

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**  
**PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

**CONTRACT 2026.22**

**MAINE TURNPIKE TOLL TUNNEL REPAIRS**  
**NEW GLOUCESTER – MILE 67.0 AND**  
**WEST GARDINER – MILE 100.2**

January 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.  
At MTA Gray Maintenance Facility

1) Location

The general limits of work are as shown in the Contract Plans.

2) General Description

The work consists of repairs to and within access tunnels beneath the Turnpike mainline toll plazas in the Towns of New Gloucester and West Gardiner, Maine. The work includes canopy and tunnel drainage repairs, stairwell enclosure reconstruction, maintenance of traffic and all other work incidental thereto in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

3) Bid

- a) Proposals will be opened January 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time as determined by the Authority at the office of the Maine Turnpike Authority, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, Maine.
- b) All bid and contractual questions shall be directed to Purchasing Department (207-482-8115)
- c) All questions on plans and specifications shall be in writing and shall be directed to Nate Carll, Purchasing Manager, at email [ncarll@maineturnpike.com](mailto:ncarll@maineturnpike.com) or through the RFI tab on the MTA website.
- d) All questions must be submitted by Noon on January 12, to be considered.

4) Schedule:

- a) MTA Board is scheduled to consider the Contract Award on or about January 22, 2026.
- b) Construction Schedule:
  - i) Substantially complete date is June 26, 2026
  - ii) All work shall be complete on or before July 17, 2026
- c) Substantial Completion – Section 107.1.1

Substantially complete shall be defined by the Authority as the following:

- All tunnel repairs, drainage modifications, and all stairwell enclosures complete.
- All toll plaza lanes fully opened to traffic including shoulders.
- All disturbed slopes loamed, seeded and mulched, temporary erosion control mix and/or blanket installed where necessary.
- Toll booth sealants and Broadcast sealants at toll booth slabs are installed
- Supplemental Liquidated damages on a calendar day basis in accordance with Subsection 107.8 shall be assessed for each calendar day that substantial completion is not achieved.

5) 104.3.8 Wage Rates and Labor Laws

- a) Fair minimum hourly rates determined by Maine Department of Labor shall apply.

6) 104.4.6 Utility Coordination

- a) The Contractor shall contact Dig Safe before excavation.
- b) Aerial and Underground utilities exist throughout the project limits.

7) 105.8.2 Permit Requirements

- a) The Project is subject to the Stormwater Memorandum of Agreement for Stormwater Management Between the Maine Department of Transportation, Maine Turnpike Authority, and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Stormwater MOA).
- b) Contractor is responsible to follow erosion and sedimentation control requirements outlined in this Contract.

9) 105.11 As-Built Plans

- a) The Contractor shall provide the Authority with as-built plans in PDF and MicroStation or AutoCAD. The as-built plans shall note changes to the bid documents, including, but not limited to pavement, concrete, barrier, guardrail, culverts, drainage, foundations, wiring, signs, etc. The as-builts plans shall also provide GPS accurate locations of all underground work. Submittal of Draft, Final Draft, and 100% as-built plans to the Resident shall be conditions of Mobilization Payment, Retainage Reduction, and Final Payment as noted in Special Provision 108.
- b) See also 105.11.1 and 105.11.2 for more details on As-Built Plan Submittals and As-Built Plan Requirements.

10) 107.1.2 Limitations of Operations

Construction of the Toll Plaza Tunnel Repairs shall not, in the opinion of the Resident, prohibit the safe and reasonable operations of MTA toll staff. The Contractor shall provide clear access to all toll booths and emergency egress from tunnels at all times during construction.

The Contractor shall not block existing MTA parking at the toll plazas. At daily shift changes, 6 AM, 2 PM, and 10 PM, the Contractor shall provide clear access to and egress from a minimum of two parking spaces for the northbound Cash Lanes portion of the New Gloucester toll plaza, and shall provide clear access to and egress from a minimum of two parking spaces on the right shoulder of the southbound West Gardiner toll plaza. The Contractor shall also provide safe parking for MTA Maintenance vehicles as may be needed for service and repair activities.

The Contractor shall provide one standard porta-potty, for exclusive MTA staff use, at each Toll Plaza for the duration of the Contract. The porta-potties shall be cleaned a minimum of once per week. Final location of the porta-potties shall be determined in the field as directed by the Resident. Supplying, cleaning, moving, and maintaining access to the porta-potties shall not be measured for payment but shall be incidental to Pay Item 659.10 Mobilization.

The Contractor shall submit their proposed staging, storage and construction areas for approval to the Resident. The Contractor shall be responsible for minimizing the footprint of the project, and resulting impacts to the MTA, to the extent practical. The Authority will not allow the Contractor to store materials on site prior to starting work. Site access and final area used for storage shall be coordinated and approved by the Resident.

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining all utility services, including backup power at all times during construction, except as noted herein. Toll systems, EZ Pass and Cash, shall not be interrupted except as follows. The Contractor shall coordinate through the MTA, with the MTA Toll vendor to schedule all required power and communication interruptions. Such interruptions shall be scheduled a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the interruption; 21 days required for wide load lanes. The following system outages are allowed and shall be scheduled and approved by the MTA at least two weeks prior to the beginning of any outage: Backup power: Not to exceed four hours. Limited to between June 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>;

The Contractor is responsible to keep all temporarily closed toll lanes free of snow and ice at all times for the duration of the approved closure. This includes maintaining snow-free access to the porta-potty. Snow and ice removal shall be coordinated with MTA Maintenance. Snow and ice shall not be moved into open travel lanes or shoulders. Maintaining snow and ice-free conditions shall not be measured for payment but shall be incidental to Pay Item 659.10 Mobilization.

#### 11) 107.4.6 Prosecution of Work

The following activities shall have the time limitations as specified:

- a) Demolition and reconstruction of the stairwell enclosures shall be scheduled to minimize requirements for temporary lane closures during cold weather.
- b) The Contractor will be allowed a seven-day period to close the tunnel stairwell, restricting toll staff passage, for constructing the stairwell enclosure and other repairs that would normally impede passage.

- c) Outside of the seven-day period, the Contractor shall provide, at a minimum, during daily shift changes at 6 AM, 2 PM, and 10 PM, safe passage for MTA staff.
- d) Installation of sump pit discharge pipe shall be scheduled for non-frost conditions.
- e) A minimum of one cash lane per bound shall remain open at all times. All lane closures shall be approved by MTA before closure. All lane closures are subject to reopening within a two-hour period as may be requested by MTA. See Special Provision 652 for more information.
- f) The Contractor shall submit to the Authority a construction schedule which shall document that the Contractor has the necessary labor and equipment to work immediately and continuously at the project site once the first toll lane is closed. The construction schedule shall contain specific details for the sequencing of closed lanes and be accompanied by plan details showing the location of MTA toll staff parking and the clear path to both the tunnel and the vacant toll booth to be used as temporary break space. The intent of this specification is to minimize the amount of time for lane closure, while providing the Contractor sufficient time to complete the work in a diligent manner, providing MTA toll staff with safe access and egress, and reopen the full toll plaza as prescribed by the project's Substantial Completion date.

#### 12) 108.2.1 Generation of Progress Payments

The Authority will estimate the amount of Work performed at least monthly and make payment based upon such estimates. Estimates may be paid bimonthly (twice-a-month) if the bimonthly (twice-a-month) invoices exceed \$100,000. No such estimates or payment will be made if, in the judgment of the Authority, the Work is not proceeding in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to waive all claims related to the timing and amount of such estimates.

#### 13) 108.2.3 Mobilization Payment

Upon approval of all pre-construction submittals required for approval by this Contract, including those listed in Section 104.4.2 – Preconstruction Conference, the Contractor will receive payment of 50% of the Lump Sum price for Mobilization, not to exceed 5% of the Bid less the amount bid for Mobilization. After the Authority determines that the Work is 50% complete and the Contractor has submitted a Draft (50%) as-built submittal of all underground work to date (within the prior 30 day pay period) as defined in Special Provision 105., the Contractor will receive the other 50% of the Lump Sum price for Mobilization, not to exceed 5% of the Bid less the amount bid for Mobilization. Any remaining Mobilization will be at the completion of physical work.

#### 14) 108.3 Retainage

When requested by the Contractor, an 80 percent reduction of retainage will be considered by the Authority when the Project is substantially complete and the Contractor has submitted a

Final Draft (98%) as-built submittal of all underground work, in accordance with Special Provision 105. When requesting a reduction, the Contractor shall include an explanation of the outstanding Work, an estimate of the cost to complete the Work, and a schedule for completing the Work. Seasonal limitations as well as warranty and establishment periods (for vegetation) shall be addressed

15) General Requirement

- a) The Specifications are divided into two parts: Part I, Supplemental Specifications and Part II, Special Provisions and Appendices (Division 26). Review thoroughly.

16) Specific Contract Items

- a) Special Provision 518.40 Epoxy Injection Crack Repair – All cracks in the tunnel walls, ceiling, and stairwells that are 1/8 inch wide or greater shall be sealed using an epoxy injection sealer.
- b) Special Provision 518 Repair of Concrete Surfaces – Stairwells – The work includes removing stair tread nosing and all deteriorated concrete followed by placement of new concrete. Repairs are only required in the stairwells that are to remain in service.
- c) Special Provision 800 Toll Tunnel Repairs – Stairwell Enclosure – The work shall consist of furnishing and installing materials and components to remove the existing canvas stairwell enclosure and building new timber framed enclosures as shown on the Plans or described herein.
- d) Special Provision 800 Toll Tunnel Repairs – Tollbooth Canopy Drainage Modifications - This work shall consist of furnishing and installing the materials and components to modify the existing toll canopy drainage system as shown on the Plans and described herein. This work shall also include the pipe support system and all connections required to complete the work, replacement of existing damaged floor drains and floor drain clean outs, sump pit and sump pump installation, drainage outlet, heat trace and associated electrical requirements. The work shall also include removing existing canopy drainage system that is not in use and leftover during the ORT Conversion.

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