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### **North Hero – Grand Isle Drawbridge Channel Closure**

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation announces that on December 6, 2021 and continuing through May 14, 2022, the navigable channel will be fully closed at the North Hero – Grand Isle drawbridge replacement project on US Route 2. No boats may pass while the channel is closed. This full channel closure will assist with construction of the new drawbridge spans over the waterway.

The channel will open to a 40-foot width every Saturday at 1:00 PM through Monday at 7:00 AM, from April 16, 2022 until May 15, 2022. A minimum of 10 feet vertical clearance will be provided during that period. Notification for movement through the channel is required no later than 1:00 PM on the preceding Thursday. The channel will not be cleared on any given weekend without prior request or notification. Notification can be given by calling (802) 372-4360. Please note that the barges may be removed from the channel for emergency purposes with 4 hours of notification. If the lake is frozen, moving the barges to accommodate emergency passage may be impractical or impossible. The draw portion of the bridge will be operational on May 15, 2022.

A Safety Zone (33 CFR 165.T01-0628) issued by U.S. Coast Guard Sector Northern New England (SNNE) will remain in effect within a 50-yard radius of the bridge, enforced from 7:00 AM on December 6, 2021 through 12:00 AM midnight on May 14, 2022.

On December 2, 2021 the U.S. Coast Guard will publish a Local Notice to Mariners with this information, and starting December 5, they will announce the closure with a routine Broadcast Notice to Mariners until closure completion on May 14, 2022. These notices will assist recreational and commercial waterway users in the area.

For questions regarding this project or to be added to weekly construction update emails, contact AOT Public Information Consultant Jacqueline Dagesse at [jdagesse@eivtech.com](mailto:jdagesse@eivtech.com) or (802) 324-5522. More information is on the [project website](#). Mariners who have questions, comments, or concerns about the planned waterway closure are encouraged to contact U.S. Coast Guard SNNE Waterways Management Division, via [NNEWaterways@uscg.mil](mailto:NNEWaterways@uscg.mil).

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