

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - week of March 23-27, 2020

DATE: Thursday, March 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. 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 DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK:

There will be no slow-down on construction next week. VTrans and the contractor are taking all reasonable precautions to keep staff healthy per CDC guidelines and are fully committed to keeping the project on schedule.

TRAFFIC IMPACT:

The contractor will be working within the rail corridor and not interfere with travel on roads and sidewalks with one exception:

- Merchants Row will be CLOSED to all vehicle traffic Wed-Fri (March 25-27)

Travelers may see increased construction truck traffic in the area of the Marble Works and near Fifield Farm on Route 30 close to the Middlebury/Cornwall town line. Next week flatbed trucks will begin delivering large concrete sections of tunnel to the staging area at Fifield Farm.

PROJECTED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021

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