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THE I-295 NORTHBOUND PROJECT

MaineDOT's I-295 Northbound Project, this year's rehabilitation of 13 bridges on Interstate 295, will begin with preliminary staging work in March and actual bridge repairs commencing in April.

Knowing the scope of this work will help you minimize any inconvenience stemming from traffic delays or detours.

Please note that all dates are approximate and are subject to change.

There will be several ramp closings that will require motorists to follow detours and seek alternate routes. Drivers may want to seek alternate routes regardless of destination to avoid possible delays due to lane closings at all of the work zones.

Motorists destined for points north of Portland may want to use the Maine Turnpike.

MaineDOT has divided this year's I-295 project into five work zones. From south to north, they are:

WORK ZONE ONE

MAINE TURNPIKE APPROACH ROAD

Starts April – Ends September

Work Zone One involves the I-295 overpass that crosses the Maine Turnpike Approach Road. All on and off-ramps will remain open. Bridge work will be completed around September 1, and night paving operations may continue through October as weather or other factors permit.

WORK ZONE TWO

WESTBROOK STREET

Starts April – Ends September

Work Zone Two involves the overpass crossing Westbrook Street. All on and off-ramps will remain open. Bridge work will be completed around September 1, and night paving operations may continue through October as weather or other factors permit.

WORK ZONE THREE

FORE RIVER BRIDGE TO ST. JOHN STREET

Starts March – Ends August

Work Zone Three involves seven different bridges and overpasses:

- Fore River Bridge
- Fore River Bridge/PTRR Overpass
- Portland Connector/Westbrook Arterial Overpass
- Congress Street/Park Avenue Overpass
- St. James Street Overpass
- St. John Street/PTRR Overpass
- St. John Street Overpass

The Park Avenue on-ramp and Congress Street on-ramp will be closed, but all off-ramps will remain open for the duration of work at this interchange. To access I-295 Northbound, drivers may use the Fore River Parkway, Forest Avenue, or Franklin Street on-ramps. Bridge work will be completed around August 1, and night paving operations may continue through October as weather or other factors permit.

I-295 RAMP CLOSURE ADVISORIES

CLOSED APRIL THRU JULY

- Park Avenue Northbound On-Ramp
- Congress Street Northbound On-Ramp

CLOSED JULY THRU AUGUST

- I-295 Northbound Exit 6B/Forest Avenue Off-Ramp
- "Eastbound" Forest Avenue On-Ramp

WORK ZONE FOUR

FOREST AVENUE TO FRANKLIN STREET Starts July – Ends September

Work Zone Four involves the I-295 overpasses that span Forest Avenue, Preble Street Extension, and the Franklin Street interchange.

The I-295 northbound Exit 6B/Forest Avenue off-ramp and the Forest Avenue eastbound I-295 on-ramp will be closed for the duration of work at the Forest Avenue interchange. Bridge work will be completed around September 1, and night paving operations may continue through October as weather or other factors permit.

WORK ZONE FIVE

WASHINGTON AVENUE ON-RAMP Starts April – Ends September

Work Zone Five will focus on the I-295 Northbound on-ramp from Route 26/Washington Avenue which will remain open.

Bridge work will be completed around September 1, and night paving operations may continue through October as weather or other factors permit.

Planning for the I-295 Northbound Project focused on minimizing the impact on motorists while improving the safety and enjoyment of traveling one of Maine's most popular highways.

For more information, maps, web-cam images, or to sign up for email alerts, please visit mainedot.gov.

MaineDOT appreciates the patience of all motorists during this construction period, and also asks everyone to drive safely through all work zones.



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And remember — please pay attention and obey reduced speed limits when driving in work zones. MaineDOT thanks you for driving safely.