

## **Downtown Project Alert-- Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

***Taylor St. will be closed to through traffic Wed., 5/30/18 and Thursday, 5/31/18.***

Due to a failure at the asphalt plant, paving at the crossing could not be completed during the scheduled closure period. **The City of Montpelier has given the contractor permission to close Taylor St. at the location of the crossing.** Taylor Street will reopen later this evening and be closed again on Thursday beginning at 8:00 AM. The road will reopen Thursday evening.

On Wednesday and Thursday (5/30, 5/31) the parking lots on Taylor St. located on the north side of the crossing will only be accessible from State St. during construction hours. Similarly, during construction, the large parking lot between the crossing and the river can be accessed via Route 2 only.

Contact Natalie Boyle, Project Outreach Coordinator, EIV Technical Services, with any questions or concerns in regard to this project at 802-855-3893.

Updates will be posted on [www.roadworkupdates.com](http://www.roadworkupdates.com), Montpelier's Front Porch Forum, the City of Montpelier's website, Facebook page and Twitter Feed, Montpelier Alive's Facebook page and Makeover Montpelier's Facebook page. Information will also be included in the VT Agency of Transportation's "On the Road" report in the Times Argus.

### **Construction Update Montpelier Transportation Projects**

**Project Location:** State Street, Main Street, and VT 12 – Elm Street - Work to include milling, paving, manhole and drainage structure adjustments and extensive sidewalk improvements. VT 12-Northfield Street - new water, sewer, storm water improvements, sidewalks and a stabilized road base.

#### **Week of May 28, 2018**

**Northfield Street – Construction Area: Derby Drive to Freedom Drive**

**TRAFFIC DETOUR:** The detour route below will continue to be in effect from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, M-F, for Northfield Street traffic between Derby Drive and Freedom Drive.

- All southbound (towards Northfield) thru traffic will use Memorial Drive to Dog River Road to Northfield Street

- Northbound (towards downtown) passenger vehicles will be allowed to travel through the construction zone
- Northbound (towards downtown) truck thru traffic will be directed to use Dog River Road to Memorial Drive. Local delivery trucks will be allowed through the project.
- A detour map can be found at <https://frpenterprises.com/montpelier-08-10-17.html> Click on "MAP"
- Message boards and detour signs will be in place to direct traffic.
- Sidewalks will remain open for pedestrians and bicyclists may ride with traffic in the northbound direction or walk their bikes along the sidewalk, in either direction, until they reach the end of the construction zone.

**Please note:** Northfield Street between Memorial Drive and Derby Drive will be open to two-way traffic.

### **Construction activities scheduled for next week as follows:**

#### **Every day next week:**

~Sewer main line work will continue. Approximately two weeks of sewer main work remains. Crews will continue connecting services to the new sewer main throughout the week.

~Water main work to begin once services are complete.

### **Downtown/Elm Street Update- 2018**

***The Taylor St. railroad crossing is scheduled to be open to traffic by noon on Friday, 5/25/18.*** The road will remain open at the crossing until Wednesday morning. ***A full closure at the crossing is expected to resume on Wednesday morning, 5/30*** in order to complete crossing work along the roadway. The closure period ends at the close of the construction day on Wednesday, at which time Taylor St. will be open to through traffic and will remain so.

On Wednesday, 5/30 the parking lots on Taylor St. located on the north side of the crossing will only be accessible from State St. The large parking lot between the crossing and the river can be accessed via Route 2 only.

The pedestrian crossing/bicycle path located to the west of the crossing will be closed on either Tuesday or Wednesday (5/29 or 5/30) in order to replace the crossing at this location. The sidewalk located at the rail crossing will be open for bicycle and all pedestrian traffic.

Crews will be completing minor work throughout the project over the next few weeks. This work will not effect traffic or travel lanes.

**In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, crews will be off the road by noon on Friday, 5/25/18 and work will not resume until 7:00 AM Tuesday, 5/29/18.**

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**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 (5/19) – US 2 will be reduced to one lane over the bridge as crews continue to work on the new bridge. Flaggers will be present to assist with traffic flow.**

**Single lane closures NB and SB on I-89 can be expected throughout the week as crews continue to work on the new bridge deck. Please use caution and reduce speed.**

**Week of May 21, 2018**

Crews have completed pouring the deck of the new Route 2 bridge and next week will continue to work on pouring curbing on the bridge.

JA McDonald will continue constructing the MSE retaining walls on both the west (Middlesex) and east (Montpelier) sides of the bridge. Also, the contractor will work on building roadway approaches on both sides of the new bridge. This work will be performed off the side of US 2 but will require daily single lane closures.

Daily single lane closures can be expected on I-89 and US 2 Monday through Friday, weather permitting. At noon on Friday, May 25, the work site will shut down for Memorial Day weekend. Work will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

**Traffic** –Traffic delays can be expected most days 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 Jill Barrett, Project Outreach Coordinator, with any questions or concerns with regards to the project at 802-272-1248. Construction updates and project photos are posted at <http://www.us2middlesex.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/> .