

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - week of June 22 - 26, 2020

DATE: Friday, June 19, 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, is undertaking a project to replace two nearly 100 year old rail bridges in the center of Middlebury with a tunnel. The two bridges are about 300 feet apart, with one located on Main Street/VT 30 and the other on Merchants Row.

CONSTRUCTION DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK:

As part of Governor Scott's "Work Smart, Stay Safe" order, all construction crews are currently subject to safety restrictions and precautions.

TRAFFIC IMPACT:

Next week travel on Main Street (Route 30) continues to be back to normal - with two-lane traffic through the construction zone. The crews will primarily work within the rail corridor:

- Middle Seymour Street will be limited to one-lane travel during the daytime for the next two weeks, to update the Town's stormwater line. Middle Seymour Street is a narrow, high-volume roadway so use caution when driving through the construction zone.
- Merchants Row is **CLOSED** to thru traffic and will remain closed until the tunnel construction is completed this summer. Pedestrians will be able to navigate around the Merchants Row work site via the Town Green and Main Street Bridge. The sidewalk in front of the Battell Block will remain open for people to access businesses.
- Further west on Route 30 near the Cornwall town line, motorists will observe increased truck traffic as precast concrete sections (see photo) of the rail tunnel are delivered to Fifield Farm. This week's large delivery went without a hitch, and the final deliveries will wrap up on Friday, June 26.



PROJECTED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021

Project Website

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