



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer

DATE: August 26, 2025

SUBJECT: New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) East Side Drive Bridge over I-393 bridge rehabilitation project (Concord 44556) – Municipal Work Zone Agreement (MWZA)

Recommendation:

1. Accept this report; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Municipal Work Zone Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) concerning proposed improvements to the bridge carrying NH 132 (East Side Drive) over I-393, US 4, and US 202 (NHDOT Bridge Number 156/138).

Background:

The David E. Powelson Bridge (156/138), NH Route 132 / East Side Drive over I-393 / US 4 / US 202 is maintained by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). NHDOT has designed a project (Concord 44556) for the repair/ rehabilitation of East Side Drive Bridge. Design and construction of this project is being administered by NHDOT. Construction of this project will result in impacts to traffic along East Side Drive.

NHDOT observed portions of the City's water main near the bridge parapet walls that are in a deteriorated condition. NHDOT approached the City of Concord about coordinating repairs / improvements to the City's infrastructure in conjunction with the construction of their bridge rehabilitation project. Staff from the Engineering Services Division and the General Services Department have agreed that improvements to water main infrastructure near the north and south parapet walls is recommended.

With the exception of any water infrastructure improvements that may be considered with this project, NHDOT is funding the entire project. NHDOT plans to bid the project in the coming months and begin construction in spring 2026; construction is expected to be completed in 6-9 months.

Discussion:

The NHDOT has requested that the City enter into a Municipal Work Zone Agreement concerning their Concord 44556 project. A MWZA is an acknowledgement that the State will have the authority to control traffic through the work zone for the duration of the project.

The Police Department, Legal Department, and the Engineering Services Division have reviewed the draft agreement and have no concerns with it.

Acceptance of the attached resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into a MWZA with the NHDOT concerning their Concord 44556 project.