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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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William Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Right-of-Way
August 15, 2025

Re: **Petition for Hearing – Keene-Swanzey #40666**

The Department of Transportation requests that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Under RSA 230:14, attached is a petition to provide a complete street that addresses daily congestion and side street queueing that occurs along the lower Winchester Street corridor from the Market Basket driveway in Swanzey to the Route 101 Roundabout in Keene. Improving aesthetics, access, and safety for all users is an essential goal of the project. Additionally, this project will also replace the bridge over the Ash Swamp Brook.

As the petition is not for the limitation or control of access, a Commission of Three Persons should be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to hold a hearing as prescribed by RSA 230:14. The Commission of Three Persons shall determine whether there is an occasion for the project.

Recommended Commission members:

- Terry Clark -- Keene
- Mitch Greenwald -- Keene
- Ken Kost -- Keene

Respectfully,

William J. Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

WJC/pfc
Attachment: Petition

- P E T I T I O N -

To Her Excellency, the Governor, and the Honorable Executive Council:

I, William J. Cass, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, under RSA 230:14, propose to improve the roadway and bridge conditions along NH 101 and Swanzey Factory Road.

KEENE-SWANZEY #40666

The purpose of the project is to provide a complete street that addresses daily congestion and side street queueing that occurs along the lower Winchester Street corridor from the Market Basket driveway in Swanzey to Route 101 roundabout in Keene. Additionally, this project will also replace the bridge over the Ash Swamp Brook, which is on the municipal red list.

Wherefore, I, William J. Cass, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, under RSA 230:14, propose to improve the roadway and bridge conditions along NH 101 and Swanzey Factory Road.

DATED: May 28, 2025



William J. Cass, P.E.
Commissioner