2016 Construction Project

Exit 63 - Gray Interchange

Project Highlights

- Relocate southbound ramps and Toll Plaza to west side of Interchange
- Removal of the existing southbound ramps bridge and ramp pavement
- Signalization improvements along Route 202 from the Gray Bypass to the downtown intersection at Brown Street
- Under construction from February 2016 to October 2017
- $10.7 million project

Purpose & Need: *To cost effectively improve transportation efficiency and reduce safety problems at the Exit 63 interchange ramps and the Maine State highway system in the vicinity of the Gray Interchange.*

The current ramp configuration conveys all northbound and southbound ramp traffic through the single toll plaza on the east side of the Turnpike with a southbound ramps bridge over the Turnpike to the south of Route 202. The condition of the southbound ramps bridge and the proximity of the toll plaza to the ramp intersection with various state highways were operational and safety concerns.

The redesigned intechange will improve efficicency and reduce saftey problems. The work will include removing the southbound exit ramp/bridge over I-95 and relocating the southbound ramps to the west side of the turnpike. It will also include construction of a new three lane Toll Plaza along the relocated southbound on-ramp.

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Overall Project Schedule

- Construction start - February 2016
- Southbound & northbound on-ramp acceleration lanes completed by June 30, 2016
- New southbound on & off ramps fully operational by December 1, 2016
- Reconfigure northbound ramps & remove existing plaza
- Construction completion by October 31, 2017

Contractor is allowed one weekend closure from a Friday at 10 AM to a Monday at 4 AM to facilitate closing the existing southbound ramps and opening the new ramps.

- Closure is anticipated during fall of 2016 •

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