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Reconstruction of Route 201 Through Farmingdale Begins April 25th

Bangor, ME – Sargent Corporation and MaineDOT officials announced today that work is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 25 on a 1.5 mile section of U.S. Route 201 through Farmingdale.

The reconstruction of Route 201 will begin with roadside excavation for water line installation. The Route 201 reconstruction will continue through November, resulting in the re-building of the road from just south of the DNK Used Cars location to the intersection of Northern Avenue and Route 201.

While the water line installation will be done during the day, much of the construction work will be conducted at night to shorten the duration of the project and to reduce traffic impacts. Throughout the project, single lane closures will occur with flaggers controlling traffic in the work zone. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout the project, with only brief exceptions when individual driveway or parking lot entrances are being improved.

The reconstruction of Route 201 through Farmingdale is a \$6 million project that is being funded by MaineDOT. Sargent Corporation won the design-build contract in September, 2010 and committed to completing the project in November, 2011 rather than the original project completion deadline of June, 2012.

“Our design-build approach allows us to expedite the process, and offers greater efficiency to MaineDOT while significantly shortening the length of time that drivers will encounter construction,” said John Sturgeon, project manager for Sargent. He continued, “We’re working with J.W. Sewall of Old Town for the roadway design, and our Sargent team will be doing the earthwork.”

John Sturgeon outlined what drivers should expect: “The project begins with the excavation and installation of a new 12-inch water main along the roadway. This is being done in co-operation with the Gardiner Utility District. Then, we will be constructing the storm drainage work which includes approximately 17,000 lineal feet of 6”-36” diameter storm drain pipe and five major cross-culverts that are designed to allow fish passage.”

Sturgeon continued, “The road itself is being completely reconstructed, which means excavation of the existing road, construction of a new gravel base, grading and finally

paving.” Sturgeon said that in the end, the road will have two newly paved lanes, each 11 feet wide, with paved shoulders 5 feet wide on both sides. New lighting will be installed at the Northern Avenue intersection, cross-walks with signs and blinking caution lights will provide improved access to the walkway network on the east side of the road, and a 5-foot sidewalk will be added to the west side of the Route 201.

From April 25 through November, drivers should expect to encounter multiple single-lane closures with traffic controlled by flaggers and a reduced speed limit within the 1.5 mile work zone. Drivers will be traveling over gravel surfaces at times, and delays are to be expected. Alternate routes are available allowing drivers to avoid the work zone altogether, including Blaine Road and Northern Avenue to the west of Route 201, and Route 9 on the east side of the river.

Signs advising drivers of the construction are being placed now. Work will be happening during daylight hours through the spring, and night work will occur this summer. For more information on the reconstruction of Route 201 and other construction projects around the state, drivers are encouraged to visit MaineDOT.gov where it is also possible to sign up for email alerts.

Sargent Corporation and MaineDOT remind all drivers to please slow down and pay attention in work zones.

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