



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – DECEMBER, 2025

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS

Current: Road projects have been completed for the season. The 2026 spring road program is not finalized. Plans will be finalized after the impact of winter weather on the roads is assessed. The spring road program will be minimal due to the limited FY 2026 road program budget.

Communication Plan: Letters will go to residents on those streets in the spring road program once the plan has been completed.

Previous: 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.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: Preliminary engineering is well underway with an anticipated completion date in early spring of 2026. DPW and HEB Engineers will host another public input session following the release of the preliminary engineering documents.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur in May at the earliest when summer residents have returned to the area. At this meeting Public Works and the consultant will present the results of the preliminary engineering.

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

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: The preliminary engineering for this project has been completed. DPW and HEB will be soon meeting with HUD to begin the NEPA process. Estimated cost of the project exceeds the Federal grant. Public Works and HEB will review the plans and cost and recommend a course of action.

Communication Plan: Public Works is managing this project using NHDOT's locally managed project process. The preliminary engineering phase is complete, Public Works will schedule another public information meeting to present the project's proposed alternatives.

Previous: 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.

HILLIARD ROAD CULVERT CROSSING

Current: This project is scheduled for construction in Fall of 2027. Preliminary engineering has begun and will take us into next summer.

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: 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.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: Construction will begin late summer/early fall of 2026. The project will be going out to bid in the spring of 2026 and be awarded by the end of June. Final design is underway. DPW is working with abutting property owners on easements that will be required by the project. The bridge project will involve widening the bridge to account for a left turning lane into the Langley Cove development. Sections of water main, gravity sewer main and sewer force main will be replaced through the project limits of work.

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: 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.

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 has been finished for the fall. The project finished two weeks behind schedule and DPW enforced liquidated damages on the bridge contractor. In the spring, flexible visible delineators will be installed on the widened sidewalk over the bridge. While the bridge has received its final pavement, areas to the north and south of the bridge will receive more curb work, concrete sidewalk tip downs and additional pavement.

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

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

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: NH DES Commissioner responded to the letter of concern. The letter states that member communities' sewer rates are all below the statewide average. The Commissioner also requested a meeting with the Advisory Board and member communities' leaders to discuss concerns and solutions on the management of the program. The tentative date for the meeting is January 22nd. The legislative service request for the replacement fund is now House Bill - 1435 FN. The draft Senate LSR to create a subcommittee to study transferring ownership to an alternate authority has been provided to Senator Lang. NHDES and the Board will work with Senator Lang and our House representatives to amend the replacement fund House bill to include the creation of the subcommittee.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: 1000' of new gravity sewer was installed north of Sarasota Lane on White Oaks Rd. 2000' more feet of gravity sewer will be installed in the spring of 2026 and then coordination will begin to have the abutting residents connect to the sewer system.

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 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.

WEIRS BEACH DOCK RECONFIGURATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Current: The project has reached final completion.

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 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.

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: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

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