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Mr. Jan Gaudio, Chair
South Thomaston Select Board
Town of South Thomaston
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Subject: Route 73 in the Towns of St. George and South Thomaston

Dear Mr. Gaudio:

On behalf of MaineDOT Commissioner Bernhardt and in response to your August 21 letter of inquiry regarding the condition of Route 73 between Spruce Head Village and Route 131, I am pleased to say we do have plans to immediately address this portion of Route 73.

We will address the 3.5 mile section of Route 73 by shimming it this year to regain its cross-sectional shape. We will then return in 2019 to treat it with Light Capital Paving (LCP). LCP usually consists of applying a 5/8-inch depth overlay, a holding action on unbuilt roads. Though we don't have a definite date yet our next step will be to apply Plant-Mixed Recycled Asphalt Pavement (PMRAP) to add structural strength to the roadway. This will then allow us to continue about every seven years thereafter with LCP treatments.

Due to the high level of interest expressed in several letters we have received I will be scheduling a meeting with the towns of St. George and South Thomaston to discuss the condition of Route 73, MaineDOT's current and future improvements to address its condition and to identify any other areas of concern.

As the Regional Planner for MaineDOT Regions 2 and 3, which includes the towns of St. George and South Thomaston, my primary purpose is to inform municipalities of MaineDOT programs and policies. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at (207) 446-3259 or by e-mail at gerry.audibert@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Gerry Audibert, P.E.
MaineDOT Regional Planner

cc: The Honorable Rep. John A. Spear, District 92
The Honorable Sen. David Miramant, District 12
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