206.20	-7,206.20
Total New Tra	ansactions				-7,206.20	-7,206.20
Ending Balance					-26,106,16	-25,232.68



104 Main Street, P.O. Box 28 Kennebunk, ME 04043-0028 207-985-4903 or 1-800-339-6573

Attachment IV.C.2

BUSINESS ADVANTAGE

PAGE 1

\*092713982\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*5-DIGIT\*03904

EASTERN TRAIL MANAGEMENT DIST PO BOX 840 KITTERY ME 03904-0840

ACCOUNT:

30

0

2

66452956

02/01/06 THRU 02/28/06

\*\*\*\*Your vote counts!\*\*\*\* Please vote for your favorite charitable organization on the enclosed 2006 Ballot! Your vote will result in extra financial support for the charitable organization you choose. Deadline is March 31, 2006. Thank you for supporting our community!

BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ACCOUNT 66452956

LAST STATEMENT 01/31/06 7,565.20 1 CREDITS 10,000.00 2 DEBITS 12,836.20 THIS STATEMENT 02/28/06 4,729.00 TRAS W/ QB OTHER CREDITS - -DESCRIPTION 81 DATE AMOUNT 235013 Kenn-e-banking Transfer from BUSINESS PREMIUM MM 02/14 3/7/06 10,000.00 24144856 ON 02/14 - - CHECKS - - -- - -CHECK #..DATE..... AMOUNT CHECK #..DATE..... AMOUNT CHECK #..DATE..... AMOUNT / 1192\*02/14 5,630.00 1194 02/24 7,206.20

(\*) INDICATES A GAP IN CHECK NUMBER SEQUENCE

	a so sh delati una sura sunt sat an	DAILY	BALANCE		
DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
02/14	11,935.20	02/24	4,729.00		···Dindinged



12:51 AM 03/08/06

### Eastern Trail Management District Reconciliation Detail Checking Account, Period Ending 02/28/2006

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						7,565.20
Cleared Trans						
Checks and	Payments - 2 i	tems				
Check	2/12/2006	1192	Workman Consulting	Х	-5,630.00	-5,630.00
Check	2/13/2006	1194	Milone & MacBroom	Х	-7,206.20	-12,836.20
Total Check	s and Payments				-12,836.20	-12,836.20
Deposits ar	nd Credits - 2 it	ems				
Check	2/13/2006	1193	White Sign	Х	0.00	0.00
Transfer	2/14/2006			Х	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Depos	its and Credits				10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Cleared	Transactions				-2,836.20	-2,836.20
Cleared Balance					-2,836.20	4,729.00
Uncleared Tra	insactions				H	mes w/ stati
Checks and	d Payments - 5	items				on 31810
Invoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-9,087.49	-9,087.49
Invoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-8,597.88	-17,685.37
Invoice	12/13/2005	06-14	MDOT		-7,906.31	-25,591.68
Invoice	2/13/2006	06-16	MDOT		-2,829.39	-28,421.07
Invoice	2/13/2006	06-16	MDOT		-4,376.81	-32,797.88
Total Check	s and Payments	5		-	-32,797.88	-32,797.88
Total Uncleare	d Transactions				-32,797.88	-32,797.88
Register Balance as	s of 02/28/2006				-35,634.08	-28,068.88
Ending Balance					-35,634.08	-28,068.88

### Bridge to the Greenway DRAFT – 2006 Long-Range Strategic Plan

**Mission Statement**: To ensure that the Memorial Bridge is developed as a safe, multiple-use structure connecting the NH east Coast Greenway and ME East Coast Greenway (Eastern Trail).

Vision Statement: A Memorial Bridge that safely provides unimpeded access by pedestrians, cyclists & motorized vehicles to the fully developed NH & ME East Coast Greenway.

#### Goals & Objectives

**Headings:** The goals for the Bridge to the Greenway have been organized under 4 headings: *Interim Solution, Design Phase, Construction Phase, and Connection.* 

Goal: A goal generally focuses on an end product or results. It should be tied directly to the mission statement.

**Objective:** An objective is a set of steps or tasks that must be taken to achieve the goal to which it is connected.

Priorities: Goals are listed in order of priority and may fluctuate based on available resources.

#### I. Interim Solution

#### A. Identify and evaluate temporary options for allowing unrestricted bike access

- **1.** Develop list of options
- 2. Create Fact sheet for options with status and viability
- **3.** Select most viable options
- B. Develop information packet that identifies the problem, viable solutions, and makes the case for construction in 2008.
  - 1. Draft contents
  - 2. Review and amend
  - 3. Prepare packets

## C. Lobby NH & ME DOTs to implement the temporary solution(s) identified and move construction start up to 2008

- 1. Meet with NHDOT Commissioner Murray
- 2. Meet with MEDOT Commissioner Cole
- 3. Individual (form) letters of support for solutions sent to NHDOT
- 4. Resolution from Portsmouth & Kittery Councils supporting identified solutions
- 5. Gain support of local elected state officials (ME & NH)
- 6. Gain support of Federal elected officials (ME & NH)
- 7. Meet with Ruth Griffin, NH Executive Council
- 8. Gain support of NH & ME governors
- 9. Media Campaign
- 10. Portsmouth DPW

#### D. Implement temporary solution(s) for 2006 Season

#### II. Design Phase

#### A. Equal Representation of DOTs in design process

- a. ME DOT official(s) at all public hearings
- b. Design review and regular meeting attendance by both NH and ME DOT bike/pedestrian coordinators

# **B.** Bridge Designed with a skid-resistant solid decking, sidewalks and appurtenances in accordance with AAHSTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) standards

- a. Attend public hearings
- b. Work directly with NHDOT Project Team to review designs and provide user input

# C. Advanced stripping and signage for bike/pedestrian usage in accordance with MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices)

a. Review project team plan and comment

#### **III. Bridge Construction Phase**

- A. Determine impact of bike/ pedestrian access after required two month complete closure
- **B.** Participate in the decision making process with the NHDOT Project Team to provide Temporary means for a pedestrian/bike crossing over the river.
  - **1.** Identify options and assess
  - 2. Make recommendations to NHDOT Project Team
  - 3. Educate users about closure through local bike/ped/trail organizations

#### IV. Connection

#### A. New Hampshire East Coast Greenway

- 1. Review East Coast Greenway Action Plan & Revise
- 2. Identify & apply for planning funds
- 3. Contract with a consultant to undertake planning process
- 4. Establish infrastructure to plan, construct and maintain the NH ECG
- 5. Establish Friends of the NH East Coast Greenway
- 6. Identify & sign on-road NHECG Route
- 7. Undertake easement/ownership negotiations for identified off-road NHECG Route
- 8. Identify spur connections to the off-road NHECG
- 9. Give ETMD seat on bike/pedestrian transportation advisory board

#### B. Southern Maine East Coast Greenway (Eastern Trail – Kittery through South Berwick)

- 1. Advocate for the continued participation of Kittery, Eliot and South Berwick in the ETMD
- 2. Advocate for the development of a York Spur of the Eastern Trail
- **3.** Support the KEYS Gap Study
- 4. Increase local user membership in the Eastern Trail Alliance