

## **Construction Update Middlesex – US 2 Bridge Replacement**

**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.

**I-89 SOUTHBOUND CLOSURES:** I-89 Southbound closures are scheduled for **Monday night (9/18) thru Thursday night (9/21) from 7:00 PM thru 6:00 AM** between Exit 9 and Exit 8. I-89 Northbound will remain open with a lane closure at the project site.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSURE START TIME HAS CHANGED TO 7:00 PM TO ALLOW THE CONTRACTOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE WORK.**

### **Week of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Crews will continue setting the structural steel at night for the new bridge over the travel lanes of I-89. For the safety of motorists traveling on I-89, VTrans will **close I-89 at night**, one direction at a time, between Exit 9 – Middlesex and Exit 8 – Montpelier.

**I-89 Southbound is scheduled to be closed at night between 7:00 PM and 6:00 AM this week:**

- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Between Exit 9-Middlesex and Exit 8-Montpelier
- I-89 Northbound between Exit 8 and Exit 9 will remain open to traffic with a lane closure at the project site.

### **Alternate Route during closures**

During the southbound closure periods, motorists will be directed to exit the interstate in Middlesex at Exit 9 and follow US 2-East to Montpelier and access I-89 southbound at Exit 8. US 2 will be marked with signs as an alternate route.

Two-way traffic will be maintained on US 2 with occasional interruptions to allow equipment to access the site.

### **Day Work**

I-89 southbound, northbound and US 2 *may* be reduced to one-lane at the project site during daytime work hours. Motorists can expect delays. Crews will continue excavating for the new roadway to the bridge and backfilling abutment 2.

**Traffic** –Traffic delays can be expected this week on US 2 and I-89.

**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/>.