

## **Construction Update on Middlebury Rail Bridges Project – June 23, 2017**

The first phase of the preliminary work by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) to install two temporary bridges located in downtown Middlebury will be wrapped up by the middle of next week.

The bridges are on Main Street (VT Route 30, next to St. Stephen's Church) and Merchants Row (one-half block from the Main St bridge, down the hill from Town Hall Theater). These temporary bridges will be replaced by permanent bridges to be constructed in 2018 through 2020.

All work has been completed on Merchants Row, with two-way travel and all parking spaces restored.

The new water line and drainage has been installed. Currently, it is undergoing testing and it is expected to be put into service next week. Once the line is in service, the traffic pattern and parking spaces on Main Street will return to pre-construction conditions.

VTTrans has established a project website, <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury>, to provide information about the project.

The Town of Middlebury also has a Community Liaison, Jim Gish, who has a blog, [www.middleburybridges.org](http://www.middleburybridges.org). This summer Jim will provide a detailed description of construction activities that will occur each day and if there will be any impact on your trip to Middlebury.

Please note that downtown Middlebury is OPEN FOR BUSINESS and merchants would appreciate your continued support.

Best regards,

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