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**PORTSMOUTH BRIDGE REPAIRS WILL REQUIRE
CLOSURE TO ALL TRAFFIC
SARAH LONG BRIDGE (US 1 BYPASS) TO BE CLOSED
FROM OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 14**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the planned closure for 19 days of the Sarah Long Bridge carrying the US Route 1 Bypass over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine.

This work includes replacement of the motors that lift the bridge, a swap over to a new electrical service that will provide power to the motors and equipment on the Maine side of the bridge (eliminating the need for submarine cables), and implementation of a new bridge operating system.

In order to accomplish this work, the lift bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic from Monday, October 27 at 7:00 AM until Friday November 14 at 5:00 PM. The bridge will also be closed to marine traffic from Monday, November 10 at 7:00 AM until Friday, November 14 at 5:00 PM.

Detour signs will direct traffic during the closure to the Piscataqua River (Interstate 95) Bridge. The Connector Road at Albacore Park will also be open to provide access between the Route 1 Bypass and Market Street Extension in Portsmouth.

Yates Electric of Durham, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$1.3 million project.

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