

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - Week of August 17, 2020



What a difference a few hours makes! In the first photo, taken 9 AM, Kubricky had “boxed out” Main Street in front of the National Bank down to the road’s subgrade. In the second photo, taken three hours later, the stone sub-base for the road had been trucked in and spread, readying Main Street for eventual paving.

DATE: Friday, August 14, 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 (VTTrans), in collaboration with the Town of Middlebury, is replacing two nearly 100 year old rail bridges in the center of Middlebury with a tunnel. The bridges are about 300 feet

apart, with one located on Main Street/VT 30 and the other on Merchants Row.

CONSTRUCTION NEXT WEEK

- The crews are rebuilding central downtown, backfilling the excavated space and preparing Main Street for eventual paving.
- Kubricky will continue rebuilding sidewalks in front of the Battell building and on Main Street between Sweet Cecily and the National Bank. They are extending the sidewalk in front of Battell for a more pedestrian friendly environment. Once they remove curbs and sidewalk slabs, they will place compacted stone and prepare for streetscape amenities. Once that work is complete, Kubricky will install granite curbing and pave the sidewalks with concrete.
- The Main Street concrete deck will be poured Saturday morning and then cure. The concrete deck for Merchants Row has been poured and is curing.
- In the rail corridor behind South Pleasant Street, ECI is has almost completed the retaining wall that extends south from the last u-wall pieces. Once that's done, ECI will shift north and install a retaining wall from the old at-grade crossing off Seymour Street north to the railyard. Kubricky will then install "upper wall panels"—precast pieces that sit on top of the bottom u-walls north and south of the tunnel and raise the sides to the level of surrounding grade.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- Businesses are open - including the sidewalks that appear under construction. Visit and enjoy downtown!
- There is a **temporary ban on left-hand turns** from South Pleasant Street to Cross Street during the 10-week closure.
- 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

VTrans and ACTR provide the Shuttlebury, **free for riders. ACTR is diligent about providing a safe and healthy experience, with frequent cleanings.** View the route map, schedule, and other information [here](#).

Or, call 388-2287 if you're traveling within the downtown area for a pick-up.

[Project Website](#)

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