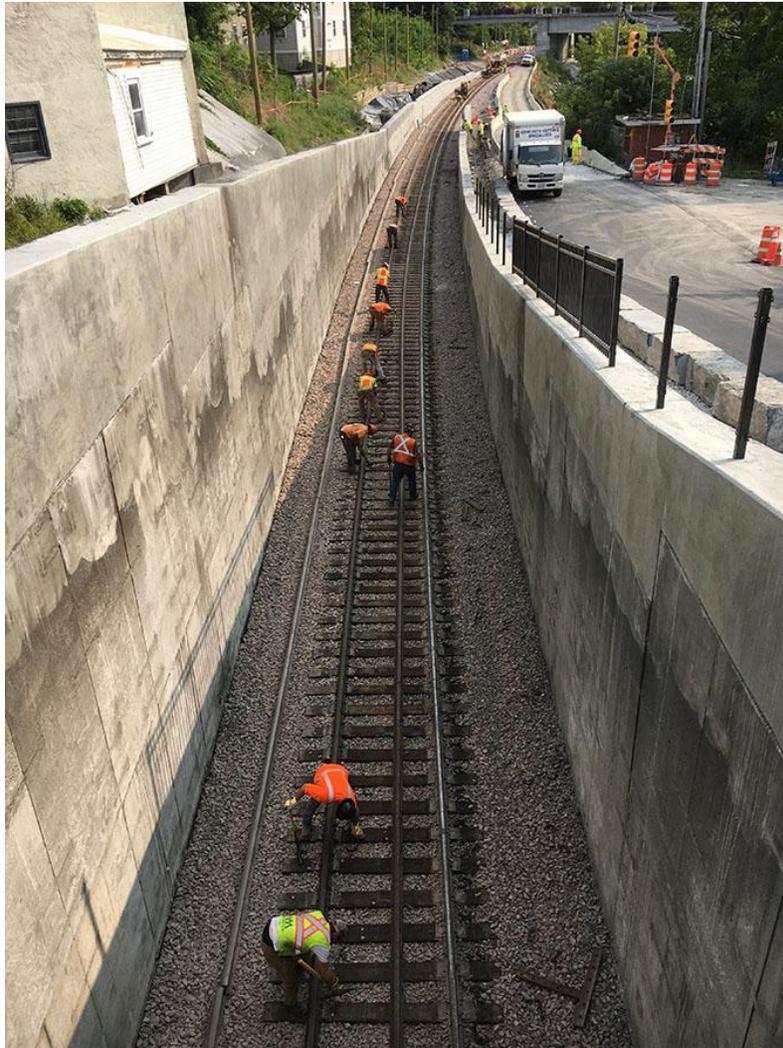


Downtown to Reopen Friday! Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project



So many people, from Agency staff, to crew members, to engaged community members and beyond, have put time, energy, and thought into this major reconstruction project. It's a notable design and engineering feat for the State of Vermont! Above, ECI's crew installs continuous welded rail on Tuesday.

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2020

FRIDAY IS THE DAY!

On Friday morning (September 18), **Main Street and Merchants Row will reopen to thru traffic. This marks the end of the 10-week shutdown.**

To commemorate the reopening, the first train will travel through the new downtown rail tunnel around 10 AM. If you'd like to watch, the best views are at the Merchants Row end of the tunnel (to see it coming) or the Main Street end of the tunnel (to see it going).

At 11 AM, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the reopening of the restored Main Street and Merchants Row to pedestrians and thru traffic. Elected officials will join AOT staff, project team members, and the hard-working crew to present this historic project. The ceremony takes place at the intersection of Main Street and Merchants Row.



Crews finalize construction activities such as line striping and pouring of sidewalk pavement, to begin welcoming cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists back to downtown Middlebury on Friday, September 18.

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