



Construction Update

Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

Construction TEMPORARY SHUT DOWN

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 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. In early 2020 the contractor will continue the work to stabilize/reinforce the slopes along the rail corridor to support the excavation needed to install the tunnel beginning in late May.

CONSTRUCTION SUSPENDED DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK:

In response to Governor Scott's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" directive, the Secretary of Agency of Transportation ordered the safe and orderly shutdown of all construction projects that are not deemed critical to the public health, safety, or national security as of 5 p.m., March 25. This applies to nearly all projects currently under construction or planned to begin with the start of the construction season, including the Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project.

The shutdown will be in effect until April 15th and may be extended by Governor Scott. The only work on non-essential projects that will be allowed is that which is necessary to leave a project in a safe and stable condition until work can resume.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: None

PROJECTED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021

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