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To: Key Municipal Officials
From: Catherine Conlow, Executive Director
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Re: Executive Committee Positions on Two Ballot Measures

During its annual September meeting, the members of MMA's 12-member Executive Committee establish the Association's positions on the municipality-related issues to be decided by voters at the November referendum election.

This year the committee voted to support Question 2, which is the transportation bond. The \$100 million bond will raise an additional \$253 million in federal and other matching revenues and be used to improve and construct roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports.

However municipal leaders voted to oppose Question 3, which seeks to amend Maine's Constitution to provide a right to food.

While ensuring that all Maine residents have unfettered access to food for nourishment, sustenance and well-being is a laudable goal, in reality the vagueness of the proposed language will likely create unintended consequences.

At the direction of the Executive Committee, we have prepared and posted to MMA's website (www.memun.org) a two-page document outlining concerns with the proposed constitutional amendment.

If you have any questions about Question 3, please contact Rebecca Graham in the State and Federal Relations Department at rgraham@memun.org.

Thank you.