

**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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**Week of November 28, 2016**

**BLASTING –** Blasting of ledge between the NECR line and I-89 southbound in Middlesex is scheduled start during the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and continue for the next month. Blasting will occur, at most, once per day (M-F) between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

The first blast is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, weather permitting.

- **Rolling roadblocks will occur on I-89 northbound starting at Exit 8 (Montpelier) and I-89 southbound starting at Exit 9 (Middlesex).**
- **US 2 eastbound and westbound traffic will be stopped and held at the project site for up to 10 minutes during blast times.**
- **Blasting is weather permitting.**

Crews will also 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. Construction of this retaining wall is anticipated to be completed by early December. This is one of three retaining walls to be constructed for the new bridge.

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 –** Traffic delays are expected on I-89 and US 2 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/> .