



**Blackstrap Road
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Falmouth**

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Background

The Maine Turnpike Authority will be repairing the Blackstrap Road and Hurricane Road bridges in Falmouth. Both bridges were built in 1954 and carry local traffic over the Turnpike. Nearly all of the 177 bridges along 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.

Blackstrap Road Overview

Project contractor CPM Constructors of Freeport will rehabilitate the Blackstrap Road Bridge superstructure over the Maine Turnpike in the Town of Falmouth. The work includes concrete deck replacement, raising the bridge to increase the under clearance over the Turnpike, concrete substructure modifications, repairs and approach work. The Blackstrap Road Bridge will be closed to traffic from the end of June through the end of October

The project is scheduled for completion in November 2013.

Hurricane Road Overview

The project consists of improvements to Hurricane Road bridge over the Maine Turnpike and the Hurricane Road bridge over the Piscataqua River in the Town of Falmouth. The bridge was redecked in 1991. Repair work includes new bridge wearing surfaces, deck repairs and raising the bridge to increase the under clearance over the Turnpike, concrete substructure repairs and approach work. The Hurricane Road Bridges will be closed to traffic from the end of June through the end of October. Any necessary lane closures on the main line of the turnpike will be limited to off peak times.

The project is scheduled for completion in November 2013.

Bridge Closures

To conduct major construction activities and to ensure safety of the construction crews and public, both bridges will be closed to through traffic no earlier than the last day of school for the Falmouth School District in June 2013, and both are scheduled to reopen in November 2013.

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

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.
- 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

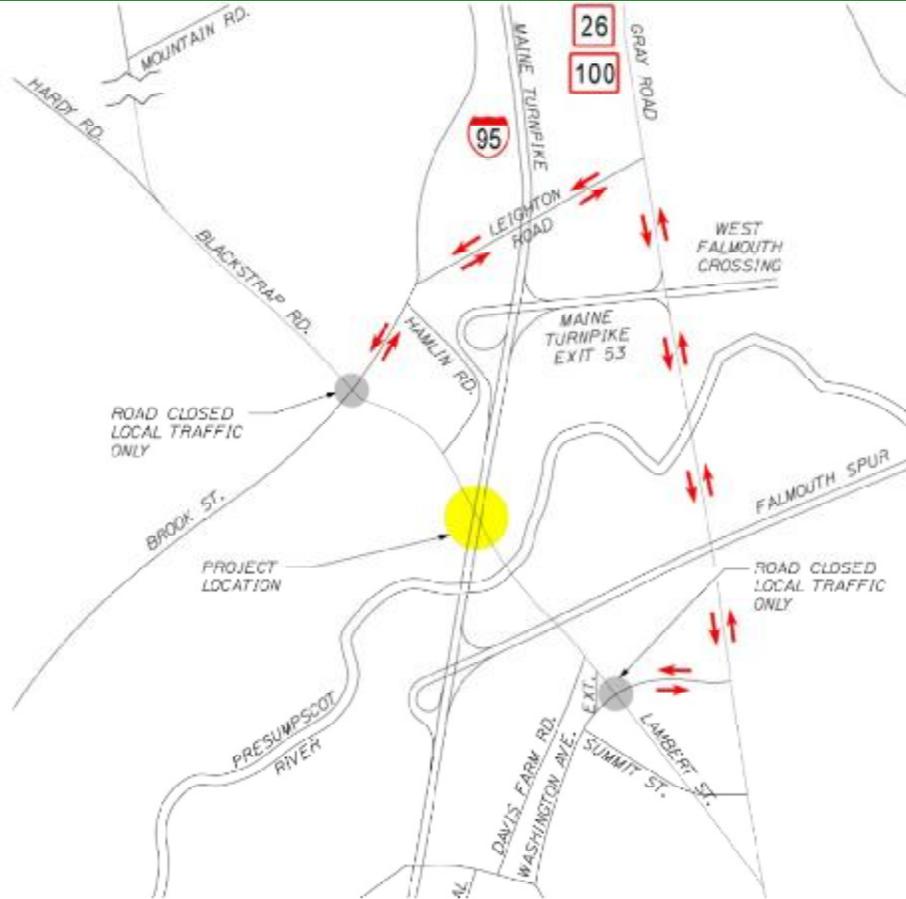
Detours

Motorists who currently use either the Blackstrap Road or Hurricane Road bridges are encouraged to plan ahead and seek alternate routes prior to the start of the project. Suggested detour routes can be found on the reverse.

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Blackstrap Road Suggested Detour



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