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Construction Set to Resume on Route 2 Bridge-Middlesex

April 7, 2017 – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will resume construction to replace Bridge 55 located on US 2 in Middlesex the week of April 17, 2017. Bridge 55, located approximately 1.9 miles east of the intersection of US 2/VT 100B, spans over Interstate 89 and the New England Central Railroad (NECR) line. Construction on this is a multi-year project starting in 2016 with an expected completion scheduled for 2018.

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.

In 2017, crews will construct the new bridge and the new alignment as the connection to US 2. This spring, focus will be centered on completing construction of the two bridge abutments and piers, 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.

US 2 traffic can expect brief periods of alternating one-way traffic most days throughout the duration of the project. I-89 traffic may experience northbound and southbound lane closures while crews work over the interstate.

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/>.