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Through a Stronger Memorial Bridge



Thank you for your patience and cooperation during December's closure of the Augusta Memorial Bridge!

2005 brings plans for major re-decking work on this 55-year-old bridge that will serve the Central Maine area for decades to come!

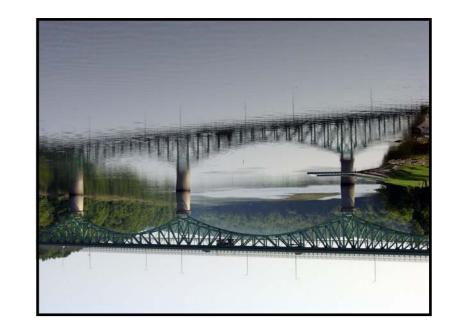


typical of what we heard: Internet messages regarding December's closure. This is We asked for your feedback through visits, phone calls and

"Traffic rerouting going smoothly"

Thursday, December 2, 2004 - Kennebec Journal

- Augusta Commuter barely noticeable." "Thank you again for making the bridge closure



closure to better assess our 2 options: 2005, we studied traffic flow during the December As MaineDOT plans for re-decking Memorial Bridge in

1. Full closure for 3-months or;

2. Night-and-weekend only closure lasting 6 to 7

3-months is our preferred alternative. Here's why: MaineDOT to the conclusion that a full closure lasting A comprehensive analysis of these 2 options has led

November/December holiday shopping. 6 to 7 month closure may spill into July 4th activities or weekend wages. Local businesses may also suffer as the additional months of labor as well as higher night and at least \$1.5 million more than full closure because of 3 that the night-and-weekend closure will cost taxpayers Saves taxpayer money - The MaineDOT has estimated

return to "business as usual" for Augusta. bridge. Getting the work done faster means a faster ant 770 and anaterials on and off the a night-and-weekend closure, 4 hours of every day may the entire day is spent reconstructing the bridge. With More efficient use of time - A 3-month closure means

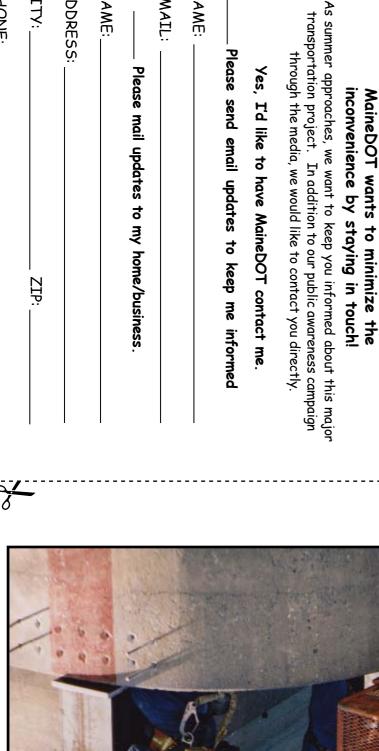
challenges for our crews. in cold, winter weather which presents additional a 7-month closure inevitably means working outside are rested and working in the light of day. In Maine, circumstances. Fewer accidents occur when workers and re-decking is dangerous work, even in the best of The satety of our workers - Bridge construction

two bridges for the past 55 years. remember, Augusta has operated successfully with ployees' schedules and adjust business hours. And let's 3-month closure allows for businesses to plan for emnotify the public in advance. A more predictable hassle for drivers because it will not be possible to stances. These unplanned weekday closures will be a night-and-weekend project due to unforseen circum-Unplanned weekday closures would be inevitable on a - sassanisud bna ensvirb not ytilidataibeng anoM



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