

**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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**BLASTING – Blasting of ledge between the NECR line and I-89 southbound is *tentatively* scheduled to occur during the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. During each blast, rolling roadblocks will be utilized on I-89 northbound and southbound and traffic on US 2 will be held up to 10 minutes in both directions. Exact dates and times of when the blasting will occur are unconfirmed at this time. More information will be released in the next two weeks.**

**Week of November 14, 2016**

Crews will continue constructing the 40' high retaining wall that will support abutment 1 of the new bridge. As each new section of the wall is constructed, a crew will be immediately backfilling the area so the next section can be placed.

As of this report, the wall is about 50% complete. Construction of this retaining wall is anticipated to be completed by late November. This is one of three retaining walls to be constructed for the new bridge.

Crews will start clearing trees between the NECR rail line and I-89 southbound in anticipation of ledge removal. A temporary rail crossing will be constructed this week also.

US 2 traffic will be reduced to one lane with alternating one-way traffic over the bridge so trucks can access the site. Flaggers will be present to assist with maintaining traffic flow.

**Traffic –** Minor traffic delays are expected this week.

**It is illegal in VT to use any handheld portable electronic devices while driving. The law carries fines of up to \$200 with points assessed if the violation occurs in a work zone.**

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/> .