

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.

Week of December 12, 2016

BLASTING – Blasting of ledge between the NECR line and I-89 southbound in Middlesex will continue through the end of December. Blasting will occur, at most, once per day (M-F) between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm and will delay traffic for approximately 15 mins.

- **Rolling roadblocks will occur on I-89 northbound starting at Exit 8 (Montpelier) and I-89 southbound starting at Exit 9 (Middlesex) during blasting.**
- **US 2 eastbound and westbound traffic will be stopped and held at the project site for approximately 15 minutes.**
- **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. 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/>.