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NIGHT TRAFFIC SHIFT ON SPAULDING TURNPIKE IN NEWINGTON BETWEEN EXITS 1 AND 2 TO ALLOW FOR MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION WORK

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces a planned traffic shift is scheduled for the night of Sunday September 15, 2013 between Exit 1 and Exit 2 on the Spaulding Turnpike in Newington.

Both southbound and northbound traffic will be shifted away from the median. This lane shift will allow construction work in the median to prepare for future lanes shifts next month. In the event inclement weather, the work will be rescheduled to another night next week.

In order to complete the traffic shift, a southbound lane closure will be in effect from 7:00 pm to 4:00 am. A northbound lane closure will be necessary between 9:00 pm and 5:00 am. State Police and message boards will be used to alert motorists to the night work operations.

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 2015.