



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – NOVEMBER, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Work on Morningside, Larkwood and Windmill has been completed for the season. Most of the neighborhood received new water main, enclosed drainage and several repaired sewer services. The roads received base pavement and will be topped in 2026.

This month, the contractor will be completing 1000' of the sewer service extension to the North of Sarasota on White Oaks Road and binder paving it for the winter.

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: Work on Morningside, Larkwood and Windmill is wrapping up. These streets will be binder paved in the coming weeks. The streets will be topped next year. Crews will soon be mobilizing back to White Oaks Road to continue the utility extension project North of Sarasota Lane.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: HEB has been continuing design work on the bridge with deliverables expected in the second half of 2026.

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: HEB has completed their survey work within the NH DOT Railroad Right of Way. Design work will restart as soon as the data is processed.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: Other needs from the City have pushed off this scope by a few months. We will receive the first round of deliverables from the Engineer on this project in the first quarter of 2026.

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: HEB plans to provide an existing features plan and conceptual design drawings for the bridge replacement, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost. These will be delivered this October.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

Current: In the next month, HEB, Laconia DPW and DOS will have a meeting to request an extension on the project with FEMA. This extension is not a surprise, it was a known requirement from the beginning of the project.

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: The preliminary design for the new culvert crossing is projected to be ready in January 2026.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: Several productive meetings have been held over the last month between DPW, DPW's Traffic Consultant (HEB), the design engineer (Hoyle Tanner) and NHDOT's Project Manager (Tony Puntin). There have been several edits to the project's pathway (which are outside of the bridge project). The bridge project will go out to bid in February/March 2026 for fall 2026 construction.

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: The new road pathway is being reviewed by DPW's 3rd party Traffic Engineer. This month, It will be submitted to NHDOT for their approval. The project will go out to bid in February.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: DPW and NHDOT have reviewed the engineer's alternatives summary and are moving forward with the final design process.

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

Previous: DPW and NHDOT have reviewed the engineer's alternatives summary and are moving forward with the final design process.

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: The project reached substantial completion on November 17th (17 days behind schedule). The contractor is paying a compromised level of liquidated damages on the project.

The bridge deck was in much better condition than was estimated and the project cost about \$180,000 less than estimated. A portion of this savings will be used for some additional curb work, sidewalk tip downs and paving to be done in the spring of 2026.

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

Previous: The project is on schedule to be completed by mid-November. This project is now alternating single lane traffic controlled by a traffic signal so that the contractor can replace the bridge deck membrane (one lane at a time).

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: Working on Lighting Project for Downtown and Rotary Park.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: Representative Bogert approved the LSR to change the Replacement Fund percentage. A draft of a Senate LSR to create a subcommittee to study changes to the structure of the WRBP has been reviewed by the Advisory Board. The Board's recommended changes have been submitted to NH DES for comments. The WRBP changes to the ten-year capital improvement program were not submitted to the Board per NH DES schedule. According to a NH DES leader they are adjusting the plan to make it more affordable.

Previous: Representative Bogert submitted the LSR to change the Replacement Fund percentage. The draft legislation to change the percentage has been submitted to the Legislative Office. Representative Bogert and the Advisory Board is waiting for the final version from the Legislative Office. The WRBP submitted their ten-year capital improvement program to the Advisory Board for review. The draft plan projects over \$94 million in bonded projects over the next ten years. The Board has informed NHDES that the plan is not supportable. The Board will be working with NH DES to modify the plan so that it is fundable by the member communities.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: The 1000' of sewer extension (blasted corridor) will be completed in the next couple of weeks and be base paved for the winter. The project will be picked back up again as soon as spring weather allows for it.

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: Blasting on White Oaks Road will begin on Thursday October 23rd. Phase 2 of the sewer extension project is going north. Phase 2 of the project which is about 3000' long will not be completed this fall. Depending on weather PW anticipates that 1000-1500 feet of sewer main and the associated sewer services will be completed and base paved this fall.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: A meeting was held last week to discuss details of this fall/winter's scope of work to complete the newest scope of work which will include an ADA hoist, additional stair tread replacement, additional rub post replacement and rubber bumpers on the rub posts.

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: A change order has been signed with the contractor that includes, replacing additional rub posts, adding rubber bumpers on the rub posts as well as replacing stair treads on the stairs from the boardwalk. The dock will also receive an ADA hoist to assist those in need getting into and out of a boat.

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: The Parks Department should be hearing back from UNH this week regarding the RFP. The professor is helping to make a starting point for the department as this is something that is specific and needs a careful eye. We want to be specific enough and yet let the engineering company we choose be fluid in their approach.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 13th at 5PM in City Council Chambers.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the November 24, 2025 City Council meeting.