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Hi Tony and Sarah,

I just wanted to give you an update on the status of our two road-safety projects (SS4A and MaineDOT) and get some input on the MaineDOT-funded one.

**Safe Streets 4 All demonstration grant:** This has been on pause the last few months, but we recently heard from Patrick Adams (our FHWA rep) that he's received authorization to resume work. We're now working with him on the grant agreement. The anticipated start date is August, which likely means demonstration projects would happen next summer — but we could begin community engagement and planning as early as this fall.

**MaineDOT intersection study:** We received a bit of funding from MaineDOT this year to evaluate unsafe or problematic intersections in our rural communities — as a continuation of the Vision Zero plan. The scope may vary by location, but will likely include crash history analysis, traffic volume and speed data, a site visit, and both low-cost and long-term recommendations.

We've been coordinating with MaineDOT on prioritizing intersections. Sarah ran this past the Casco Safe Streets Committee and came up with the following six intersections, listed in order of concern. I've reviewed this list with MaineDOT, and our priority would be the top three:

- 1. Route 11/85 (focus: explore potential for an all way stop. Also on the list for the SS4A project, which is fine beneficial overlap).
- 2. 302/Quaker Ridge (focus: it would be great to know what the major concerns are here)
- 3. 302/Tenney Hill (focus: same as above)
- 4. Leech Hill/Route 11
- 5. 11/Coffee Pond Rd
- 6. Quaker Ridge / New Rd / Brown Ave / Libby Rd (Not DOT)

I don't want to overpromise since we'll be working with other communities as well, but if we have time, we *may be able* to include intersections 4-6.

That's it for now. Any context or info you can provide on intersections 1-3 would be great, and any questions let me know. Looking forward to working with you all!

Best,

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