

Downtown Sanford Planning Partnership Initiative



MaineDOT



- **In 2018, Mayor Cote called for a renewed focus on Municipal investment in downtown Sanford.**
- **City Manager S. Buck subsequently began active internal discussions on these efforts culminating in a bi-weekly “Maine Street USA/Downtown” meeting facilitated by Community Development Director I. Houseal.**
- **Active members of the Maine Street USA/Downtown committee also include Regional Economic Growth Council Director J. Nimon, Planning Director B. Della-Valle, Parks & Recreation Director A. Grady, Executive Assistant L. Ricketts, Southern Maine Finance Agency Executive Director W. Armitage, and Public Works Director/City Engineer M. Hill.**

Partnerships

At the MaineDOT Transportation Conference, we asked "how can we get more projects onto MaineDOT's 3-Year Work Plan?"

Answer: Sanford is already on the MaineDOT 3-Year Work Plan for \$8.75M of State & Federal Engineering and Construction programmed costs.

However...

Sanford wants to build better relationships with MaineDOT and advocate for ourselves through mutual investment in our transportation system and infrastructure.

So:

MaineDOT sent Regional Planner J. Brickett to Sanford to discuss our ongoing projects and future opportunities.



PPI

J. Brickett noted that the Planning Partnership Initiative is the best mechanism for a community that is outside of a Municipal Planning Organization to get funding through the MaineDOT 3-Year Work Plan.

What is the application process?

Application is made to MaineDOT's Scoping Division with a clear purpose and need statement meeting the milestones that are desirable to the Department.

Provide an example of a successful application.

J. Brickett provided a successful example from MDI featuring a multi-modal and roadway access improvements approaching Acadia National Park (~2.5M tourists a year).

What are Sanford's Opportunities?

What efforts are Sanford moving forward on?

Are they coordinated?

What is the big picture?

When would be a good time to apply?

The A-Ha Moment



MaineDOT's 3-Year Work Plan & Commissioner Bruce Van Note

The Commissioner stated that MaineDOT's work plan will focus on:

1. Safety
2. Innovation
3. Downtown Improvements

THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET
Here's what we've all been working on:

1

The Need for Safety Improvements

- Condition of Infrastructure
- 3 High Crash Locations
- MaineDOT Safety Office Oversight

2

Drainage Innovations with MaineDEP, MaineDOT, and the UNH Stormwater Center

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Innovation of SanfordNET Fiber Optic and Post Road Foundation Study

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Sanford Trails Master Plan and Sanford Trails Downtown Connector

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MaineDEP 319 Grant Opportunities and Phosphorous Compensation Fee Program

and...

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Consolidation of Ownership and Renewed Private Investment at the Mid-Town Mall

(Benjamin and Sarah Meggs)

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Brownfields \$300k Award and Subsequent \$800k Brownfields Award

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\$300k CDBG Award Downtown at the Mid-Town Mall

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Unitil Gas Investment throughout Community
Currently in Year 3 of 4 Installing Gas Mains

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A Proposed Market Analysis to Encourage Redevelopment and Economic Revitalization

and...

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An RFP for a new Sanford Technical Manual to Put the City's Standards Under One Cover

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Written Maintenance Programs from the City Detailing How the City will Maintain these Investments

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The USDOT BUILD Grant Project to Replace all of Sanford/Springvale's Traffic Signals
MaineDOT WIN
24301.00

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A Successful Agreement to Rebuild Route 202/Cottage Street
MaineDOT WIN
22643.00

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Complete Topographic Survey of Downtown
Completed in Fall of 2018

and...

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Preliminary
Geotechnical
Investigation

Completed in the
Winter of 2018

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Traffic Counts
and Preliminary
Engineering
Sheet Layout

Completed in
Spring of 2019

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Management of
the City's
Regulatory and
Warning Street
Signs

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A Dedicated
Team of
Municipal
Professionals
Working Towards
a Common Goal

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Support of
Infrastructure
Improvement by
Sanford's City
Leadership and
the Public

PPI

The Final PPI Application to MaineDOT was Presented on April 25, 2019

- M. Hill and B. Della-Valle presented the PPI to MaineDOT in Augusta.
- M. Rooney (MaineDOT Scoping Division Director) noted that, out of of all the PPI programs completed, only one has not been incorporated into the Work Plan.
- J. Brickett responded on May 6, 2019 that the PPI was approved pending that both parties reach satisfactory terms on a cooperate agreement. That agreement has been drafted and presented here tonight for your consideration.

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Next Steps After Agreement

Where Are We?

The PPI Application summarizes our history, current conditions, and immediate efforts





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Next Steps After Agreement

Where Do We Want to Go?

The Results of the Study Will Give the City
Conceptual Design Alternatives with
Corresponding Preliminary Estimates for
Consideration

3

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How Do We Get There?

- Leverage Our Upcoming Efforts to Compliment this Investment
- Temporary Measures to Maintain/Sustain Infrastructure
 - Advocate for Ourselves
 - Be Good Partners with Abutters, Stakeholders, Businesses, and State Agencies





Objectives

- **The primary goal of the PPI is the generation of preliminary recommendations for Downtown Sanford revitalization.**
- **This process will include solicitation of feedback from Abutters, Stakeholders, and the Public.**
- **The Final Report will illustrate how the preferred alternative meets the economic and community development goals while complimenting existing initiatives.**



PPI Agreement Details

- **Sanford will advertise, award, and administrate the PPI Study in accordance with MaineDOT's process requirements.**
- **Costs are split 50/50 between State and Municipality.**
- **Sanford will lead all Public and media inquiries, facilitate all meetings, and complete the study as proposed in the Scope of Work (Appendix A).**
- **Sanford will invoice MaineDOT for reimbursement based on study progress with supporting documentation.**
- **MaineDOT will provide planning, regulatory, and engineering guidance to the Consultant(s) and Municipality (as outlined in Appendix B).**



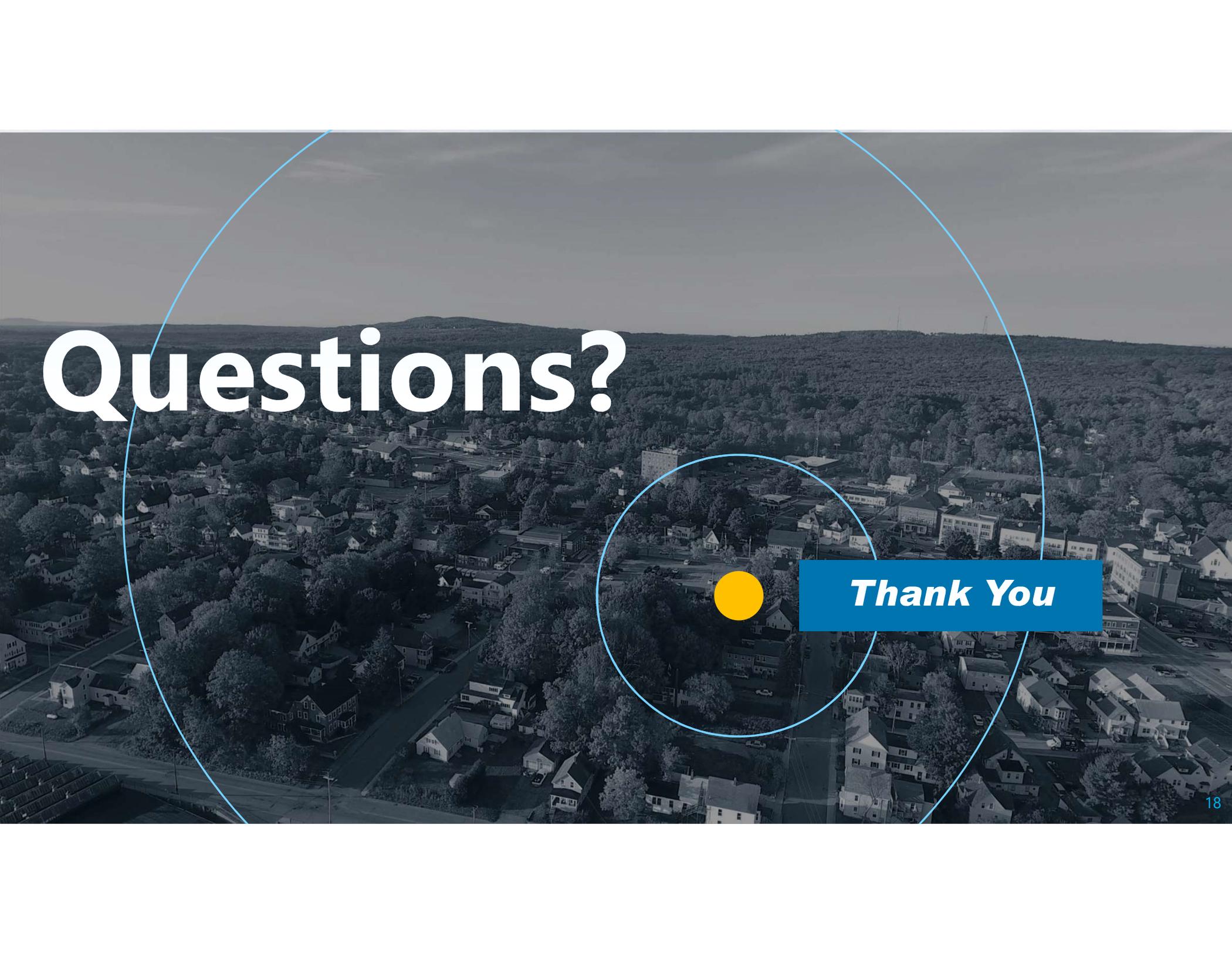
Expectations

- **The PPI does not oblige either party or guarantee future funding for additional engineering or construction services.**
- **The project may move forward as a Work Plan Project (80% Federally Funded, 20% State Funded) or may move forward as a MPI Eligible Project (50% State and 50% Municipal Funded).**
- **Even with the best-case scenario, Sanford should be prepared to program at least \$1.5M towards perpetuation of underground utilities and concrete sidewalks as they are typically not supported by MaineDOT.**



Schedule

- **The Agreement is conservatively proposed to expire on December 31, 2021.**
- **Delivering the PPI Study by mid-2020, could conceivably make the engineering effort eligible for the following Work Plan year.**
- **With Engineering and Right-of-Way taking Place in 2021-2023, plans could conceivably be ready for advertising and construction by 2024.**

An aerial photograph of a town, likely in a rural or semi-rural area, with a dense forest in the background. A large, light blue circle is overlaid on the image, centered on the town. A smaller yellow circle is positioned in the center of the town, directly below the large blue circle. The text "Questions?" is written in large, white, sans-serif font across the top left of the image. A blue rectangular box with the text "Thank You" in white, italicized font is located in the lower right quadrant of the image.

Questions?

Thank You