



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – JUNE, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Hilliard Road base paving has been completed. Cleanup, loaming and seeding will occur after Bike Week. The topcoat of asphalt on Hilliard Road will take place this summer. White Oaks Road sewer extension phase 1 has been completed and has been base paved. Cleanup will be completed after Bike Week. White Oaks Road phase 2 will take place after Labor Day. White Oaks Road's asphalt topcoat will be placed in 2026 before MC week. The contractor is beginning work on Appleton Street's reconstruction and drainage improvements. After completing Appleton Street, they will begin reconstruction of the north end of Old North Main St and Morningside Drive.

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: 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.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: HEB Engineers is struggling with NH Railroad in getting the necessary permissions to complete the survey within the RR ROW.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur later than was anticipated due to the updated engineering study. The next public meeting will be held late summer of 2025. 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: Survey of the north rail crossing has been completed and DPW is waiting on HEB recommendations.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: HEB's Preliminary Engineering is ongoing.

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 and DPW is waiting on HEB's recommendations.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

Current: No change.

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

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: A deficiency in the bridge's deck was discovered on Friday June 6th. An onsite meeting with DPW, Hoyle Tanner's Engineer, Evroks and Busby was held to develop a repair plan until the bridge is replaced in the fall of 2026. In the meantime, the crossing over the bridge has been widened and restriped with barricades to keep traffic away from the section of the deck that is weak. DPW and NHDOT reviewed the project scope on June 12th and there were no issues.

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

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: NHDOT has approved the updated scope of engineering.

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

Previous: No change.

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: The project has been awarded to ED Swett and will take place in late August of this year. The project will be completed by mid-November.

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

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: Scheduled for a Public Hearing at the City Council's June 23rd meeting for additional funds for Streetscape Project and Pumpkin Festival Support.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: 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.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The WRBP Administrator provided the rate allocation adjustments that take effect on July 1st. Laconia's operations and maintenance account rate increases from 43.31% to 43.32%. The Administrator at the June 16th Board meeting stated that EPA's funding for the clean water revolving road fund will be reduced significantly. This will reduce the amount of funds available to NHDES resulting in low interest loans being limited to projects NHDES considers high priority.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Phase 1 of the sewer extension project on White Oaks Rd has been completed. The pump station will soon be commissioned. The project is on schedule. The goal is for the sewer extension and the sewer pump station to be online before Lady of the Lakes submits their first CO.

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: No update.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: Final completion is scheduled for the end of June. A list of additional requests from DPW has been submitted to the contractor to be completed this fall. These requests are mostly cosmetic and include replacing some of the pressure treated stair treads on the stairs from the boardwalk to the dock.

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: 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.

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: No update.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the June 23, 2025 City Council meeting.