

JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE

PAINTING PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY IN MAY

Painting of the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge, that spans the Penobscot River between Bangor and Brewer, begins in May and is expected to continue through November. This necessary work will prevent further rusting and help to maintain the integrity of the 58 year-old bridge.

In order to complete the painting in one season, work will take place Mondays through Saturdays, from 7 AM to 8 PM. There will be no work allowed on Sundays or during the Folk Festival. Because this work involves sandblasting the old paint from the bridge, there may be noticeable noise.

PHASE 1

Beginning in April, Front Street, under the bridge, will be closed to general traffic.

PHASE 2

Beginning the first week of May, there will be a single, southbound lane of traffic on Summer Street in Bangor. Northbound Summer Street traffic will be detoured onto Water Street and Broad Street. The sidewalk on Summer Street will be closed to pedestrians for their safety. This traffic pattern will continue for one month.

PHASE 3

Beginning late May, the eastbound lane of traffic on the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge will be closed for the duration of the project. Motorists heading from Bangor to Brewer will need to seek alternate routes. Since the width of the open lane is only 12 feet, over-width vehicles travelling from Brewer to Bangor will not be allowed. The north sidewalk will be open to pedestrians at all times.

