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TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY JULY 19) AND TOMORROW NIGHT
(THURSDAY JULY 20)**

--Interchange will remain closed until 5:00 a.m. for bridge beam installation--

SOUTH PORTLAND--Between 10pm Wednesday night and 5am Thursday morning and between 10pm Thursday night and 5am Friday morning the Turnpike's Exit 45 in South Portland will be closed as beams are installed on a section of the bridge directly over traffic lanes. Motorists are encouraged to use Exit 42 in Scarborough or Exit 46 at the Jetport during these hours.

Construction activities may be adjusted due to weather conditions.

The reconstruction of the Payne Road Bridge is part of the Maine Department of Transportation initiative to improve traffic flow and safety in the entire Maine Mall area. The new Payne Road Bridge will be widened from 4 to 6 lanes to improve traffic flow and will include a sidewalk for pedestrians.

Turnpike travelers are already being informed about the upcoming closures by flashing highway message boards and recorded messages on highway advisory radio 1610 AM. For additional information about the Maine Mall Area Roadwork or to sign up for e-mail alerts visit www.mainedot.gov.

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