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**WORK BEGINNING ON I-93 EXIT 1 RAMP PROJECT IN SALEM**

***INCLUDES ADDRESSING SEVEN "RED LIST" BRIDGES***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces construction work is scheduled to begin this week on the reconstruction of the Interstate 93 Exit 1 Interchange at Rockingham Park Boulevard in Salem.

This project involves the replacement of the Exit 1 southbound on and off ramp bridges over Interstate 93, as well as the rehabilitation of the ramp bridges over South Policy Street. The ramp approaches will be reconstructed to tie into the new bridges.

This project also includes a new wood panel and concrete post sound wall that will be built along the easterly side of the northbound off ramp.

Work this construction season will include clearing and preparations for bridge construction in 2008. Most of the bridge construction and ramp realignment work will take place in 2008-2009.

Motorists using the Exit 1 ramps should anticipate many traffic pattern changes over the two-year duration of this project. The number of lanes on the ramps over I-93 and South Policy Street will be maintained during construction, but the width of the lanes will be reduced. Occasional temporary lane closures will be necessary.

SPS New England, Inc. of Salisbury, Massachusetts is the general contractor for the \$22 million project, which has a final completion date of October 2009.

Additional information can be found at the website [www.RebuildingI93.com](http://www.RebuildingI93.com)

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