Governor’s Economic Recovery Subcommittee

Infrastructure

(Transportation, Construction, Broadband, and Banking)

AGENDA Thursday, 6/18/20

• Presentation:

 o Dillon MacInnis, Starlink – Cancelled

*The representative from SpaceX was not able to attend, so the subcommittee held a general discussion.*

Key Takeaways:

Starlink representative could not be present due to unforeseen privacy concerns.

The lack of meeting today will not affect the possibility of Maine becoming a beta testing site in the future.

Broadband is an issue across all subcommittees. What funding is available through Department of Education and/or CARES Act funding that could be used for broadband. Education will have a stronger voice advocating for students.

- Public and private money could be available for infrastructure projects like this one – potential connection with the Rockefeller Foundation to brainstorm creative financing ideas

Big cities that need broadband access (Quebec, Montreal) can use the Clean Energy Corridor to connect to networks in cities like New York – potentially assisting with equity issues in rural Maine.

Action Items:

What are the needs of the other subcommittees? Focus on cross-sector needs.

Find out; will SpaceX act as an ISP and connect directly to consumer or will they use other ISPs as networks?

Send a list of questions to SpaceX to see if we can get responses to some of the questions that we have.

State will place more significance on what can be delivered to consumers by an ISP instead of which ISPs are the technological leaders.