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## BLASTING TO RESUME AT SPAULDING TURNPIKE PROJECT WEEKDAYS BETWEEN EXITS 1 AND 3 IN NEWINGTON

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces blasting work associated with the Spaulding Turnpike widening project in Newington is scheduled to resume the week of February 24, 2014.

Blasting in the median area between the northbound and southbound lanes will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be impacted during the periodic blasts. State Police rolling roadblocks will be used to keep traffic from the work zones during the blasts.

Motorists can expect delays and some backups during this blasting work, and are urged to keep safe following driving distances when proceeding through the work zone.

This work is part of a 2.8 mile widening project on a section of the Spaulding Turnpike in Newington and Dover. It begins at Exit 1 (Gosling Road) in Newington and extends past Exit 5 northbound in Dover. It includes a new full interchanges at Exit 3 (Woodbury Avenue), with a new bridge over the Spaulding Turnpike carrying Exit 3 traffic and connecting to Arboretum Drive in the Pease Tradeport.

Alvin J. Coleman and Sons, Inc. of Conway, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$43 million project, which has a completion date of July 2016.