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Reconstruction of Maine Mall Road Progresses – Motorists Urged To Seek Alternate Routes

South Portland, ME – On Tuesday September 1st MaineDOT will begin reconstruction of the northbound lanes of Maine Mall Road—the lanes adjacent to the Maine Mall—between Philbrook Avenue and Gorham Road. This will necessitate the temporary closing of the Maine Mall entrance across from the Wyndham Hotel, and MaineDOT is encouraging motorists to avoid traveling through the work zone by using Philbrook Avenue and Gorham Road. Motorists can access the Maine Mall via several entrances on Philbrook Avenue and Gorham Road.

The southbound lanes of Maine Mall Road have been reconstructed over the past weeks and paved with environmentally-friendly porous pavement. Two-way traffic is being maintained, but delays are to be expected.

The project, which is being funded from the American Recovery and Revitalization Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill), is being done as part of the Long Creek Restoration Project. The Long Creek Restoration Project is a collaborative, community-based initiative convened by the City of South Portland and led by a Steering Committee made up of representatives from the four Long Creek watershed municipalities.

MaineDOT is employing porous pavement that allows rain and snowmelt to pass through the surface to a gravel and sand filtering system below. The environmental benefit is the reduction of run off directly to surface water, such as nearby Long Creek.

MaineDOT expects to complete the Maine Mall Road reconstruction project in October. Information on MaineDOT construction projects is available online at www.mainedot.gov where drivers may sign up for email alerts.

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