



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – MAY, 2024

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: The road surface on Wentworth Cove Road and Summit Ave will be reclaimed on May 15th. All water services to the houses on Summit Ave with contaminated wells have been connected. All that remains is to restore the landscaping. The asphalt shim coat was placed on Daisy Gardner, Driftwood and Old North Main on May 3rd. The water trench on Old Prescott Road Hill will be reclaimed on April 23rd for the Water Works' water line installation project.

Communication Plan: Public Works will hold public information meetings during the design process for the neighborhoods impacted by the reconstruction projects. Residents will be notified by mail when the paving schedule is finalized for each road and door hangers will be placed on each property a minimum of 2 days before the date of paving for those roads that are only being overlayed. The paving schedule will be provided to emergency services and the solid waste collection contractor.

Previous: Wentworth Cove Road will be paved this spring. Summit Ave. will likely happen in conjunction with Wentworth Cove. The paving of Woodvale is postponed a year while Public Works determines the feasibility of extending public sewer on Woodvale. Old Prescott Hill Road will be paved after Water Works completes the water line extension.

ACADEMY STREET BRIDGE

Current: Bids for the replacement of the bridge were opened. NHDOT is scheduled to give us authority to award on May 24th.

Communication Plan: Once NHDOT has approved the award of the project, Public Works will hold a public information meeting on the construction schedule and will coordinate with emergency services. The bridge will be completely closed for construction from June 24th to August 30th. Students return to school on September 3rd. Message boards will be placed on either side of the bridge two months before the bridge closure. We will place a full-page ad with a map of the detour plan in the Laconia Daily Sun several days prior to the start of the project. We will also contact Google Maps staff to include this detour in their mapping system during the projected closure period.

Previous: The project is still on schedule to go out to bid March 25th. No other updates at this time.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: A local concerns meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm in the City's Council Chambers.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur in approximately two months. At this meeting Public Works and the consultant will present the results of the charrette and an initial analysis of

those results. At a later meeting Public Works and the consultant will present an analysis of the options with some preliminary engineering to the public

Previous: No update.

CHURCH STREET BRIDGE

Current: The downstream side of the bridge was completed on May 6th. Due to the minimal repairs required to the deck, the contractor will shift to the upstream side of the bridge rather than waiting until fall. All of the work on the upstream portion of the bridge is scheduled to be completed by June 28th.

Communication Plan: All abutters were contacted by telephone as well as mailings. The Downtown Group was notified by e-mail and a notice was in the Laconia Daily Sun from March 12th to the 16th. Message boards were placed warning drivers of the upcoming work on Feb 26th.

Previous: This project initially was only an expansion joint replacement. Closer inspection determined that the bridge decking, especially near the sidewalk, has some failures. The entire expansion joint will be replaced this year. The downstream half of the bridge will be repaired this year. Depending on the extent of damage determined after the removal of the asphalt, Public Works will develop the plan and schedule for the upstream half of the bridge.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: On May 6th, Housing and Urban Development began the process of awarding the Congressional Directing Spending project to the City. The bridge proposed to replace this structure is prefabricated offsite. Public Works anticipates that the fabrication of the bridge will construction of the precast bridge will take at least 8 months.

Communication Plan: A communication plan will be developed once the Federal project agreement is finalized.

Previous: The funding for this project was in the Federal budget that was recently approved. The grant project is fully funded and is part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Economic Development Program. Congressman Pappas's office Informed the City that HUD is reviewing the project and that the City can expect guidance by the end of April 2024.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: We are still awaiting Hoyle Tanner's Engineering Study.

Communication Plan: Four abutters of the project were in attendance at the February 15th meeting. The 2/15/24 presentation can be found on the Laconia DPW website.

Previous: We are awaiting Hoyle Tanner's summary of the project meeting.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: The Elm Street Pedestrian Improvements Engineering Study has been completed and submitted by HEB. The study is currently being reviewed by DPW and NHDOT.

Communication Plan: Comments from the meeting will be added to the City's project website once the consultant completes them.

Previous: The February 28th proposed action meeting was very well attended. Standing room only. HEB's is preparing the summary of the project meeting.

Non-participating costs

Sewer = \$517,500

DPW = \$1,022,500 (will need to be Bonded)

Water = \$740,000

TAP total of participating costs

City (20% share) = \$525,600

State/Fed (80% share) = \$2,102,400

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: The Lakeport Promenade appears to be moving forward on a private basis. The revised NBRC portion from Doris Ray Court to Franklin Street is being submitted to NBRC this April for an Approved Amendment.

The NBRC Grant portion of the loop, from Doris Ray Court to Franklin St is on hold until funding issues with the Promenade are resolved. This NBRC project must occur in late summer/early fall 2024. This project cannot go any later than that as we will lose our grant money on the project.

Previous: HEB completed the final Promenade designs on March 8th. DPW is awaiting City Manager guidance on what, if any, participating funds there will/will not be available for this project.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Downtown TIF District Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on May 22 at 9:00 am in Room 200B in City Hall. They will be discussing their current budget and proposed future budgets.

Previous: The Planning Office is working on setting up a meeting with the Downtown TIF District Advisory Board; there is no scheduled date at this time.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 2 pm in Laconia City Hall.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The WRBP Advisory Board did not meet in April. WRBP still anticipates a 12 to 15% increase in the first year of the next biennial budget. The current schedule has the Program turning their proposed budget into DES in September. Occupational health and safety issues are impacting their ability to maintain the sewer infrastructure in the old City treatment plant on Water Street. The City's sewage system flows through the old plant structure before it empties into the new pump station's system. The Program is developing a plan for changing the former

city sewer system within the plant's grounds to connect directly to the WRBP's system. The cost of this project will be at City expense except for a possible cost share with Gilford. The new EPA permit was approved and distributed on April 30, 2024. The new permit requires select businesses to test their sewage flow for PFAS. The current WRBP concept for this new requirement is that they will manage the testing program while the businesses fund the cost of the tests.

Previous: The Advisory Board has not met since the last project update. The WRBP's administrator is working on plans to modify the water lines and City's sewer lines in the Water Street pump station compound. These lines go to buildings in the compound that are no longer in use or maintained. The administrator does not have a cost estimate yet. The cost of modifying the City's sewer system will likely be passed to just the City.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: The SSF is working with a private development and neighbors on the construction of a public sewer main on a section of White Oaks Rd.

Communication Plan: The contractor notifies the residents the day before the scheduled cleaning of sewer lines in a street.

Previous: The SSF has begun its annual sewer pipe cleaning and lining program. Public Works estimates that this year's program is over \$500,000.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: The Parks & Recreation Department will be moving the sand from east to west at the beach this spring. This was one of the recommendations given to the department to keep the sand at the beach. This will only be sand on land and not in the water as that is against the DES regulations. This step will keep the sand on the beach longer when it comes to wind.

Area Impacted: Weirs Beach

Communication Plan: This project will be done in the off season to keep the impacts low. The local newspaper will be notified, as well as the newspapers in northern Massachusetts. This will help spread the word to those who use the area the most.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: This project is moving forward with engineering and painting. There is no date set at this time for installation.

Area Impacted: The most impacted area will be the track, field and parking lot at Opechee Park. There may be a slight disturbance on North Main Street when the statue arrives, but that will be brief.

Communication Plan: There will be a large press release and coverage by many for this project. It has been years in the making and we will want to make a big splash. Newspapers, new channels and Laconia Links will all be notified of this event.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: April 22, 2024 was set as the deadline for the closing date for the sale of the State School property; this did not occur. The property is now up for sale again.

Previous: The expected closing date for the sale of the State School property, originally scheduled for March 13, was delayed due to issues with financing. A new closing date has not yet been announced.