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Dear neighbor:

Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) will soon begin construction work that we want to bring to your attention. As part of the Portland Area Widening project, we will be making drainage improvements adjacent to the Exit 48 northbound off-ramp. MTA plans to construct a new 620-foot long drainage ditch along the outside edge of existing Exit 48 ramp.

This new ditch is being constructed to help address the issue Holm Avenue abutters have raised with regards to occasional drainage back-ups in the swale behind their homes following significant rain events. The new drainage ditch will help to drain water towards the MTA mainline highway ditch to the west of Holm Avenue properties.

In order to construct the new drainage ditch, it will require tree clearing and excavation over the winter, as well as temporary construction in wetlands to help alleviate the drainage restrictions in the area. The project was awarded to Shaw Brothers in November and we anticipate clearing work to begin soon. Once work begins on the drainage ditch portion (likely in the spring), we anticipate it taking approximately a month to complete. Enclosed is a map detailing the approximate location of the work.

We appreciate your patience during this construction. If you have any questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me either by phone: (207) 482-8119; or email: ecourtney@maineturnpike.com.

Thank you,

Erin Courtney
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