



Exit 52 Falmouth Spur Interchange Bridge Project

Project Background

The Maine Turnpike Authority will be rehabilitating the Exit 52 Interchange Bridge over the Maine Turnpike. The bridge, which handles traffic from the southbound on and off ramps of the Maine Turnpike, was built in 1954. The project will not affect the northbound on or off ramps. Nearly all of the 176 bridges that carry or cross over the Maine Turnpike were built between 1947 and 1956. The expected lifespan of a bridge deck is between 50-70 years, depending on the 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 \$3.5 million project, awarded to CPM Constructors of Freeport, consists of rehabilitation of the Exit 52 Falmouth Spur Interchange bridge superstructure over the Maine Turnpike. The work includes partial replacement of the concrete bridge deck, replacement of the bridge railings, 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 June 2014.

Interchange Ramp Closures

Maine Turnpike Authority priorities are to reduce traffic disruption, to maintain the highest level of safety and to minimize construction costs associated with bridge construction and maintenance projects. In order to facilitate major construction activities and to ensure safety of the construction crews and public, the Maine Turnpike Authority will need to close the southbound interchange on and off ramps in phases throughout the major portion of bridge construction likely starting the week of March 18, with both ramps permanently reopening to traffic in November 2013.

Schedule

The project will be completed in phases and limit access to and from the Falmouth Spur throughout summer and fall—mostly for southbound Turnpike traffic.

- The southbound off-ramp for traffic exiting the Maine Turnpike will be closed the week of March 25 for approximately 3 weeks
- Both the southbound on ramp and off ramp will be closed for approximately one week in late-May or early-June
- The southbound off-ramp for traffic exiting the Turnpike will close again from late-May/early-June until major construction activities conclude in November 2013.

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. Ramp closure updates and schedules 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

Southbound Commuter Alert

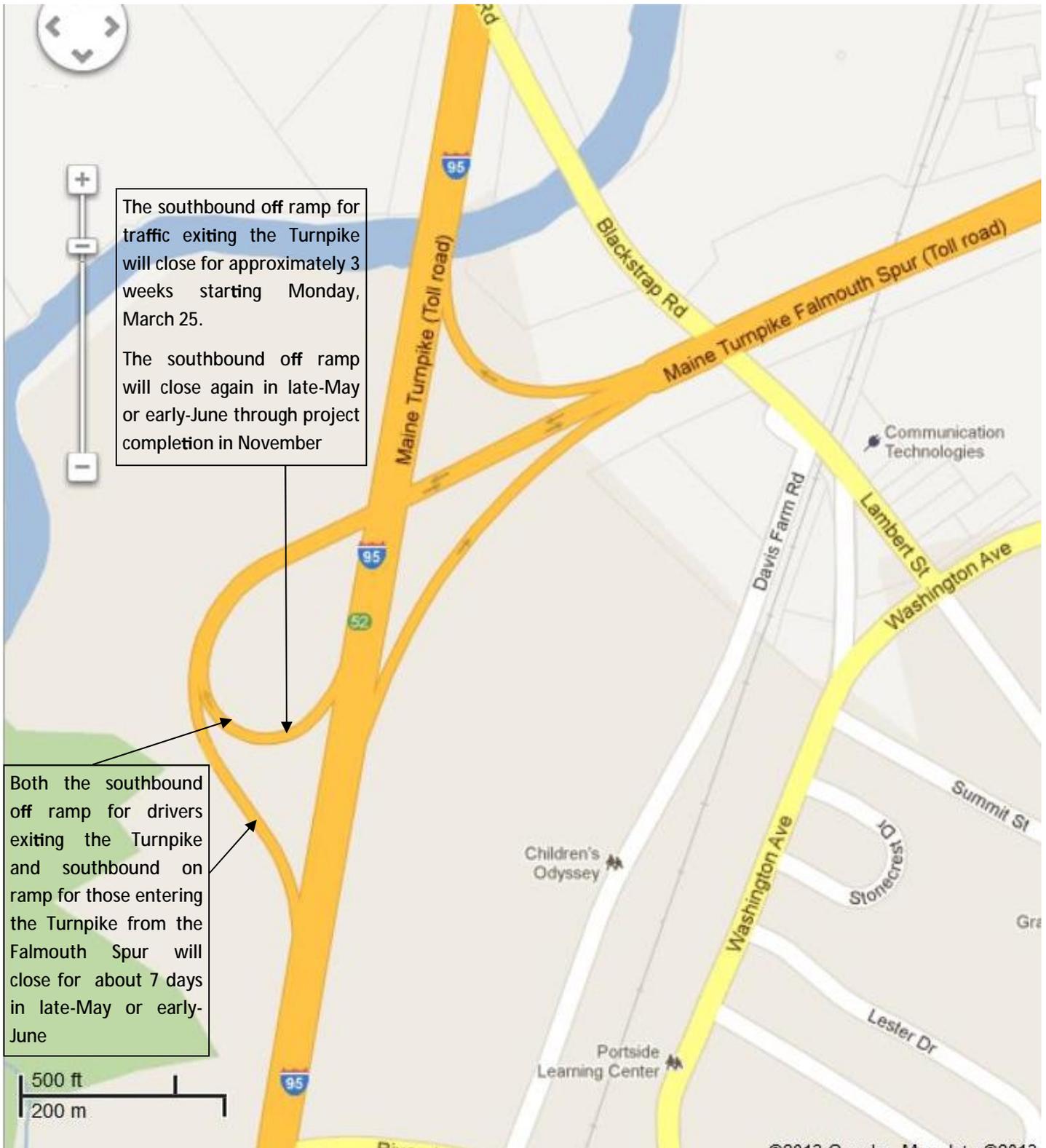
Commuters who currently travel southbound from points north of Exit 52 are encouraged to plan ahead and seek alternate routes prior to the start of the project. The suggested alternate route to I-295 from the Maine Turnpike is Exit 45 (Maine Mall Road),



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The southbound off ramp for traffic exiting the Turnpike will close for approximately 3 weeks starting Monday, March 25.

The southbound off ramp will close again in late-May or early-June through project completion in November

Both the southbound off ramp for drivers exiting the Turnpike and southbound on ramp for those entering the Turnpike from the Falmouth Spur will close for about 7 days in late-May or early-June