



Transforming Route 202

Creating a safer, more accessible and vibrant Jaffrey!

An iconic New Hampshire community, Jaffrey features a busy and historic downtown, views of Mt. Monadnock and the Contoocook River, and a heritage that values preserving the past while progressing forward. To help maintain safe and efficient travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is leading an effort to improve congestion, safety, and access along Route 202 at its intersection with Main Street.

What will this project accomplish?

Roadway configuration, vehicle queuing storage, traffic signal operations, expansive pavement, and lengthy pedestrian crosswalks have led to a number of mobility problems in downtown Jaffrey. Among these issues are traffic congestion, poor travel conditions for local trucking activities, insufficient parking, and concerns for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

For more than a decade, the Town has been exploring ways to improve the area, while maintaining its historic charm, mountain views, and business activity. These efforts have identified the cause of the problem—the dog-leg intersection of Route 202 with Routes 124 and 137.

The Route 202 Improvements 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 the economic vitality of Jaffrey's downtown.

Who is involved?

Over time, the need to improve the Route 202 intersection has risen in priority for local, regional, and statewide officials. Because of its importance to the region, a collaborative approach is critical on this project. The NHDOT is working in partnership with Town staff; an advisory committee comprised of business, conservation, citizen, and other representatives; and a consultant team led by Bedford-based VHB. Together, they will work to find a solution where the people-oriented character of the downtown can thrive in harmony with this vital regional connection.



What has been done so far?

Over the years, Jaffrey's downtown area—including the Route 202 dog-leg intersection—has been the subject of studies, plan updates, and a Plan NH charrette. These efforts have included:

- **2004** | Main Street Traffic Study outlining potential alternative solutions
- **2008** | Initial feasibility study for Route 202 improvements project
- **2009** | Route 202 project named a high-priority goal and placed on the NHDOT's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2011-2020
- **2010** | Jaffrey holds Plan NH Charrette
- **2017** | The NHDOT begins the first stage ("Part A") of the Route 202 improvements project

Next Public Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Jaffrey Fire Department
138 Turnpike Road
Jaffrey, NH
Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm



How can I stay informed and participate?

Driving forward these improvements to Route 202 is truly a team effort. In addition to **attending our October 17th meeting**, you can stay involved by:

- Visiting the NHDOT's Route 202 Project Website: (www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey_16307/index.htm) for more information
- Connecting with the following key project team members:
 - **NHDOT: Victoria Chase, PE**
(603) 271-2171 or victoria.chase@dot.nh.gov
 - **Consultant from VHB: Marty Kennedy, PE**
(603) 391-3900 or mkenedy@vhb.com

Connect with Us!

In addition to Town staff, feel free to reach out to the project's **advisory committee team** members to learn more:

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