

## HIGHWAY

- **Reconstruct the intersection of Route 4 and Crash Road to improve safety for truck traffic turning at this intersection** (*Capital Improvement*)
- **Eliminate Arterial and Major Collector Backlog on Route 26, between Poland and New Hampshire** (*Capital Improvement*) Provides a critical link between New Hampshire and the greater Portland area.
- **Reconstruct Town Farm Road in Farmington to Accommodate Heavy Truck Traffic** (*Capital Improvement*) Serves as a bypass of downtown Farmington and the University of Maine Farmington campus.
- **Eliminate Arterial Backlog on Route 2** (*Capital Improvement*) This highway provides access to the region's largest natural resource-based employers.
- **Eliminate Arterial Backlog on Route 4, between Farmington and Rangeley** (*Capital Improvement*) Backlog arterial highway.
- **Eliminate Arterial Backlog on Route 27, between Farmington and Eustis** (*Capital Imp.*) This is a major tourist route with extremely high volume of trucks.
- **Realign Route 2 in Rumford to more efficiently move traffic through Rumford into downtown Mexico** (*Planning & Study, Capital Imp.*) To reroute heavy trucks and through traffic out of neighborhoods and improve traffic flow.
- **Improve Mobility on Route 2 through Skowhegan** (*Capital Improvement*) Delays with existing bridge create delays to the movement in Western Maine.
- **Construct Route 26 Bypass in Woodstock** (*Planning & Studies*) A bypass would allow for safer travel on this section of National Highway System.
- **Establish Park & Ride Lots on Route 4, between Auburn and Wilton** (*Capital Improvement*) This is a commuter route for employees and students.
- **Establish Park & Ride Lots on Route 26, between Oxford and Bethel** (*Capital Improvement*) This is a commuter route for employees and students.
- **Establish Visitor Information Center/Full-Service Rest Area in Bethel** (*Capital Improvement*) Bethel is the western gateway to Maine on Route 2.
- **Toll Equity Along Parallel Routes** (*Policy*) Encourage MaineDOT to evaluate and implement the tolling of parallel routes, primarily the I-295 corridor between Portland and Augusta to closely match the tolls along the I-95/Maine Turnpike corridor.
- **Tolling Interstates** (*Policy*) Encourage MaineDOT to evaluate the potential tolling of the Interstate System.

## AVIATION

- **Facilities Improvements at Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport: Extend runway, add air taxi service** (*Capital Improvement*) Increases capacity and safety at this Level I aviation facility.
- **Pursue Investments that will allow Bethel, Oxford County and Rangeley to provide general aviation services to their areas** (*Capital Improvement*)
- **BICYCLE - PEDESTRIAN/OFF-ROAD**
- **Develop Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan** that identifies opportunities for on-road and off-road connectivity between communities and modes (*Planning*)
- **Connect local trail networks to regional systems** (*Capital Improvement*)
- **Provide bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure and facilities, where appropriate, as roads are upgraded** (*Capital Improvement*)
- **Construct a Multi-Use Bridge Over the Sandy River in Farmington** (*Capital Improvement*) on the state-owned Whistle-Stop Trail. Will provide economic opportunities and safe mobility choice for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Construct a Multi-Use Bridge Over the Swift River in Rumford** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) This bridge will connect existing off-road trails and recreation areas in downtown Rumford and downtown Mexico.

## TRANSIT

- **Establish daily transit services between Portland and Lewiston/Auburn** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) An increase in the number of commuters traveling between Portland and Lewiston/Auburn.
- **Establish New Daily Transit Services between Rumford/Mexico and Lewiston/Auburn** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) Provide transit options for commuters, students and medical patients
- **Establish New Daily Transit Services between Lewiston/Auburn and Farmington** (*Capital Improvement*) Provide transit options for commuters, students and medical patients.
- **Establish Seasonal Transit Services between Carrabassett Valley and Lewiston/Auburn** (*Capital Improvement*) Provide alternative mode of intercity travel for tourists destined for Carrabassett Valley.
- **Establish New Daily Transit Services between Lewiston/Auburn and Bethel** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) Provide transit option.
- **Establish New Daily Transit Services between Bethel and Farmington** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) Provide transit options for commuters, students and medical patients.
- **Large Vehicle Wash Facility** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) Evaluate the feasibility for, and determine suitable location of, a multi-use facility that may be used by local transit buses, as well as public works or other large municipal vehicles, or private fleets.
- **Establish Weekly Transit Services from smaller outlying towns to their respective Service Centers according to need** (*Planning & Capital Improvement*) Provide transit options for shoppers and medical patients.

## RAIL

- **Establish rail connection on St. Lawrence & Atlantic Rail Line between Portland train station and Yarmouth Junction** (*Capital Improvement*) To extend passenger rail along the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad to Auburn and Montreal.
  - **Extend Designation of High-Speed Rail Corridor north of Auburn** (*Policy, Planning & Capital Improvement*) To reduce both vehicle miles traveled and truck traffic on the region's highways.
  - **Work with MaineDOT, St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, & PanAm to maintain safety of at-grade crossings as passenger and freight rail services increase** (*Planning*) including Crash Road, Jay, downtown Livermore Falls, and Hampshire Street, Auburn, use of Quiet Zones, reduce number of crossings, etc.
  - **Lewiston Lower Branch Acquisition** (*Policy & Capital Improvement*) To preserve the corridor for planning and future rail and/or trail use.
- ### MULTI MODAL
- **Auburn Intermodal Passenger Center** (Kittyhawk Avenue, Auburn) (*Capital Improvement*) Development of a 10,000 square foot building and rail platform for intercity bus, local bus, commuter and intercity rail, and passenger aviation interface; along with a 550-space short-term and long-term parking lot, including Park & Ride. The facility will be located on a High-Speed Rail corridor with future passenger travel to Montreal, and will include future connections to airport for general aviation, commercial passenger service and charter service.
  - **Establish feeder transit service to Amtrak from Lewiston/Auburn area** (*Capital Improvement*)
  - **Extend intercity** (Amtrak) **passenger rail service from Portland to Montreal**, with stops in Auburn, Oxford Hills and Bethel (*Capital Improvement*)
  - **Establish daily transit services to connect with passenger rail stations** (*Capital Improvement*)

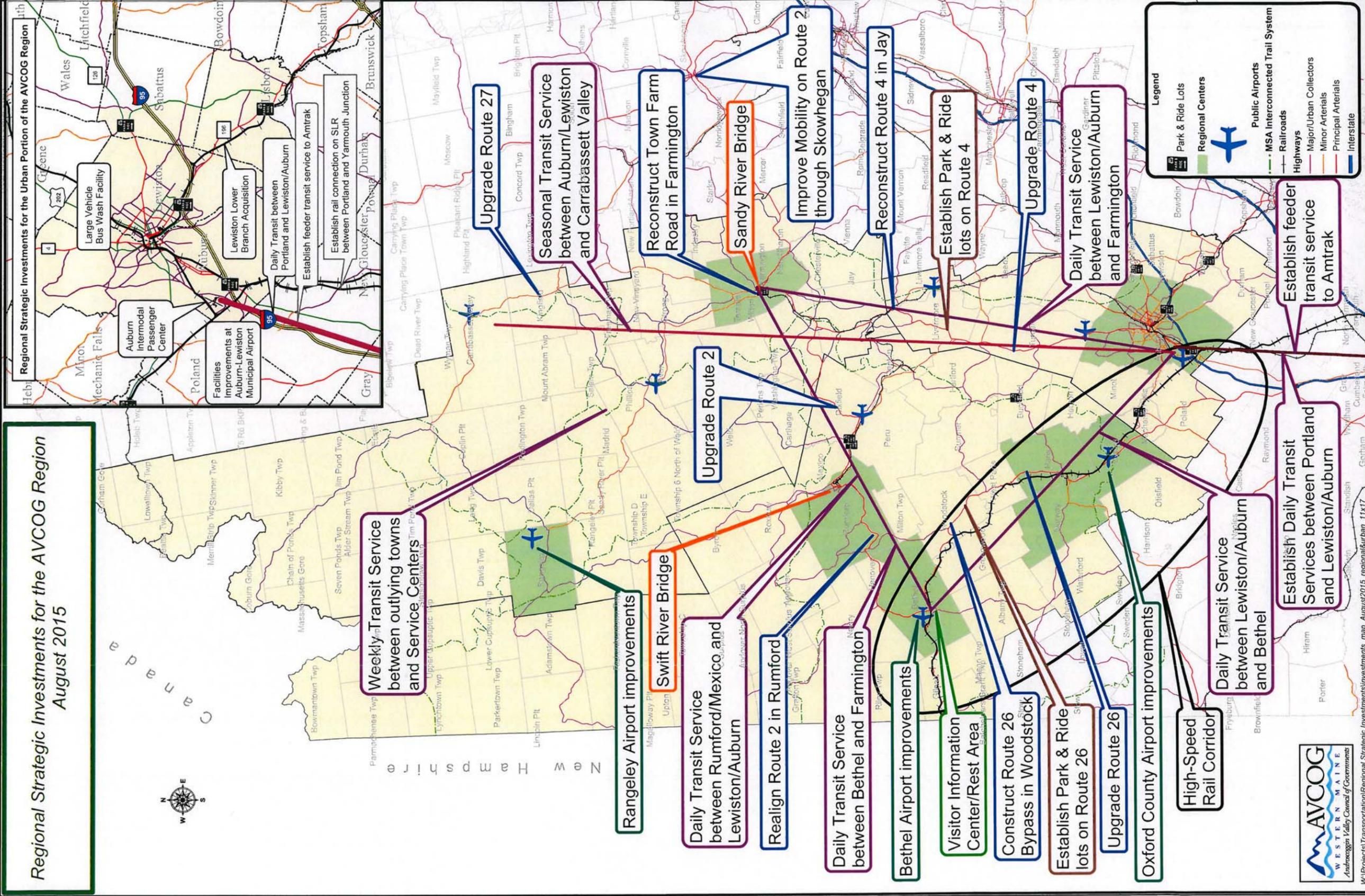
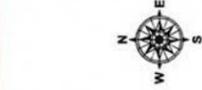
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# REGIONAL STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

## August 2015



# Regional Strategic Investments for the AVCOG Region August 2015



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