

Construction Update on Middlebury Rail Bridges Project – June 30, 2017

The first phase of the preliminary work by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) to install two temporary bridges located in downtown Middlebury wrapped up this week.

The bridges are on Main Street (VT Route 30, next to St. Stephen's Church) and Merchants Row (one-half block from the Main St bridge, down the hill from Town Hall Theater). These temporary bridges will be replaced by permanent bridges to be constructed in 2018 through 2020.

All work has been completed on Merchants Row, with two-way travel and all parking spaces restored. The new Main Street water line and has been put into service. The traffic pattern and parking spaces on Main Street has returned to pre-construction conditions.



View of new water line being installed. It had to be relocated from the existing Main Street bridge before that bridge is demolished in late July. Photo by Joel Bouvier.

Please note that downtown Middlebury is OPEN FOR BUSINESS and merchants would appreciate your continued support.

No further construction activity is planned until July 20 when work will begin to install temporary bridges.

VTrans has established a project website, <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury>, to provide information about the project.

The Town of Middlebury also has a Community Liaison, Jim Gish, who has a blog, www.middleburybridges.org. This summer Jim will provide a detailed description of construction activities that will occur each day and if there will be any impact on your trip to Middlebury.

Best regards,

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