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South Portland, ME – MaineDOT is advising drivers who use Westbrook Street that lane closures will be necessary on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (April 23, 24 and 25) at the site of the new I-295 Exit 3 overpass near Broadway in South Portland. The overpass will carry traffic entering I-295 northbound when completed. Two-way traffic will be maintained during the lane closures, except on East Broadway, where flaggers will briefly stop traffic to allow for alternating single-lane travel.

On the nights of Sunday, April 27th and Monday, April 28th beginning at 10:00pm, plans call for Westbrook Street to be closed at the site of the overpass construction in South Portland so that steelwork may be hoisted into place. The overnight closures will remain in effect through the following morning, when the road is scheduled to re-open at 6:00am on Monday, April 28th and Tuesday, April 29th. During the road closure, drivers will be able to follow detour signs through an alternate route.

The construction of the new entrance at Exit 3 on I-295 northbound will provide improved, safer access to I-295 from East Broadway instead of Westbrook Street in South Portland. This will eliminate the current left-hand turn across traffic on Westbrook Street for those traveling from the west. The project is one of several roadway improvements in the Maine Mall Area, including the widening of Western Avenue and the already completed reconstruction of the Payne Road Bridge, improvements to the intersection of Westbrook Street and Western Avenue, improved turning lanes at Maine Mall Road and Gorham Road, and the construction of the Jetport Plaza Road.

Information on MaineDOT construction projects is available online at www.mainedot.gov. Drivers may sign up for email alerts, and read updated construction schedules.

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