



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC-
Maine)
Highway Subcommittee
2025-11-12 Meeting Notes



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Summary of meeting notes:

1. It is this subcommittee's goal to offer another round of lessons learned training to the consultants and MaineDOT designers. This subcommittee will determine the training topics to be covered. Topics considered so far include drainage, hydraulics, and ORD, but we will consider new topics. The homework assignment for subcommittee members will include brainstorming on the lesson-learned topics. It is possible that drainage topics could cover 4 hours, and other topics an additional 4 hours. Ideally, this training will occur in Q4 2026 or in Q1 /Q4 2027.
2. An AASHTO green book update is planned for Q3 or Q4 2026. MaineDOT is updating its design criteria documentation to include context classification (rural, rural town, suburban, urban, urban core), not just corridor priority classifications. This should better align with the new AASHTO green book.
3. MaineDOT is updating its standard specifications. They expect to release this update (purple book) in Q4 2025.
4. Brad Foley will be retiring in October 2026. The highway program has job postings for right-of-way, and they are reposting the design review position.
5. MaineDOT is establishing a new taming process that will avoid going to the taming committee for all projects.
6. MaineDOT is starting to use a new estimating software called Estimation. They are still using Estimator for now.
7. MaineDOT is working to recover the bid tab history that was lost with the new website.
8. End.