

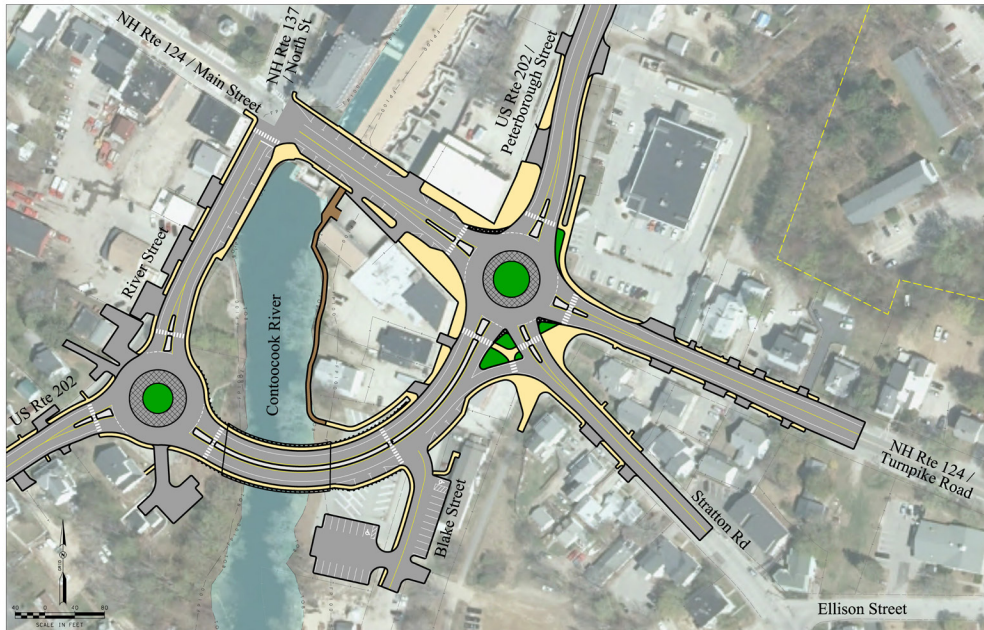


# NHDOT to Hold Route 202 Public Hearing: An Opportunity for Community Input on the Proposed Action!

» **Project Purpose:** The Route 202 project aims to address the traffic congestion and safety-related deficiencies associated with the current configuration of the Route 202 dog-leg intersections of Main Street with Peterborough Street and Main Street with River Street, while enhancing pedestrian mobility and supporting the quality of life and economic vitality of Jaffrey’s downtown.

## » What is the Proposed Action?

Depicted in the graphic to the right, the Proposed Action calls for the existing five-leg traffic signal controlled Main Street/ Peterborough Street/Turnpike Road/ Stratton Road/Blake Street intersection to be **reconstructed to form a five-leg single-lane roundabout**. Additionally, the Proposed Action calls for Route 202 to be realigned by **constructing a new 140-foot long bridge** crossing the Contoocook River approximately 375 feet south of the Main Street bridge. The new segment of Route 202 would extend south and west from the five-leg roundabout using portions of the current Blake Street alignment to cross the river to River Street. The new segment of Route 202 would intersect River Street at a second proposed roundabout.



In addition to the proposed improvements to traffic flow through the five-leg intersection and along Route 202, the proposed improvements **include new accommodations for pedestrians**. The proposed connector roadway and bridge crossing the Contoocook River would provide sidewalk and a shoulder/bike lane on each side of the roadway.

The two roundabouts would provide pedestrian crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands on each approach, which would facilitate pedestrians crossing only one lane and one direction of traffic at a time. Access to the Monadnock Recreational Rail Trail located to the north and south of the intersection would also be maintained.

### Public Hearing!

Please join us at the Public Hearing, which is scheduled for:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

VFW Post 5613

12 Hathorn Road, Jaffrey, NH

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
for public viewing

Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm



## »» What is a formal public hearing?

The public hearing **provides a formal opportunity to receive comments and questions relating to the Proposed Action, as well as other alternatives and design options.** The comments are addressed in the final environmental document and in a document called the Report of the Commissioner.

The hearing is presided by a panel composed of members of the Executive Council, or individuals appointed by the Governor and the Executive Council. At the hearing, the NHDOT will present the need for the project and a synopsis of alternatives. Social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental effects of the Proposed Action, as well as the potential necessity for land acquisition or relocations, will also be addressed in the presentation.

A transcript is taken at the public hearing; which is a public record of the oral dialogue at the hearing, including public

testimony received at the hearing. Written comments received up to 10-days following the hearing will become part of the official record of the meeting, along with the transcript. The Report of the Commissioner will also include a list of issues, concerns, and requests contained in the transcript, and a discussion of how the NHDOT plans to address the items.

With the report in hand, the presiding panel will hold a second meeting to review the project, to discuss the NHDOT's response to comments and adjustments to the layout. This second meeting will be open to the public, although no additional public testimony will be taken. As an outcome of the meeting, the project will be approved or not approved, or in some cases, approval can be withheld pending further consideration of issues or potential changes in the layout or in the NHDOT's response to issues.

## »» What's been happening?

At our last Public Informational Meeting in November 2018, the Proposed Action plan and alternatives evaluation results were presented. Since then, the NHDOT and the Project Team have been focused on several initiatives, including:



Working to complete the Environmental Documentation



Working closely with the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources and other agencies



Meeting with impacted property owners



Meeting with the project's Advisory Committee



Making minor adjustments to the Proposed Action plan

## »» How can I stay informed and participate?

Driving forward these improvements to Route 202 is truly a team effort, and we'd love to hear your thoughts! You can stay involved by:

- Visiting the NHDOT's Route 202 Project Website: ([www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey\\_16307/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey_16307/index.htm)) for more information
- Connecting with the following key project team members:
  - **NHDOT: Loretta Girard Doughty, PE** (603) 271-2230 or [loretta.doughty@dot.nh.gov](mailto:loretta.doughty@dot.nh.gov)
  - **Consultant from VHB: Marty Kennedy, PE** (603) 391-3900 or [mkenedy@vhb.com](mailto:mkenedy@vhb.com)

### Connect with Us!

In addition to Town staff, feel free to reach out to the project's **Advisory Committee** members to learn more:

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