

HNTB & Maine Turnpike Authority: Celebrating 75 Years of Partnership Key Facts



HNTB Corporation began working with the Maine Turnpike Authority as a general engineer consultant in 1945. The two companies have continued their partnership for the past 75 years, helping build and expand transportation and economic opportunities for Maine residents and visitors.

Over the years, HNTB has provided project management, highway and structural engineering design, traffic, planning, environmental, toll system procurement and oversight, and construction services for the Turnpike Authority.

Maine Turnpike Facts:

- Opening date: Dec. 13, 1947
- Length: 111 miles
- Number of toll plazas: 19
- Number of bridges: 183
- Number of interchanges: 22
- Number of transactions in 2019: 90,280,830
- Number of counties traversed: Four
- Net Revenue generated in 2019: \$140 million



Partnership Facts:

- This is HNTB’s longest single-standing client relationship. The firm’s history in the U.S. dates back 106 years, and they’ve worked with the Maine Turnpike Authority for more than 70% of that time.
- The relationship began in 1945, two years before the Maine Turnpike opened.
- In 1947, when MTA officially opened the new road, the Maine Turnpike became the first U.S. superhighway built in the postwar era and one of two modern toll highways in the entire country.
- The Maine Turnpike was the largest construction project in the state at the time.
- The partnership is founded on trust. When HNTB initially signed on as the GEC, their agreement with the MTA was that HNTB would not be paid unless the road actually opened. Only after the turnpike opened and collected revenues did HNTB receive payment.
- HNTB ultimately represents and is beholden to the turnpike’s bond holders. The firm sits at the board table for the Maine Turnpike, with a primary objective to serve the needs of the people.
- The partnership has endured changes in political and organizational leadership. Eighteen governors have held office in Maine during this time.

Progress Over the Years:

These images show the changes on the Maine Turnpike over several decades.



1947

Late 1990s

2014

Present Day

About HNTB Corporation:

HNTB Corporation is an employee-owned infrastructure firm serving public and private owners and contractors. With 106 years of service in the United States, HNTB understands the life cycle of infrastructure and addresses clients’ most complex technical, financial and operational challenges. Professionals nationwide deliver a full range of infrastructure-related services, including award-winning planning, design, and program and construction management.

- **Year Founded:** 1914
- **Number of Employees:** 6,000
- **Headquarters:** Kansas City, Mo.
- **Executive Director:** Rob Slimp, PE

About Maine Turnpike Authority:

The MTA operates the second oldest toll road in the United States and is a major contributor to the state's economy as a carrier of visitors, goods and services.

- **Year Founded:** 1941
 - **Number of Full-time, Part-time and Seasonal Employees:** 495
 - **Headquarters:** Portland, Maine
 - **Executive Director:** Peter Mills
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