

## Portland North Alternatives Analysis Fact Sheet—February 2010

**WHAT IS PORTLAND NORTH?** The Maine Department of Transportation is conducting a study to identify a viable commuter service between Portland-Auburn and Portland-Brunswick.

**Purpose & Need:** "To establish a public transportation system that will reduce highway congestion, increase mobility options, integrate transportation with land use policy, promote community and economic development through transportation investment, continue to improve safety within the corridor, and to improve the environment."

- Three options are being considered to provide a transit link between Portland-Auburn and Portland-Brunswick.
- Two of these are rail options utilizing either the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad or Pan Am Railway.
- The third option is a Bus Rapid Transit (express bus) option that would use roadways such as I-95 to reach Auburn and I-295 to reach Brunswick.
- A partial-build segment providing rail or bus service to Yarmouth from Portland was also explored.
- Funding for this service is the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) [Small Starts](#) program.
- The study is evaluating each corridor, route, transit mode, and service alternative to identify the option that ranks the highest according to FTA criteria. The Small Starts analysis will also meet requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act and in the Clean Water Act.
- The study team evaluated the possibility of extending the original corridors beyond the Auburn Intermodal Passenger Facility site into downtown Auburn and beyond Brunswick into Bath in an effort to capture the most value for the potential public investment.
- One alternative to one location will be the final outcome of the process.

Projected Schedule:

Finalize Phase I.....	December 2009
Initiate Phase 2.....	January 2010
Public Meetings to present Phase 2.....	March 2010
Finalize Phase 2.....	April 2010
Complete Small Starts application.....	June 2010



Portland to Auburn

## Lewiston/ Auburn Service Stats

22 roundtrips per weekday

### Terminal Locations

**SLR\*** – Auburn Intermodal Facility, downtown Auburn, downtown Lewiston, Pinelands East, Yarmouth Junction, Falmouth, Portland.

**Pan Am\*** – South Auburn, Pinelands West, downtown Lewiston, Cumberland, Falmouth, Portland.

**Express Bus\*** – South Auburn, downtown Auburn, Lewiston, Gray, Falmouth, Monument Sq.

\* The study team is evaluating Portland to Auburn rail service via both St. Lawrence & Atlantic (SLR) and Pan Am rail lines.

## Potential Downtown Stops

