Portland North Small Starts Alternatives Analysis

Stakeholder Coordination Meeting
March 20, 2008
Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of Study
- Scope of Study
- Summary of Prior Alternatives
- Small Starts Process
- Public Participation
- Study Schedule
- Discussion
Purpose

- Evaluate study area
  - Corridors
  - Routes
  - Modes
  - Service Packs
- Identify Range of Alternatives
  - Bus
  - Rail
- Screen and Evaluate Most Competitive
Scope

- Develop Purpose and Need
- Screen Alternatives (Fatal Flaw Analysis)
  - Transportation/Mobility
  - Economic
  - Environmental
  - Capital costs
Scope (cont.)

- Preliminary Evaluation
  - Transportation Modeling
  - Economic
  - Land Use
  - Costs
  - Funding
Scope (cont.)

- Select Preferred Alternative
- Prepare Small Starts Application
- NEPA Evaluation
- ACOE Compliance
State Owned Saint Lawrence & Atlantic Route
Auburn

[Map showing Auburn location]
Preliminary Bus Alternatives
FTA Small Starts

- Total project cost can be $250 million
- Maximum federal share is $75 million
- The funding is expected to be 50% federal and 50% state
- Requires completion of an Alternatives Analysis to determine which is better: commuter rail or bus rapid transit
- Alternatives Analysis will have public involvement
FTA Small Starts (cont.)

- **Project characteristics**
  - Fixed guideway for at least 50% of the project length; and/or
  - Corridor-based bus project with:
    - Transit stations
    - Signal priority, Pre-emption
    - Special branding of service
    - Frequent service 10 min peak / 15 min off peak
    - Service offered 14 hours per day
Public Participation

- Stakeholder outreach
- Technical Advisory Group
- Public Informational Meetings
- Website and other outreach
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Next Steps

- Develop Purpose and Need
- Develop Alternative Screening Criteria
- Develop Bus Rapid Transit Alternative
- Screen Alternatives
- Initiate Small Starts Evaluation
- Select Preferred Alternative
Discussion