Route 212 Bridge and Sidewalk Improvements
PIN 8122.20

We're in this together

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Everything remains under discussion

DOT is developing preliminary plans. No design details are final. These points describe the current direction of discussions, not final approvals.

Progress in discussions with DOT

Accessible sidewalks

Minimum 5-foot ADA-compliant sidewalks on both sides, including by Kleinert/James Gallery and across bridges, with a south-side extension to Sledding Hill/Post Office.

Safer crossings

Crosswalks at intersections, a new crossing at Tannery Brook Road and crossings across side streets. Curb extensions would improve visibility; exact locations remain open.

Business access and amenities

On-street and accessible parking, loading zones and Trailways stops remain in the current design direction. Some parking may shift to the north side of Tinker Street in the western portion of the project area.

Bridge appearance

Natural bluestone facings are proposed for all four bridges.

More replacement trees

We requested one new tree for every tree removed. The current proposal includes 29 new trees and approximately 23 removals, exceeding that request. Final counts require DOT confirmation. Utility lines may limit planting locations; smaller native trees are being discussed.

Open points

- Final design details and parking arrangements
- Tree species, locations and utility constraints
- Lighting district responsibilities and maintenance costs to be clarified
- Construction access, traffic arrangements and schedule

Requests not in the current plan

- 25 mph speed limit
- Narrower travel lanes
- Raised crosswalks at the project ends
- Flood Advisory Committee Requests

These requests are not included in the current DOT design direction. All plans remain preliminary and subject to change.

What happens next

DOT will continue preliminary design work while refining roadway, sidewalk, bridge and landscaping details. The Town will continue gathering feedback and sharing updates as discussions progress.

Tentative schedule — all dates subject to change

January 2027	Preliminary design complete	**2029**	South-side construction
December 2027	Final design complete	**2030**	North-side construction
April 2028	Bid opening	**Spring 2031**	Project completion
November 2028	Tree clearing		