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TRAFFIC CHANGES AT ROCHESTER TURNPIKE PROJECT
SPAULDING TURNPIKE'S EXIT 11 AND 12 AND NH ROUTE 125

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces traffic pattern changes will take place during the week of April 7, 2008 in connection with the Spaulding Turnpike improvement project in Rochester at Exits 11 and 12, and NH Route 125.

These traffic changes will involve shifting southbound traffic closer to the divided median and narrowing the southbound barrel to a single, 12-foot lane. An 8-foot shoulder will be provided where possible. The southbound speed limit at this location will be reduced from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. Motorists are urged to use caution and not exceed the posted speed limit when driving through the work zone.

Also, the NH Route 125 southbound on-ramp to the Spaulding Turnpike will be closed. All Route 125 traffic entering the southbound Turnpike will enter from the southeast entrance after a temporary ramp is constructed. A temporary signal will be used to aid left turning traffic.

This project, which began in December 2007, involves the reconstruction and widening of the southbound barrel of the Spaulding Turnpike through the Exit 12 interchange, as well as reconstruction of the southbound on and off ramps. Bridge work includes new bridges southbound over Route 125, southbound over the Cocheco River, and the southbound on-ramp over the Cocheco River.

SUR Construction of Rochester, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$14.5 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in August 2009.

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