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MAINEDOT COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES

PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS

MaineDOT's Community Based Initiatives are focused on partnerships.

The Planning Partnerships deliver the foundation for many of the transformative projects that MaineDOT undertakes.

- Historic Libbytown (Reconnecting Communities)
- North Windham Moves (FY23 RAISE)
- Downtown Sanford Village (FY22 RAISE)



PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS

The Planning Partnership Initiative is intended to address time-sensitive, locally initiated planning and feasibility studies.

The approach is to study, evaluate, plan and scope transportation projects on or adjacent to the state and state aid highway system or for FHWA-eligible trail connections that are requested by a community.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Identify and document a challenge or opportunity.

- *“Our main street will be safer if...”*
- *“Local economic development could be stimulated if...”*

Reach out to your Region Planning Organization or directly to MaineDOT.

Develop a scope of work collaboratively that serves the *purpose and need*.

PLANNING PROCESS

First 1-3 months

Develop a scope of work and cost estimate.

Issue an RFP from the municipality for a consultant.

Enter into a state-local agreement for the project.

Next 12-18 months

Bring on a planning/engineering consultant to lead the study for the municipality/MaineDOT.

The consultant will develop alternatives.

The municipality will lead the public involvement process with help from the consultant and MaineDOT.

A Final Report

The consultant will issue a final report.

The municipality can accept the report and then choose to work with MaineDOT on engineering and funding.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established or funding many programs which MaineDOT has had success with to funding infrastructure projects:

- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
- Bridge Improvement Program (BIP) and Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)
- Consolidated Raise Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)

Other funding opportunities existing other federal and state money:

- Congressionally Directed/Designated Spending (CDS, called “earmarks”)
- Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Municipal Stream Crossing

SPOT IMPROVEMENTS

For projects that may not require a planning effort to be implemented.

Intersection or crossing improvements:

- The addition of sidewalks.
- Rapid rectangular flashing beacons. (RRFBs)

Demonstration projects:

- Paint; bollards; other speed control devices.





OTHER PROGRAMS

Municipal Partnership Initiative

Business Partnership Initiative

Active Transportation Partnership Initiative

- Demonstration and Pilot Projects

Transportation Alternatives Program

Maine Scenic Byways Program



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