

Construction Update

Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

Construction Update - Week of July 27, 2020



DATE: Friday, July 20, 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 NEXT WEEK

- Construction of the downtown tunnel will initiate a period of continuous trucking of precast from the Fifield Farm on Route 30 to central downtown.
- As blasting to remove ledge on either side of the Main Street bridge comes to an end, Kubricky will complete excavation of the rail corridor next week. They will prepare the sub-base for the precast tunnel pieces and retaining walls.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- The crews have cordoned off all parking on South Main Street from the

Mahaney Arts Center to the roundabout to accommodate staging of the u-walls. Those parking spots remain temporarily unavailable.

- Expect temporary delays at the roundabout as flatbed trucks transport precast. Uniformed traffic officers will manage traffic during this operation.
- 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



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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