



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – DECEMBER, 2024**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS**

Current: The installation of utilities under the Appleton St. railroad crossing is complete. The construction of the Appleton St.'s drainage pond alongside the railroad will be completed in January. The rest of the Appleton St reconstruction will occur in Spring of 2025.

Communication Plan: A communication plan will be prepared when the scope of the paving / construction schedule for the Spring and Summer of 2025 is finalized.

Previous: The installation of the drainage and water lines under the Appleton St RR Crossing began on November 12th. The crossing over the tracks is scheduled for paving on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The sediment pond will be constructed this fall and then the work will stop for the winter. The construction project will resume in the spring of 2025.

We received our Wetlands Permit for the Old North Main reconstruction project. That project will take place in the Spring of 2025.

### **ACADEMY STREET BRIDGE**

Current: This project has been completed in its entirety. This is the last report.

Communication Plan:

Previous: With the exception of installing a few sections of guardrail; the bridge project is complete.

### **CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE**

Current: Public Works is waiting on NH DOT to approve HEB's new engineering scope amendment. This will enable HEB to determine the need to improve the at grade railroad crossing north of the bridge.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur later than was anticipated due to the updated engineering study. It is anticipated that this public meeting will be held by Summer of 2025. At this meeting Public Works and the consultant will present the results of the study to include analysis of the options with some preliminary engineering.

Previous: DPW and HEB Engineers have agreed to a scope and fee for the additional Engineering Study Phase of this project that will include the railroad crossing to the north of the bridge. HEB has submitted documentation to NHDOT Railroad for their Temporary Use Agreement to do further surveying and work within and around the Railroad's Right of Way.

DPW and HEB need to do an additional independent government estimate (IGE) to amend their scope to include a meeting with the NHDOT front office as this project has crossed the

threshold and is now in the large project category. The project will now follow the procedures established for that category of projects.

### **MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

Current: Public Works has signed a task order with HEB to begin survey and preliminary engineering of the bridge replacement. HEB is developing their schedule for the work.

Communication Plan: Public Works is managing this project using NHDOT's locally managed project process. Therefore, the study phase will include a public information meeting to seek feedback on the project. Once the study phase is complete, Public Works will schedule another public information meeting to present the proposed alternatives of the project to the public.

Previous: Public Works is waiting on the scope and fee from HEB Engineers for the Engineering Study Phase of the project.

### **HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING**

Current: Public Works has submitted the Project Agreement to FEMA and is awaiting a Notice to Proceed on the design of the new culvert crossing.

Communication Plan: Public Works is managing this project using NHDOT's locally managed project process. Therefore, the study phase will include a public information meeting to seek feedback on the project. Once the study phase is complete, Public Works will schedule another public information meeting to present the proposed alternatives of the project to the public.

Previous: DPW is awaiting HEB's scope and fee for the project.

### **WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE**

Current: NHDOT has accepted Hoyle Tanner and DPW's scope and fee for completing the design of the project. NH DOT has not authorized the City and the consultant to proceed to the next phase of the design.

Communication Plan:

Previous: Hoyle Tanner has received the long-awaited scope and fee from the company supporting the historic preservation elements of the project. Company. The fee associated with this work was included in their scope and fee. DPW has signed this updated scope and fee for Professional Services that include Design, Permitting, ROW and Bid phase services. DPW and Hoyle Tanner are waiting NHDOT approval.

### **ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT**

Current: DPW is waiting on HEB Engineers' updated engineering study to proceed with the next steps of the project.

Communication Plan: This project is currently scheduled for 2028 NHDOT funding. Comments from the meeting will be added to the City's project website once the consultant completes them.

Previous: DPW has decided to move forward with a 10' pathway + 4ft grass buffer. The original project was for an 8ft pathway + 4ft grass buffer. This will involve coordinating with affected project owners, since we are proposing a wider pathway. A follow-up Public Input Session will be scheduled.

## **OPECHEE LOOP**

Current: DPW has received the Notice to Proceed from NBRC. The project will be going out to bid this winter.

Previous: DPW is waiting on approval of NBRC NEPA study for this project. The project is ready to go out to bid soon as the study is complete and MBRC has issued the notice to proceed. The plan is to start construction in spring 2025.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: A working group of the WRBP Advisory Board has prepared a response to the proposed changes to the replacement fund requesting a delay on including the new replacement fund value in the bill until the 2nd quarter of the State's FY 25/26. This will provide the membership time to review the calculations used in the development of the new replacement value of the system.

Previous: The WRBP completed the 5-year re-evaluation of the system's infrastructure. Per State law, the members are responsible for maintaining 5% of the replacement value of the system in the replacement fund. Laconia's annual base payments for FY2025 thru FY2029 has increased from \$278,374 to \$670,828. The increase is due to the inclusion of the value of the underground infrastructure and inflation. In addition to the base payment, the City is responsible for reimbursing the Fund its share of any projects funded from the Replacement Fund. For FY 2025 the amount is \$43,909.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: The 2025 cleaning and lining program will be scoped over this winter. DPW hopes to extend public sewer on White Oaks Road starting in spring of 2025.

Communication Plan:

Previous: The sewer main has been replaced on Locust Ave and it has been binder paved for the winter. The remaining work will be done in the spring of 2025

## **WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Current: Bids for the project were opened on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Public Works and the consultant will review the bids the week of Dec 16<sup>th</sup> with a goal of awarding the project no later than Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. The target date for the contractor to have all work on the project completed is the Friday before Memorial Day.

Communication Plan:

Previous: Not Applicable

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: The Parks Department reached out again to DES. The person contacted was Calvin Diessner (the person the Weirs TIF District Advisory Board reached out to previously). DES has been rather difficult to reach.

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:

Previous: No update.

### **LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE**

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the December 23, 2024 City Council meeting.