



## Improving Route 3

As the primary route for travel to and from Bar Harbor, Route 3 is not only one of Maine's prettiest drives, it is also one of the busiest. The time has come for some important upgrades, and after years of planning, work has begun.

Throughout the project, access to all businesses will be maintained, and all of your favorite destinations along Route 3 will be open for business.

MaineDOT has worked with the community, the Chamber of Commerce and Acadia National Park to ensure that the reconstruction of Route 3 will mean as little disruption as possible. That said, work of this kind requires temporary detours.



## The Plan to Keep Traffic Moving

To make sure that everyone can get where they are going with a minimum of delays, continuous one-way loop detours will be used. Inbound Bar Harbor traffic will use Route 3. Outbound traffic will be detoured. Detour routes will include Crooked Road and Paradise Hill Road.

Additionally, Route 233/Eagle Lake Road and Route 3/198 to Route 102 are available as an alternate route and truck route. Ample signage will inform and guide drivers.

Please see the map inside that shows the detour routes and the alternate route

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Minimizing disruption to motorists is a top priority for MaineDOT. By providing you with updates and information, we hope you can plan ahead to avoid or minimize delays. Here's how to stay informed:

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## Construction Details

The reconstruction and rehabilitation of Route 3 starts 0.57 miles west of Sand Point Road and extends easterly 4.8 miles to Route 233.

Early phases of work include clearing and utility work, along with drainage improvements. Then, reconstruction of the road bed, construction of shoulders and finally paving and finishing will occur.

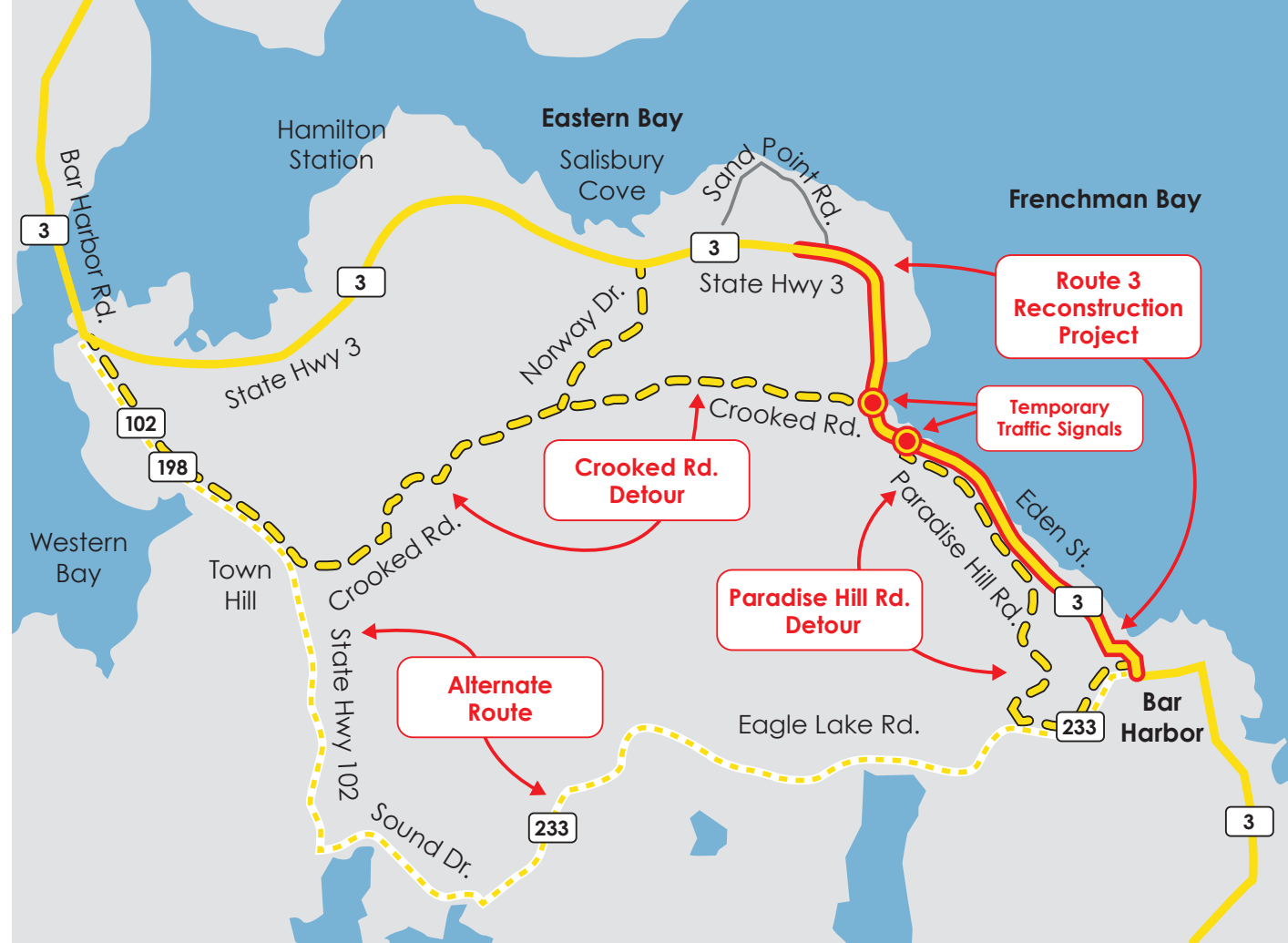
Construction will continue until the spring of 2019 without a break during the summer/fall tourist seasons.



## When the Work is Complete

When complete, the Bar Harbor Route 3 project will result in important new features, including:

- Paved shoulders for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Some new sidewalks, and sidewalk improvements to meet ADA standards
- Safer crossings, with electronic crossing signs
- New multi-use path along part of the project span
- Where possible, a 3-foot wide esplanade between sidewalk/multi-use path and the road
- New rock catchment area along the bluffs
- Upgraded intersection at Mt. Desert St. and West St.
- Improved drainage and runoff management
- New road surface and striping



## What to Expect

### December '16 through April '17

Utility work will occur along the full length of the project, along with clearing and drainage work. Throughout this period, Route 3 will remain open in both directions.

### April/May '17 through Summer/Fall to Late '17/Early '18

Construction will begin at the west end of the project, 0.57 miles west of Sand Point Road and will proceed southward to Crooked Road. Northbound traffic will be detoured to Crooked Road, except for periods when 2-way traffic can be maintained on Route 3.

### Late '17 through 2018, to Project Completion in Spring '19

Construction will progress south of Crooked Road into Bar Harbor, to the endpoint at the intersection of Routes 3 and 233. Throughout this period, traffic in one direction will be detoured to either Paradise Hill Road or to Eagle Lake Road and Route 102, except for periods when 2-way traffic can be maintained on Route 3.

SCHEDULES ARE DEPENDENT ON WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS, AND WILL BE UPDATED AS WORK PROGRESSES.

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