



*Victoria F. Sheehan*  
Commissioner

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



*William Cass, P.E.*  
Assistant Commissioner

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Right-of-Way  
November 2, 2020

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has taken steps to formally dissolve the layout of the Conway Bypass Project # 11399.

Incremental segments of the overall project have been constructed including upgrades to US 302/NH16 and the construction of the North South Local Road. These elements have improved overall traffic flow through the area. Additionally, the 25 year projected traffic volumes through the area have not increased as was anticipated in 1993. Furthermore, due to financial constraint and prioritization, the Conway Bypass has not been fully funded in the States Ten Year Plan for a number of iterations, carrying only token placeholder status. The recently approved 2021-2030 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, which was signed into law this summer, eliminated any and all reference to the Conway Bypass.

The Department has conducted public outreach in advance of this action. The status and outlook for the project has been discussed widely through the Ten Year Plan Public Hearings. On October 11, 2017, the Department hosted a public meeting to discuss the outlook for the project with the majority of sentiments recognizing the difficulties with constructing the Bypass and desiring a final determination as to its fate. Additionally, the Department has had direct correspondence on September 4, 2020, with the Communities involved regarding this intended dissolution and have received no contrary feedback.

The Department of Justice has determined that there is no "legislative procedure to dissolve a project and that the DOT Commissioner has this authority".

Therefore, the Department is dissolving the layout established for Conway Bypass Project # 11399.

Respectfully,

Victoria F. Sheehan  
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VFS/SGL/sjn  
Attachments





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September 4, 2020

Town of Conway  
Board of Selectman  
1634 East Main Street  
Center Conway, New Hampshire 03813

Re: Conway Bypass  
Project # 11339

Dear Selectmen:

I write to inform you of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's intent regarding the future of the Conway Bypass Project. As you may know, on October 11, 2017, the Department hosted an informational meeting to discuss the outlook of the Conway Bypass. As discussed at the meeting, the 25 year projected traffic volumes through the corridor have not increased as was anticipated in 1993. Upgrades to US Route 302/NH Route 16, as well as the construction of the North South Local Road have improved the overall traffic flow through much of the area.

I believe it is generally acknowledged and understood, and has been for some time, that realistically there are not resources and wherewithal to advance the Conway Bypass project. As a result, during the development of the 2021-2030 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, signed into law this summer, the Conway By-pass project was removed from the Ten Year Plan. Now that the project is no longer in the Ten Year Improvement Plan, the disposition of the corridor needs to be finally and formally decided. Accordingly, the Department will advance a request to the Governor and Executive Council to formally dissolve the project layout. Dissolving the project will remove the cloud of uncertainty over the community and allow the Department to begin the process of disposing of properties acquired for the project, thus allowing them to be placed back on the Town's tax roll.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria F. Sheehan".

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CC: Sen. Jeb Bradley  
Rep. Thomas L. Buco  
Rep. Harrison Kanzler  
Rep. Stephen L. Woodcock  
Michelle Moren-Grey, North Country Council



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September 4, 2020

Town of Madison  
Board of Selectman  
P.O. Box 248  
Madison, New Hampshire 03849

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CC: Sen. Jeb Bradley  
Rep. Jerry L. Knirk  
Rep. Susan J. Ticehurst  
Michelle Moren-Grey, North Country Council



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October 22, 2020

City of Berlin  
City Councilors  
168 Main Street  
Berlin, NH 03570

Re: Conway Bypass  
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Dear Councilors:

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cc: Sen. David Starr  
Rep. Larry Laflanne  
Rep. Henry Noel  
Rep. Yvonne Thomas  
Michelle Moren-Grey, North Country Council



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October 22, 2020

Town of Jackson  
Board of Selectman  
Po Box 268  
Jackson, NH 03846

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Rep. Anita Burroughs  
Rep. Edward Butler  
Michelle Moren-Grey, North Country Council



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Town of Gorham  
Board of Selectman  
20 Park Street  
Gorham, NH 03581

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Town of Bartlett  
Board of Selectman  
56 Town Hall Road  
Intervale, NH 03845

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