

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
JANUARY 9, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.  
APPROVAL OF 2029 ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE  
PROGRAM PROJECT AGREEMENT**

On March 8, 2021, the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign and submit a grant application to NHDOT for the Elm Street pedestrian accessibility improvements project.

The City applied for and was approved for a Federal Transportation Alternative Program grant. The project includes reconstruction of 4,300 linear ft. of sidewalk on one side of Elm Street to bring it up to ADA standards and reconstruction of 4,300 linear ft. of sidewalk on the other side to create an ADA compliant 8-ft wide multi-use trail.

The goal of the federally-funded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is to provide choices for non-motorized users that are safe, reliable, and convenient. Eligible projects include construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.

The sidewalk improvements on Elm Street are in conjunction with a sewer, drain and roadway improvement project from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick Lane. The project includes constructing a multi-use trail in the same corridor as existing sidewalks and bringing the adjoining sidewalks up to ADA standards. The project will provide additional and improved pedestrian crossings at Leavitt Park and the Elm Street School by installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB's).

November 30, 2022: NH Department of Transportation (DOT) has provided a draft of the agreement (attached) for City Council's consideration on the Elm Street Transportation Alternative Program Project

**Fiscal Impact:** City of Laconia's share of the Transportation Alternative Program project (20%) is \$303,313. NHDOT's share of the project (80%) is \$1,213,254.

**Staff Recommendation:** City Council approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the Elm St. Project Agreement for the DOT's Transportation Alternatives Program

**This report submitted by:** Wesley B. Anderson, Director of Public Works

**Proposed Motion:**

*"I move that the City Council approve the project agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the Elm St. Project Agreement (#43731) for the DOT's Transportation Alternative Program."*