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<u>NEWINGTON-DOVER PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u> UPDATE ON SPAULDING TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has scheduled a public update on the overall status of design and construction for the widening of a 3.5 mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16), beginning north of Exit 1 in Newington and running northerly to the Dover Toll Plaza, just north of Exit 6 (US 4) in Dover.

The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm, at the Dover City Auditorium, located at 288 Central Avenue in Dover, New Hampshire.

The session will include an overview of the Department's continued engineering evaluation and solicitation of public input to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for the General Sullivan Bridge. The NHDOT will also provide an overview of two supplemental projects that are planned in the area; one involving a new Turnpike Maintenance Facility in Newington. and a second involving an upgrade of the Dover Tolls to incorporate open road tolling.

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment. The Department acknowledges the General Sullivan Bridge is eligible for listing in the national register of historic places. To comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, input on impacts to this resource will be solicited. Accordingly, NHDOT assures that this project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

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