



NHDOT gets 2023 RAISE Grant Award of \$20 million for the General Sullivan Bridge Project

NHDOT received a \$20 million grant award from the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program, administered by the US Department of Transportation. The \$20 million in federal funds will be applied to the General Sullivan Bridge project, which involves replacement of the General Sullivan Bridge with a new bridge that will exclusively serve pedestrians and bicyclists. The project was recently advertised for construction on July 25, 2023.

Since 1934, this distinctive structure has united the Town of Newington with the City of Dover at the confluence of the Little Bay and the Piscataqua River. In 2018, this crossing was closed to all users as the bridge superstructure had deteriorated to a point that it was no longer safe for crossing. A temporary bicycle and pedestrian detour, opened



for public use in August 2019, was constructed on the northbound Little Bay Bridge to provide non-motorized connectivity across Little Bay due to the closure of the GSB in 2018. This detour will remain in place throughout construction, until the replacement bridge is open for public use. Once the new pedestrian bridge is open at the end of summer 2026, the temporary detour will be removed to allow the northbound

Little Bay Bridge to accommodate four lanes of vehicular traffic as intended and designed.

As part of the Spaulding Turnpike Newington-Dover Project, the new, multi-use path connection will be the only pedestrian and bicyclist access across Little Bay. As such, the new bridge will offer unique opportunities and experiences for both local residents and tourists, including alternative transportation options, recreational fishing, and scenic viewing of the seacoast area from the bridge deck.

You may find additional information on the Grant Application and supporting materials at [NH Department of Transportation - \(newington-dover.com\)](https://www.nh.gov/transportation).



There was a press conference held at the bridge announcing the award of the grant on July 21, 2023. You can read more about that conference at <https://seacoastcurrent.com/sullivan-bridge-replacement-gets-20m-in-federal-funding/>.