Infrastructure Subcommittee (broadband, construction, transportation, and banking)

Work Plan Timeline Based on Project Plan Scope of Work **Phase One**

**Stabilize and Support**

This strategy will consider what the Subcommittee sectors need to survive the COVID-19 crisis, how they can be well positioned to compete for federal stimulus, and what immediate challenges around workforce, regulation, infrastructure or other economic issues should be addressed.

For this phase, the Subcommittee will focus on a definition of “infrastructure” to be the four sectors explicitly listed and assigned to this Subcommittee (broadband, construction, transportation, and banking)

For Phase Two – we will add the application of infrastructure across other industries or subsets of the industries listed

**Task 1. Assess Current Crisis  June 5th and June 11th meetings**

- What is the status of the industry right now?
  - **Broadband**
    - At least 83,000 homes lack the physical ability to connect to the internet because the infrastructure doesn’t go by their house
    - A dramatic gap exists between urban and rural counties
    - Small businesses depend on high speed internet to stay open and create jobs
    - Assets:
      - 3 Ring Binder
      - Maine School & Library Network
      - Great providers/vendors
      - Engaged community leadership
      - Maine Broadband Coalition
      - ConnectMaine Authority/ConnectMaine Broadband Action Plan
      - Question 1, the High-Speed Internet Infrastructure $15 million Bond Issue on the 7/14/20 ballot
  - **Transportation**
  - **Construction**
  - **Banking**

- Who should your committee hear from?
  - Ongoing

- What kind of data is needed to make decisions?
  - June 5th

- What other information do you need to make a complete assessment?
  - June 5th
**Task 2. Determine Actions**  June 18\textsuperscript{th} meeting

- Are there actions to be recommended by July 15?
  - Preliminary review – June 19\textsuperscript{th}
- If so, how should they be prioritized? Discuss options – June 19\textsuperscript{th}
  - Effectiveness
  - Feasibility
  - Cost to implement
  - Time to implement
- How does potential federal stimulus affect these priorities?
  - Discuss potential resources – June 18\textsuperscript{th}

**Task 3: Stabilization & Support Recommendations**  June 25\textsuperscript{th} meeting

- What does the industry need to stabilize?
- What supports are necessary to remain stable?
- What recommendations can we make to state government?

**Task 4: Draft Report**  July 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting; with final draft document review meeting on Tuesday, July 7\textsuperscript{th} in lieu of Thursday, July 9\textsuperscript{th}

By July 8, each subcommittee must deliver to committee co-chairs a report that is no more than 5 pages that summarizes each task listed above and presents a set of prioritized policy recommendations.

**Recommendations to the Governor**: The complete set of recommendation to stabilize and support Maine’s economy in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic are due to the Governor on July 15.