# 2025 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MAINE TURNPIKE

#### Exit 35 Interchange, Saco



## **Project Highlights**

- \$42 million project
- Awarded to Sargent Corporation of Stillwater, ME
- New Exit 35 Interchange will include:
  - Four new ramps: southbound and northbound on and off.
- Two new toll plazas: Southbound plaza will be located on westside of Maine Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112. Northbound plaza will be on the east side of the Turnpike with a signalized intersection at Route 112.
- Construction of a new collector-distributor road: On the Maine Turnpike southbound between Exit 36 and the new Exit 35, a two-lane road separate from the three lane mainline will be created to reduce weaving and merging on the mainline.
- Route 112 modifications: In addition to the signalized intersections at the toll plaza ramps, Route 112 will be widened to accommodate turning movements at the new signalized intersections.

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The project emerged from the 2019 transportation study that MTA, MaineDOT and the City of Saco participated in that focused on how to address regional traffic issues by improving connections to and from the Turnpike. The study produced a number of recommendations including this project.

The work includes highway interchange, and toll system construction to create Exit 35 and also includes modifications to the existing Exit 36 Interchange including extending the southbound decel lane.

Work began in 2023 and the project is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2025.

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### **Construction Update**

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Throughout the winter of 2025, construction crews will be hard at work updating, relocating, and installing dozens of signs and sign foundations within the project limits, with a focus on Route 112 and the northbound and southbound through lanes. Additionally, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing teams will be outfitting the toll plazas and administrative buildings during this period.

Once winter weather subsides, crews will move on to rebuilding portions of Route 112 and operationalizing the northbound and southbound interchange intersections. Key tasks will include bridge repairs to the Route 112 underpass, final project touchups, and striping throughout the project area.

As the project nears completion, the toll system will undergo testing—a process expected to take several months. The contractor remains on schedule to open the interchange in fall 2025.