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### **Agency of Transportation completes VT 14 East Montpelier bridge**

**Montpelier, Vt.** – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has completed construction of the Vermont Route 14 bridge over the Winooski River in the village of East Montpelier, a project that required several years of planning and construction.

“This project showcases the best that VTrans has to offer in bridge design and planning to minimize the construction impacts to the community and the traveling public.” said AOT Chief Engineer Wayne Symonds. “We would like to thank CCS Constructors for a great job and the community for their patience with getting to the end result of a state-of-the-art bridge, and a safer highway for all users.”

The new bridge is wider, with the addition of a third travel lane. It is supported by two piers along the edge of the river, making the channel wider for boaters. A new traffic signal with a pedestrian signal with crosswalks was installed at the intersection of Route 14 and U.S. Route 2.

Though initial plans called for a 70-day bridge closure, Route 14 was closed for only seven days thanks to the staging of construction at limited periods at night and by utilizing a temporary bridge. The road closure was necessary in order to place steel beams and concrete deck panels to form the bridge deck.

Work on the project began in the fall of 2016, with the installation of drainage structures under U.S. 2, trenching of new telecommunications conduits, and relocation of utility poles and construction of a retaining wall at the intersection of Routes 2 and 14. In the summer and fall of 2017, AOT reconstructed about 900 feet of Route 2. Old rigid concrete pavement underlying the roadway was removed, as it was detrimental to the asphalt wearing surface. Nine-hundred feet of additional sidewalk was also installed beginning at the bridge and extending towards existing sidewalk in East Montpelier village. This work was done at night to minimize impacts to the public on heavily traveled Route 2.

A temporary bridge across the Winooski River was installed in November 2017 and used throughout 2018 while the VT 14 bridge was rebuilt. In 2018, the old bridge was demolished and replaced.

Construction was completed in June 2019 with the final roadway paving, installation of crosswalks, and restoration of the Winooski River site.

CCS Constructors, Inc., of Morrisville, Vermont, is the project’s contractor. The project cost \$11 million.

AOT has developed a [survey](#) for public opinion to help the Agency plan for future projects. More information about the project is available on the [project website](#).

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