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**NEW EXIT 12 SOUTHBOUND OFF-RAMP TO OPEN
ON SPAULDING TURNPIKE IN ROCHESTER**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces the new southbound off-ramp at Exit 12 of the Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester will open to traffic on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, weather permitting.

The new Exit ramp is about ½ mile north from the current Exit 12. The old ramp will be blocked off and removed to make room for the southbound mainline construction. This is the last exit before the Rochester toll plaza.

Message boards and signs will alert traffic to the work zone. Uniformed officers will direct traffic as needed during the actual lane shift change.

This project involves the reconstruction and widening of the southbound barrel of the Spaulding Turnpike through the Exit 12 interchange, as well as the reconstruction of the southbound on and off ramps. Bridge work includes new bridges southbound over NH 125 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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