



# US Route 202 Final Design Continues to Progress

## Transforming downtown Jaffrey into a safer, more accessible space!

» **Project Purpose:** The US Route 202 Improvement Project aims to promote downtown Jaffrey's quality of life and boost its economic vitality by enhancing mobility and addressing the traffic congestion and safety-related concerns associated with the current configuration of the US Route 202 dog-leg intersections of Main Street with Peterborough Street and Main Street with River Street.

### » What's been happening?

In **February**, the first public informational meeting was held. Residents attended in-person and via Zoom. The meeting included a presentation, a discussion, and questions and answers on a range of topics such as the public outreach plan, the design schedule, the construction schedule, and a preliminary look at how traffic flow would be maintained during various phases of construction.

In **March**, preliminary bridge plans were prepared. The plans consider various bridge elements (foundations, abutments, piers, girders, bearings, and expansion joints), materials (concrete, steel), and geometrics (clearances, structure depth, structure width, and span lengths).

In **April**, the project team attended a Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board meeting to discuss the project. They explained how students would safely cross at the planned roundabout and how school buses would move through the area. The project team noted that if required, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) can provide the school some educational materials (pamphlets, etc.) on how to cross a roundabout for the students.

In **July**, the 60 percent roadway design milestone was reached. This project phase involved establishing slope impacts, preparing the traffic control plan, and substantially completing the drainage design. This milestone establishes the final project footprint, which allows for the right-of-way process for impacted parcels to begin.

The project team has been working closely with the Town's Superintendent of Utilities to coordinate the timing and placement of the Town's waterline project.

In early **August** the project team met with representatives of the Jaffrey War Memorial Committee to discuss the project's impact on the Jaffrey War Memorial Park and ways to mitigate the impact. These discussions are ongoing.

On Monday, **August 8<sup>th</sup>**, the project team spent the day visiting downtown business owners and residents to discuss the project and ask questions. These downtown walkarounds provide those who are unable to attend the project public meetings an opportunity to talk with the design team in an informal setting. The project team intends to hold additional downtown walkarounds as needed.

### Next Public Meeting

Please join us at the next final design public informational meeting, which is scheduled for:

**September 15, 2022**

Jaffrey Fire Department  
138 Turnpike Road  
Jaffrey, NH 03452

**Meeting starts at 6:00 pm**

Jaffrey residents are invited to attend and encouraged to participate in-person or via Zoom. More information and Zoom links can be found on the Town of Jaffrey Website: [www.townofjaffrey.com](http://www.townofjaffrey.com)

## »» How is the Town involved?

The Town has established a Downtown Revitalization Committee and their mission is to share the vision and goals of the Jaffrey Master Plan, and the Downtown Plan with the NHDOT.

- Some of the ideas put forward by the Committee emphasize pedestrian safety and access to the riverfront, walking paths, seating, bike racks, native plantings that are salt and drought tolerant, lighting consistent with the Town's dark sky compliant regulations, and opportunities for a welcome/information kiosk.
- The Committee asked that the new bridge incorporate elements reminiscent of Jaffrey's manufacturing past and the importance of the river as a means of energy generation, and to mirror the look of the existing Main Street bridge.

The project team is still working with the Downtown Revitalization Committee on the "look" of the bridge, so the visual elements will change, but the **concept below shows the relative height of the bridge over the river**. This visualization is looking south at the new bridge from the existing Main Street bridge.

## »» Downtown Revitalization Committee

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

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

- Visiting the NHDOT's Jaffrey 16307 US Route 202 Project website:  
[www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey\\_16307/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey_16307/index.htm)
- Connecting with the following project team members:
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### Upcoming Events

**September 15, 2022** | Public Informational Meeting at Jaffrey Fire Station, 6:00 pm

**Fall 2022/Spring 2023** | Building demolitions for 4 Stratton Road (Lab 'n Lager) and 15 River Street

**Summer 2024** | Bridge and roadway construction begins for new location of US Route 202