

1. **STN Board Ready Study**

- a. A Final report was delivered to the STN Board on October 14. An executive summary which can be shared with the Legislature will be available mid-December.
- b. A phased implementation proposal from Fujitsu was shared with the STN Board on November 19. It still does not provide a design that could be used for the Yates County ReConnect project. Request sent back to STN/Fujitsu to break-out the ReConnect portion.
- c. YCBC (Yates County Broadband Committee) will review completed study when available; Continuing to advance Yates County independently.

2. **Business Model**

- a. Received 5 responses to our Business Model RFI (Request for Information) from: Empire, FirstLight, Greenlight, Plexicomm, & STN.
- b. Broadband Committee has reviewed responses and in negotiation with several entities.
- c. Outside legal counsel from Underberg and Kessler consulting.
- d. Goal is to bring recommendation to the Legislature at the December YE meeting.
- e. USDA must approve Operations Agreement BEFORE they would approve any Engineering contract.

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 has reviewed the responses.
- c. Focus is on the Operations Agreement.
- d. Goal is to bring Engineering contract to Legislature shortly after Legislative and USDA approval of Operations Agreement.

5. **NYS DOT ROW fees**

- a. Our request to exempt Yates County from these new fees due to our standing as a municipality is under review with the NYS DOT Legal unit.
- b. Cost estimate of \$33-53K / year\* minimum has been derived for the annual NYS DOT ROW use and occupancy fee. \*Fee based on provisional network design.
- c. Proposed resolution for Legislature requesting repeal of fiber law with letters to go to the involved parties.

4. **Construction**

- a. Goal to start Construction Spring/Summer 2021.