

### Construction Update

#### Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

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*The above photo shows the construction of the historic fountain located near the intersection of Main Street and Merchants Row.*

**DATE:** Friday, October 9, 2020

**PROJECT TYPE:** Construction of Rail Tunnel

**LOCATION:** VT Route 30 (Main Street) & Merchants Row, in downtown Middlebury in Addison County, VT

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), in collaboration with the Town of Middlebury, replaced two nearly 100 year old rail bridges in the center of Middlebury with a tunnel. The bridges were about 300 feet apart, with one located on Main Street/VT 30 and the other on Merchants Row.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

- Landshapes continues placing the historic ashlar blocks around the Triangle Park perimeter.
- Contractors Waters and Landshapes continue pouring sidewalks and rebuilding the St. Stephen's Memorial Garden.
- Kubricky will begin backfilling and grading Printer's Alley in preparation for pouring the sidewalk connecting Main Street to the Marble Works.
- ECI anticipates paving the excavated section of Seymour Street and the back entrance to the Marble Works, where a storm drain was installed.

- In the coming weeks, the temporary access road along Otter Creek will be removed. The bank of Otter Creek will be reconstructed to its original elevation.
- Construction crews plan to work on Columbus Day. Hours of construction continue to be 7AM - 5PM. This year, construction will conclude around Thanksgiving for an early winter shutdown.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**

- Main Street and Merchants Row are open to all travelers. Merchants Row remains one-way going uphill toward Court Square and South Pleasant Street.
- Motorists should expect alternating lane traffic on Seymour Street and Middle Seymour Street (the back entrance to the Marble Works) while paving is taking place late next week.

**PLANNED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021**



*The rendering above, created by Lincoln Brown Illustration in Burlington, depicts the new Triangle Park. The beautiful park will continue to be a staple in the Middlebury Community for all to enjoy!*

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