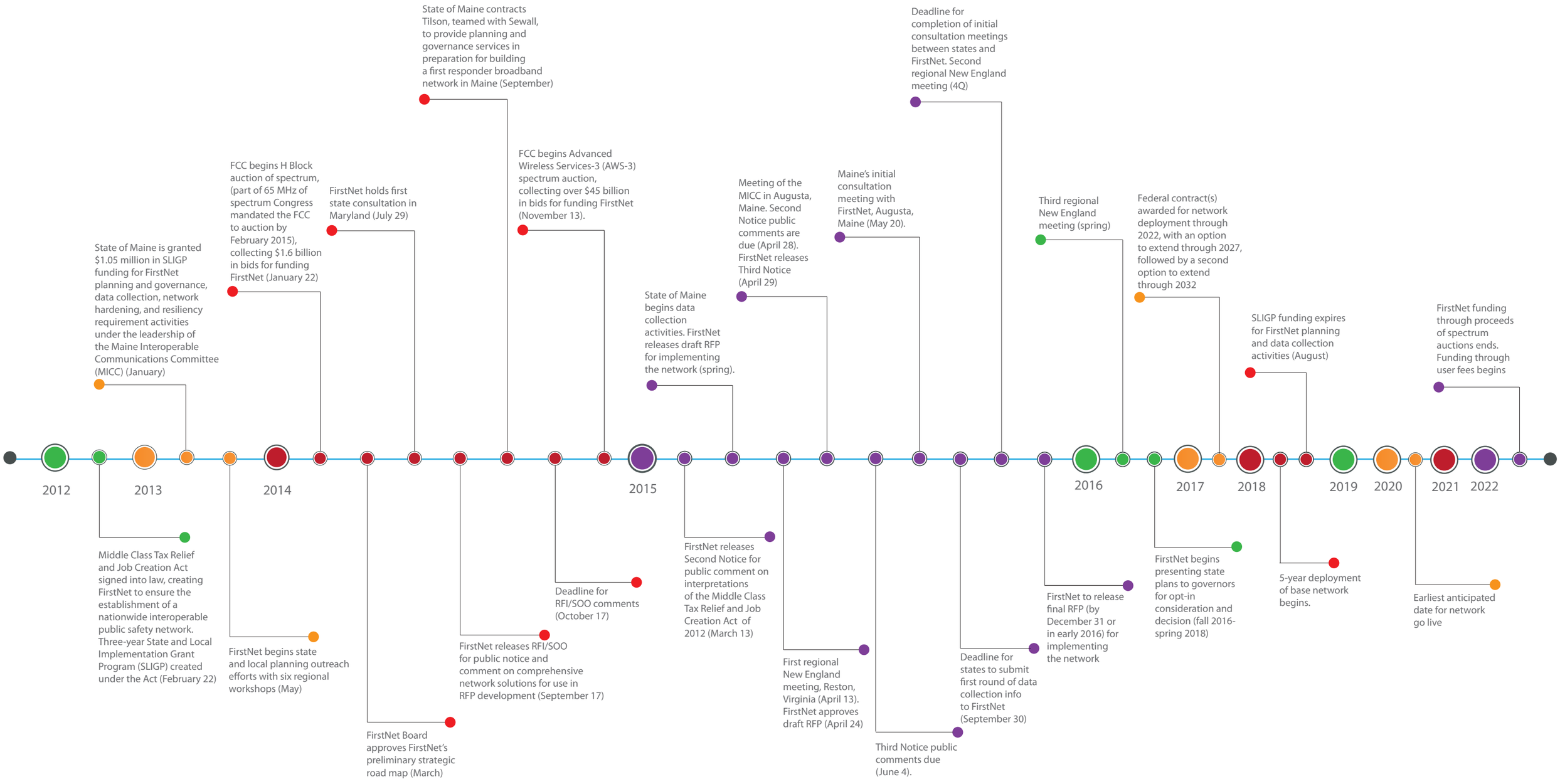
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State of Maine is granted $1.05 million in SLIGP funding for FirstNet planning and governance, data collection, network hardening, and resiliency requirement activities under the leadership of the Maine Interoperable Communications Committee (MICC) (January)
Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act signed into law, creating FirstNet to ensure the establishment of a nationwide interoperable public safety network. Three-year State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) created under the Act (February 22)
FCC begins H Block auction of spectrum, (part of 65 MHz of spectrum Congress mandated the FCC to auction by February 2015), collecting $1.6 billion in bids for funding FirstNet (January 22)
FirstNet begins state and local planning outreach efforts with six regional workshops (May)
FirstNet holds first state consultation in Maryland (July 29)
FirstNet Board approves FirstNet's preliminary strategic road map (March)
State of Maine contracts Tilson, teamed with Sewall, to provide planning and governance services in preparation for building a first responder broadband network in Maine (September)
FirstNet releases RFI/SOO for public notice and comment on comprehensive network solutions for use in RFP development (September 17)
FCC begins Advanced Wireless Services-3 (AWS-3) spectrum auction, collecting over $45 billion in bids for funding FirstNet (November 13).
Deadline for RFI/SOO comments (October 17)
State of Maine begins data collection activities. FirstNet releases draft RFP for implementing the network (spring).
FirstNet releases Second Notice for public comment on interpretations of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (March 13)
Meeting of the MICC in Augusta, Maine. Second Notice public comments are due (April 28). FirstNet releases Third Notice (April 29)
First regional New England meeting, Reston, Virginia (April 13). FirstNet approves draft RFP (April 24)
Maine's initial consultation meeting with FirstNet, Augusta, Maine (May 20).
Third Notice public comments due (June 4).
Deadline for completion of initial consultation meetings between states and FirstNet. Second regional New England meeting (4Q)
Deadline for states to submit first round of data collection info to FirstNet (September 30)
Third regional New England meeting (spring)
FirstNet to release final RFP (by December 31 or in early 2016) for implementing the network
Federal contract(s) awarded for network deployment through 2022, with an option to extend through 2027, followed by a second option to extend through 2032
FirstNet begins presenting state plans to governors for opt-in consideration and decision (fall 2016-spring 2018)
SLIGP funding expires for FirstNet planning and data collection activities (August)
5-year deployment of base network begins.
Earliest anticipated date for network go live
FirstNet funding through proceeds of spectrum auctions ends. Funding through user fees begins

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