

Construction Update on Middlebury Rail Bridges Project – August 7, 2017

The Main Street temporary bridge in downtown will reopen today, by late afternoon/early evening. Last week a new pedestrian bridge allowed foot traffic to resume on Main Street. This weekend Main Street will be open to all travelers.

Merchants Row remains closed as the construction crew installs a temporary bridge over the railroad. Merchants Row will re-open to one-way vehicular traffic (in an easterly direction headed up the hill towards No & So Pleasant Street) on August 11.

The temporary bridges, constructed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, will ensure the safety of travelers until a permanent bridge is built in 2018 through 2020.

A “Main Street Express” downtown shuttle service will take people around the Main Street construction zone. The 14-passenger shuttle will make a continuous loop downtown during its 10 hours of daily service. It will pick people up at town-owned parking lots at Memorial Sports Center/Town Pool parking lot on the east side of town, off Buttolph Drive and at Mill Street parking lot in Frog Hollow, on the west side of town near Storm Café.

MERCHANTS ROW DETOUR MAP


Temporary Bridge Installation (August 2017)

Middlebury, VT

Phase 3

Merchants Row closed;
Main Street open



 The FREE "Main Street Express" shuttle will serve two Town-owned parking lots: the Memorial Sports Center/Town Pool parking lot on the east side of town off of Buttolph Drive and the Mill Street parking lot in Frog Hollow near Storm Café. Every 15 minutes the shuttle will bring those parking in these two lots to two downtown locations: the Post Office and Middlebury's Town Offices.

The shuttle service will run **Saturday, July 22 through Friday, August 11 from 8 AM to 6 PM - Monday-Saturday** and will be **FREE** to ride.

To encourage ridership, the Middlebury Selectboard has allocated \$750 in Middlebury Money gift certificates. Riders of the Main Street Express will have an opportunity to enter a weekly raffle. Each week, the Better Middlebury Partnership will select five riders who will win a \$50 Middlebury Money gift certificate. Middlebury Money gift certificates can be redeemed at nearly 100 local businesses in Middlebury.

The shuttle service is a partnership of Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR), Town of Middlebury, Better Middlebury Partnership (an advocacy group for the downtown Middlebury business community), and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

Throughout construction of the temporary bridges, detour routes have been clearly marked with signs for all travelers – motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Within downtown Middlebury an information kiosk, staffed with volunteers, has been set up to guide visitors on how to get around within the downtown.

VTrans 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. 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.

Best regards,

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