



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – AUGUST, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Hilliard Road and Appleton Street are complete. Work on Old North Main is ongoing and will be complete by Labor Day. Crews will move to Morningside and White Oaks when Old North Main is completed.

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: The surface asphalt coat on Hilliard Road is scheduled for paving the week of July 28th. Appleton St reconstruction will be completed in the first week of August. The Contractor will begin work on Old North Main Street after Appleton St is complete. Old North Main St's reconstruction is from Village Court to Parade Road. Road work scheduled for this fall includes reclaiming and drainage improvements on Morningside Drive, Larkwood Dr and Windmill Lane. White Oaks Road phase 2 will take place after Labor Day.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: HEB has received their Temporary Use Agreement (TUA) from NH DOT Railroad and will be surveying the RR corridor this month so that they can continue with their design process.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur later than was anticipated due to the updated engineering study. The next public meeting will be scheduled once HEB has processed the information from the survey of the RR corridor. 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: Laconia DPW, HEB Engineers and NHDOT are struggling with the NH DOT Railroad Bureau to get a temporary use agreement to conduct survey work within the RR ROW.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: DPW is expecting HEB, the engineer consultant, to provide by Labor Day an existing features plan, conceptual design drawings for the bridge replacement, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost.

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: DPW is expecting HEB, the engineer consultant, to provide by mid-August an existing features plan, conceptual design drawings for the bridge replacement, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

Current: HEB engineers will complete the “predesign phase” of this project by September 2025.

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 engineers will complete the “predesign phase” of this project by September 2025.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: The updated road corridor layout has been agreed to by DPW, Brady-Sullivan and various engineers. DPW is awaiting further engineered design drawings to incorporate into the bridge 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: Hoyle Tanner and DPW are awaiting Brady Sullivan’s revised turn lane plan to incorporate it into the final design of the bridge project. The project is on schedule to go out to bid in February 2026 for a fall of 2026 construction. The plan is to use accelerated bridge construction techniques and to close Weirs Blvd to through traffic at the bridge.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: DPW is expecting the preliminary design by December 2025.

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

Previous: DPW is expecting the preliminary design by December 2025.

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: ED Swett will mobilize to the site on August 27th and construction will begin construction on September 2d on the section of the project from Doris Ray Court to Franklin Street.

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

Previous: The project has been awarded to ED Swett. Construction will start in late August of this year. The project will be completed by mid-November.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: Selected a contractor for the Canal Street Light project and working on having GFI outlets installed on several downtown light poles.

Previous: Contractor is working on our Streetscape Project. We are also out to bid for the Pumpkin Festival Lighting Project Downtown.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: Working on an RFP for a Structural Analysis of the Weirs Boardwalk.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Chair and Vice Chair of the Advisory Board met with NH DES on August 14th on the Replacement Fund Statute and the impact on baseline payments to the Fund.. We believe we have an agreement that significantly reduces annual payments to the fund. DES is developing the LSR for the proposed changes for the Board's consideration on August 20th.

Previous: The WRBP Advisory Board decided not to support two clean water revolving loan requests due to delays and issues with other WRBP projects. The Board has proposed a change to the state law on the replacement fund. The objective is to submit an LSR in September for the upcoming Legislature year. If the change is approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor, the change will take effect sometime in 2026.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: The annual cleaning and camera inspection of 20% of the sewer mains has begun. The work will occur over the next two months. The sewer extension on White Oaks will re-start after Labor Day.

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 annual cleaning and camera inspection of 20% of the sewer mains has begun. The work will occur over the next two months.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: Public Works is working with the contractor to finalize the scope of work for the fall work. The proposed remaining work includes replacing the pressure-treated boards on the steps 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: The project has reached final completion. An additional scope of cosmetic work is being generated for this Fall.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: Parks & Recreation is working with the professor at UNH to get an RFP that is appropriate for this project. The fix will need to be fluid and easily modified with any corrections that need to be made.

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: Selected a contractor for our Master Plan. Working with contractor on timelines and meeting schedules.

Previous: Out to bid for our Master Plan, submittals are due to the City by the end of July.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the August 25, 2025 City Council meeting.