

**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.

Saturday (9/23) – No daytime lane closures are planned for US 2 or I-89.

I-89 SOUTHBOUND NIGHT CLOSURES: Due to unexpected delays while setting the beams this week, I-89 Southbound nighttime closures will continue into the week of September 25th.

Photos of the steel beam placement have been posted to the project website: <http://www.us2middlesex.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/>

Week of September 25th, 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 25th - Thursday, September 28st, 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 continuing to work on the retaining wall at 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/> .