

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING

**THIS PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE REHABILITATION
OF THE BRIDGE CARRYING
LEE HOOK ROAD OVER THE LAMPREY RIVER AND THE
BRIDGE CARRYING NH 152 OVER NORTH RIVER**

**LEE FIRE/POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX
20 GEORGE BENNETT ROAD
LEE, NH**

MARCH 18, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment.

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

**Lee
44100**



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



William Cass, P.E.
Commissioner



David Rodrigue, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

Andre Briere, Colonel, USAF (RET)
Deputy Commissioner

Lee 44100
Lee Hook Road over Lamprey River
NH 152 over North River

Bureau of Bridge Design
Tel: (603) 271-2731

March 7, 2024

Town of Lee
249 Calef Highway
Lee, NH 03861

Dear Sir/Madam,

Arrangements have been made by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to hold a Public Officials/Public Informational Meeting to discuss preservation of the bridge carrying Lee Hook Road over Lamprey River and the bridge carrying NH 152 over North River.

The scope of work consists of preservation efforts to the decks as well as reconstructing the copings on the Lee Hook Road bridge. This project may have an effect on cultural or historic resources that are potentially eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the potential impacts to historic resources have an opportunity to become Consulting Parties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Additional information will be provided at the public informational meeting. The repairs to the Lee Hook Road bridge will require the bridge to be closed for approximately 16 weeks. The repairs to the NH 152 bridge will require one lane of alternating two-way traffic for approximately 16 weeks.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Lee Fire/Police Public Safety Complex located at 20 George Bennett Road as part of the regularly scheduled Select Board's meeting starting at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment.

In anticipation that the Selectmen, Planning Board, and other Town bodies will be in attendance, we suggest that these bodies officially post the meeting to assure compliance with the State's Right-to-Know Law. In that regard, we have enclosed several notices of this meeting and would appreciate it if you would have them posted in prominent places in the Town to inform as many citizens as possible. We will be advertising this meeting in the appropriate newspapers.

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Notification of the need for assistance must be made at least seven business days prior to this meeting/hearing.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the proposed project, please call (603) 271-2731. It is hoped that you will plan to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Scott".

David L. Scott, P.E.
In-House Design Chief

**MUNICIPAL WORK ZONE AGREEMENT
FOR
LEE**

**STATE PROJECT: 44100
FEDERAL PROJECT: X-A005(317)**

THIS AGREEMENT, executed in *duplicate*, made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2024, between the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the “DEPARTMENT” and the Town of Lee, hereinafter called the “TOWN.”

WITNESSETH that,

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT will perform bridge deck preservation on two bridges in Lee, one carrying Lee Hook Road over the Lamprey River and one carrying NH 152 over the North River;

WHEREAS, The State Legislature has delegated the Commissioner of the DEPARTMENT with full authority to control traffic in highway/bridge construction work zones on Class I, II, and III highways; RSA 228:21, 236:1, and 228:37;

WHEREAS, The Department intends to use a combination of flaggers and/or uniformed officers, as appropriate, to control traffic and ensure public and worker safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, it is mutually agreed as follows:

- A. The DEPARTMENT shall construct project Lee 44100 bridge preservation project in the TOWN.
- B. The DEPARTMENT will be responsible for the management and operation of the highway throughout the duration of the construction of the project. This includes the authority to determine the most appropriate way to control traffic within the construction work zone limits of the project.**
- C. The Department, as of April 1, 2013, will only compensate for the use of police officers that have successfully completed an NHDOT approved course on the Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement in Work Zones

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties here have affixed their signatures, the Town of Lee, New Hampshire, on this _____ day of _____, 2024; The Department of Transportation on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

TOWN OF LEE

By: _____
Director of Project Development

By: _____
(*AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL*)

cc: Police Chief

Lee 44100

March 18, 2024
Public Officials –
Public
Informational



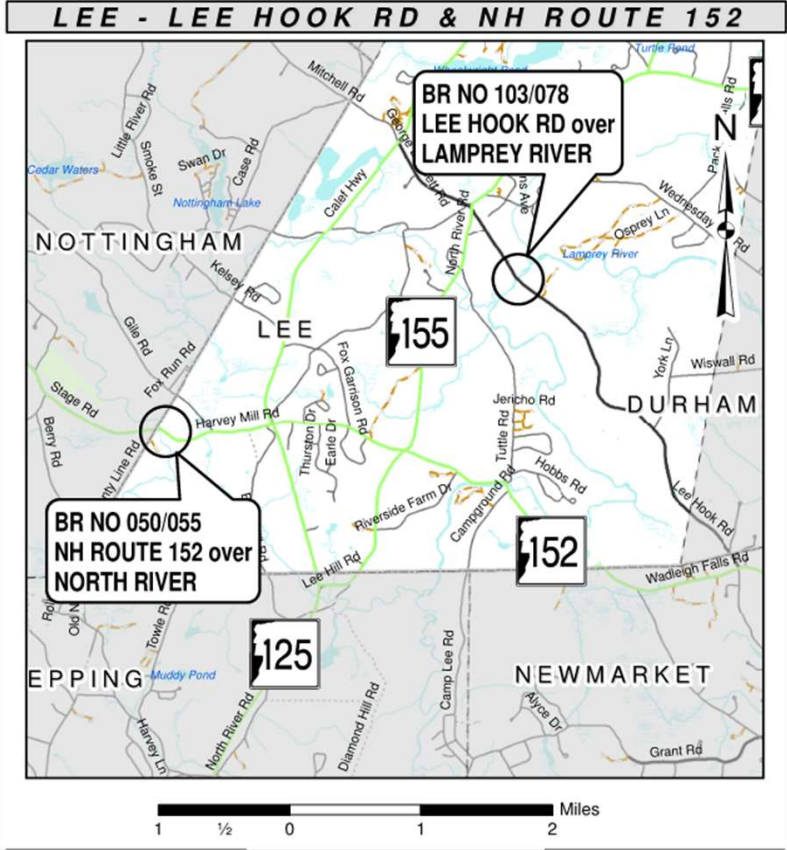
Lee Hook
Road over
Lamprey
River
and
NH 152 over
North River



Introductions

- David L. Scott, PE
 - Project Manager
- Rhona Thompson
 - Environmental Manager

Project Location Map



Environmental Statement

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other state and federal regulations, the NHDOT must investigate the potential impacts that our projects will have on the surrounding natural, cultural, and social environment. Identifying key resources early in the project development process enables the Department to avoid or minimize impacts as design proceeds.

Environmental Statement

Part of the environmental review involves identifying historic resources. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department and the Federal Highway Administration are reviewing the project area in consultation with the NH Division of Historical Resources to determine if there are historic resources within the vicinity that would be impacted by the construction of this project. Historic properties can include buildings and structures fifty years old or older, as well as archaeological sites. In addition to age, it also must be determined if a structure maintains enough integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Environmental Statement

Please note that Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act offers those that possess a direct interest in historical resources, including town officials and Historical Societies, an opportunity to become more involved in an advisory role during project development as “Consulting Parties.” Those interested would need to indicate so in writing to the Federal Highway Administration. Please see me after the meeting if you would like more information.

Environmental Statement

Mr. Jamison S. Sikora
NH Division Environmental Programs Manager
Federal Highway Administration
J.C. Cleveland Federal Building
53 Pleasant Street, Suite 2200
Concord, NH 03301
jamie.sikora@dot.gov

Environmental Statement

We ask that if anyone has concerns about natural, cultural, or socioeconomic resources within or adjacent to the project area, they bring them to our attention tonight or contact us after this meeting.

Environmental Statement

Rhona Thomson
Environmental Manager
NH Department of Transportation, Bureau of
Environment
7 Hazen Dr., PO Box 483
Concord, NH 03302-0483
rhona.c.thomson@dot.nh.gov

Existing Bridge Details – NH Route 152

- Bridge Number 050/055
 - NH Route 152 over North River
 - Constructed in 1928
 - Rebuilt in 1985 (New deck)
 - 37'-0" long single-span IB-C
 - 32'-0" bridge width curb-to-curb
 - 2,900 vehicles per day, 4% trucks
 - #280 on 2022 Tier 3&4 Maintenance and Preservation List
 - Deck = 7, Super = 7, Sub = 7

Existing Bridge Details – Lee Hook Road

- Bridge Number 103/078
 - Lee Hook Road over Lamprey River
 - Constructed in 1923
 - Rebuilt in 1975 (New deck)
 - 75'-0" long two-span IB-C
 - 23'-11" bridge width curb-to-curb
 - 1,600 vehicles per day, 7% trucks
 - #6 on 2022 Tier 3&4 Maintenance and Preservation List
 - Deck = 6, Super = 6, Sub = 6

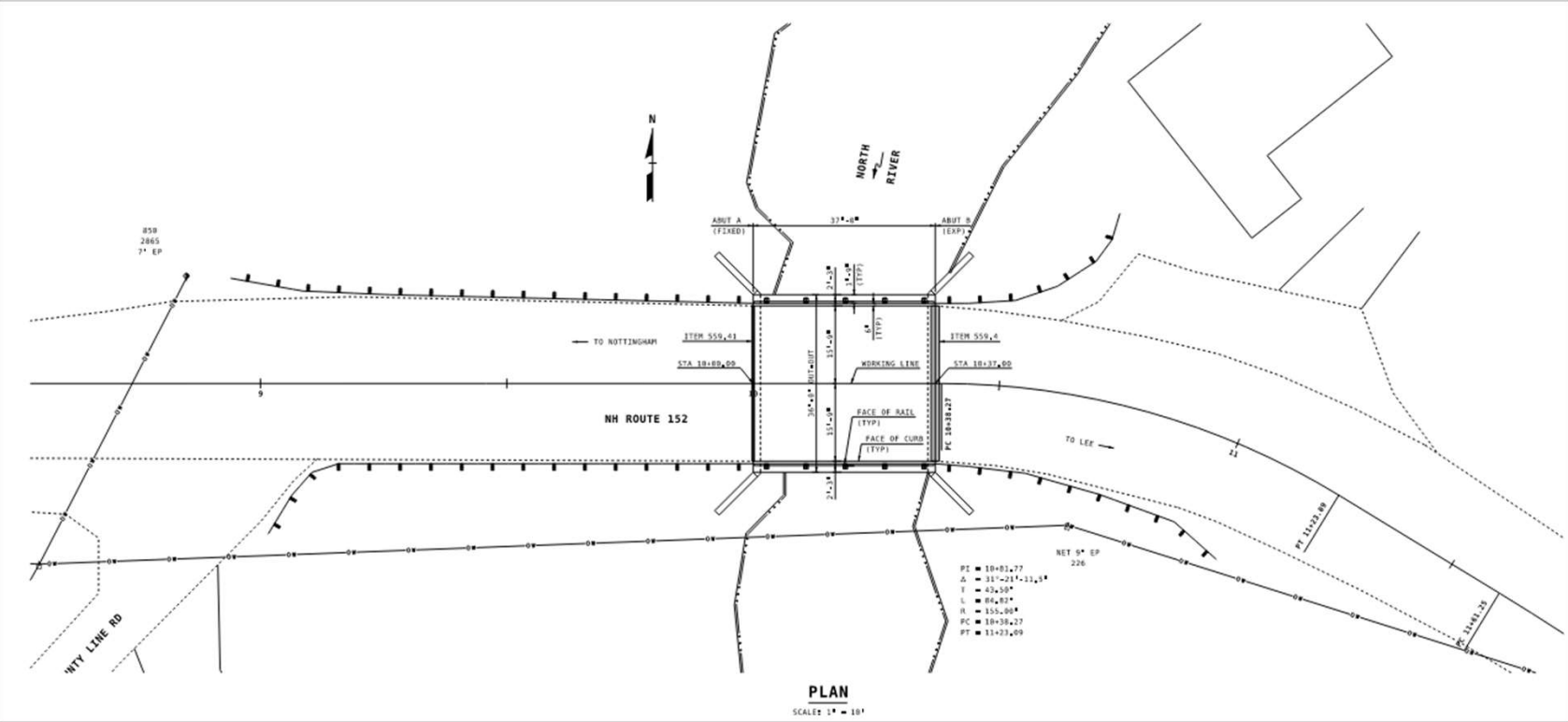
Purpose and Need

- Perform bridge preservation activities
- Bridge preservation activities will delay its regression to a lower condition state
- Bridge decks have not received any preservation efforts.

Bridge Preservation Work

- Both bridges
 - Remove and replace bridge pavement and membrane
 - Partial and full depth deck repair
- Lee Hook Road bridge
 - Rebuild copings and replace rail
 - Replace the expansion joint, located at the pier
 - Replace some of the bearings

Bridge Preservation – NH 152



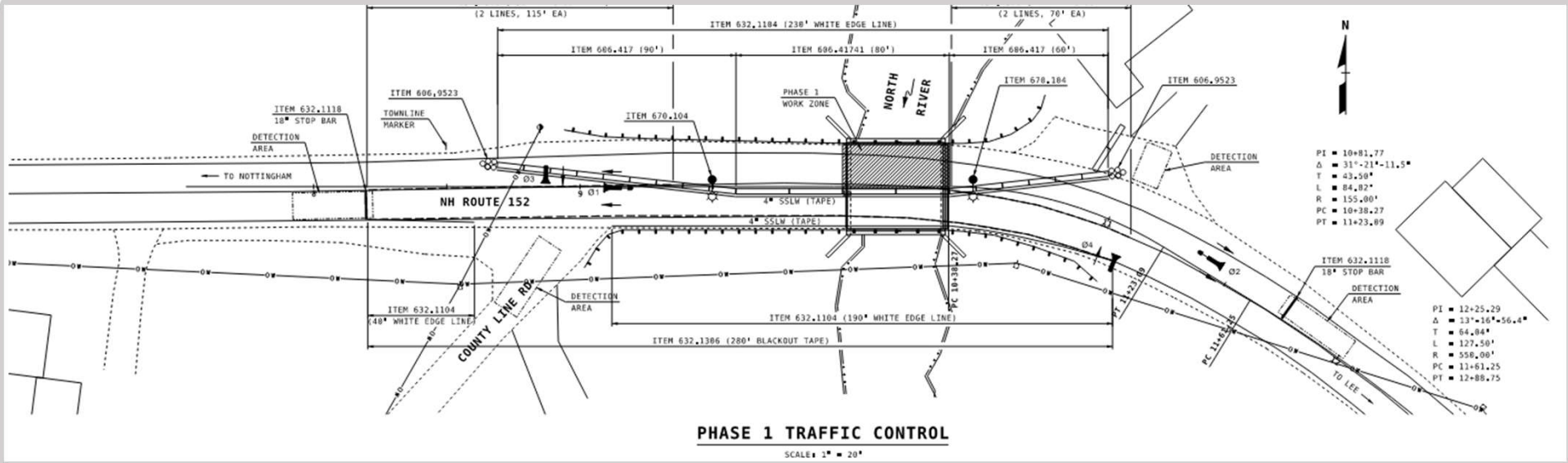
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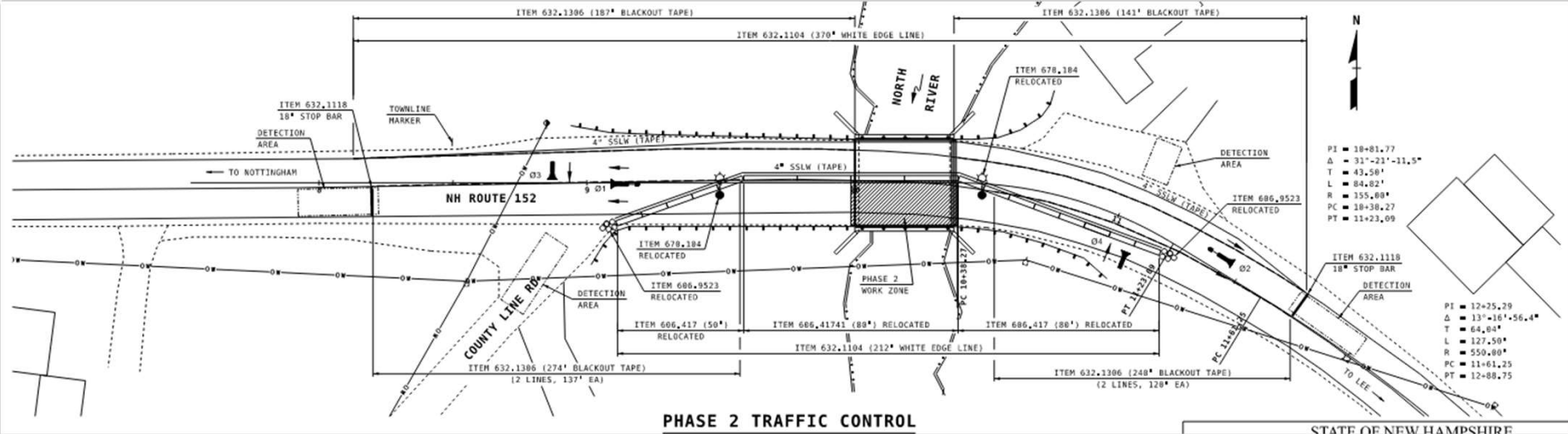
Bridge Preservation – NH 152



Maintenance of Traffic – NH 152

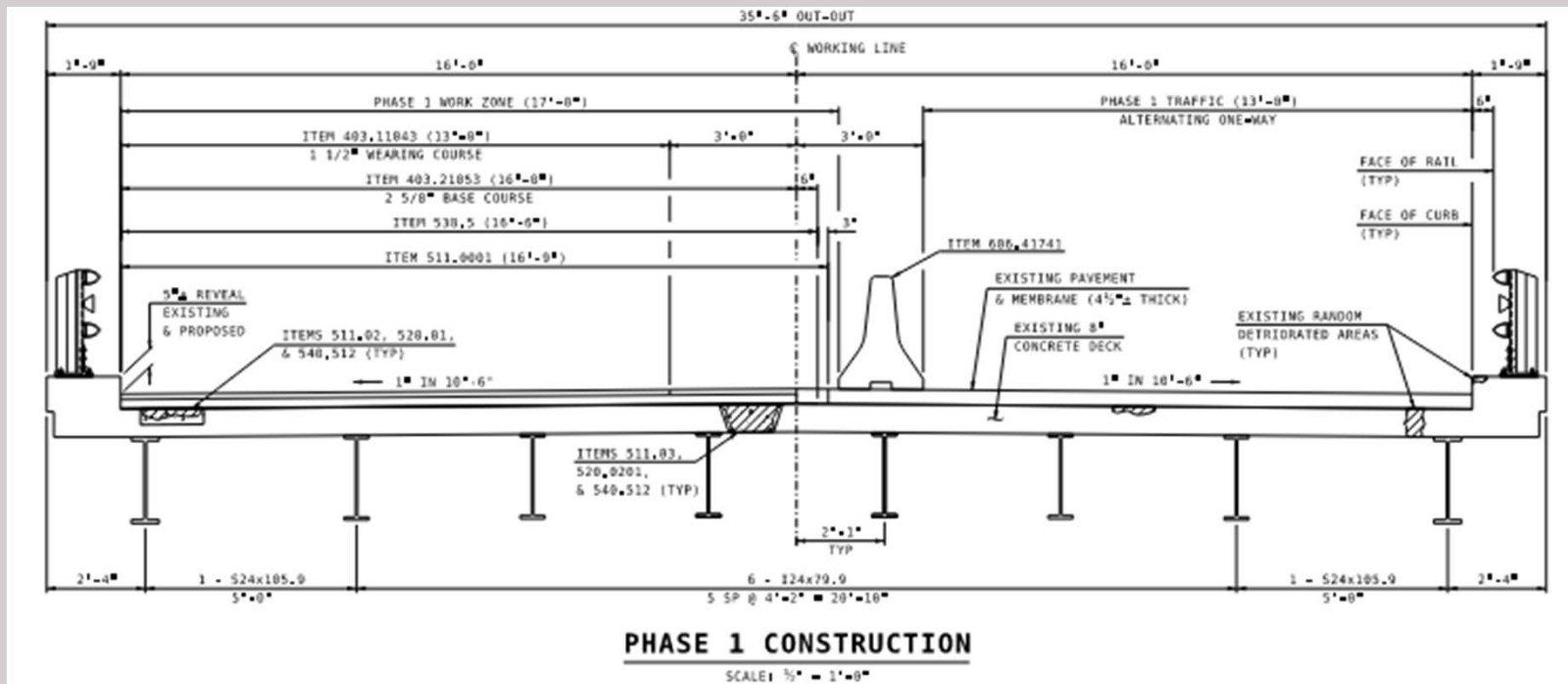


Maintenance of Traffic – NH 152



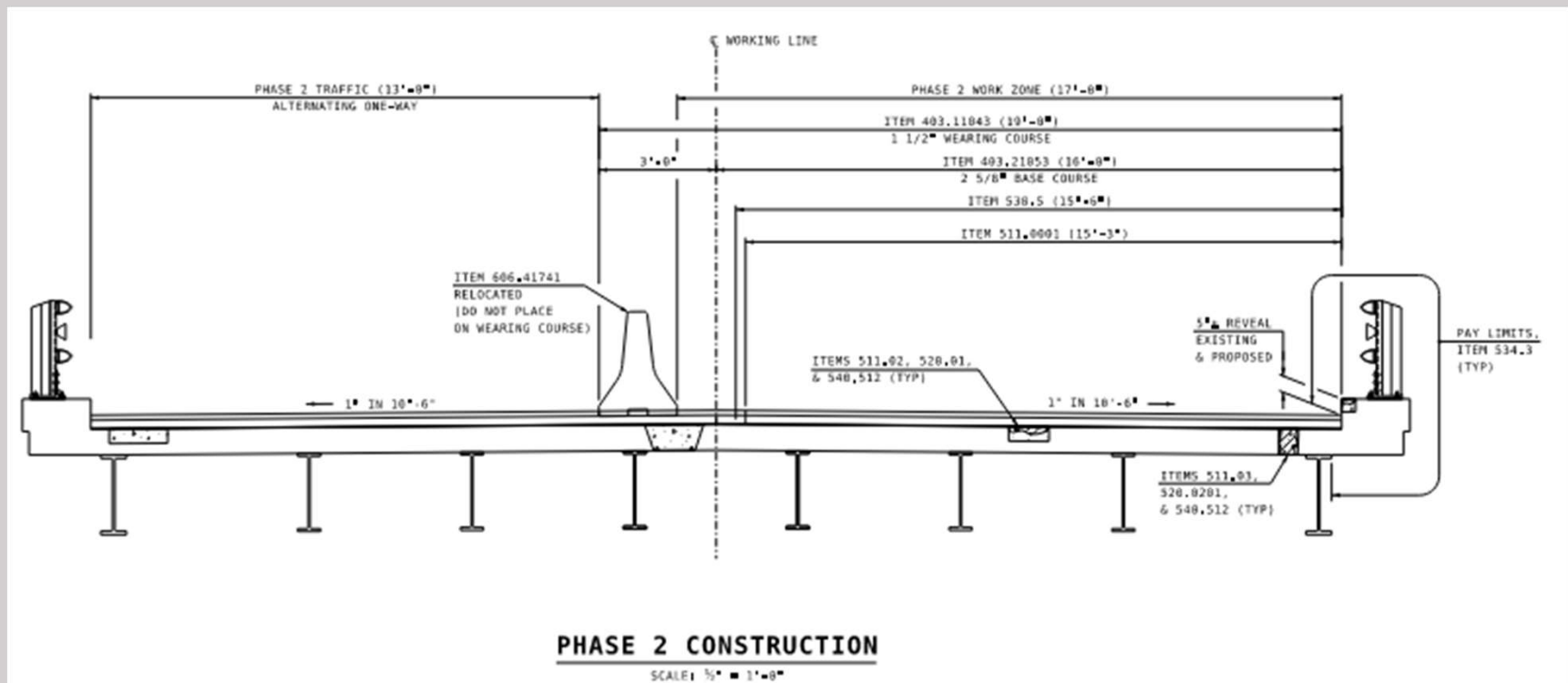
Maintenance of Traffic – NH 152

- Phase 1 bridge work for approximately 8 weeks.

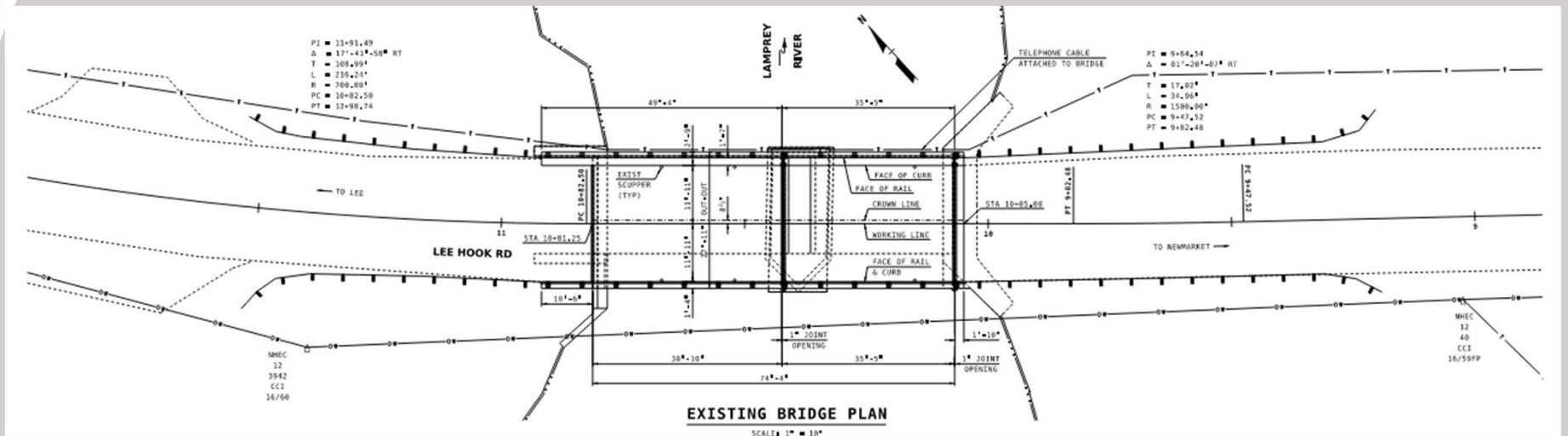


Maintenance of Traffic – NH 152

- Phase 2 bridge work for approximately 8 weeks.



Bridge Preservation – Lee Hook Road



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Lee Hook Road Proposed Detour

Lee Hook Rd, Lee, NH 03861
Lee, New Hampshire

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2 hr 59
44 min

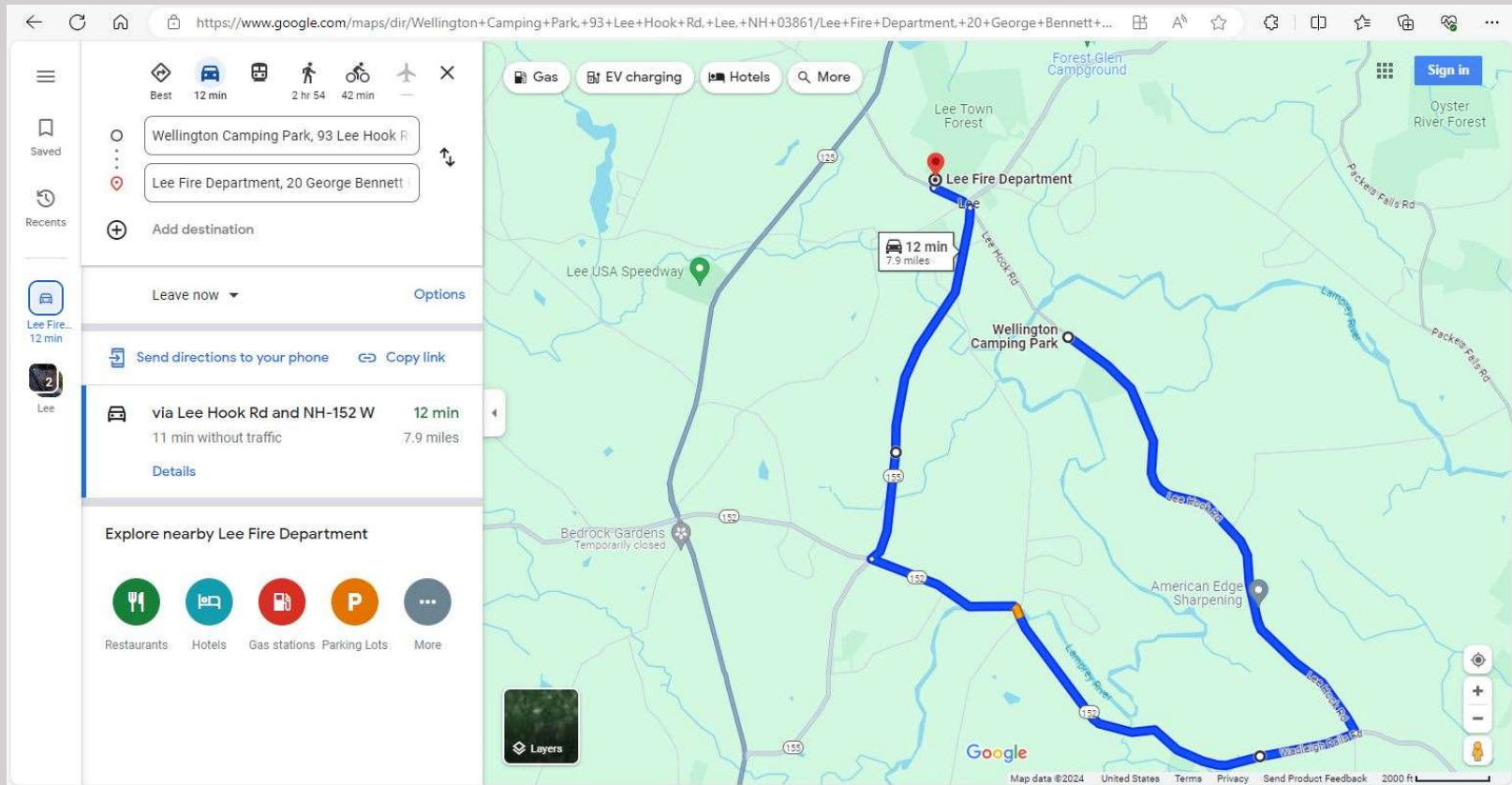
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Route	Time	Miles
via NH-152 E and Lee Hook Rd	13 min 12 min without traffic	8.3 miles
via NH-155 S, NH-152 E and Lee Hook Rd	13 min 12 min without traffic	8.5 miles

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Lee Hook Road Emergency Srvcs Response



Additional Information

- ROW
 - No ROW impacts at either bridge
- Utilities
 - Communication cable mounted to side of Lee Hook Road bridge will be moved prior to bridge preservation
 - No utility impacts at NH 152 bridge

Additional Information

- Environment
 - Anticipate NEPA in April 2024
 - No impacts to wetlands
 - No impacts to historic properties
 - No impacts to endangered species

Schedule and Budget

- Ad Date – May 7, 2024
- Bids Due – May 30, 2024
- Completion Date – October 10, 2025

- Lee Hook Road Schedule of 16-week Closure (includes pedestrian and bikes)
 - March 31, 2025 – July 18, 2025
 - June 23, 2025 – October 10, 2025

- Construction Cost = \$900,000



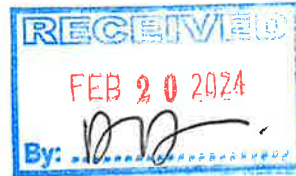
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February 14, 2024

Re: Lee 44100

Chair of Selectboard
Katrin Kasper
249 Calef Highway
Lee, NH 03861

Dear Ms. Kasper:

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is planning the subject project, consisting of preservation efforts on two bridges in Lee. One bridge is located where Lee Hook Rd crosses over the Lamprey River, and the other bridge is located where NH 152 crosses over the North River. The proposed actions include replacement of the bridge deck pavement and membrane, partial and full depth deck repairs, installation of crack control joints, bearing replacements, abutment repairs, and pier cap repairs. A location map is enclosed.

Engineering studies have been initiated to refine the scope and limits of work necessary for this project. The Department's Bureau of Environment is in the process of evaluating the potential environmental impacts associated with the project. To assist in this evaluation, I am asking that you notify me of any concerns relative to the project's potential impacts on environmental, social, economic, or cultural resources, such as wetlands, historic properties, and invasive plant species.

Some transportation projects require mitigation for possible wetland/stream impacts. The natural resources in this project area have not yet been identified and investigations are forthcoming. Preliminary engineering studies have begun and the Department will attempt to avoid, and minimize impacts through design before determining if there will be any stream or wetland impacts that may require mitigation. **As a proactive measure the Department would like to request a list of the Town's preferred/priority mitigation efforts that the Department may evaluate and consider undertaking if it is determined that the project does in fact require mitigation. Please let us know if your Town has identified such priorities.** In the absence of any Town priorities to evaluate the Department will pursue permittee responsible mitigation through the Stream Passage Improvement Program (SPIP). If it's determined that no viable options exist through the SPIP, the Department will pursue a payment into the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (ARM Fund), at which time those funds will become competitively available through the ARM fund grant process.

As such, does the Town have a list of priority mitigation efforts (Top 10 Priority List) that the DOT may evaluate and consider undertaking if it is determined that the project does in fact require mitigation? If so, please provide the list. (e.g. problematic culvert/bridge crossings, land protection, habitat restoration, etc.)

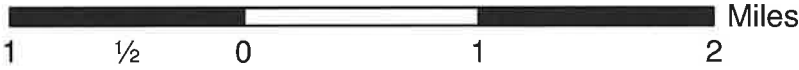
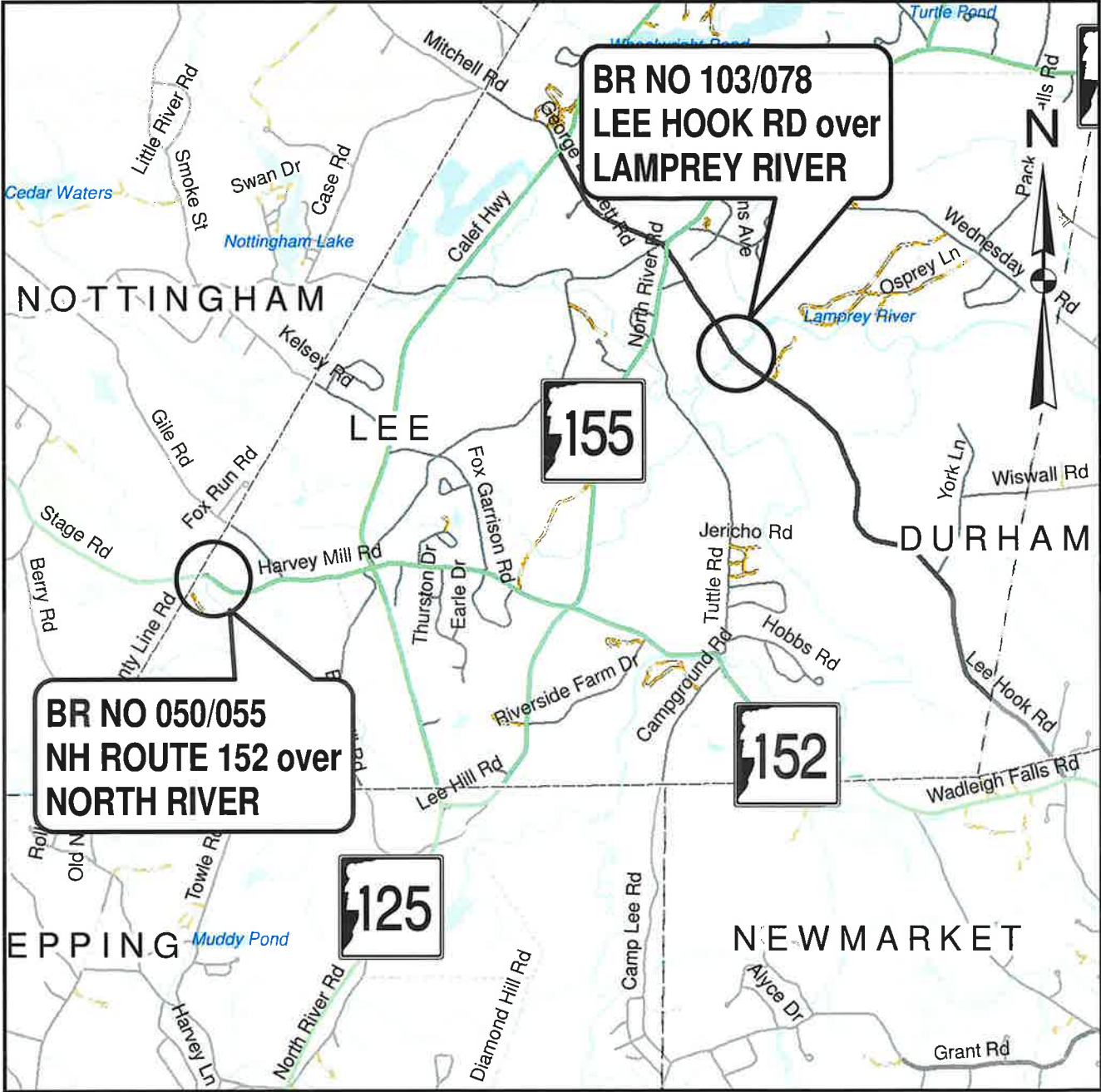
The tentative advertising date for this project is 05/07/2024. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information regarding the project. This letter has been sent to the Planning Board, Historical Society, Conservation Commission, and Chair of Selectboard.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Rhona Thomson
Environmental Analyst
Rhona.c.thomson@dot.nh.gov

Encl. Location Map

LEE - LEE HOOK RD & NH ROUTE 152



LEGEND

- Streams
- Water Bodies
- US Routes
- State Routes
- Interstates
- Local Roads
- Town Boundary

New Hampshire
DOT
 Department of Transportation

State #: 44100
 Federal #: X-A005(317)
LOCATION MAP



-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Meeting of the Commission of Three
for the *Finding of Necessity* of**

LEE PROJECT #X-A004(593), 41322

The Commission appointed by the Governor and Executive Council on March 8, 2023 for the project noted above will meet on January 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the NH Department of Transportation, Room 161, 7 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH, to discuss the proposed project. This meeting is a public proceeding under RSA Chapter 91-A. The intent of the meeting is not to take testimony but rather, serve as a decision-making forum for the Commission. The public may observe the proceedings.


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LEE 41322 X-A004(593)

The purpose of the Lee 41322 project will replace the red listed corrugated metal pipe arch carrying NH 125 over the Little River with a steel girder bridge.

Ray Chadwick.....Commission Chair
Richard Merkt.....Commission member
Tom DeBlois.....Commission member

DATED at Concord, NH
December 27, 2023



Stephen G. LaBonte, Administrator
Bureau of Right-of-Way
N.H. Department of Transportation