

Construction Update
Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project
Construction Update - Week of September 7, 2020



The photo shows a compacted stone sub-base nearly ready for paving on the lower stretch of Merchants Row. In two weeks, the closure of downtown will be behind us!

DATE: Friday, September 4, 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

- There will be no work on Labor Day Weekend. Construction will stop on Friday at 7 PM and resume on Tuesday morning at 7 AM.
- There will be no more nighttime construction work. Kubricky and its subcontractors will be working 12-hour shifts from 7 AM - 7 PM, starting after Labor Day.
- Waters Excavation will begin pouring the Main Street and Merchants Row sidewalks throughout the week.
- Kubricky will begin paving Main Street, Merchants Row, and the Battell driveway in preparation for reopening the roadways.
- In the rail corridor, the contractors will shotcrete cap walls north and south of the rail tunnel. ECI will install ballast stone from the north end of the project. Contractors are preparing to install decorative pedestrian railings along the cap walls.

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



Patriot Shotcrete formed the southwest cap wall, which you can see on the right in the photo. The southeast cap wall, formed to the left in the photo, will be shotcrete next week, along with northern sections of the cap wall.

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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