



City of Keene

New Hampshire

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Re: Upcoming Project – Winchester St. Reconstruction

Dear Neighbors,

As you may know, the long-anticipated Winchester Street Reconstruction project is getting underway. It has been considered since the early 2000s, and under design since 2015. As projected traffic volumes increase over the next 20 years, improvements are needed to maintain the level of service throughout the corridor. The “temporary” Island Street Bridge has been in place for over 40 years and is due for replacement. As shown on the attached graphic, the project includes two new roundabouts and replacement of the Island Street Bridge.

In order to minimize the intensity of traffic impacts to the public and businesses, the project will be constructed over two years. In 2022, we will build the Key Road roundabout. In 2023, we will build the Pearl Street/Island Street roundabout and Island Street Bridge replacement. Utility work will occur beyond these limits in 2022. Our contractor, BUR Construction LLC, is planning to mobilize equipment in the week of June 20.

The initial work is focused on the eastern side of Winchester Street, nearest to Riverside Plaza and Keene State College. All public roadways will provide a minimum of one lane in each direction at all times, unless special cases require full closure. Detour signage will be posted for those who wish to avoid the work zone. A pedestrian access path will be maintained through at least one side of each street during construction. With the exception of two closures needed for the permanent layout, access to driveways will be maintained. During construction, we expect traffic delays, dust and noise, and increased truck traffic. We recognize that this may create some hardships for businesses while the project is underway; we appreciate your patience.

We invite you to use a variety of media outlets to stay up-to-date during construction:

1. Project-specific website: <https://www.keenewinchesterstreet.com/>
2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/keenepublicworks>
3. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/keenepwd>
4. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/keenepwd>

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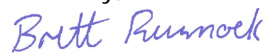
Working Toward a Sustainable Community

We will send regular email updates to interested users. To sign up for these project update emails, please visit the site below, fill out the form, and check the box for "Winchester Street Reconstruction Project"

<https://tinyurl.com/winchester-email>

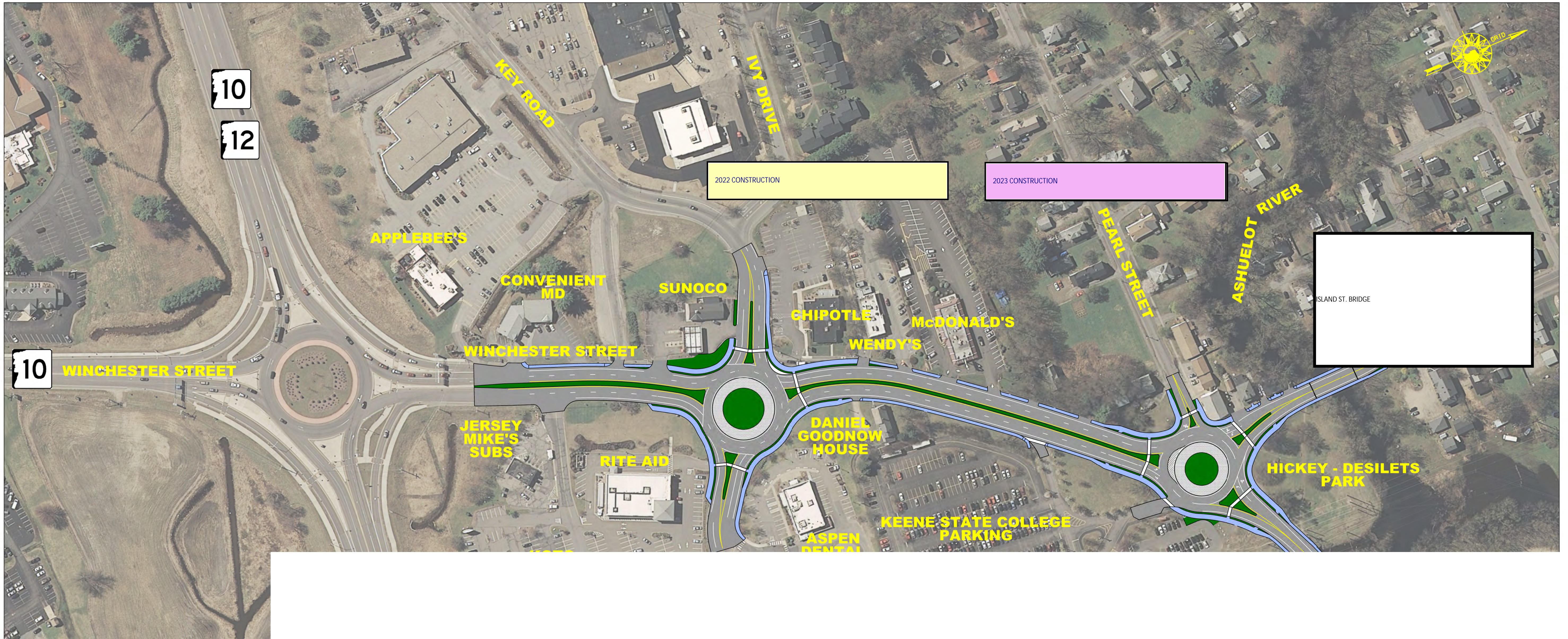
In addition to these digital media outreach programs, we plan to review the project aspects regularly with local radio and distribute press releases for major work items. We look forward to keeping the community up-to-date and making this a successful project for the City. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department at 603-352-6550. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Sincerely,



Brett Rusnock, PE
Civil Engineer

Enclosed: Project Area Map



2022 CONSTRUCTION

2023 CONSTRUCTION

ISLAND ST. BRIDGE