

**Construction Update**  
**Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project**  
**Construction Update - Week of August 3, 2020**

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*A crane lifts one piece of concrete u-wall to set it into place.*

**DATE:** Friday, July 31, 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 (VTTrans), 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 NEXT WEEK

- The crew will transport about 100 concrete u-walls to the north end of the project. The pieces will be set between 7pm to 7am to minimize disruption to traffic. The flatbed trucks will carry the pieces from Fifield Farm into Marble Works from Seymour Street.
- On the south end of the project, crews will finalize excavation and install concrete retaining walls.

## TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- Late in the week, expect alternating lane closures on Seymour Street starting at 7pm, and one night of complete closure of Seymour Street.
- Downtown's stores, restaurants, and other businesses remain open and ready to serve patrons! Come visit against the backdrop of once-in-a-lifetime infrastructure improvements.
- There is a temporary ban on left-hand turns from South Pleasant Street to Cross Street during the 10-week closure. Thank you for observing the no-left-turn sign to keep traffic flowing.
- Main Street is closed until the third week of September. The closure goes from the south end at Bakery Lane and Mill Street to the north end at North Pleasant Street.
- Merchants Row is closed entirely.
- Printer's Alley is closed to pedestrians.

## PLANNED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021

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### Ride the Shuttlebury

As a friendly reminder, VTrans and ACTR have partnered to operate a continuous-loop shuttle to move people around downtown. **It's free for riders!** View the Shuttlebury route map, schedule, and other information [here](#).

Or, call **388-2287** if you're traveling within the downtown area. The Shuttlebury will pick you up. Avoid the heat, humidity, rain, or just cool off on a relaxing ride!

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