

Economic Development Newsletter



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Hancock County is facing a severe childcare shortage. Help provide local data by completing this [childcare assessment survey](#) by Friday, August 21.



High Street Corridor Information & Updates Available on City Website

Please [visit the dedicated High Street Corridor page on the City website](#) for project updates, background information, meeting materials, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Acronym Key

BUILD=Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development
MaineDOT=Maine Department of Transportation
TCP=Thriving Communities Program
USDOT=US Department of Transportation

High Street Corridor Update

Happy August to all! The summer is certainly flying by. July was less active on the special projects front and more active internally, including several office swaps in City Hall. As a result, the Assessing, Code, Planning, and Economic Development departments are now located on the first floor, accessible via the glass door near the lobby elevator. We are happy to serve you Monday - Thursday, 7am-6pm, during the City's regular business hours.

August Stakeholder Meeting

As promised in April, we will hold **our next High Street Corridor stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, August 25 from 4-5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers**. Based on stakeholder feedback, Stantec, our USDOT Thriving Community Program (TCP) subaward consultants, will provide modifications to the original study. All other planning-level concepts will remain under consideration as part of the final report, which will be available soon after the stakeholder meeting and posted on the City website. As mentioned in the June newsletter as a point of clarification, obtaining the alternative recommendations does not mean the items in the first report will never be considered in the future – especially if/when the City were to apply for a larger, fully subsidized BUILD grant – but they do reflect stakeholder feedback and allow the City to focus on immediate safety considerations, such as the addition of pedestrian crossings along the High Street corridor.

This meeting will also include brief High Street-relevant updates from RCAP Solutions technical assistance providers, Hancock County Planning Commission, Community Engineering Corps (CEC), and MaineDOT. Q&A participation, offered in the final half hour, requires in-person attendance. The event will be livestreamed via the City's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CityofEllsworthMaine>

Your input and feedback remains critical to this process. Please reach out via email (tfisher@ellsworthmaine.gov) with any questions or concerns or to schedule a time to meet in person.

Warm regards,

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