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**PORTSMOUTH, NH – KITTERY, ME PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
***REHABILITATION OF MEMORIAL BRIDGE (US 1) OVER THE PISCATAQUA RIVER***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a combined Public Officials/Informational meeting will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006 to discuss the preferred alternative for rehabilitation of the Memorial Bridge carrying U.S. Route 1 over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine. This bridge is jointly owned by the States of New Hampshire and Maine.

A separate approach bridge, owned by the City of Portsmouth, carrying U.S. 1 over Scott Avenue will also be discussed in regards to the preferred replacement option.

This purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment. This project may have an effect on historic properties.

The April 6 public meeting will be held at the Portsmouth City Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact William Janelle, Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483. Notification of the need for assistance must be made no later than March 23, 2006.