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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Patricia,

I am writing to express CSXT's support to Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA)'s project to relocate the Amtrak Portland Station.

CSXT fully supports the relocation of the Amtrak Portland Station from its current location on the Mountain Branch to the mainline. The current location requires Amtrak trains to leave and then return to the mainline to serve the Portland station. It requires a reverse move that is time consuming and inefficient. This move increases the travel time for the Downeaster service and creates a bottleneck along the entire corridor.

NNEPRA has worked collaboratively with CSXT and other stakeholders for years to evaluate mainline locations and identified three options:

1. Site 1 is located between Congress Street and Park Avenue
2. Site 2 is located south of Congress Street between the Cumberland County Jail and the Maine Medical Center
3. Site 3 is located at the southern end of St. John Street, between Northern Light Mercy Hospital and St. John Street

CSXT preference is to select a site that provides for as much clearance as possible from an active at grade railroad crossing. Therefore, CSXT is not supportive of Site 1 because of its proximity to two at grade railroad crossings. We are also aware of a letter from MaineHealth dated September 30th, 2025. In it, MaineHealth expresses its opposition to Site 2 (which is also close to a grade crossing) citing many reasons including public safety, conflicts with an Institutional Overlay Zone and Operational and Parking Impacts.

Since both Site 1 and 2 are not viable, CSXT is therefore supportive of Site 3 located at the southern end of St. John Street, between Northern Light Mercy Hospital and St. John Street.

A new station on the mainline, coupled with additional infrastructure improvements to support passenger and freight operations in the area, will improve the performance of passenger trains through the area. A mainline station is prerequisite to the consideration of any additional passenger train frequencies to or through Portland beyond those already agreed upon.

CSXT looks forward to the upcoming work to relocate the Amtrak Portland Station to the mainline and to make it a reality that will benefit the Downeaster Service and its passengers.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Daly".

Andy Daly