

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - Week of August 31, 2020



VTrans' drone captured this awesome shot of downtown Middlebury under construction. In three more weeks, the closure of downtown will be behind us!

DATE: Friday, August 28, 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 (VTrans), 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

- With the tree cells in place and downtown sidewalks removed, Waters Excavation begins installing concrete-backed granite curbing. They will first install the curbing and then the sidewalks in front of the Battell building on Merchants Row, on Main Street between Sweet Cecily and the National Bank, in front of St. Stephen's on Main Street, and on the Town Green side of the upper stretch of Merchants Row.
- Kubricky and East View Electrical Services continue upgrading infrastructure including light poles, electrical networks, and waterlines.
- In the rail corridor, the contractors will install cap walls north and south of the rail tunnel. ECI will truck in the final ballast stone from the north end of the project. Once the cap walls are set, ECI will continue setting the track in place.
- ECI has begun laying in the new rail line from south to north.

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



Taken from the trestle bridge across Otter Creek at Water Street, the image above shows the panelized rail track sections in place on top of the ballast stone.

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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