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Agency of Transportation to Close I-89 in Richmond Friday Night

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) will close both northbound lanes of Interstate 89 between Waterbury exit 10 and Richmond exit 11 from 10 p.m. Friday, June 3 to 6 a.m. Saturday, June 4 to expedite the construction of crossovers that will get traffic off the southbound lanes where a sinkhole has formed due to deterioration of an aging culvert.

During the closure, a signed detour will be in place routing traffic to U.S. Route 2 between Waterbury and Richmond. The 13-mile detour is expected to add 10 minutes of travel time due to the lower speed limit on U.S. 2. Traffic delays are not anticipated given the volume of traffic typically traveling on I-89 at that location during the night.

The completed crossover will move southbound traffic across the median and onto the northbound left lane for about a mile. Northbound traffic will be reduced to the right lane.

AOT maintenance crews and highway engineers monitor all transportation infrastructure on an ongoing basis and recently detected a sinkhole in the southbound shoulder south of Richmond exit 11. Deterioration of the culvert fifty feet below the surface is causing soil to migrate beneath the roadway.

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