



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – OCTOBER, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: 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.

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: 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.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

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

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 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.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: 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.

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 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.

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

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: 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.

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: 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.

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

OPECHEE LOOP

Current: 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).

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

Previous: : 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

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

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

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 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.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: 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.

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: 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.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: 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.

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: 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.

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 and Rec is still working on the RFP.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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

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

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: The City Manager will provide an update at the October 27, 2025 City Council meeting.