



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – SEPTEMBER, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Old North Main St was binder paved. Site cleanup, loaming and seeding will happen in the coming weeks. Asphalt surface coat will be placed the week of Sep 15th. Contractor crews have moved to Morningside Dr to replace the water main and a significant portion of drainage system. Morningside Dr will be paved after completion of the underground utility work. White Oaks Road in the area of the sewer project will be based paved before winter. Public Works estimates that approximately \$275,000 will be available in the Road Program for spring 2026 work.

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: 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.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: HEB has received their Temporary Use Agreement (TUA) from NH DOT Railroad and will be surveying the RR corridor in early October. The survey is required to determine the impact and costs to meet the clear height requirement over the tracks that NHDOT Rail is requesting.

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 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.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: DPW had to shift HEB's priorities away from this project. DPW is expecting HEB to provide an existing features plan, conceptual design drawings for bridge replacement, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost. These will be delivered this October.

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 Labor Day an existing features plan, conceptual design drawings for the bridge replacement, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

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

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: DPW/SSF is working on a sewer bypass plan to install before the bridge replacement takes place. This concept as well as the new roadway pathway is being incorporated into HTA's design for NHDOT approval.

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 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.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: A new TAP alternatives summary letter is expected from HEB Engineers by the end of September.

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

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

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: The project is well underway. DPW has worked with local businesses to ensure that their needs are met. During the sidewalk work there will be continuous two-way traffic. Starting the first week of October the contractor will begin working on the deck of the bridge. During this phase there will be alternating one-way traffic controlled by temporary signals. The contractor anticipates the completion of the work requiring alternating one-way traffic in October.

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

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: Looking to purchase barricades and light towers for traffic safety and circulation Downtown.

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

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: Member communities all agreed on reducing the replacement fund from 5% to 2% of the replacement value of the system. The WRBP Advisory Board approved the reduction on September 10th. Representatives Bogert and St. Clair are sponsoring the change in the State statute. Representative Bogert submitted the legislative service request the week of September 15th.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Pre-blast surveys are underway on White Oaks Road from 546 to 792 White Oaks Road. The goal is to complete the sewer main extension from 546 to 792 and base pave the project area this fall. Force main bypass capabilities design/analysis is underway for the Langley Cove sewer pump station as well as the Briarcrest pump station.

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. The sewer extension on White Oaks will re-start after Labor Day.

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: 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: Parks and Rec is still working on the RFP.

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: 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.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The first meeting is October 6, 2025 at the Belknap Mill.

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

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the September 22, 2025 City Council meeting.