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**NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR SPAULDING TURNPIKE NORTHBOUND**

Exit 11, Exit 12 and NH Route 125 in Rochester

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a traffic shift will take place the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> to move the northbound traffic on the Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester onto the newly constructed southbound barrel for the week of July 13, 2009 from just north of the Rochester Toll Plaza, shifting all lanes left across the median to the southbound barrel and run through to the Exit 13 project. Note that the highway, at this point, will be two-way traffic separated only by a double yellow centerline.

Traffic planning to exit at either Exit 11 or Exit 12 will continue straight and right north of the toll plaza. Exit 11 will be reopened and Exit 12 ramps North will be closed. A detour will be setup from the Exit 11 off-ramp back to NH Route 125 where traffic can go either north or south.

The Department requests that motorists observe the speed limit and exercise caution in this workzone. Message boards, and signs will alert traffic to the work zone.

This project, which started December 2008, is being constructed by SUR Construction Inc. of Rochester. The work involves the reconstruction and widening of the northbound barrel of the Spaulding Turnpike through Exit 12 interchange as well as reconstruction of the northbound on and off ramps. Bridge work includes new structures northbound over Rte. 125, northbound over the Cocheco River and northbound off-ramp over the Cocheco River. The final completion of this project is scheduled for June 2011.

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