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Property Owner/Right of Way	1 Project. The aspect's that I love about MaineDOT's Frenchville, Route 1 Project is that US 1 will be	The project rehabilitation/reconstruction will certainly address current deficiencies of the roadway and bring the highway to meet current highway design standards and provide for improved drainage, ride and safety. Thank you for your comments and support of the MDOT project.
Property Owner/Right of Way	My property is on a decline where water and spring melt comes right down to my drive way. I am hoping that that can be stop.	The new road will shed water more evenly and efficiently. The addition of a paved shoulder will eliminate existing granular shoulder materials from eroding into your drive.
	The paved shoulder will make it easier to flow right in my driveway, especially winter rain	The department is reviewing your drive for a gutter line to keep water from running down your drive. Thank you
Safety	currently in construction. It is also a safety issue	Roadway elevation modification are still being evaluated. Related to your specific driveway and sight lines into/out of your driveway, the sight distance in the area of your driveway will be improved with the project improvements.

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Safety	As a lifelong resident and someone who works with area tourism, there are certain areas of the road that have significant annual frost heaves - some having been there for the last 40+ years. Will consideration be made to attempt to fix these frost heaves as construction is done in those sections. Some of these frost heaves are quite treacherous and painful to pass, even when you slow down to pass over them. For people not from the area who are not aware of these heaves, it makes for an unpleasant trip along the St. John River. They are also unsafe for students riding on school buses as well. There is more than one location for these frost heaves along this stretch of road. I'm able to mark one of them (actuall it is a series of three bumps in a row) on your map, but I'm sure if you talked to the Frenchville Councilman, they can point out where the other problem spots are - I can't figure out specifically where they are on the map.	Yes, the new road design has made special considerations to eliminate heaving. The department thanks you for your comment and will follow up with the Frenchville, town representatives to be sure that this frost heave area gets further review and additional considerations.
Safety, Traffic	While we are 100% in favor of this work - 2 minor concerns: The overall cost and effort (construction delays) seem a bit much for our poor, lightly inhabited, isolated area; and second - the speed of traffic, which has increased substantially since the pandemic, will be encouraged to even further excede the speed limits	No response requested.

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Safety	drainage that runs across the bottom of our driveway then across the roadway. It's a safety concern for people entering our driveway who are coming from the South side of Route 1. We're wondering what the plan is for that hole to improve the safety aspect of it?	Thank you for the comment. The culvert under your driveway, and the cross culvert under Route 1 both will be replaced. With the replacement of these culverts, the depression or hole created for these culverts to properly drain will be moved 15-20' away from your driveway. Additionally, the side slopes or graded area from the driveway into the open end of the culverts will have much more gradual slopes. All of these aspects will greatly improve the safety aspects of entering and exiting your driveway.
	OK. Thank you for replying. These changes will make it much safer. Please note there is also drainage from drain tile emptying into that hole. This is to remove excess ground water that accumulates around the house. Will provisions be made to continue/allow drainage of this groundwater?	Yes, the department will accommodate your drain tile to continue to flow into the departments drainage ditch. This will require your review and agreement with the departments drainage agreement which will get sent to you during construction phase of the project. Thanks