I-293 EXIT 6 & 7 (PART B)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) July 21, 2016







I-293 EXITS 6 & 7 — PART B (MANCHESTER #16099)

New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)

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TODAY'S AGENDA

Updated Schedule

Environmental Resources

Preliminary Traffic Model Results

Purpose and Need Statement

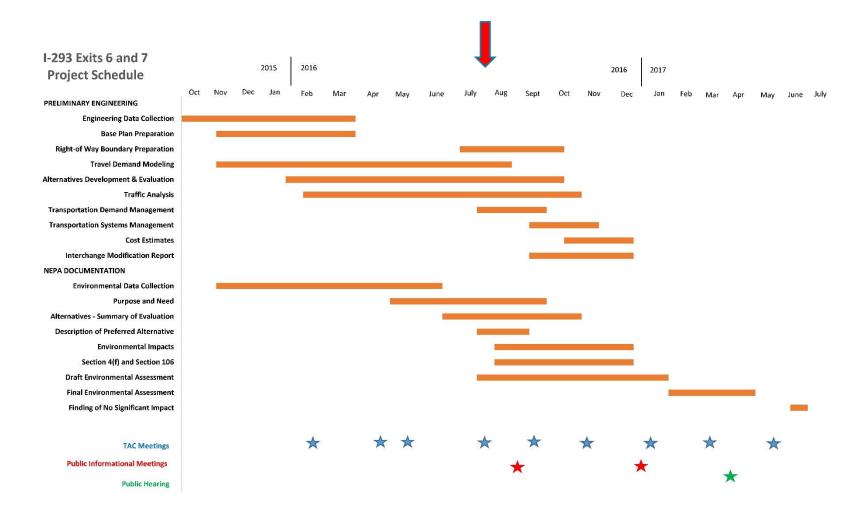
Public Informational Meeting



UPDATED PROJECT SCHEDULE



PROJECT SCHEDULE

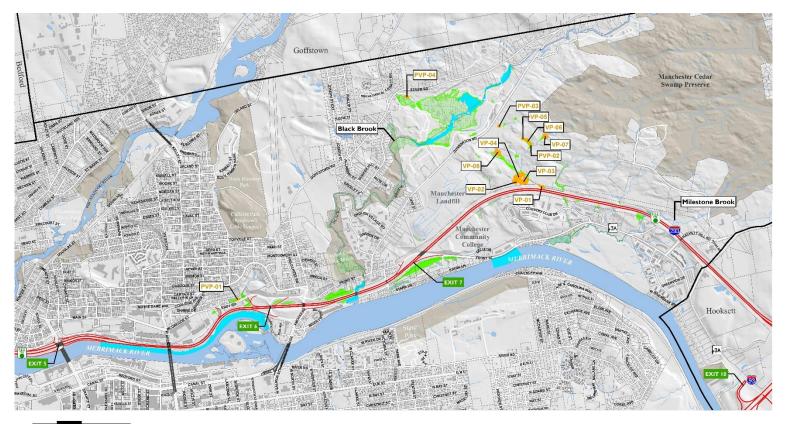




ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



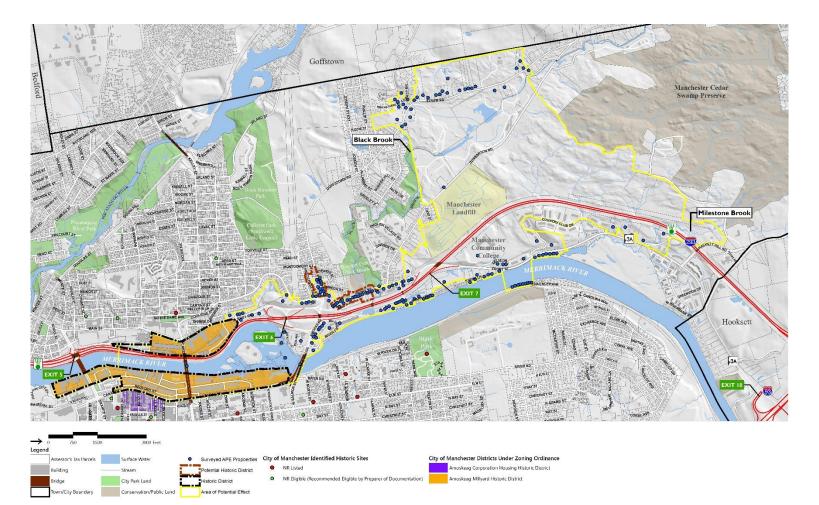
WETLAND RESOURCES





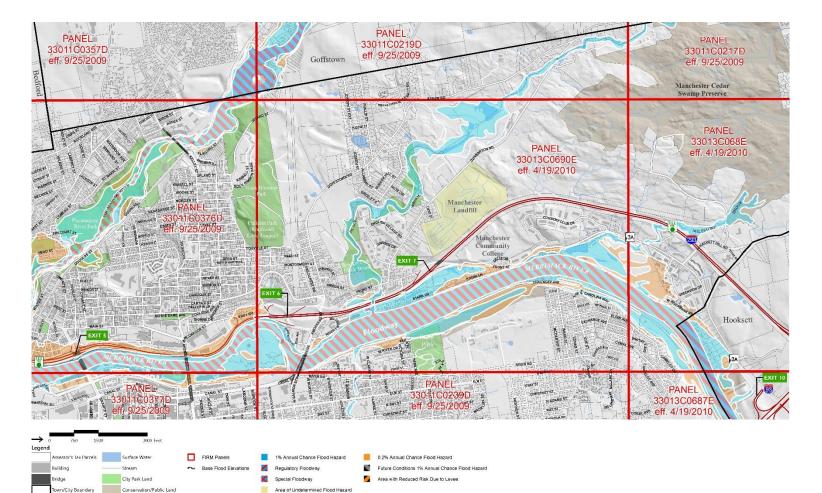


CULTURAL RESOURCES



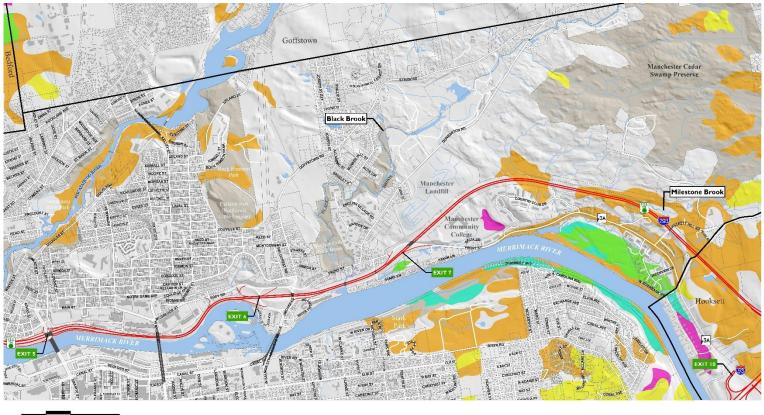


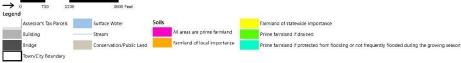
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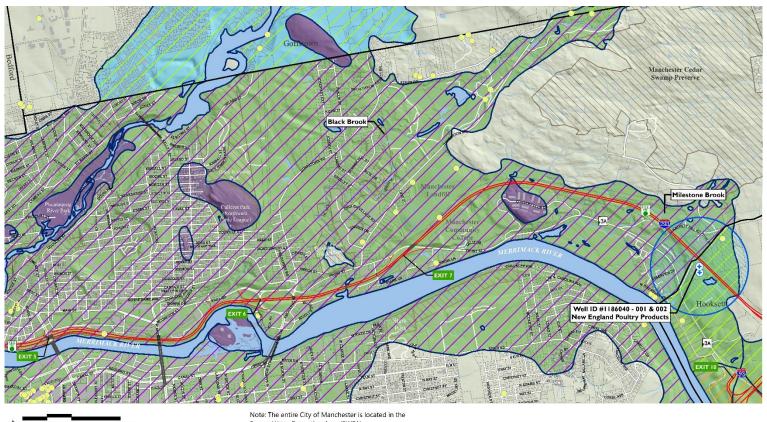
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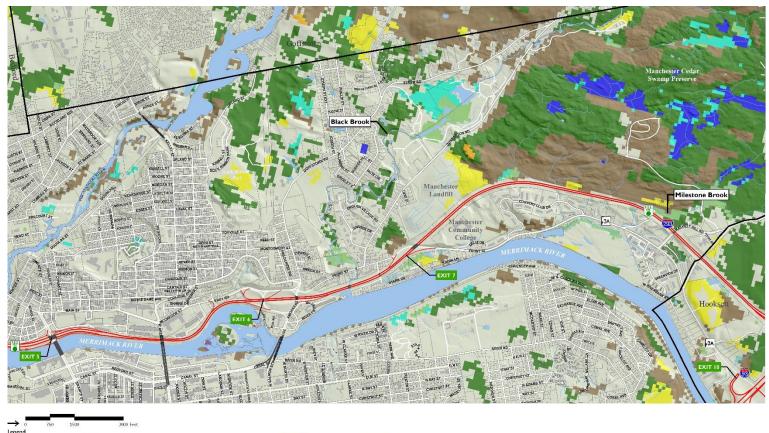
GROUNDWATER RESOURCES







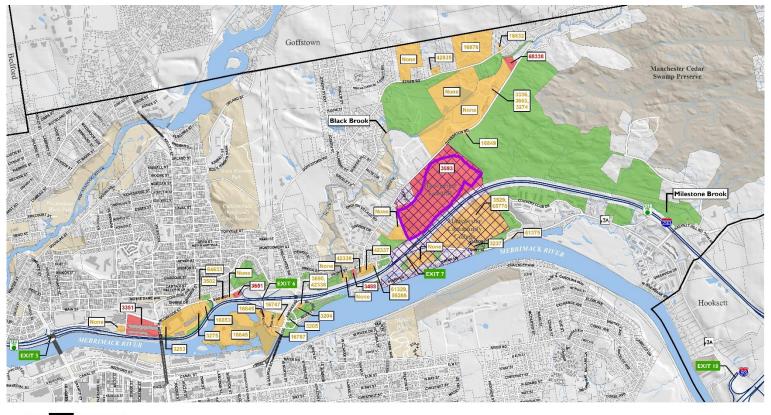
WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN HABITATS







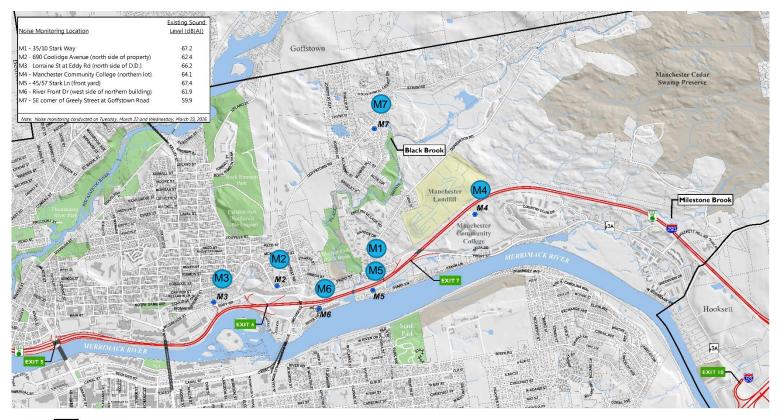
HAZARDOUS SITES







NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS







OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Socio-Economic

Air Quality

Public Recreation and Conservation Lands

Visual Resources

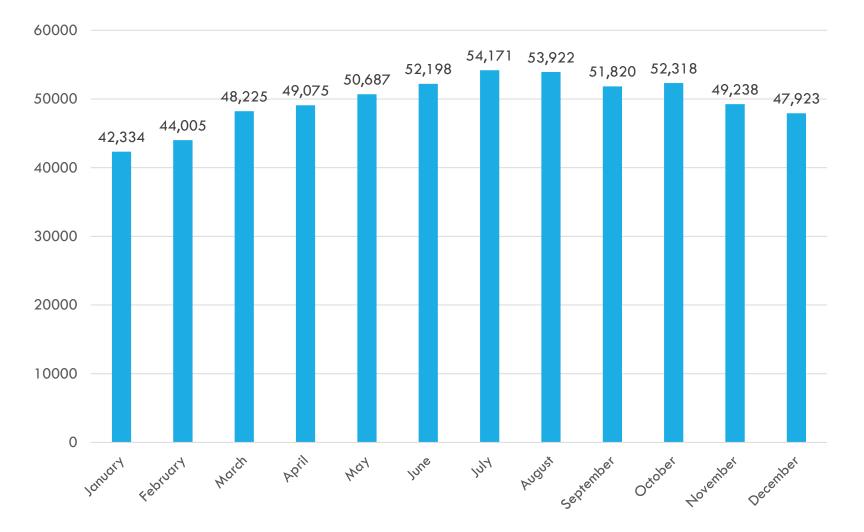


PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS



I-293 MONTHLY VOLUMES

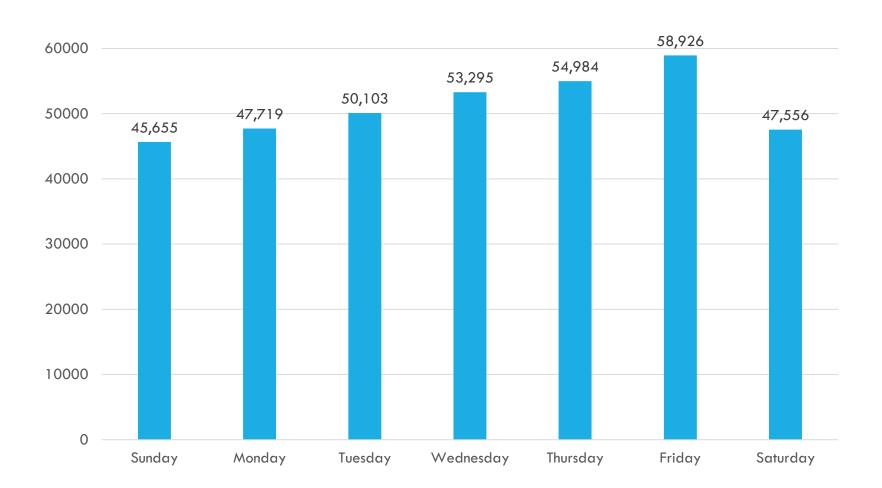
2015 AT BEDFORD TOLLS - AVERAGE WEEKDAY





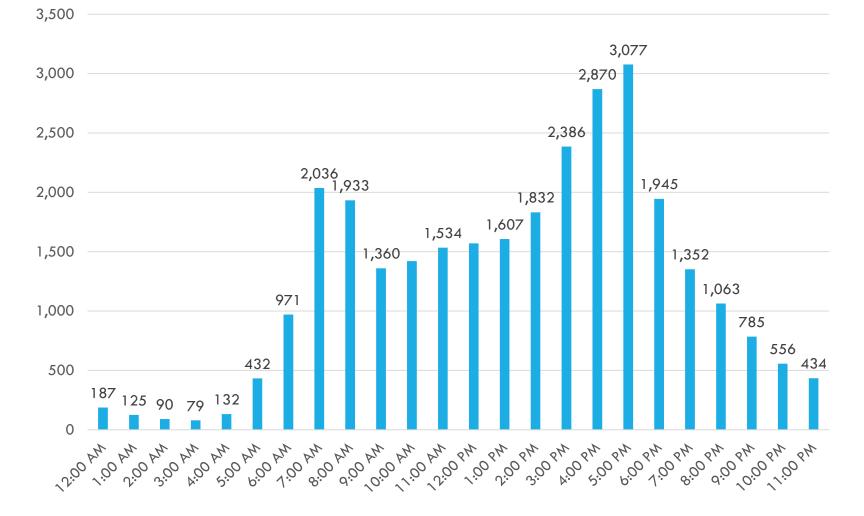
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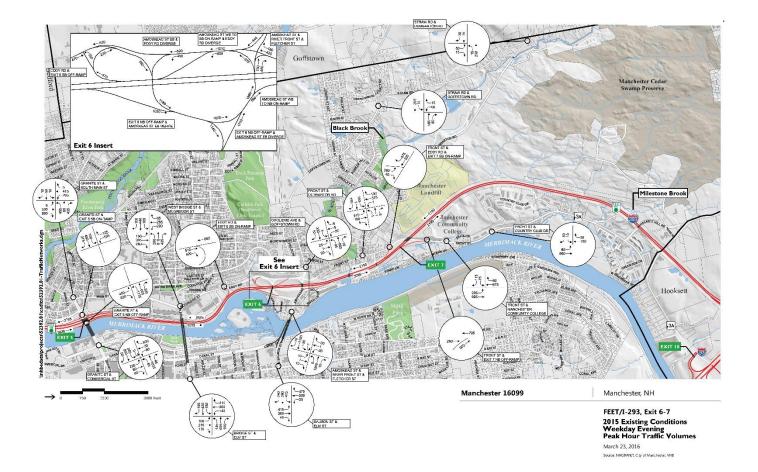


I-293 HOURLY VOLUMES (NORTHBOUND) BETWEEN EXITS 5 AND 6 TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2015

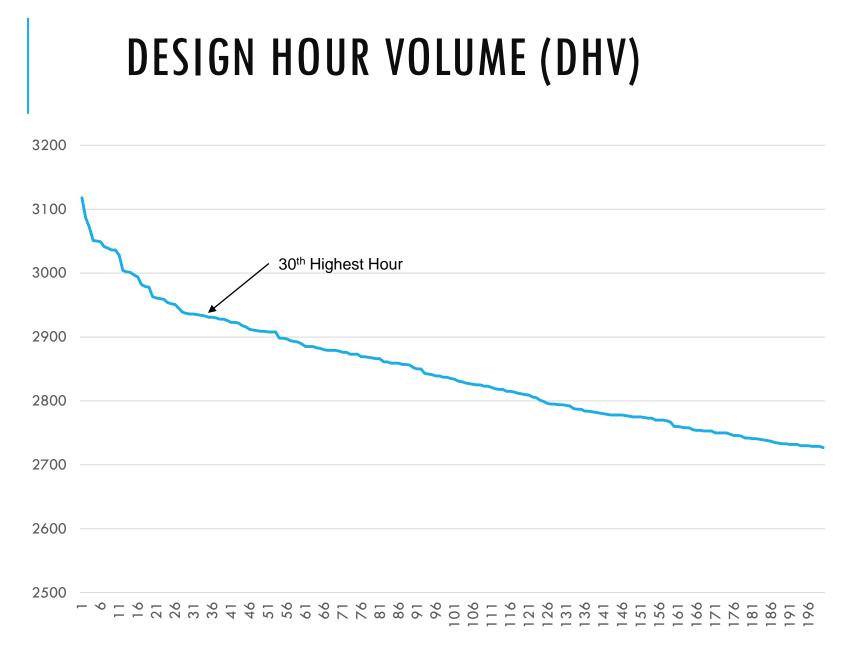




EXISTING WEEKDAY PM PEAK HOUR









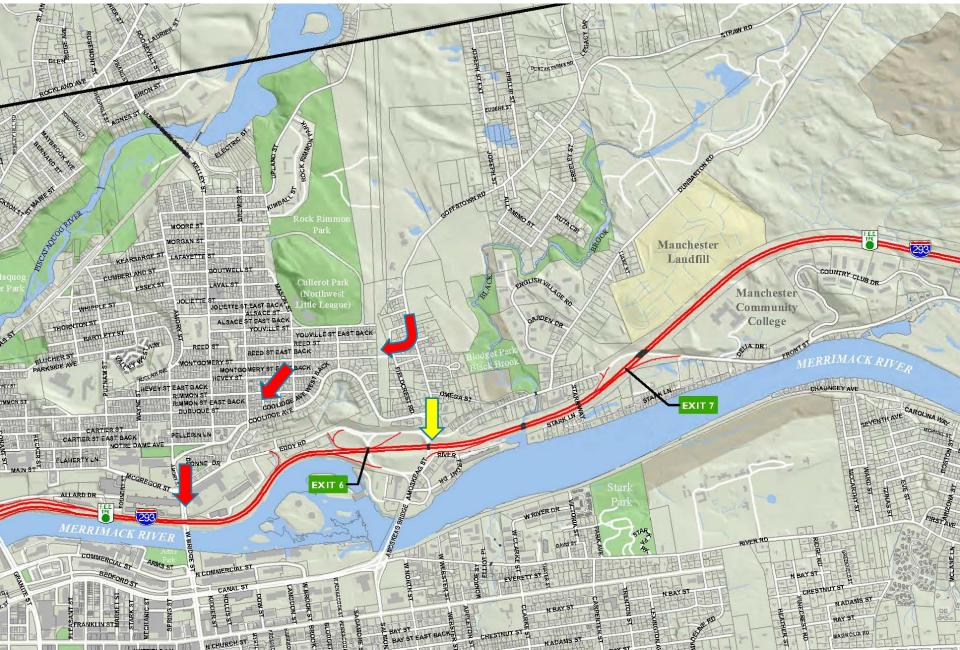
PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS

What happens when we upgrade Exit 6?

- 1. Reduced Congestion and Delay
- 2. Diversion of traffic flow within west side neighborhood

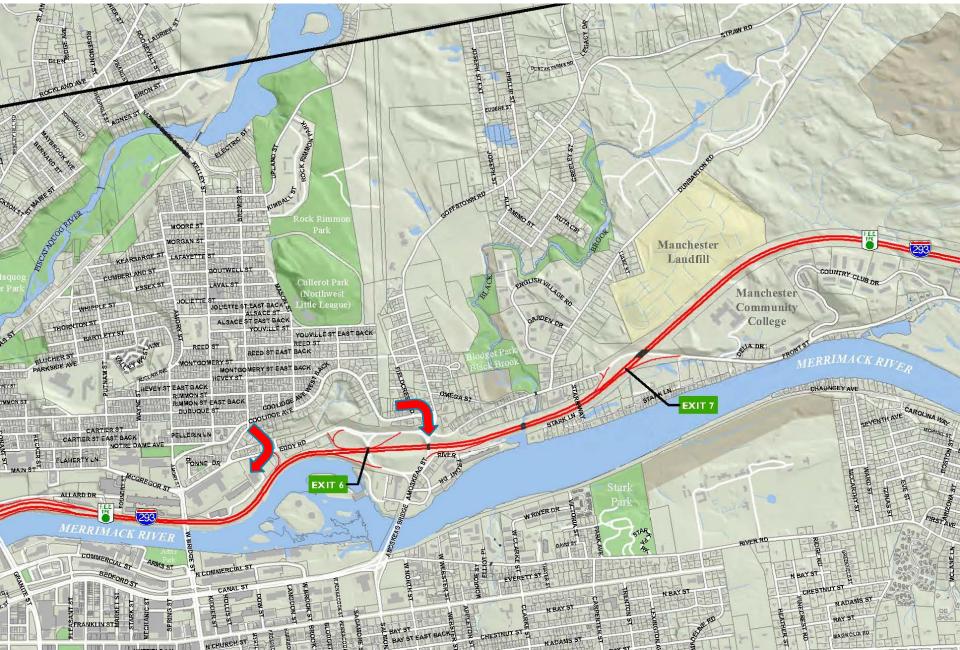
Study Corridor





Study Corridor





Exit 6 – Diamond Interchange





Exit 6 – Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI)







PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS

What happens when we provide a full interchange at the existing Exit 7 location?

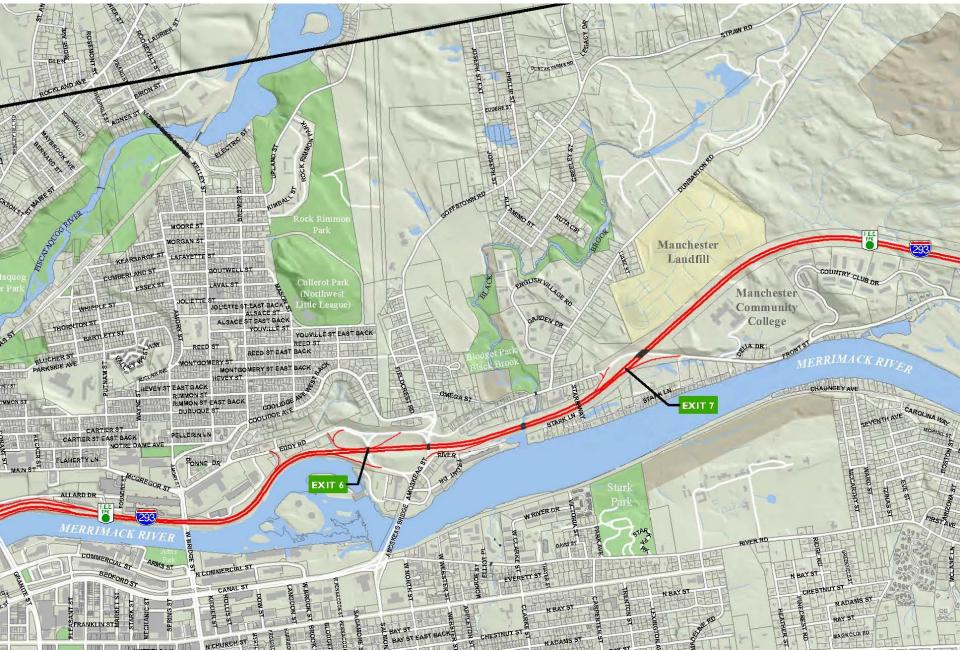
Exit 7 – Diamond Interchange (Current Location)





Study Corridor







PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS

What happens when we relocate Exit 7 to the north?

- 1. Improved access to Hackett Hill Master Plan Area
- 2. Reduction of traffic on Goffstown Road

335 vph in AM (24%)

260 vph in PM (19%)

Exit 7 – Potential New Location for Interchange







PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODEL RESULTS DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS

What happens when we relocate Exit 7 to the north and provide a connection across the Black Brook?

- 1. Improved access to Goffstown's industrial zoned land
- 2. Reduction of traffic on Goffstown Road

435 vph in AM (32%)

455 vph in PM (32%)

Exit 7- Potential Northerly Alignment







PURPOSE AND NEED



WHAT IS A PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT?

A Purpose and Need Statement establishes a basis for the development of a reasonable range of alternatives and assists with the selection of a proposed action.

The statement may describe roadway, operational, safety, or system connectivity deficiencies, and may describe consistency with regional or community planning, social demands or economic development.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to address capacity, safety, and access related deficiencies along a 3.5-mile portion of I-293 beginning north of Exit 5 and ending north of Exit 7 by:

- Correcting geometric and safety deficiencies while reducing congestion at problem locations;
- Accommodating future traffic growth related to commuter trips and the transportation of commercial goods and services through the corridor; and
- Improving access to the highway consistent with the long-term vision of the communities of Manchester and Goffstown.



NEED

Geometric and Safety Deficiencies

- Mainline curve south of Exit 6/sight line issues
- Backups, weaving, short tapers at Exit 6 ramps
- Short SB on-ramp from Eddy Road
- Congestion at Amoskeag Circle
- Lack of northbound connections at Exit 7
- Poor ramp configurations at Exit 7



NEED (CONTINUED)

Accommodating Future Growth

Poor operating conditions (LOS E and F) for 2035 future year

Highway Access and Compatibility with Community's Vision

- Poor connectivity limits regional economic growth
- Existing interchange configurations limits connectivity to Manchester's Hackett Hill master plan area and to Goffstown's industrial-zoned land



PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday August 10, 2016 7:00 PM Manchester Community College Room 100 (Auditorium) 1066 Front Street Manchester, NH

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