

Hello,

Next week (June 4-8) there will be a few short, intermittent stops of traffic on Main Street (Route 30) and Merchants Row in downtown Middlebury, while blasting continues for the Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project. Traffic delay may last up to five minutes.

The contractor expects to have 1-2 blasts a day followed by 1-2 days when there will be no blasting while broken up pieces of ledge are removed from the former Lazarus building site, located between the bank and post office on Main Street, next to Printer's Alley. This process will be repeated over the next few weeks until a 38-foot deep pit is excavated for a drainage system that will remove standing water from the rail corridor and stormwater from downtown streets.

All traffic – motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians - will not be allowed to travel on Main Street/Route 30, between Seymour Street and Main Street/Merchants Row intersection, and on Merchants Row, between South Pleasant Street and Main Street/Merchants Row intersection, while the contractor for the Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project performs a blasting operation.

There will be 18 people stationed throughout the downtown area to guide people in cars, on bikes and on foot. Customers at the bank and post office will remain inside the building while the blast takes place.

For information on the project view the project website,  
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury>.

Best regards,

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