

1. **STN Board Ready Study**

- a. A “provisional FINAL” report was delivered to the STN Board on October 14. Next STN Board Mtg. 11/12/2020
- b. A phased implementation proposal to be delivered by Fujitsu by the end of October.
- c. YCBC (Yates County Broadband Committee) will review completed study while continuing to advance Yates County independently AND trying to keep synergies

2. **Business Model**

- a. Received 5 responses to our Business Model RFI (Request for Information) from: Empire, FirstLight, Greenlight, Plexicomm, STN
- b. Broadband Committee currently reviewing the responses
- c. Some of the proposals cover both engineering and operations → synergies could lead to time and cost savings
- d. Next step will be contract negotiation with one or more respondent
- e. Goal to bring contract to Legislature by end November

3. **Engineering Firm**

- a. Received 10 responses to the Engineering RFP (Request for Proposal) from: Black & Veatch, CHR, ECC, Empire, Fujitsu, Greenlight, Hunt, Maverick, Vantage Point, Yates Engineering
- b. Broadband Committee currently reviewing the responses
- c. Next step will be contract negotiation with one or more respondent
- d. Goal to bring contract to Legislature by end November

4. **NYS DOT ROW fees**

- a. Legislation enacted in 2019 for (1) new permit fees and survey map requirements (one time) and (2) use and occupancy fees (annual) for fiber-optic lines in state-controlled highway right of way
- b. Will increase ReConnect project cost and add a new annual fee to be paid by the County -> new barrier to broadband expansion
- c. Cost estimates underway but can't finalize until have firm network design
- d. New legislation introduced by Sen. Helming & Borrello (S8858) to repeal new fees and by Sen. Ortt (S9003) to adjust the limit on the use and occupancy fees; S8858 bill stalled
- e. Request support from all Legislators for the new proposed legislation
- f. Also pursuing whether ReConnect Grants and Yates County as a municipality should be exempt from the fees.
- g. Sen. O'Mara suggests writing Governor's Office and passing a County Resolution

5. **Construction**

- a. Goal to start Construction Spring 2021