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Construction on I-395-Route 9 connector to start Tuesday

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BREWER — Construction on the first major phase of the [controversial Interstate 395-Route 9 connector](#) is scheduled to get underway Tuesday.

The Maine Department of Transportation is replacing the Wilson Street Bridge and has hired Wyman & Simpson out of Richmond to do the job for just over \$10 million.

The Wilson Street Bridge is located at the end of I-395, near the Brewer-Holden town line.

“While the construction is starting on the bridge part of the project right now, the I-395-Route 9 connector is still in the design phase but it’s moving ahead as scheduled,” said Maine DOT spokesman Paul Merrill.

The connector project starts at the bridge, crosses Eastern Avenue, then Lambert, Cleweyville and Levenseller roads before connecting with Route 9 in Eddington.

Some of the eight homes scheduled to be displaced are already gone and another 54 properties in Brewer, Eddington and Holden will be affected in some way.

Planning for the \$104 million connector project, designed to ease heavy truck traffic heading to and from the Canadian Maritimes, was started in 2000.

The replacement of the bridge is expected to be completed by the end of November of next year.

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