



2027-2036 NHDOT Ten-Year Plan

The Opechee Loop

Connecting neighborhoods with parks,
schools, beaches and business districts
via safe pedestrian and bicycle routes

Improving transportation options for
Laconia residents and visitors

Nate Guerette, Assistant Director Public Works, City of Laconia

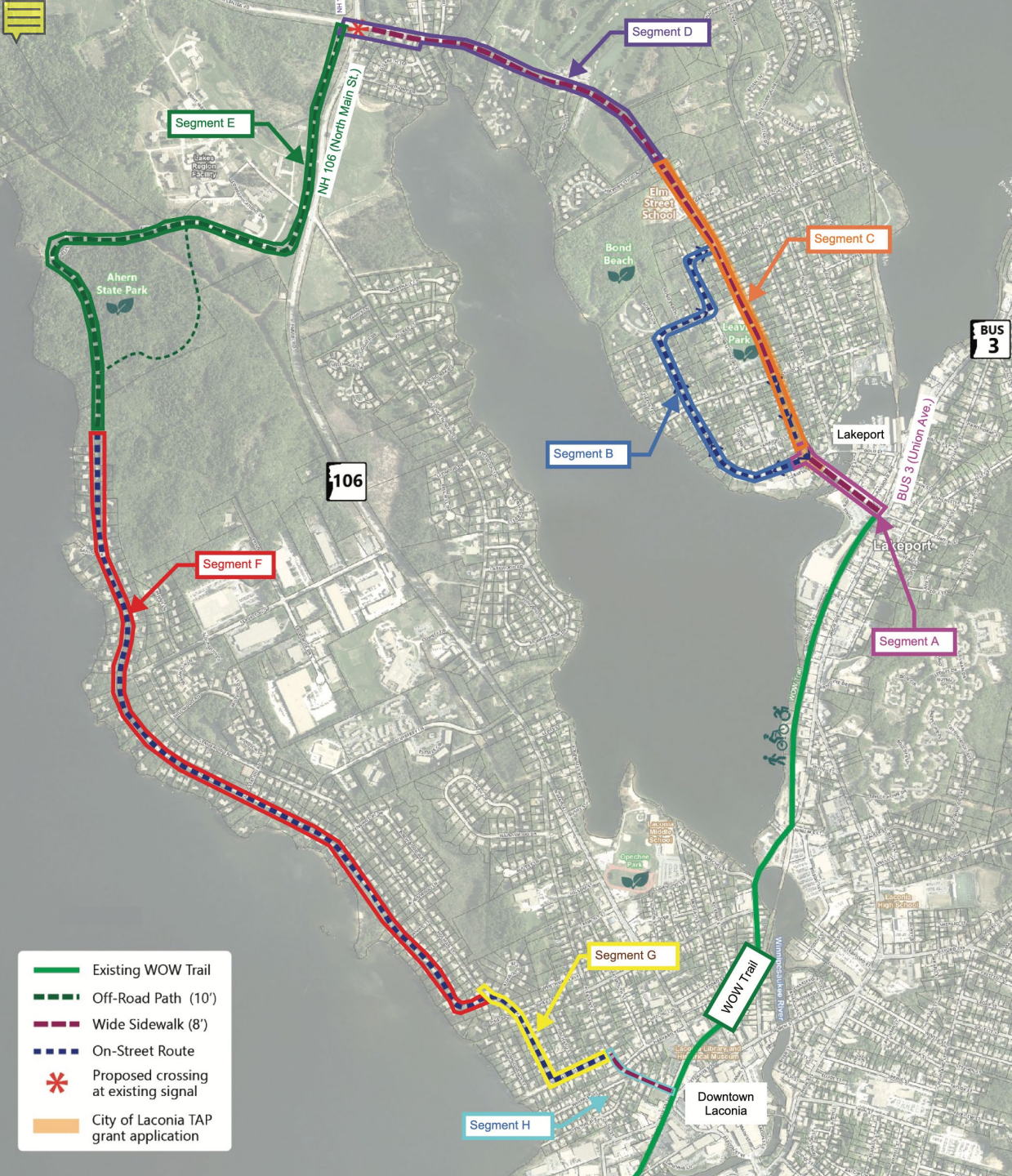
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The Opechee Loop - Mission

Enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections from residential neighborhoods to adjacent schools, state & local parks, beaches and business districts

Using on-street enhancements and improved sidewalks (sidepaths)

- Use of low-volume, residential streets for bicycle travel
- Widening of existing sidewalks
- Utilization of existing roadways within Ahern State Park and inclusion in the redevelopment project of state-owned property (TBD)



WOW Trail—Lake Opechee Loop Routing Study

Laconia, New Hampshire

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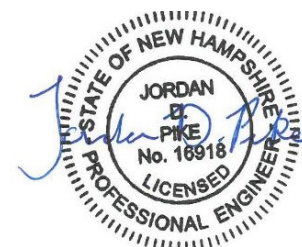
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PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT

WOW TRAIL OPECHEE LOOP LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

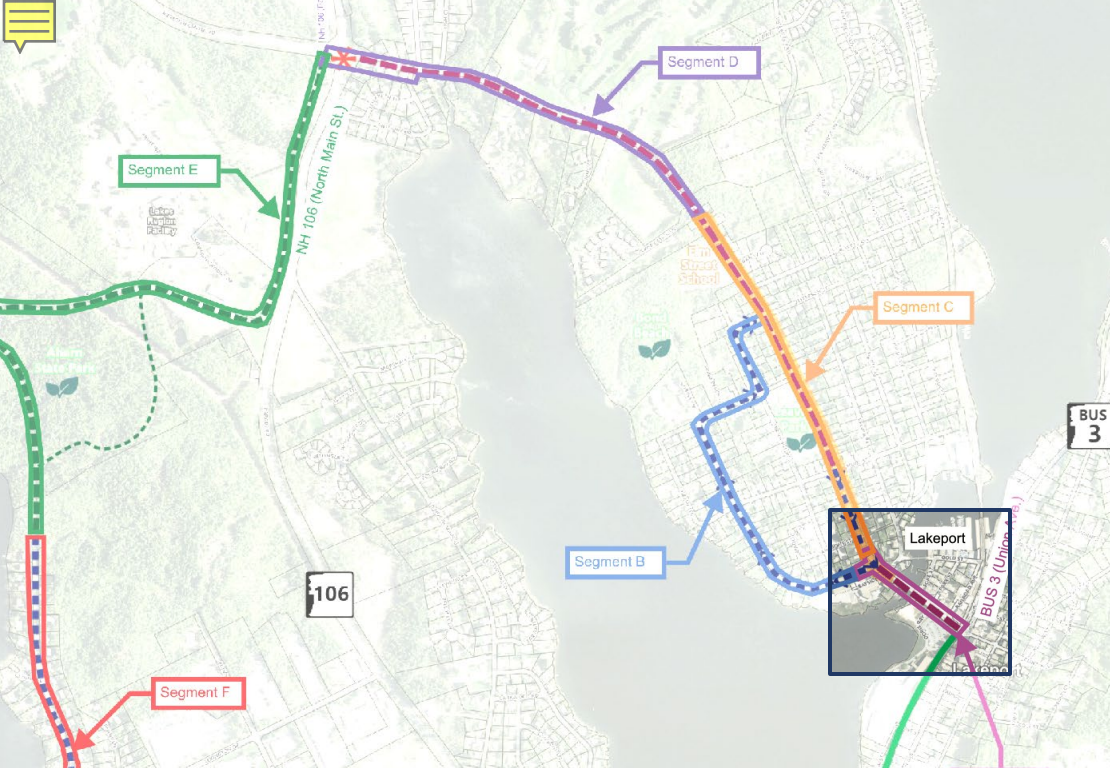
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The Opechee Loop In Progress

Private Developer
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WOW Trail to Opechee Loop Transition Concept



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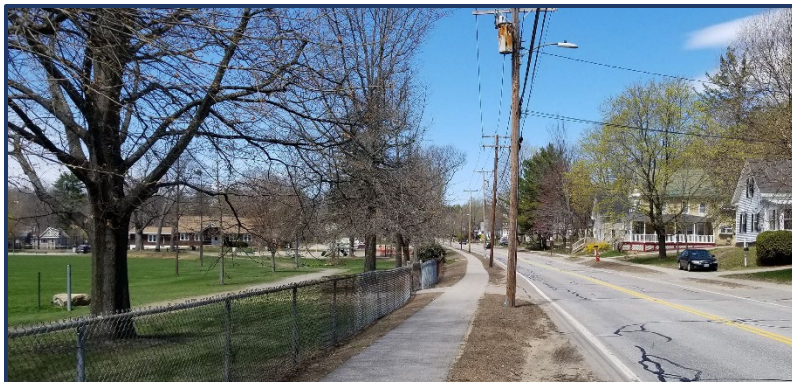
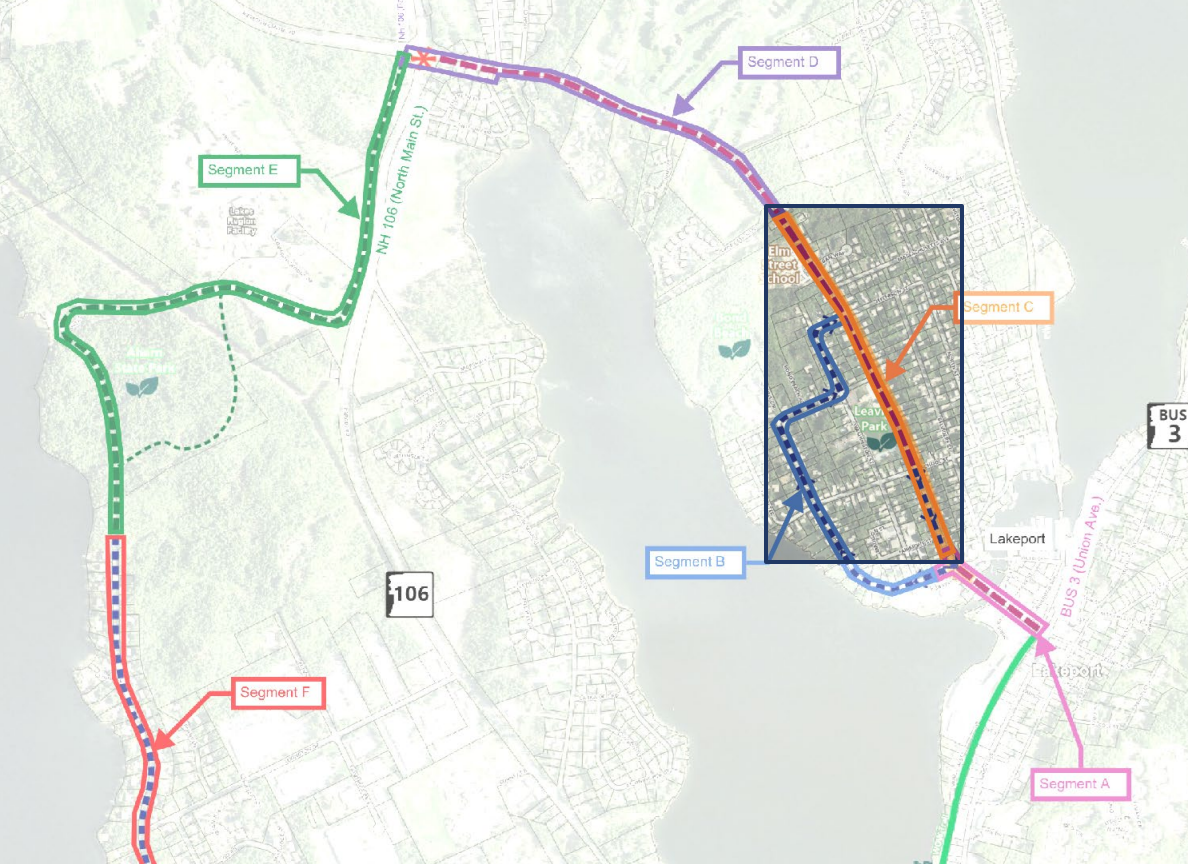
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Northern Borders Grant
WOW Trail
City of Laconia



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2021 TAP Grant
City of Laconia
Belknap County
WOW Trail

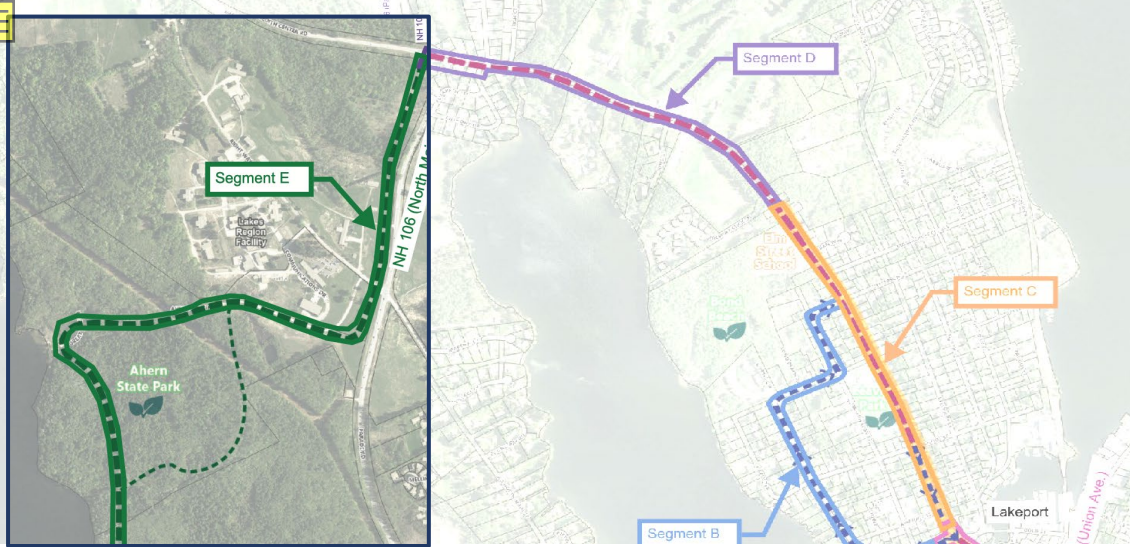


Elm Street
Improving Existing Sidewalk



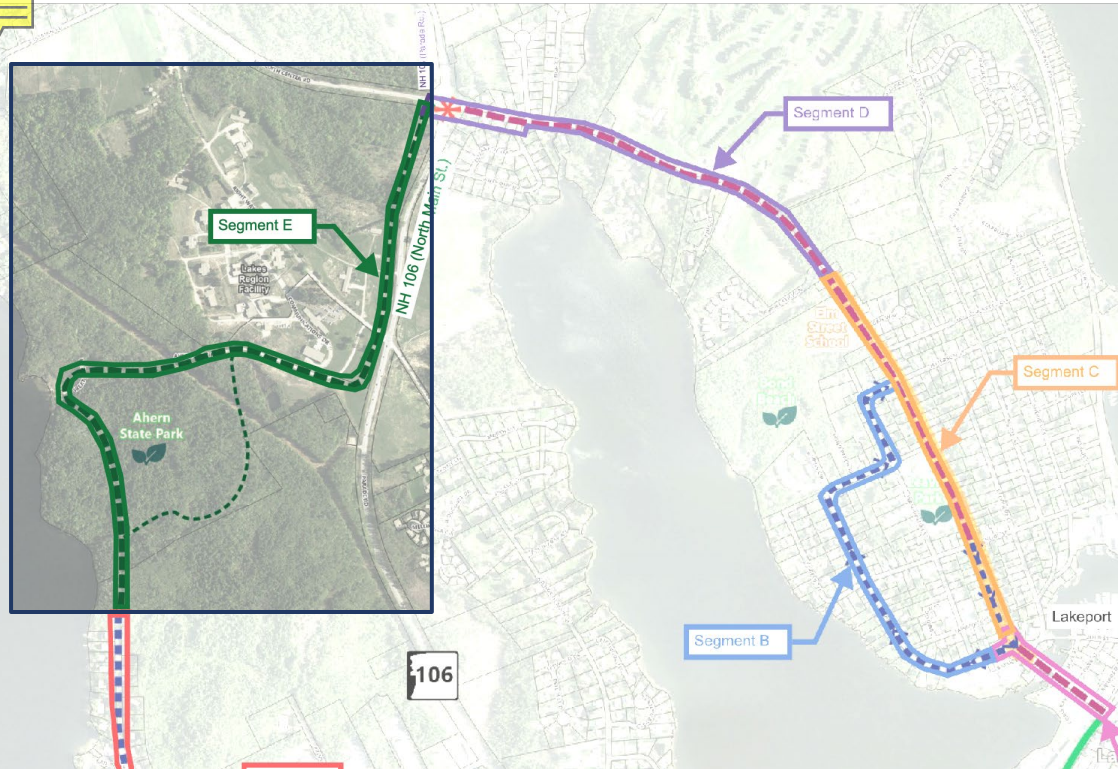
The Opechee Loop Future Expectation

State Property Redevelopment



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Ahern State Park



The Opechee Loop TAP Grant Request

Elm Street
Segment D
(3,000 ft)

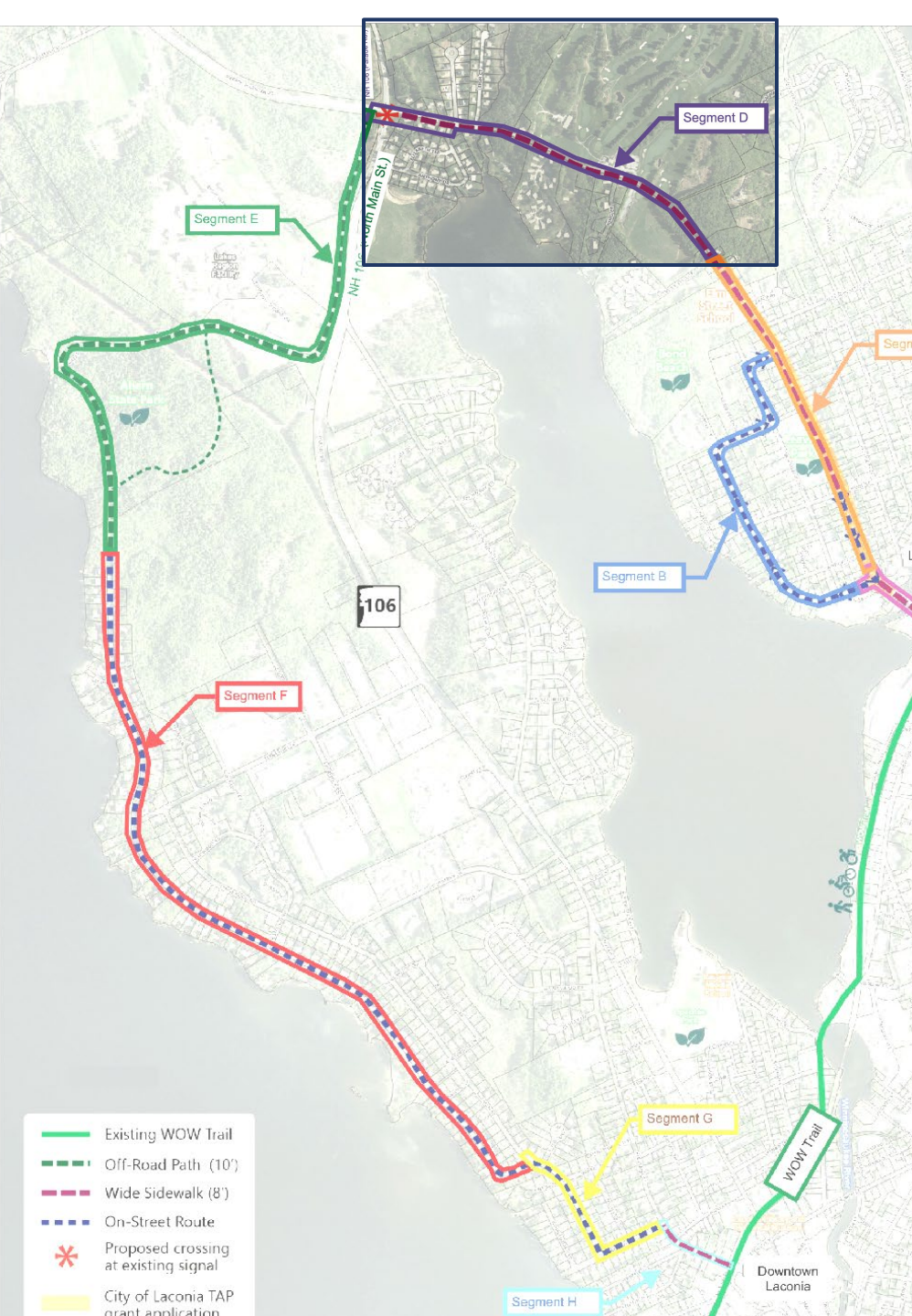


Elm Street

Reduce Lane Width; Add Separation;
Widen/Add Sidewalk



Add Pedestrian Crossing - Rt 106



The Opechee Loop TAP Grant Request

Shore Drive - Downtown
Segments F, G, H
(2.3 mi)



On Road – Shore Drive
Paint & Signage Only



Sidepath – Pleasant Street
Reduce Lane Width; Add Separation;
Widen Sidewalk

The Opechee Loop - TAP Grant Request

	Engineering	Right-of-Way	Construction + Cons. Admin.	Total
Elm Street Segment D	\$339,000	\$10,000	\$2,260,000 <u>+226,000</u> \$2,486,000	\$2,835,000
Shore Drive > Downtown Segments F, G, H	\$32,850	\$0	\$219,000 <u>+\$25,000</u> \$244,000	\$276,850

Federal TAP \$2,489,480

Match \$622,370

City of Laconia & WOW Trail Committed to Raise Match

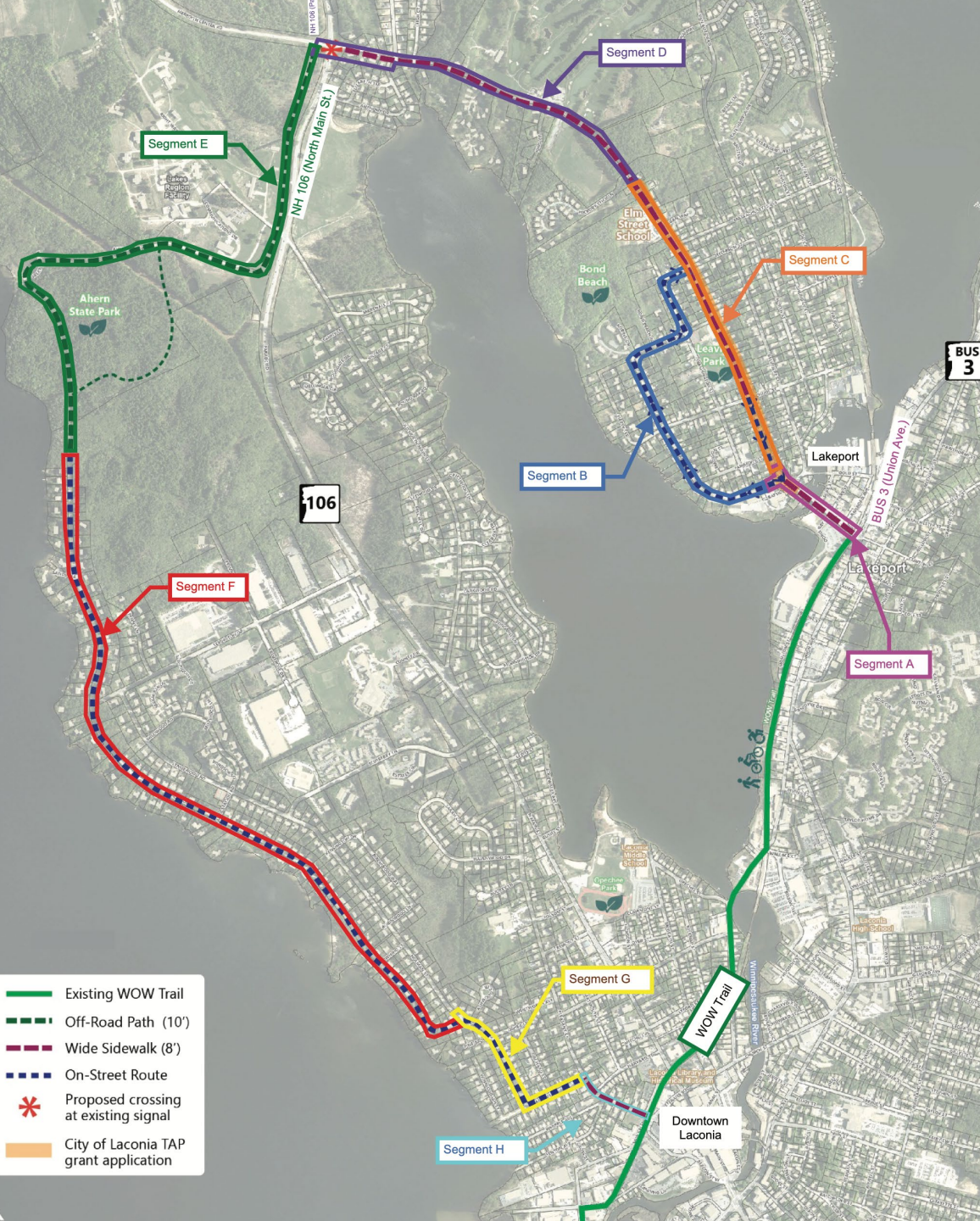
The Opechee Loop - Obstacles

- Rock Wall Relocation
- Temporary & Permanent Easements
- Utility Pole Relocation



The Opechee Loop Connecting Neighborhoods to...

Lakeport Business District
Goss Reading Room
Bond Beach
Leavitt Park
Elm Street School
Robbie Mills Sports Complex
State Property Redevelopment
Ahern State Park
Downtown Laconia
WOW Trail
Bartlett Beach
Winni Scenic Trail
Future Trail Expansion



The Opechee Loop - Project Outcomes

- Improve Mobility Options for Pedestrians & Bicyclists
- Contribute to Revitalization of Lakeport & Laconia Business Districts
- Upgrade & Repair Sidewalk Access for Wheelchairs & Other Mobility Devices
- Add RRFB for Safe Crossing of Route 106
- Increase Out-of-Area Visitors
- Connect Additional 6mi to Existing Trail (4.5mi)
- Encourage Health & Fitness of Laconia Residents
- Enhance Desirability of Laconia





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Regional Commission**



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belknap economic development council



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