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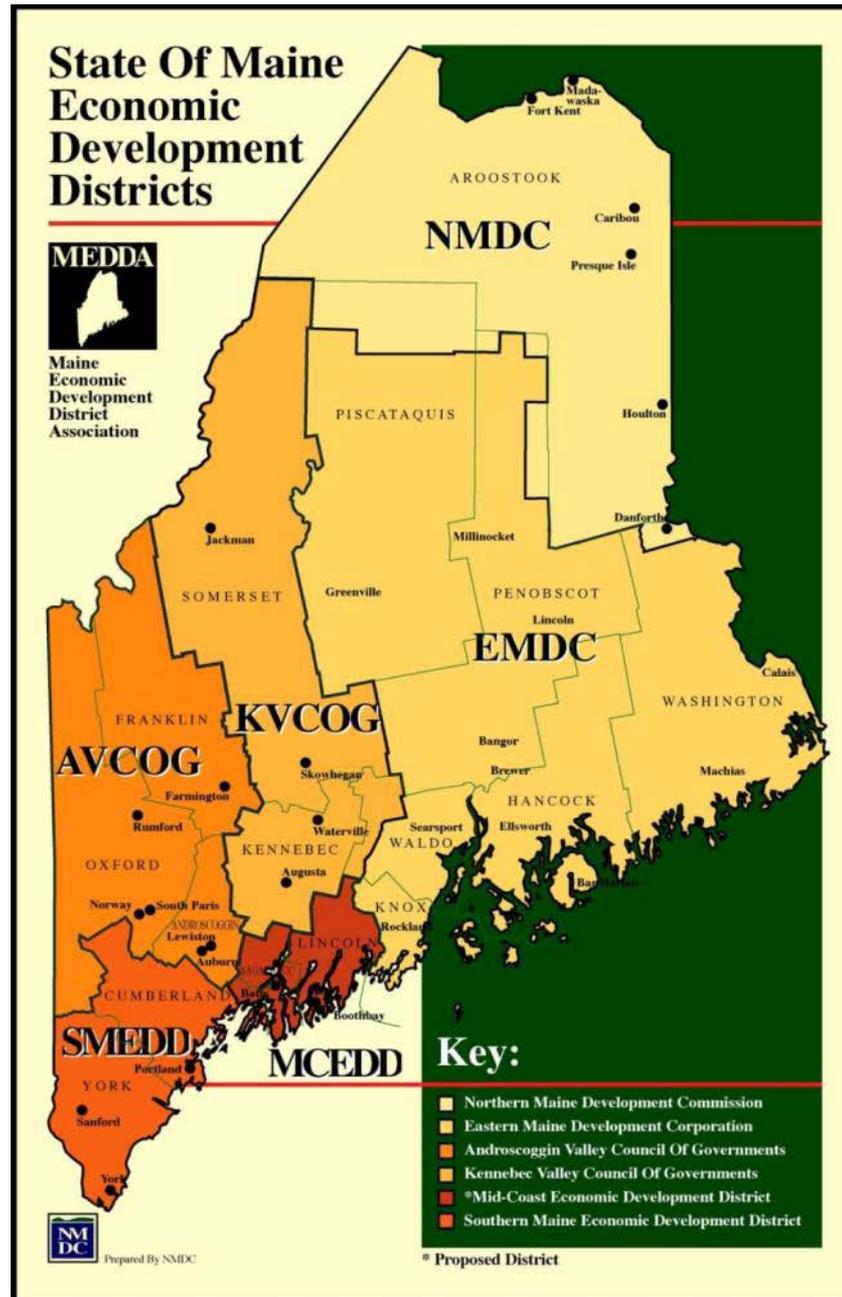
REGIONAL ROLE IN MAINE DOT **PLANNING**

CONNECTING MAINE: PROCESS

- User survey (2003)
- Focus group meetings (2004)
- Regional transportation assessments (2005)
- CREST designations (2005)
- Future visions workshops (2005)
- Regional forums (2005)
- Regional strategic investment plans (2006)
- Public consultation meetings (2007)
- Final draft public comments (2008)

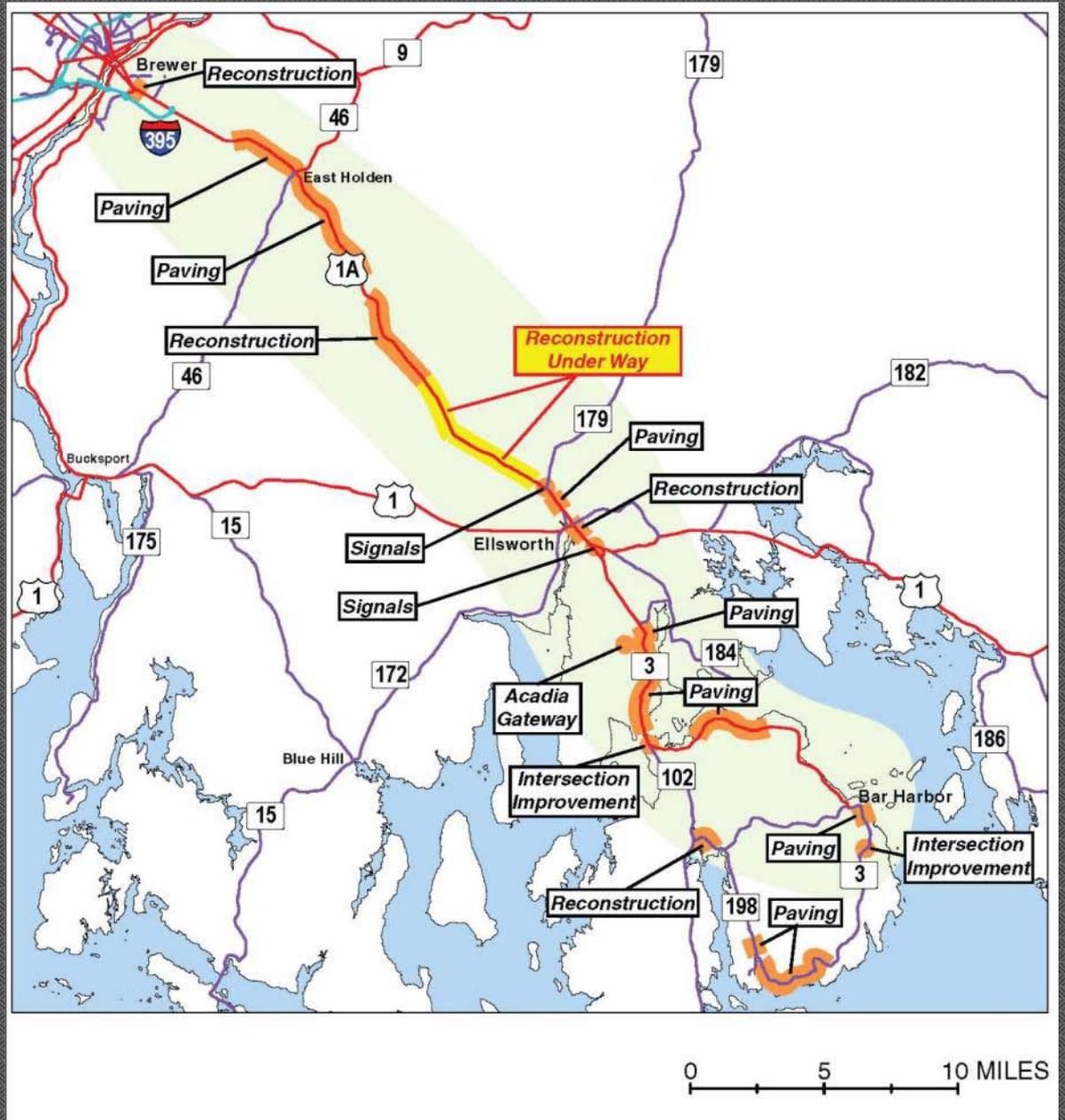
Maine's Economic Development Districts and Regional Planning Commissions

New Partnership with Maine DOT



Acadia Express CREST

I-95 to Bar Harbor



Regional Study on Transportation Deficiencies and Barriers to Growth - Congressionally Funded



First new US-Canadian border crossing in 30 years Calais • St. Stephen



Courtesy of MaineDOT

New Calais/St. Stephen Border Crossing

- New crossing discussed for about 30 years
- 8th busiest commercial crossing along the U.S. / Canadian border
- Annual traffic – 2.9 million vehicles
- 7,500 AADT including 550 heavy trucks
- Delays inbound to the U.S. can be up to 2 hours
- Truck traffic entering Maine has doubled since NAFTA implementation (70,000 to 140,000 annually)