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BRIDGE BEAM SETTING ON SPAULDING TURNPIKE AT EXIT 12
NH 125 TRAFFIC DELAYS ANTICIPATED ON OCTOBER 4

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces structural steel beams will be set on the new Spaulding Turnpike Bridge at Exit 12 over NH Route 125 on Saturday, October 4, 2008. In the event of inclement weather, this work will take place on Monday, October 6.

This bridge steel work is expected to take all day and will require periodic traffic stoppages on NH Route 125 at the new bridge for up to 10 minutes at a time while six steel beams are put in place.

Message boards and signs will alert traffic to the work zone. Uniformed officers will slow traffic on the Spaulding Turnpike as needed. Motorists are asked to use alternative routes if possible. The City of Rochester will allow NH 125 traffic to detour around the site using either Brock Street from the north or Chesley Hill Road from the south. Motorists on the Spaulding Turnpike should use Exit 13 to enter Rochester.

This project, which began in December 2007, involves the reconstruction and widening of the southbound lanes 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 NH 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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