

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.

Christmas Holiday Weekend – Crews will stop working on the project early on Friday, December 23, 2016 and will not return to work on the project until Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

Week of December 19, 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.**

Sheet piling will be installed along US 2 on the east side of the project (Montpelier) for a coffer dam. Once this work is complete, crews will begin excavating to prepare for construction of retaining wall #3 which will be part of abutment 2 of the new bridge. This work will occur behind the Jersey barrier located on US 2.

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. Concrete work will also begin for abutment 1.

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/> .