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**BRIDGE CLOSURE PLANNED ON NH ROUTE 127 IN HOPKINTON
*FIVE MONTH DETOUR TO ALLOW FOR DECK REPLACEMENT***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will be closing a bridge this week on NH Route 127 in Hopkinton for five months while for a deck replacement project.

The 275-foot long, two-lane, steel girder bridge over a spillway channel is located on NH 127 about one-half mile from I-89 between Exit 6 and NH 202/9. The bridge will be closed from January 30 until June 26, 2009. Detour signs will be in place to guide motorists around the closed bridge via exit 5 on I-89.

The work being done will replace the deteriorating 50-year old deck. The complete closure of the bridge to traffic will save time and money. The alternatives of maintaining traffic by either building a temporary bridge or using one lane phased construction would have almost doubled the cost and the duration of the project.

R.S. Audley Inc. of Bow, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$1.1 million project.

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