



## Old Lisbon Road Bridge Project, Lewiston

### Project Background

The Maine Turnpike Authority is rehabilitating the Old Lisbon Road Bridge over the Maine Turnpike. The bridge, which carries local traffic over the Turnpike, was built in 1954. Nearly all of the 176 bridges that carry Turnpike traffic or cross over the Maine Turnpike were built between 1947 and 1955. The expected lifespan of a bridge deck is between 50-70 years, depending on traffic volumes, location, and wear and tear on each structure. The Turnpike Authority is in the middle of a 30-year plan, which started in 1994, to rehabilitate and repair nearly all bridges.

### Project Overview

The \$1.5 million project, awarded to Wyman & Simpson of Richmond, Maine, consists of replacing the Old Lisbon Road superstructure over the Maine Turnpike in the City of Lewiston. The work includes concrete deck and steel girder replacement, raising the bridge to increase the under clearance over the Turnpike, concrete substructure modifications, repairs and approach work. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2013.

### Bridge Closure

To conduct major construction activities and to ensure safety of the construction crews and public, the Maine Turnpike Authority will need to close the bridge in mid-June 2013, with the bridge reopening to traffic in November 2013.

Maine Turnpike Authority priorities are to reduce traffic disruption, maintain the highest level of safety and to minimize construction costs associated with bridge projects. Special conditions such as project staging and temporary lane openings are more expensive and require additional time to complete the project. Keeping one lane open, even on a temporary basis, will lengthen the project, increase the end cost and add yet another safety consideration.

### Gould Road Changes

This project will also require improvements to intersection of Old Lisbon Road and Gould Road immediately east of the bridge. The intersection does not currently meet highway design standards for sight distance. Motorists driving onto Old Lisbon Road from Gould Road cannot see a safe distance to the left without moving into oncoming traffic along Old Lisbon Road. During project planning, the MTA recommended that the City of Lewiston consider permanent changes to the intersection to improve public safety. After surveying nearby property owners and discussing options with city officials, the city council decided to sign Gould Road as "one-way." As a result of this change, vehicles will be able to enter Gould Road from Old Lisbon Road but vehicles will not be allowed to use Gould Road as a through street to Old Lisbon Road once the bridge reopens to traffic in November

### Project Updates & Travel Alerts

The Maine Turnpike offers a variety of ways for drivers to get the latest information and updates for ongoing construction projects and travel alerts. Bridge closure updates will be posted on electronic message signs on approach to the construction area.

- Weekly construction advisories and lane closure reports are available online at [MaineTurnpike.com](http://MaineTurnpike.com).
- 1-800-675-PIKE —the MTA's toll-free highway advisory line
- Like the Maine Turnpike on Facebook or follow on Twitter
- Sign up to receive travel alerts by email at [MaineTurnpike.com](http://MaineTurnpike.com)

### Detour

Residents and businesses who currently use the Old Lisbon Road Bridge are encouraged to plan ahead and seek alternate routes prior to the start of the project. The suggested alternate route includes Crowley Road and Old Webster Road.



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