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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 19, 2025

Re: **PETITION – Keene #41590; X-A004(686)**

The Department of Transportation requests placing this item on the Consent Calendar.

Under RSA 230:14, attached is a petition to improve roadway and bridge conditions along NH 101 and Swanzey Factory Road. The current corridor requires frequent pavement repairs due to the failing underlying concrete slab and drainage deficiencies. Frequent crashes occur at the intersection of Swanzey Factory and NH 101 due to sight distance deficiencies. Additionally, the NH 101 bridge over the Branch River is structurally deficient and on the State’s Red List. The preliminary design proposes to move the intersection of Swanzey Factor Road and NH Route 101 to the east, approximately three hundred feet, to improve sight distance.

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.

The purpose of the Keene project is to improve roadway and bridge conditions along NH 101 and Swanzey Factory Road.

**Recommended Commission:**

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

Respectfully,

William J. Cass, P.E.  
Commissioner

WJC/dwh  
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 #41590; X-A004(686)**

Under RSA 230:14, attached is a petition for a hearing for the proposed improvement of roadway and bridge conditions along NH 101 and Swanzey Factory Road. The current corridor requires frequent pavement repairs due to the failing underlying concrete slab and drainage deficiencies. Frequent crashes occur at the intersection of Swanzey Factory and NH 101 due to sight distance deficiencies. Additionally, the NH 101 bridge over the Branch River is structurally deficient, and on the State's 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: August 19, 2025



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