

**Construction Update**  
**Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project**  
**Construction Update - Week of July 13, 2020**

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**DATE:** Friday, July 10, 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 undertaking a project to replace two nearly 100 year old rail bridges in the center of Middlebury with a tunnel. The two bridges are about 300 feet apart, with one located on Main Street/VT 30 and the other on Merchants Row.

**CONSTRUCTION DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK:**

As part of Governor Scott's "Work Smart, Stay Safe" order, all construction crews are currently subject to safety restrictions and precautions.

**THIS IS A BIG WEEK IN DOWNTOWN MIDDLEBURY!**

Years of planning, coordination, site preparation, and construction are culminating next week as the team posts the 10-week detour signs and shuts down Main Street at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 13.



If you haven't been following Community Liaison Jim Gish's detailed descriptions of downtown Middlebury construction activities (and other happenings), please read his blog, found [here](#). He covers many project facets, including where to park during the road closure.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**

- Beginning on Monday, July 13 at 7 a.m., **Main Street will be closed until the third week of September.**
- Main Street will be closed on the south end at Bakery Lane and Mill Street and on the north end at North Pleasant Street.
- Merchants Row will now be closed entirely.

- Printer's Alley is closed to pedestrians.
- Shuttlebury is a free pedestrian shuttle operating in downtown Middlebury during the closure. View the route and service details at [this link](#).
- After this weekend, expect a series of sidewalk and road navigation signs throughout downtown, a joint effort of Neighbors Together and the project team.

**PLANNED PROJECT COMPLETION: 2021**

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### **Miss the Public Meeting? View it Online.**

The team participated in a special Middlebury Selectboard meeting to discuss the project on Wednesday. Check out [MCTV's YouTube](#) channel to view the recording.



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