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PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
REHABILITATION OF THE MEMORIAL BRIDGE (US 1)
AND SCOTT AVENUE BRIDGE (US 1)

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces a Public Informational Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2008 regarding the rehabilitation of the Memorial Bridge carrying US Route 1 over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME. The States of New Hampshire and Maine jointly own this bridge.

The bids received for this project on October 9 were substantially higher than had been estimated. Since then, the NHDOT has been evaluating alternatives and coordinating with both the Maine Department of Transportation and the contractors involved on how to proceed. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from public officials and the public to consider a prudent course of action.

Also part of this project are the replacement of the US Route 1 Bridge (Scott Avenue) over Daniel Street in Portsmouth, and the rehabilitation of a separate approach bridge on the Maine side, carrying US 1 over the Piscataqua River.

The November 6 meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at Portsmouth City Hall in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, 1 Junkins Avenue in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. NHDOT staff will be available before and after the presentation for informal discussion.

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