

2023 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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Exit 35 Interchange, Saco



Project Highlights

- \$42 million project
- Awarded to Sargent Corporation of Stillwater, ME
- New Exit 35 Interchange will include:
 - **Four new ramps:** Southbound and Northbound on and off.
 - **Two new toll plazas:** Southbound plaza will be located on west side of Maine Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112. Northbound plaza will be on the east side of the Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112.
 - **Construction of a new collector-distributor road:** On the Maine Turnpike southbound between Exit 36 and the new Exit 35, a two-lane road separate from the three lane mainline will be created to reduce weaving and merging on the mainline.
 - **Route 112 modifications:** In addition to the signalized intersections at the toll plaza ramps, Route 112 will be widened to accommodate turning movements at the new signalized intersections.

This project consists of constructing a new interchange in Saco - Exit 35. The project emerged from the 2019 transportation study that MTA, MaineDOT and the City of Saco participated in that focused on how to address regional traffic issues by improving connections to and from the Turnpike. The study produced a number of recommendations, including this project.

The work includes highway, interchange, and toll system construction to create Exit 35 and also includes modifications to the existing Exit 36 Interchange including extending the southbound decel lane.

Work began in 2023 and the project is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2025.

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Construction Update **September 27, 2023**



Construction crews are expected to begin pile driving operations on Wednesday, October 4th. The piles are for the southbound toll plaza, utility building and slabs.

There will be a sharp, metallic sound that occurs as the piles are driven into the ground. It will be generally continuous work with only breaks for loading a new pile or relocating equipment.

The work is estimated to occur for approximately two weeks - with completion wrapping up on or near Friday, October 20th. All work will occur after 7:00 AM per the Town of Saco's noise ordinance and work is restricted to daylight hours.