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Town of Yarmouth  
Steve Johnson  
200 Main Street  
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

RE: Yarmouth, I-295 North Bound Bridge #1137 over Cousins River (WIN 026462.00)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Maine Department of Transportation intends to replace the bridge bearings on the I-295 Northbound Bridge #1137 to preserve the existing life of the structure. The I-295 Northbound Bridge carries the northbound barrel of I-295 over the Cousins River. The current scope is to replace twelve bearings on six girder lines. It is anticipated that this work will take place in 2024, prior to a 2025 Highway paving project.

The project will be done within the existing Right of Way and, with the exception of setting up and maintaining traffic control devices, the majority of the work is under the bridge. However, it will have some traffic impacts. The traffic impacts may include:

- A lane shift in which two northbound lanes are maintained by utilizing one existing lane and a road shoulder.
- A rolling slowdown which maintains two lanes of northbound traffic while allowing the contractor to set up and test their bridge jacking system with no live load and minimal traffic control set up.
- A nighttime bridge closure with detour on Route 1 from exits 17 to 20.
  - o Nighttime closures may only occur between the hours of 8:00pm and 6:00am, Sunday through Thursday.
  - o Traffic will be restored to two-way traffic between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm.
  - o Nighttime closures can only occur when Route 1 is open to two-way traffic.
  - o Nighttime closures will not be allowed if traffic on Route 1 is reduced to alternating one-way traffic.

The Department intends to advertise the project in the winter of 2024 and the construction will take place during the year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you would like to further discuss the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lathe'.

Andrew Lathe, Project Manager  
MaineDOT Bridge Program