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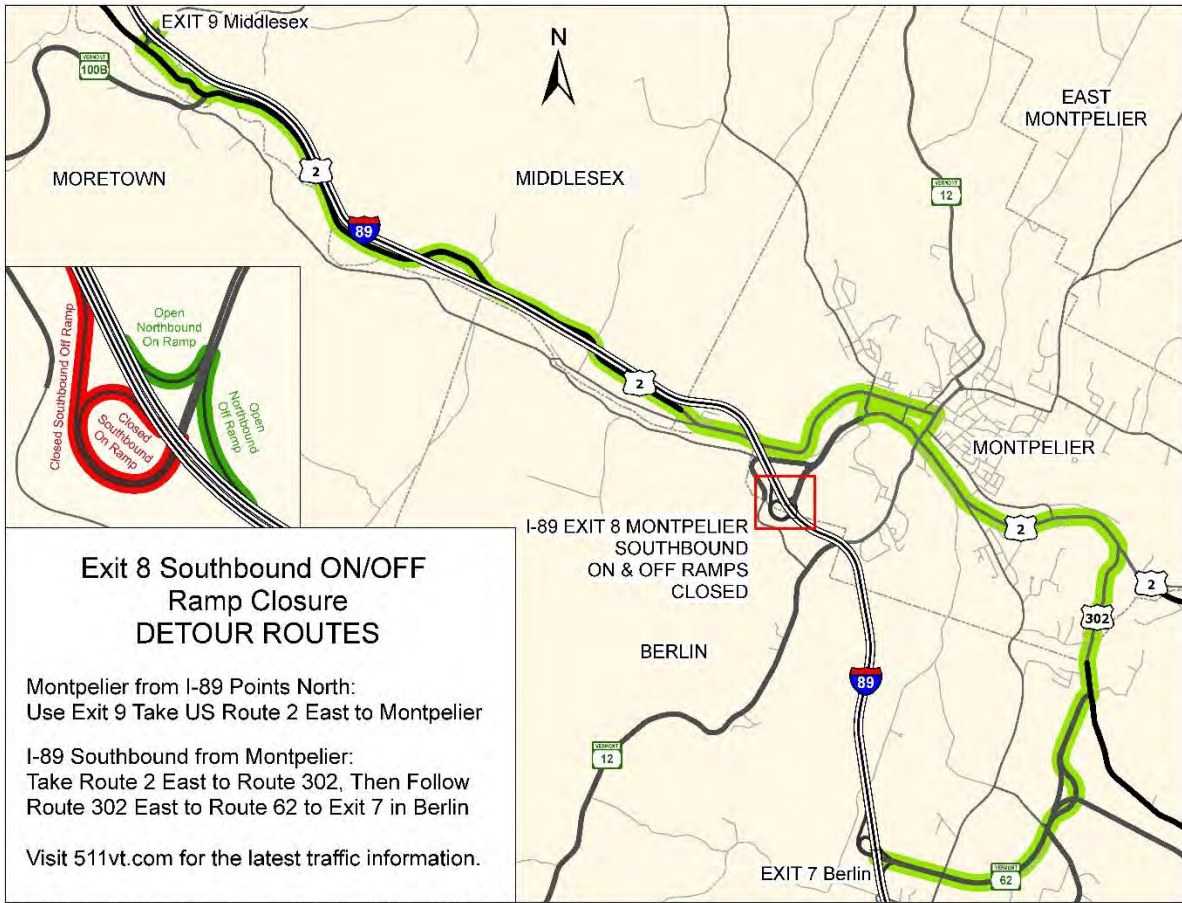
VTrans to close southbound on and off ramps on I-89 in Montpelier

The Vermont Agency of Transportation will close southbound on and off ramps for bridge work at exit 8 in Montpelier on I-89.

Montpelier, VT – The Vermont Agency of Transportation will close the I-89 southbound on and off ramps at Exit 8 in Montpelier to repair bridge damage caused by a crash in September. Starting on Thursday November 5th, the Exit 8 southbound on and off ramps will be closed to traffic and are expected to be reopened to traffic by Friday November 13th. During this time, all I-89 southbound through traffic will be restricted to one travel lane. Northbound travel lanes and on and off ramps at Exit 8 will be unaffected.

Specialized work crews will repair damage to the bridge that occurred when a tractor trailer truck loaded with an excavator struck steel beams on the underside of the bridge while attempting to access I-89 on the southbound entrance ramp. The impact of the crash bent the bridge steel beams requiring corrective measures. The short term project will include lead paint removal, heat straightening of the damaged beam, and the reattachment of steel diaphragms. After the damage has been repaired, a protective coating will be applied to the repaired beam.

Due to the special circumstances involved in the heat straightening process, the contractor requested that the work be completed during daylight hours. Drivers should expect delays in this area, especially during morning and afternoon commuting hours. A detour route will utilize Exit 9 in Middlesex and Exit 7 in Berlin.



**Exit 8 Southbound ON/OFF
Ramp Closure
DETOUR ROUTES**

Montpelier from I-89 Points North:
Use Exit 9 Take US Route 2 East to Montpelier

I-89 Southbound from Montpelier:
Take Route 2 East to Route 302, Then Follow
Route 302 East to Route 62 to Exit 7 in Berlin

Visit 511vt.com for the latest traffic information.

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