NEW ROUNDABOUT TO OPEN ON NH ROUTE 1A IN RYE (FOYES CORNER)
INTERSECTION OF PIONEER ROAD, SAGAMORE ROAD AND ELWYN ROAD

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces the planned opening of a new roundabout on NH Route 1A in Rye at Foyes Corner, the intersection with Pioneer Road, Sagamore Road and Elwyn Road on Tuesday, November 20, 2007.

Final paving and landscaping will occur in the spring of 2008, with final completion scheduled for June 2008. Gove Construction Services, Inc. of Portsmouth, New Hampshire was the contractor for the $870,000 project.

This is the fourth state-built roundabout to open in New Hampshire in the past year. Others are located in Meredith (US 3/NH 106), Plymouth (US 3/ NH 175A) and Keene (NH 101).

Much smaller than a conventional traffic circle, roundabouts utilize slower speeds to improve traffic flow by 30 to 50 percent while reducing the risk of crash-related injuries by up to 76 percent. Roundabouts have just eight “conflict points” for potential collisions with other vehicles or pedestrians, whereas a conventional four-way intersection has 32 conflict points. Other benefits include: a better and longer level of service at intersections, reduced pollution and fuel use, money savings on traffic signals and electricity, and allowing for U-Turns.