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**TEMPORARY RAMP TO OPEN ON INTERSTATE 93 IN SALEM**  
**TO ALLOW REBUILDING I-93 SOUTHBOUND OFF RAMP AT EXIT 1**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the planned shifting of traffic to a temporary off ramp at Exit 1 southbound on Interstate 93 in Salem will take place during daytime hours on Friday, May 16, 2008.

This traffic shift will allow for the reconstruction of the existing Exit 1 southbound off ramp, including the replacement of seven bridges with three bridges. The temporary ramp is expected to be in operation until November of this year.

The new temporary southbound off ramp at Exit 1 will restrict load widths to no wider than 10 feet, 6 inches. A signed detour will encourage southbound oversize loads on I-93 that would normally use Exit 1 to utilize Exit 2.

This project involves the replacement of the Exit 1 southbound on and off ramp bridges over Interstate 93, as well as the rehabilitation of the ramp bridges over South Policy Street. The ramp approaches will be reconstructed to tie into the new bridges. SPS New England, Inc. of Salisbury, Massachusetts is the general contractor for the \$22 million project, which has a final completion date of October 2009.

Additional information can be found at the website [www.RebuildingI93.com](http://www.RebuildingI93.com)

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