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NEW SPAULDING TURNPIKE BRIDGE TO OPEN OVER LITTLE BAY
MAJOR TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON DOVER-NEWINGTON PROJECT

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces the planned opening of the new bridge over Little Bay on the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover-Newington. This bridge opening will require a major traffic shift on the Spaulding Turnpike southbound between Exit 6 in Dover and Exit 3 in Newington that will have a significant impact on traffic on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, 2014.

Starting at 9:00 am on Friday, November 21, traffic from US Route 4 and Dover Point Road at the Exit 6 southbound on-ramp will be restricted to a single lane and a short acceleration lane to merge with the Spaulding Turnpike traffic. At 8:00 pm, Spaulding Turnpike southbound traffic will be restricted to one lane. It's anticipated that the traffic shift will take at least 24 hours to complete.

At the conclusion of the traffic change, two lanes of southbound traffic will be restored and will then be traveling over the new Little Bay Bridge and connect in Newington to the current traffic pattern south of Exit 4. The left Exit 3 southbound to Woodbury Avenue ramp will remain open through the winter months. Northbound traffic will remain in its current configuration.

During this time period, motorists traveling southbound on the Spaulding Turnpike should expect delays and be prepared to stop if traffic backs up. Those seeking to travel from Durham to Portsmouth might consider the alternative route of NH Route 108 south to NH Route 33. Travelers from the north on the Spaulding Turnpike could consider the alternate route of using Route 236 in Maine.

State Police will be used to alert the traffic to the restricted lane conditions. Message boards will alert traffic to the construction work activity, and provide information to help traffic proceed through the work zone.

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