

**2017 CONSTRUCTION MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2016
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- Q) Can an offset work time be established for work in front of Restaurants, possibly starting at 7:30pm instead of 6:00pm?
A) The city will discuss the possibility with the Agency of Transportation
- Q) What are the work hours for Main St. between School St. and the Roundabout?
A) 5:00pm to 12:00am
- Q) How is truck traffic being handled?
A) The streets will be open to one way traffic with the exception of the portions of the roundabout work which will include a detour.
- Q) Will construction truck traffic through residential neighborhoods result in disruption?
A) There will likely be some disruption from construction truck traffic, but the reverse beepers are now required to have buzzers which should help.
- Q) When is work at 1 Taylor St. scheduled to start?
A) 2018
- Q) Will equipment be parked on Main St.?
A) The contractor will need to identify staging areas. The City will restrict equipment parked on the street.
- Q) Will the staging areas include parking lots for equipment storage?
A) There may be some limited equipment in parking lots, but this is not desirable and will be minimized. The primary staging areas will be on Lower State St. by the bridge and at the Stump Dump.
- Q) How long of a work zone will be marked for no Parking?
A) Typically the contractor will identify production rates for the day and restrict that amount. It is likely that all of State Street will be marked for no parking at night, but will be reopened during the day. The contract can include provisions for temporary pavement markings for parking spaces.
- Q) Will Main St. and State St. be worked on at the same time or split out?
A) The contractor will determine the schedule, but it's typically not economical for the contractor to have scattered work zones, some limitations can be made through the contract.

- Q) Will the Elm St. work include short or long work zones?
A) Shorter work zones will result in lower traffic impacts. The contractor is typically allowed to hold traffic for up to 10 minutes by state contract. The City will encourage shorter work zones.
- Q) How do Elm St. residents exit driveways when traffic is backed up?
A) When the traffic clears, residents can exit the driveways at the end of line. This supports justification for shorter work zones.
- Q) Will the 1 Taylor St. parking lot be available next summer?
A) It was scheduled to be opened at the end of this month, but there have been some delays on the retaining wall project. A portion of the lot will be used by the contractor for a staging areas during the Taylor St. reconstruction project next summer.
- Q) What are the hours for work on Elm St.?
A) The hours of 6:00am to 6:00pm will be available to the contractor, but this would require a waiver of the noise ordinance by the City Council which restricts noise levels between 9pm and 7am.
- Q) There is a high level of traffic from 4:00pm – 6:00pm and 6:30am – 9:00am, how will this be managed.
A) Unfortunately, not all impacts can be avoided. This can be managed with shorter work zones.
- Q) Can the corporate cup be re-routed to avoid delaying the start of the project?
A) This has been tried in the past, but have a very specific distance and could be difficult to achieve.
- Q) Can the Corporate Cup be rescheduled?
A) The City will look into this, but it is unlikely.
- Q) Is stormwater work necessary for the widening of Elm St. beyond Cummings St?
A) Most of the work is on the West side of the street, there will be some catch basin relocations.
- Q) What is the scope of the widening on Elm St.?
A) The max is 2ft, most areas are only 1ft.
- Q) How much farther is the sidewalk going to be extended on Elm St.?
A) From the swimming pool access to the ball field. Sidewalk will also on Northfield St. from Independence Green to Freedom Drive.
- Q) Can police services be used for heavy traffic times, such as Mountaineers games?
A) The city will get the game schedule and add them to the contract as an event for traffic management.
- Q) Are there going to be bike lanes on Main St. and State St?
A) Not under this project due to limited ROW width but sharrows will be marked.
- Q) Will there be signage improvements at the Spring St. and Elm St. intersection.
A) Crosswalks will be marked out the same way they are now. A flagger may be stations at this intersection to help with crossing during for school children. Crosswalk signs will be installed on both sides of the crosswalk. Enhanced, light crosswalk signs could be installed under a future project. The crosswalk at Vine St. will be moved to the other side of the intersection to improve safety.

- Q) Can 4-way stop signs be installed at the Spring St. and Elm St intersection?
A) Not under this project. A change in controls at this intersection will require a warrant analysis (traffic Study).
- Q) How can the Spring St. and Elm St. intersection be improved and who should residents talk to?
A) The Montpelier Department of Public works would initiate study. This will be looked at for a future project.
- Q) I have speed concerns with a wider and smoother road.
A) The actual travel lanes will be narrower which can help to slow traffic. There are also permanent electric flashing speed signs to help make drivers aware of their speed.
- Q) Can the Northfield St. bike lane be re-routed to National Life Drive?
A) This was identified as a corridor in the Bike / ped master plan, national like drive would be a very long detour. There will be some widening of Northfield St. to accommodate the uphill bike lane.
- Q) Has the City looked into reverse angle parking in the existing angled parking spaces on Main Street?
A) The City looked into this for proposed parking on State St. Burlington looked into it but decided not to proceed due to the logistics. It would take a very significant PR campaign and DPW does not currently have staffing available to take on this initiative.
- Q) Can narrower lines such a 9ft be used instead of 10ft?
A) Most lanes are being narrowed from 11ft to 10ft, not sure if 9ft would be acceptable for design standards but generally 10ft is as narrow as you should go.
- Q) Is there any work being done at the Main St. & Barre St. intersection
A) Not under this project, but the bike path project is looking at making it a 4-way intersection. The RR crossing work is being deferred until the bike path project.
- Q) What is the schedule for the Cummings St. Bridge work.
A) It is scheduled to start in late summer of 2018 with the Temporary bridge.
- Q) How long with the sidewalk be out of service in front of the impacted State St. businesses.
A) Five to eight business days.
- Q) When will the schedule of work be available?
A) In the spring after a contractor has been selected.