

STAR Center Planning Meeting
03/06/12

Introductions

Attending: Vicki Rusbult, Dorothy Martell, Charlie Corliss, Gary Briggs, Paul Murphy, Tom Testa, Mickie Sumpster, Michele Gagnon, John De Leo, Michelle Beal

Agenda

Review of the Draft Feasibility Study – available online at www.hcpcme.org/ellsworth/STAR (PDF download is faster, DOCx download is editable)

- Quick overview of findings
- Suggestions for revisions
- Discussion of the TIGER IV Request for Proposals and other funding opportunities
 - Description of the TIGER program - Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (<http://www.dot.gov/tiger/>)
 - EMDC is working with the City of Ellsworth to submit a Pre-application
- Discussion of the pros and cons of this program
 - Timing
 - Local matching funds
 - Permitting requirements
 - Ownership and management

What local resources can we bring to the table?

Future funding and implementation opportunities

Review of STAR Plan

Brief discussion of revisions

Traffic impacts – what peak?

Business Plan

- 1) Ownership
 - a. City of Ellsworth
 - i. Concerns about time for adequate consideration
 1. Information needs
 2. Process
 - b. MaineDOT
- 2) TIGER IV - Deadlines
 - a. Grant Application March 19, 2012
 - b. June, 2012 – Grant Award
 - c. June, 2013 – Encumber funds

d. June, 2017 – Project Completion

TIGER IV Phases

- 1) Year 1
 - a. Business Plan
 - b. Purchase
 - c. Relocation
 - d. Preliminary Engineering and Final Design
- 2) Year 2
 - a. Construction
 - b. Management

Accounts

- 1) \$5.8 million
- 2) \$4.6 grant
- 3) \$1.2 match

MaineDOT

- 1) AGC Completion
- 2) York County

Matching funds

- 1) GWI – Up to \$500,000 for infrastructure
 - a. Broadband Connectivity
 - b. Communications for
- 2) MaineDOT – trail construction
 - a. Possibility of counting construction funds for the Sunrise Trail
 - b. Would need a letter from MaineDOT
- 3) DTI
 - a. will be putting primary support to the Acadia Gateway Center
- 4) Letters of Support
 - a. Vicki Rusbult will send out templates for the letters
 - b. Asking towns to commit \$5,000 for park and ride facilities

Roles

EMDC – Project Management

– administer grant, pass through funds to Ellsworth