

**Construction Update**  
**Middlesex – US 2 Bridge Replacement**  
**IM 089-2(41)**

**Project Location:** Bridge 55 is located on US 2 in Middlesex approximately 1.9 miles east of the intersection of US 2/VT 100B and spans over Interstate 89 and the New England Central Railroad (NECR) line. This is a multi-year project with construction starting in 2016 and completion scheduled for 2018.

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**February 23, 2017** – Construction crews have completed installing the sheet piles for the cofferdam and the **project will be closed down until mid-April.**

Since the project started in August 2016, progress has included completion of blasting between NECR and I-89 SB to make room for pier #1, construction of the footings for abutment #1 and pier #1, installation of the cofferdam along US 2 as support of US 2 during 2017 construction. Abutment #1 and pier #1 were partially constructed as well as the roadway approaches for the new bridge. The MSE Retaining Wall that supports abutment #1 will be completed after abutment #1 is completed later this spring.

When work resumes on the project later this Spring, crews will continue construction of the bridge substructure by completing abutments #1 and #2 and piers #1 and #2, along with a second MSE retaining wall for abutment #2. By mid-summer the new bridge will start to take shape as crews set the steel beams, construct the bridge deck and roadway approaches.

The new bridge is expected to be completed and open to traffic by the end of 2017. The old bridge will be removed in 2018.

Contact Francine Perkins, Project Outreach Coordinator, FRP Enterprises, LLC with any questions or concerns with regards to the project at 802-479-6994. Construction updates and project photos are posted at <http://www.us2middlesex.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/> .