

Topic	Stakeholder Comment	MaineDOT Response
Construction	<p>As an advocate for the blind community, I watched this online meeting to make sure that any changes maintain accessibility. since there were no sidewalks before, I assume there will be none after. There is no intersection involved either. This project does not show a change in accessibility for the blind.</p>	<p>Thank you for reaching out on the Penley Ave. Bridge project in West Paris. This bridge has large shoulders, a little over 5 ft existing, which based on our complete streets policy is adequate for the area the bridge is located. This policy is meant to provide connectivity for all forms of transportation, specifically bicycles and pedestrians, in the state. As part of our project and regardless of the alternative chosen, we are replacing the bridge rail with a curb mounted system, and will be maintaining the 5 ft shoulders across the bridge and in the approaches. Since there are no existing or planned sidewalks along this section of route 219, and with the bridge widths meeting the complete streets policy as mentioned, we are not able to put sidewalks on the bridge. The limits of this project do not extend to the intersection of 219 and Main St., however we will be reconstructing the approaches for approximately 200 ft on either side of the structure, which will provide paved shoulders within the project limits. These paved shoulders will provide better access up to, and across the structure for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. This project represents significant improvements to the area a whole, but we are not able to provide a separated sidewalk system.</p>
Other	<p>We live in the project area and would like to see full shoulders added as part of the bride replacement, instead of what is shown in the picture as shoulders that just turn into sand. It's already very difficult to bike on Rt 219 because it was recently paved without shoulders, so this bridge should at the very least do this given that it does clearly have the space to accomodate shoulders. Kids and adults walk often in this area to fish in the river, and it should be safer for them to do so than it is now.</p>	<p>Thank you for participating in the MaineDOT virtual public meeting process for Penley Ave. Bridge in West Paris. MaineDOT appreciates your time, and comments on the project. This project will be reconstructing a portion of the roadway regardless of the alternative that is chosen (rehabilitation vs. bridge deck replacement). As part of this reconstruction we will be restructuring, which includes paving, the shoulders for approximately 200 ft on either side of the bridge. This shoulder reconstruction will correct the roadway cross slope to help with drainage around the bridge, and will also provide a better surface for biking/walking than the existing gravel shoulders. If you would like any more information on this reconstruction, please reach out.</p> <p>Once again thank you for your time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any additional comments/questions.</p>

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Other, Construction, Preservation	I approve and support MaineDOT's Penley Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The alternative that I support for the Penley Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project is the Bridge Deck Replacement alternative. The aspect that I love about MaineDOT's Penley Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project is that the existing bridge deck will be replaced which will reduce the oxidation of the bridge deck.	<i>Response sent by mail.</i>