



NHDOT Presents Proposed Action Plan

at I-293 Exits 6 and 7 Public Informational Meeting

More than 100 individuals, including business owners, residents, and community leaders, attended last month's third public informational meeting. Attendees had an opportunity to hear about the Proposed Action and to speak one-on-one in an informal and relaxed setting with NHDOT officials and the project team. The project is intended to **reduce congestion; support growth in the surrounding communities; and enhance the safe and efficient travel** for automobiles, trucks, buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists, alike.

What has the project team been doing?

Since last year's public workshop, the project team has been evaluating and screening alternative solutions. Thank you to all who shared their thoughts at the public workshop or submitted questions and comments in writing or through the project website. Public input has been invaluable. Additionally, the project team has been working closely with the City of Manchester, the Town of Goffstown, and the Technical Advisory Committee, as well as cultural and environmental resource agencies.

What is the Proposed Action?

Having completed the alternatives evaluation and considered the public, community, and resource agency input, the proposed action includes the following:

- Expand I-293 to six travel lanes (three lanes per direction)
- Eliminate the existing Exit 7 southbound ramps at Front Street
- Construct a new full-access Exit 7 interchange north of the Manchester Community College
- Connect the new Exit 7 interchange to the east with a 4-way intersection at Front Street and Country Club Drive
- Connect the new Exit 7 interchange to the west at Dunbarton Road
- Eliminate Exit 6 Amoskeag Circle and all existing ramps
- Construct a new Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) at Exit 6
- Connect Front Street and Eddy Road with a new 2-lane roadway that passes under Amoskeag Street and the new SPUI
- Reconstruct the Eddy Road southbound on-ramp, providing access to the highway from the north and south

The plan can be viewed on the project website at www.293planningstudy.com.

How is the project enhancing pedestrian and bicycle mobility?

In addition to addressing the existing capacity and safety deficiencies, the Proposed Action—relocating Exit 7 to the north and constructing the SPUI at Exit 6—will result in the Eddy Road/Front Street corridor being transformed to a local low-volume 2-lane roadway that will likely serve as a welcomed bicycle and pedestrian connection between neighborhoods. Each interchange is also being designed to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle mobility.



How will the project impact emergency access?

The project team has been working closely with the Manchester Fire Department to help ensure that the project maintains needed emergency vehicle routes. The SPUI design will incorporate a gated emergency vehicle ramp that will provide a connection from Amoskeag Street at the interchange to Front Street. This ramp will provide emergency vehicles stationed on the east side of the Amoskeag Bridge connection to the Dunbarton Road area.



What are the next steps?

Over the next few months, the project team will continue to **refine the conceptual plan, assess the need/determine the locations for noise walls, and prepare the Environmental Assessment (EA)**. The EA will describe the Purpose and Need, document any environmental impacts, and highlight alternatives for the proposed action. The NHDOT will also be working with the property owners that have been identified as being potentially impacted by the project.

Once the EA is completed, **a formal public hearing presided by a panel of Executive Councilors will be scheduled**. At the public hearing, the NHDOT will present the need for the project and the social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental effects of the proposed action, as well as the potential necessity for land acquisition or relocations. The public will have an opportunity to provide oral and/or written testimony.

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The NHDOT actively seeks comments through a public participation process. Learn more about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in New Hampshire, and how to take part in a Consulting Party:

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