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Saco Interchange Improvements
Project Update
March 17, 2023



Looking south from Route 112, the contractor is prepping the site for wick drains.

Contractor: Sargent Corporation Bid Amount: \$41,922,810.00

Percent Complete last approved pay estimate: 5.5%

Project Schedule: Completion date November 21, 2025

Project Scope: The work consists of highway, interchange, and toll system construction at Exit 35 in Saco and modifications to the Exit 36 Interchange in Saco. The work includes a new interchange at MM 35, including southbound and northbound ramps, a new southbound toll plaza on the west side of the Maine Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112, a new northbound toll plaza on the east side of the Maine Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112, widening of the southbound Maine Turnpike to construct a separated collector-distributor road, widening of Route 112, and construction of access roads. The work includes earthwork, pavement, concrete, signing, overhead sign structures, concrete barrier, guardrail, drainage, stormwater management, electrical work, highway lighting, lightning suppression systems, and maintenance of traffic. The toll plaza work includes installation of tolling equipment, administration buildings, canopies, and toll booths.

Contractor Schedule: Sargent Corporation has started installing the wick drains prior to bringing in fill for the pre-load of the southbound entering plaza. The contractor is on schedule to close the hotel interchange after March 20th. Once the ramps close, the contractor will be constructing the new ramps and using the excess fill to build the preload at the southbound entering plaza. This will take a couple months to complete this phase. Once the preload is complete, crews will focus on building the new hotel access road and the northbound toll plaza.