



**MAINE
INTER-AGENCY
COORDINATION**

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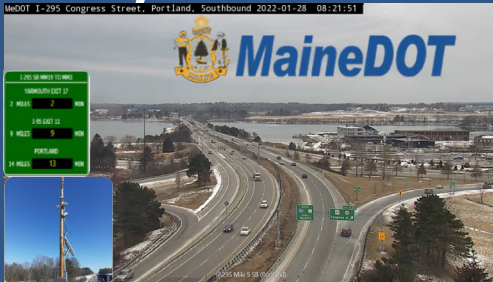


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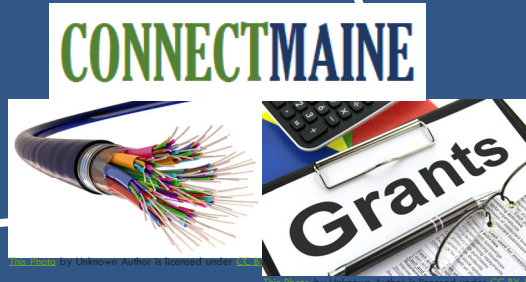




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Middle-mile type infrastructure needs for roadside equipment
Construction and ROW experience



Grants for last-mile broadband
Community Support

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MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY

- **High-speed connectivity should be universally available in the State**, including to all residents, businesses and community anchor institutions;
- There should be secure, affordable, reliable, competitive and sustainable forward-looking **advanced communications technology infrastructure to meet current and future needs**;
- All residents, businesses and institutions in the State should be able to **take full advantage of the economic, health, educational and other opportunities** available through connectivity services; and
- **Existing public and private infrastructure will be used effectively and efficiently** in the public interest to provide communications technology infrastructure in all areas of the State

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HOW WE'RE COOPERATING with each other and others

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ConnectMaine INTER-AGENCY EFFORTS

Examples

- Deployed federal CRF with DOE
- Fostered PPPs with FAME
- Developed CRM with OIT
- Outreached with Networkmaine
- Supported NGA grant with DOL
- To plan joint use of broadband with DOT & grid modernization

Lessons

- Broadband is the work of all state agencies and all sectors
- Takes time & patience
- Build on strengths of each partner
- Development doesn't equal implementation
- Multi-sector planning would help

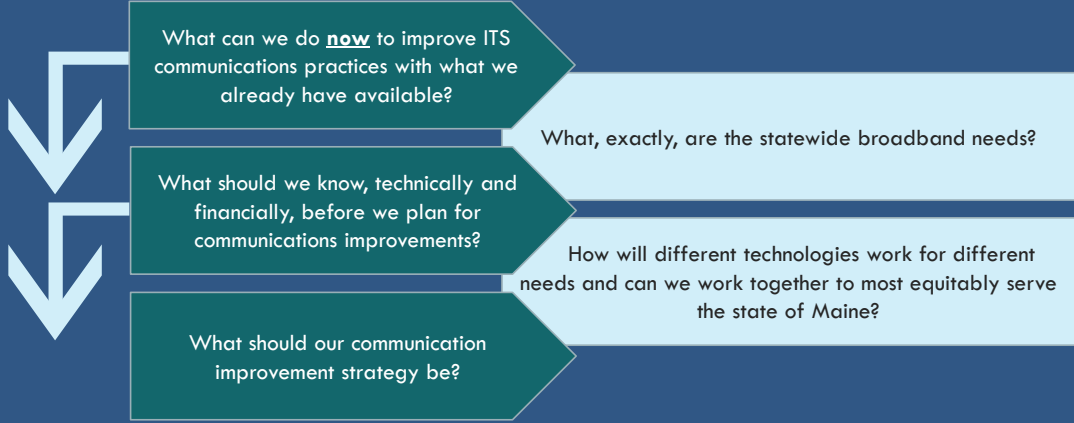


ConnectMaine uses interagency collaboration for activities like deploying federal coronavirus relief funds. The State of Maine Broadband Action Plan emphasizes the importance of cross-sector, stakeholder engagement, specifically: interagency cooperation, fostering public-private partnerships, and coordination among the Governor's Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Education, Office of Information Technology, the University of Maine System, federal agencies, and private and community partners. ConnectMaine has started to work with the DOL Workforce Investment Boards on an NGA grant to develop a strategic plan for workforce digital skills and engagement. Another task or idea for the future is creating a plan to facilitate the colocation and joint use of broadband with intelligent transportation and grid modernization deployments.

This type of interagency effort takes time and patience to develop and implement. A multi-sector shared plan could be created by working with key stakeholders. Such a plan would develop actionable steps toward these types of collaborations, identify ways to financially support the work, and avoid creating redundancy in efforts to collaborate and ultimately deploy broadband statewide. Broadband is the work of all state agencies, of all sectors. ConnectMaine builds on the strengths of each partner, bringing together people, knowledge, funds and strategies, to support local and

regional work to expand broadband statewide.

MAINEDOT AND MCA COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT



DELIVERABLES AND LESSONS SO FAR

Deliverables

1. Needs Assessment
2. Financial and Technical Evaluation of Options
3. Expansion Strategy Recommendations
4. Interstate Buildout Scope of Work
5. Educational Material

Lessons

- Clear goals, roles, and responsibilities
- Shared resources
- Open and consistent lines of communication
- Balanced and targeted stakeholder engagement