



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – MAY, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Upper Tower St and Warner Road's reclaim and paving project has been postponed to the fall due to the impact of weather. Hilliard Rd reconstruction from Endicott St North to Bobby's Way started on May 19th. The first phase of White Oaks Rd's sewer extension project will be paved by Bike Week. During Bike Week, the re-construction on Appleton St will occur. After the Appleton project is complete, the contractor will return to White Oaks Rd. After that work is complete the contractor will reconstruct the north end of Old North Main Street. Public Works is adjusting its fall work plan based on a reduction in FY 2026 Road Program funding from \$1.3M to \$1M.

Communication Plan: Letters will soon be going out to those on roads who need to be reached out to directly. Typically, this is for roads being reconstructed or reclaimed.

Previous:

South Main Street from Vista Foods to Cottage Street will be milled and topped with pavement within the next 30 days. Scenic Road from 628 Scenic to the WRBP Sewer Pump Station will also be shimmed and overlaid before the end of May.

This spring; Upper Tower Street (Endicott to Warner) along with Warner Ave will be reclaimed, additional stone added to the road base and paved. Several sections of curbing will be reset. A couple sidewalk ADA ramps will also be repaired.

Also this Spring; Hilliard Road will be reclaimed from Endicott St North to Bobby's Way. We will remove 40' of sidewalk on the left-hand side of Hilliard Rd (as you enter from Endicott St). There is a 600' section of sidewalk on the right side of the road. Curbing will be installed adjacent to the remaining sidewalk. DPW is working with the residents on Marcia Ann Way to improve their drainage system in conjunction with the City project to mitigate icing at their intersection with Hilliard Rd.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: Survey of the north rail crossing has been completed and DPW is waiting on HEB recommendations.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur later than was anticipated due to the updated engineering study. The next public meeting will be held summer of 2025 when the summer residents have returned to Laconia. At this meeting Public Works and the consultant will present the results of the study to include the analysis of options for the northern at grade crossing with some preliminary engineering.

Previous: DPW is working with HEB on completing the next financial reimbursement request for submission to NHDOT. Otherwise, the Preliminary Engineering for this project is particularly complicated and labor intensive.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: Survey has been completed and DPW is waiting on HEB's recommendations.

Communication Plan: Letters were sent to all abutters notifying them of the survey and of the bore sampling. 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 project's proposed alternatives.

Previous: Survey has been completed on the bridge. Subsurface coring samples will be collected this month. Preliminary engineering/study phase will begin soon after.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

Current: Survey has been completed and DPW is waiting for feedback from HEB.

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: HEB and DPW have agreed to a scope and fee to begin Preliminary Engineering for the project.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: A utility coordination meeting was recently held with Hoyle Tanner to fine tune the underground utility corridors of the project.

Communication Plan: The project requires temporary construction easements. Public Works and the consultant will be meeting with individual property owners to obtain these easements.

Previous: Preliminary engineering is well underway. While the timeline will be tight, DPW is holding Hoyle Tanner and NHDOT to the February 2026 bid date for a fall of 2026 construction schedule.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: No change.

Communication Plan: This project is currently scheduled for 2028 NHDOT funding.

Previous: DPW and HEB have agreed upon a scope and fee for a Preliminary Engineering amendment and are awaiting NHDOT approval.

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: City staff and the project engineer met with the low bidder and were able to reduce the total bid by \$465.4K. The total project is still \$366.4K over available funding. The notice of award to the low bid contractor must be issued by Memorial Day or the City will lose the contract pricing, and the start date of project (September) will be delayed.

Communication Plan: Public Works will work with the area's business owners to minimize impact to their businesses.

Previous: Bids were received April 18th and have been reviewed. Between NBRC and the County, the City has received \$325k towards the project. The City's share of the project was \$125k. The project came in at \$622k with a \$278k bid alternate to rehabilitate the Elm St Bridge decking. The two deck rehabilitation should occur with the sidewalk project to minimize costs. The City will need to fund the \$278k bridge rehab as well as the \$297k balance of the NBRC project with a total need of \$575k to proceed with the project. This would provide a 10' wide multiuse pathway from Doris Ray Court to Franklin St, a Rapid Flashing Beacon crossing Elm St just north of Doris Ray Ct as well as the 20-year bridge deck rehabilitation. There will be alternating one way traffic throughout the project. The planned start date for the project is the last week of August.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: We have selected a contractor for the landscaping project downtown, and we are finalizing a contract now. The committee is also working on a lighting plan to support the Laconia Pumpkin Festival which should be coming to the next City Council meeting for review and hopefully approval.

Previous: The Downtown TIF has completed its RFP for its landscaping project Downtown and is currently awaiting two site walks and final bids. Members of the TIF also are working on putting together a lighting, flag, and banner project for Laconia Pumpkin Festival with hopes of having the proposal before City Council in May.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: Weirs TIF had a meeting 5/21/2025. They would like to propose the construction of a Public Bandstand on the Boardwalk. Additionally, they would like to do some minor landscaping. The landscaping project is being evaluated now to see if this is something that can be completed by Parks and Rec.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The WRBP Administrator submitted the update of rate allocation payments to the members on May 19, 2025. This will be reviewed at the Advisory Board's May 21st meeting. This update adjusts the member communities' share of the WRBP's operation and maintenance expenses for the next three years beginning with FY2026. The results of the study on the replacement value and statutory value of the replacement fund (the reserve) will also be discussed at the next Board meeting. The study determined that the replacement value (based on the present oversized capacity) of the system is reasonable but the funding level required for the reserve is not.

Previous: The Advisory Board received the response on its request for information on April 10th. Members of the Board have begun reviewing the information.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: No update.

Communication Plan: DPW will be making direct contact with all property owners in the project area to coordinate connecting the houses to the City sewer system if their building is within 250 feet of a City sewer main and they are not eligible for a waiver.

Previous: The White Oaks Rd Sewer Extension Project is well underway. Water and Sewer shall be completed from Sarasota Lane to Lady of the Lakes by Bike Week. That section of road will be completely binder paved. The Sewer Pump Station will be commissioned by mid-June. The developer's plan is to obtain the first set of Occupancy Permits by the end of June.

The SSF is also working on improving sewer systems triggered by other future developments on Gold Street and New Salem Street.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: Substantial completion has been reached on the project with a small punch list of items to wrap up by mid-June. The dock is operational.

Communication Plan: Public Works will coordinate with the General Manager of the Mount Washington Cruise Line and the Weirs Action Committee during the project.

Previous: The project is on schedule. The new electrical system is complete. Flower watering systems have been upgraded. The Fire pipe has been installed. All dock fingers have been successfully extended. 12 of the 50 fender piles have been driven and are anticipated to be completed by the end of April. Completion of the bridge benches and dock decking are to follow.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

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: The Planning Department is putting together an RFP for a Master Plan should City Council decide to fund a Master Plan in next year's budget.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the May 27, 2025 City Council meeting.