Fast-Tracking the Future

Please express your support of Maine's transit and economic future by signing the petition, written by non-profits TrainRiders Northeast and Maine Rail Group, urging stakeholders to support the building of the new downtown Portland Station on St. John Street between Northern Light Mercy Hospital and Fore River Parkway (aka site #3). This project is already 80% Federally funded.

The Maine State Rail Plan and the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) have both included a new passenger station in Portland in their goals because the present station location results in longer travel time, more pollution and noise by backing in and out of the existing Portland station and is located far from the center of Portland.

The new station location will:

- Make Portland a more appealing destination for passengers coming from north and south by reducing travel time in and out of the city.
- Provide easy proximity to medical services, Hadlock Field, Western Promenade, Congress Street, Commercial Street and soon the new soccer stadium.
- Supply easy pedestrian access to 10,000 jobs in the new station area.
- Present opportunities for future passenger rail extensions to other regions of Maine and increased frequency of service.
- Support less driving, less congestion, less pollution and safer streets.
- Inspire use of the existing trail system for pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooters.
- Encourage economic development in the Libbytown neighborhood and the St. John corridor
- Have a connection to Concord Coach service via Fore River Parkway.
- Build on the only workable location given the constraints of property acquisition, safety considerations and ultimate cost, which is why it qualified for a federal grant.

Please use the QR Code below **to access and sign the petition** demonstrating your support for the new Portland Station on St. John Street to boost Maine's transit future.



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