

### Construction Update Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project Construction Update - week of June 1-6, 2020

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**DATE:** Friday, May 29, 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.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**

Next week travel on Main Street (Route 30) will be back to normal - two-lane traffic will resume through the construction zone.

- With the recent removal of the temporary bridge (see photo), Merchants Row is now **CLOSED** to thru traffic and will remain closed until the tunnel construction is completed this summer. Pedestrians will be able to navigate around the Merchants Row work site via the Town Green and Main Street Bridge. The sidewalk in front of the Battell Block will remain open for people to access businesses.
- Further west on Route 30 near the Cornwall town line, motorists will observe increased truck traffic as pre-cast concrete sections of the rail tunnel are delivered to Fifield Farm.



**EXPANDED WORK HOURS:**

Construction crews will work 12-hour shifts.

**PROJECTED PROJECT COMPLETION:** 2021

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