



Help Shape Casco's Future: Community Survey on Capital Investments

Like other towns and cities, the Town of Casco is responsible for managing and maintaining its capital assets – including public land and buildings, vehicles, equipment, roads, stormwater systems, and more. Caring for these assets is essential for delivering town services now and into the future, but it also requires careful planning and financial investment. With limited funding available each year, the town must make thoughtful decisions about when and how to repair, replace, or build new infrastructure.

In recent years, Casco has invested between \$1 million and \$2 million annually in roads, equipment, facilities, and vehicles – funded by a mix of property taxes, capital reserves, and one-time federal funds. Planning for these investments takes time and community input.

Two major projects currently under consideration – a new fire station and a new public works facility – have brought the broader issue of capital planning into sharper focus. While these projects are not the only needs the town will face in the years ahead, they represent significant potential investments that require voter input and long-term financial commitments.

To better understand what matters most to Casco residents, the Town has partnered with the Greater Portland Council of Governments to conduct a community engagement process, including this survey. Your input will help the Selectboard, and town staff understand your priorities, values, and willingness to support future investments.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to share your perspective. Whether or not you support the current projects being considered, your feedback is vital in helping the Town chart a responsible and community-driven path forward. Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

If you or someone you know needs to take the survey in a language other than English, email communitysurvey@cascomaine.org and include in the subject line: I need [LANGUAGE] translation for the Town of Casco Capital Improvement Plan survey.

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى إجراء الاستبيان باللغة العربية، إرسل إيميل إلى

_communitysurvey@cascomaine.org وتضمنينه في

سطر الموضوع: I need Arabic translation for the Town of Casco Capital Improvement Plan survey.

Si vous devez répondre à l'enquête en Français, envoyez un e-mail à communitysurvey@cascomaine.org et incluez dans la ligne d'objet : I need French translation for the Town of Casco Capital Improvement Plan survey.

Se você precisa responder a pesquisa em Português, mande um e-mail para communitysurvey@cascomaine.org e coloque como “assunto” a frase: I need Portuguese translation for the Town of Casco Capital Improvement Plan survey.

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Si necesita responder la encuesta en español, envíe un correo electrónico a communitysurvey@cascomaine.org y en la línea del asunto incluya: I need Spanish translation for the Town of Casco Capital Improvement Plan survey.

1. What best describes your relationship to the Town of Casco? (select only one)

- ☐ Year-round resident
- ☐ Seasonal resident
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Property owner
- ☐ Visitor
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. How long have you lived, worked, visited, or owned property in Casco?

- ☐ 0–5 years
- ☐ 6–10 years
- ☐ 10 – 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years
- ☐ None of the above



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3. Please rank the following areas of capital investment in order of importance to you (Use the scale provided: Highest priority, High priority, Neutral, Low priority, Lowest priority, No opinion):

	Highest priority	High priority	Neutral	Low priority	Lowest priority	No opinion
Roads and bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public works facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town buildings and infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stormwater and drainage improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicles and equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

4. Are there other areas you believe should be prioritized for capital investment?

5. How satisfied are you with the current state of the following in Casco? (Rate on a scale: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Road and bridge improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire station improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public works facility improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town buildings and infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stormwater and drainage improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicles and equipment replacement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



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6. For each of the following areas of capital investment, please indicate your opinion of current and historical levels of spending.
(Choose one per row: Far Too Little, Too Little, About Right, Too Much, Far Too Much, No Opinion)

	Far Too Little	Too Little	About Right	Too Much	Far Too Much	No Opinion
Roads and bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public works facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Stormwater and drainage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicles and equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

7. For each of the following areas of capital investment, please indicate your opinion of what future levels of spending should be (Rate on a scale: Much Less, A Little Less, About Right, A Little More, Much More, No opinion)

	Much Less	A Little Less	About Right	A Little More	Much More
Roads and bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Vehicles and equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

8. For each of the following areas of capital investment, please indicate your willingness to **pay more in property taxes** for those (Rate on scale: Much More (10% or more), Some More (5% to less than 10% more), A Little More (up to 5% more), None)

	Much More (10% or more)	Some More (5% to less than 10% more)	A little More (up to 5% more)	None
Roads and bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Other (please specify)



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9. How would you describe your willingness to support the town incurring debt by issuing bonds or using other financing options to fund high-priority capital improvements?

(Rate on a scale: Strongly supportive, somewhat supportive, neutral, somewhat opposed, strongly opposed)

- ☐ Strongly supportive
- ☐ Somewhat supportive
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat opposed
- ☐ Strongly opposed

10. If funding is limited, which of the following strategies would you prefer the town to prioritize? (select only one)

11. What other specific improvements or projects would you like to see included in Casco's capital improvement plan?

12. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the town’s priorities?