

Maine Grassroots Climate Action Conference

Saturday, December 6,
Bowdoin College Brunswick, Maine

I DO RAIL.

- ▶ Why would Passenger Rail be an Environmental Priority?
- ▶ What Action can you do Right Now, in your Community to Mitigate Climate Change?

Mobility

If you need a sign to tell people to slow down...



**STRONG
TOWNS**
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...you designed your street wrong.

Access

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IS # 1 PRIORITY



The Partnership for Sustainable Communities

▶ THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ESTABLISHED SIX LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES THAT WILL ACT AS A FOUNDATION FOR INTERAGENCY COORDINATION:

1. PROVIDE MORE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES. Develop safe, reliable and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote public health.

2. PROMOTE EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Expand location- and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races and ethnicities to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.

3. ENHANCE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS. Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs by workers as well as expanded business access to markets.

4. SUPPORT EXISTING COMMUNITIES. Target federal funding toward existing communities—through such strategies as transit-oriented, mixed-use development and land recycling—to increase community revitalization, improve the efficiency of public works investments, and safeguard rural landscapes.

5. COORDINATE POLICIES AND LEVERAGE INVESTMENT. Align federal policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices such as locally generated renewable energy.

6. VALUE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS. Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods—rural, urban, or suburban.

The Mobility Plan

*Lewiston Station
at the Royal Oak Court*



Lewiston

Proposed Re-Development Area

Google earth

Imagery Date: 9/27/2014 44°06'09.55" N 70°12'57.86" W elev 230 ft eye alt 4675 ft

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Lewiston – Amtrak Passenger Rail?

If the Community Wants it.....

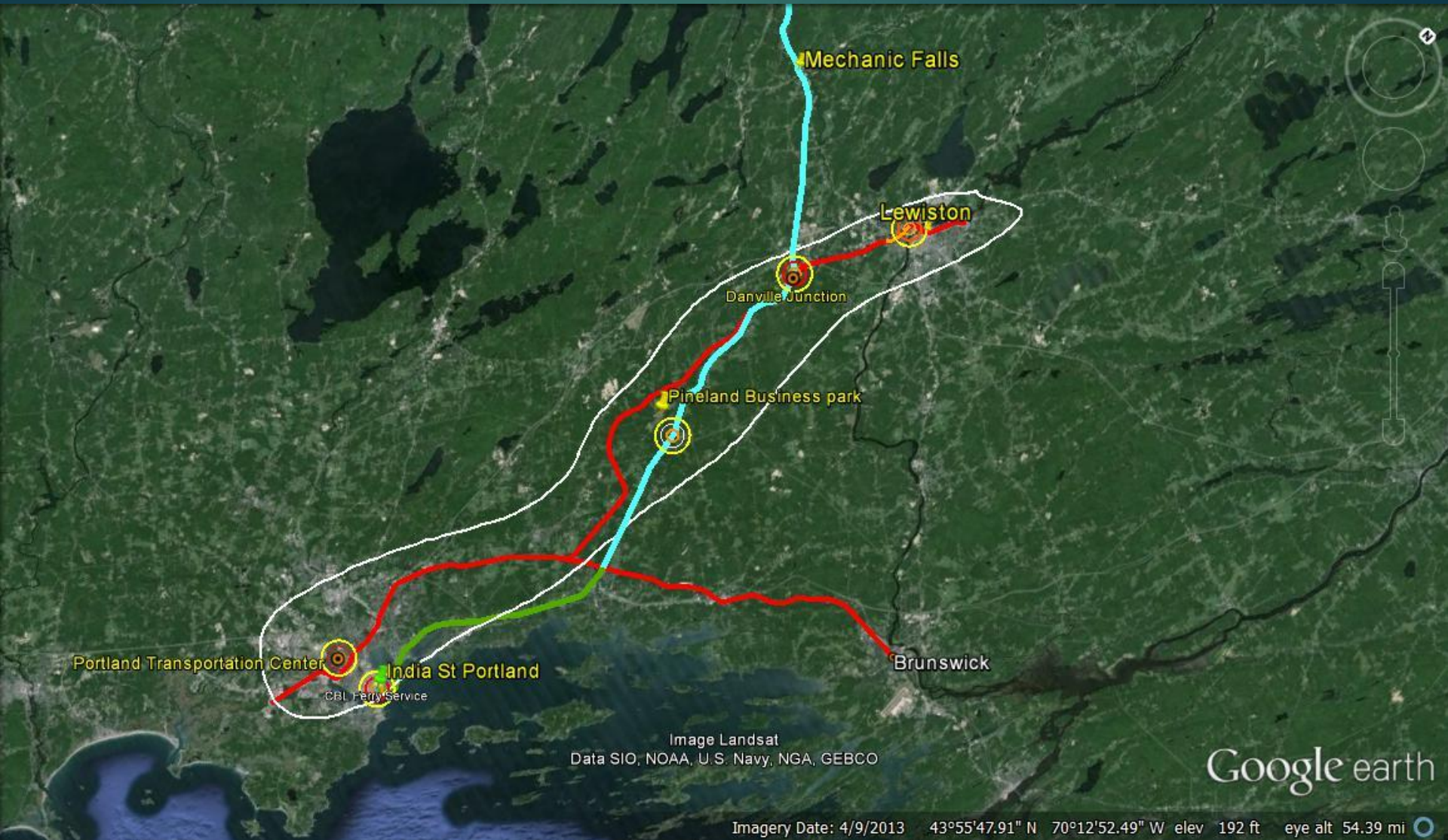
▶ *A Community Partnership*

- ▶ The Brunswick Plan. Build it & They will come:
A Public and Private Investment.
- ▶ Feds, Eds and Meds.
- ▶ Smart Growth Mobility Plans
- ▶ Political Will – Local Community Action

Take a Hike



Environmental Corridors



Diesel Multiple Units – DMU's Push-Pull Locomotives

The RailCars





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