



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – APRIL, 2025**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS**

Current: 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.

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 paving schedule has been finalized for the first half of the year. The reconstruction of Appleton Street will start as soon as weather conditions allow. This project includes a new water main, drainage system and sidewalk. South Main Street from Sunflower Natural Foods (390 S. Main) to Cottage Street will be shimmed and overlaid. Province Street will also receive a shim & overlay. The section of White Oaks Road from The Lady of The Lakes development to Sarasota Lane will be base paved after the completion of the sewer project. This should be completed by Motorcycle Week.

DPW is planning for more spot road repairs than usual due to the severe winter frost conditions. Hilliard Road and others are under consideration for limited repairs.

The paving schedule for the second half of the year has been developed. Old North Main Street will be reconstructed to include its drainage system. Also, Clearwater Place, Morningside Drive and Windmill Lane will be either reclaimed & paved or shimmed & paved. Baldwin Street from Avery St. to Dolloff St. will be shimmed & paved. White Oaks Road from Lady of The Lakes Development to 792 White Oaks will be paved after the sewer line has been installed.

Depending on funding; the remainder of White Oaks Rd. will be reclaimed & paved; New Salem Street will be reconstructed, and Valley Street will be reconstructed.

### **CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE**

Current: 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.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur later than was anticipated due to the updated engineering study. The next public meeting will be held in the late spring/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 to get the next financial reimbursement request submitted to NHDOT.

### **MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

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

Communication Plan: Letters were sent to all abutters notifying them of the survey and coring. 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 Engineers will survey the bridge site this spring. HEB will begin Preliminary Engineering after completing the survey.

### **HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING**

Current: HEB and DPW have agreed to a scope and fee to begin Preliminary Engineering for 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: DPW has received the approved project agreement from HSEM. HEB is working on a scope and fee for survey and preliminary engineering. Survey is scheduled for this fall. The Project will go out to bid in March of 2026 with a fall of 2026 construction schedule.

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

Current: 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.

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: NHDOT has approved Hoyle Tanner and DPW's IGE and has released Hoyle Tanner to complete Preliminary Engineering for the project. The project will go out to bid in January 2026 with a Fall of 2026 construction schedule. Weirs Blvd will be closed to thru traffic for 3 months. White Oaks Rd will be the detour.

## **ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT**

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

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

## **OPECHEE LOOP**

Current: Bids were received April 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Previous: The NBRC project will be going out to bid by end of March. Construction will begin after Labor Day 2026.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: 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.

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

Previous: Due to concerns with two projects that were stopped by WRBP leadership, the Advisory Board on March 12, 2025, requested the Program's history of expenditures for the last two fiscal years and copies of the task orders and expenditures for those task orders. The intent is to give us the information necessary to determine if the Program is effectively using the member communities' funds. The Advisory Board continues its effort to determine an appropriate method of calculating the baseline value of the system.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: 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.

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 SSF has been working very closely with many different stakeholders on extending sewer on White Oaks Road (primarily Lady of the Lakes, Brady Sullivan, Brown Engineering and Busby Construction). This sewer extension will get approximately 85 more residences onto City sewer. Construction on the sewer pump station has begun. City Sewer and City Water will be installed from Sarasota Ln to Lady of the Lakes by Bike Week.

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

Current: 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.

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: All of the original decking has been removed and replaced. Electrical conduit is being run throughout the dock network. Piles for dock finger extensions will be well underway by the end of March. DPW is awaiting a submittal for the new bench seating along the new footbridge. The project is on schedule.

## **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 City Manager and Director of Recreation & Facilities met with Professor Thomas Ballesteros. He suggested we go out to bid for an engineer with a shoreline protection background. We will be looking to have adaptive management (trial and error). He stated that

we should do a temporary solution and if it works make it permanent, if not try something else. With the way the water moves at this beach could be and probably is different than elsewhere. We need to be flexible with this project.

The professor also suggested we pick the sand and make sure it is moldable. No one wants sand they can't make into sandcastles.

#### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: 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.

Previous: No update.

#### **LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE**

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the April 28, 2025 City Council meeting.