

Prepare for road work - Route 106 and Route 3 Bypass to be improved this summer

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LACONIA — This year and next, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation will make improvements to N.H. Route 106 between Laconia and Belmont, as well as the entire length of U.S. Route 3 Bypass.

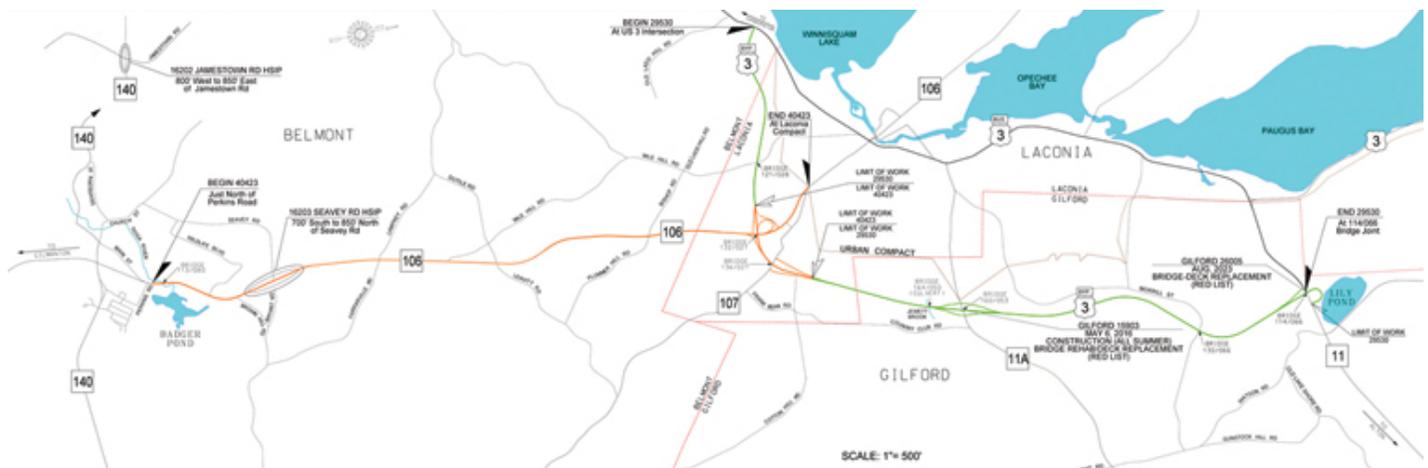
Outlining the projects for the City Council this week, Tobey Reynolds of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation said that work on N.H. Route 106 will consist of reclaiming and overlaying the pavement from South Main Street in Laconia to Perkins Road in Belmont as well as improving its intersection with Seavey Road.

The improvements at the intersection of N.H. Route 106 and Seavey Road include widening the highway to provide turning lanes for both north- and southbound traffic entering Seavey Road and widening Seavey Road from 26 feet to 40 feet, as well as reconfiguring the junction for vehicles turning onto Route 106 to accommodate school buses and box trucks.

Reynolds described the work on the bypass as "pavement preservation" that will stretch "from end to end" and include the off and on ramps at the junctions with N.H. Route 106 and N.H. Route 107, where the bridges will also undergo rehabilitation. The roadway will receive a three-quarter-inch shim and overlay while an inch of pavement will be removed and replaced on the ramps. Work on the bridge that carries the bypass over N.H. Route 11A in Gilford, which is on the department's Red List, will include replacing the deck. Stretches of guardrail along the bypass will also be replaced.

Reynolds said work on the ramps will be undertaken at night when traffic will be detoured. There will be no work three days before and one day after Laconia Motorcycle Week and NASCAR events at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway and work will be scheduled around the Timberman Triathlon and concerts at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion.

Work on the bypass is scheduled to begin in June and be complete by September this year, while the bridge work and rehabilitation of N.H. Route 106 will extend through the summer of 2017. The total cost of the projects is \$9.6 million, of which \$7 million will be spent on N.H. Route 106 and the bridges, \$2.1 million on the bypass and \$500,000 on Seavey Road.



This map shows the planned work on Route 106 in orange, the Route 3 Bypass in green, and where ramps and bridges will be improved. The work will run from June to September. (Courtesy graphic)

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