

**2021.08  
Project Update  
Portland Area Widening  
MM 46.4 to MM 49.3  
February 25, 2022**



Drilling holes for ledge blasting at Brighton Avenue

**Contractor:** Shaw Brothers      **Bid Amount:** \$ 24,378,093.45  
**Percent Complete last approved pay estimate:** 9.2%

**Project Schedule:** Completion date October 27, 2023

**Project Scope:** The work consists of constructing a third travel lane northbound, a third lane southbound, and reconstructing the grassed median to a paved median on the Maine Turnpike in the Towns of South Portland and Portland, Maine, and an overhead sign structure disassembly and removal in Scarborough, Maine. The work includes embankment construction, roadway gravels and pavement construction, culvert and closed drainage installation, concrete median barrier construction, concrete median pier protection, bridge abutment slope protection, overhead sign structure removal, overhead sign structure installation, roadway signing and striping, highway lighting, guardrail, and maintenance of traffic.

**Contractor Schedule:** Shaw Brothers has been taking advantage of the relatively snowless winter to blast ledge south of Brighton Avenue. They should be done in this location beginning of March. The blasting company will then move to the ledge area near Congress Street and begin blasting there. As the frost comes out of the ground, Shaw Brothers will resume excavation and gravel work.