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Saco Interchange Improvements
April 21, 2023



Looking west towards Route 112, the contractor is salvaging loam to be screened and reused on the project at a later date.

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

Percent Complete last approved pay estimate: 8.3%

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 completed the wick drains under the southbound plaza. They have placed about 2/3rds of the 40,000 Cubic Yards of fill required for the preload. They are on target to complete the preload by mid-May, ahead of the contract requirements. Along the northbound side, they have built majority of the sub grade for the departing ramp. There is some blasting scheduled for the last week of April and the first week of May along the northbound entering ramp due to shallow bedrock conditions. The northbound toll building foundation is anticipated to start in mid-May as well.