

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - Week of August 24, 2020



Good news: we have passed the halfway point of downtown closure to accommodate construction! Pictured here is the concrete deck for the section of Main Street that will cover the rail tunnel is curing under cover.

DATE: Friday, August 21, 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

- Kubricky will continue constructing the downtown sidewalks for the next two-three weeks. Last week, they removed sidewalks and curbs, and began installing the electrical infrastructure to accommodate street lighting as well as tree cells for future trees.
- The concrete deck for the section of Main Street that will span the rail tunnel has been poured and will continue curing under cover (see image above).
- Kubricky plans to set the final upper wall pieces of precast concrete north of Main Street on Thursday evening. After that, they will begin to form up the "cap wall".
- ECI's focus is shifted to the north end, backfilling the excavated space between the rail tunnel and the steel sheets, and constructing the north end retaining wall.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- Businesses are open. 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 September 21. 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.

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