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Dear Property Owner:

The City of Ellsworth, in cooperation with the Maine Department of Transportation, is considering a transportation project near your property. We are in the preliminary stages of the project and are actively gathering information for the development of a shared-use trail within the existing railroad corridor from Birch Avenue to near Beals Avenue. We are collecting information from a variety of sources so we can consider all options and alternatives. This letter is to notify you that the project has been initiated and to ask for some specific information regarding your property.

At your earliest convenience, please complete the enclosed *Property Owner Report (POR)* and return it in the pre-paid envelope. If you would prefer to complete an electronic version instead, please send a request to the email address below. We understand that you may not have all the information requested but ask that you complete the POR to the best of your ability. Providing your contact information will help us keep you updated on the project and any public meetings that may arise.

City representatives will soon begin actively surveying data along the railroad corridor. Surveyors may need to enter your property to locate structures, property pins, wells, etc. You may also see representatives performing other necessary field studies. Since the project is in its preliminary stages, the representatives collecting data will be unable to give you project information of any final or official status. However, feel free to ask for identification or contact us if you have any concerns.

Once alternatives are analyzed and funding is available, the construction schedule for this project will be established. Our website can be accessed at www.ellsworthmaine.gov/government/city-projects, where project specific information will be posted as it becomes available, as well as various information related to our projects and procedures.

Do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed POR. If you have project related concerns, please contact Lisa Sekulich, at (207) 669-6619, or Janna Richards, at (207) 669-6655. Thank you for taking the time to provide this important information.

Sincerely,

Ben Darrah

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cc: Lisa Sekulich, Public Works Director, City of Ellsworth

cc: Janna Richards, Economic Development Director, City of Ellsworth