

MTA Lewiston/Auburn Area and Points North Project Update October 2011

CONVERSION OF NEW GLOUCESTER TOLL PLAZA TO HIGHWAY SPEED OPEN ROAD TOLLING

This is approximately a \$5 million project with design well under way. Small contract for improvements to one of the cash lanes was awarded to Wyman & Simpson of Richmond, Maine for \$205,000. The major construction portion of the project is scheduled to be advertised for construction in January 2012 and open to traffic summer 2013.

LEWISTON/AUBURN INTERCHANGE

A \$17 million 4 year Turnpike project will get underway in early 2012 to reconstruct the Lewiston Exit 80. MTA will also extend the southbound acceleration lane at Exit 75 during summer 2012.

CHANDLER MILL RD BRIDGE

Chandler Mill Rd Bridge at mile marker 70.2 in the town of New Gloucester will be rehabilitated in 2012. The Authority anticipates the local road will be closed at the bridge for the construction season (April to November). The major detour route will be Snow Hill Road. The anticipated costs are \$2.2 million which will be advertised in January 2012 and work is scheduled to complete by November 2012.

FURBUSH RD BRIDGE

Furbush Rd, located at mile marker 86.7 in the town of Sabattus will be replaced in 2012. This is an approximate \$2.2 million project with advertising time in early winter 2012 and completion scheduled for November 2012. The Authority anticipates the local road will be closed at the bridge for the construction season (April to November). The detour route will be Fisher Farm to Rt. 126 to Pleasant Hill to Rt. 9.

BRIDGE PAINTING & REPAIRS

A bridge painting contract for approx. \$1.7 million will be let in the spring of 2012 for various bridges on the Turnpike. In addition, repair contracts will be let for Hunt's Hill Rd in Gray and Central St. in Hallowell. No traffic impacts should result as projects will occur during low volume periods.

PAVING

The Authority will conduct an approximate \$3.2 million paving contract during Spring/Summer 2012 from mile marker 92.6 to mile marker 98 in Litchfield. In addition guardrail, clear zone improvements and drainage structures will be upgraded in this section. No traffic impacts are anticipated due to low traffic volumes in this area.

GRAY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

The Gray Maintenance Body shop will be demolished and replaced with a new Mechanics garage and a new Salt Storage building will be built in 2012/13. The MTA has hired Allied Engineering of Portland, Maine to design the new facility. Advertisement for the demolition and construction of this \$2 million project is scheduled for early 2012 with construction planned to begin mid 2012.

ONGOING BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECTS

Bridge rehabilitation on Washington St/Rt. 202/ MCRR Bridge at mile 75.6 in Auburn is scheduled to be completed in summer 2012. TCI of Auburn is the contractor on this \$8 million contract.

A Bridge repair contract was awarded to CPM Constructors of Freeport with low bid at \$1.14 million for the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad overpass bridges in Auburn and for the Kitty Hawk Road Underpass in Auburn. Construction is anticipated to be complete June 2012.

The Hallowell Road (Academy Rd) bridge in Litchfield, Maine is being completely replaced. The contract also includes substructure and deck repairs on the Route 197 Overpass. The combined project is a \$2 million contract awarded to T Buck Construction out of Auburn. Construction began in April 2011 with scheduled completion of summer 2012.

