

Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

PRESENTED TO Town of Middlebury, VT

PRESENTED BY VTrans, VHB, and Kubricky Construction

June 4, 2019



## **Community Project Goals**

- Protect safety of the community: people, property, environment
- Minimize project impact on vitality of the downtown community: businesses, residents, institutions
- Maintain traffic flow and pedestrian access
- Develop and maintain a credible schedule
- Engage with the local community and facilitate clear communication with all stakeholders



## Introductions





U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration







KUBRICKY CONSTRUCTION CORP.



#### **Proposed Tunnel Location**

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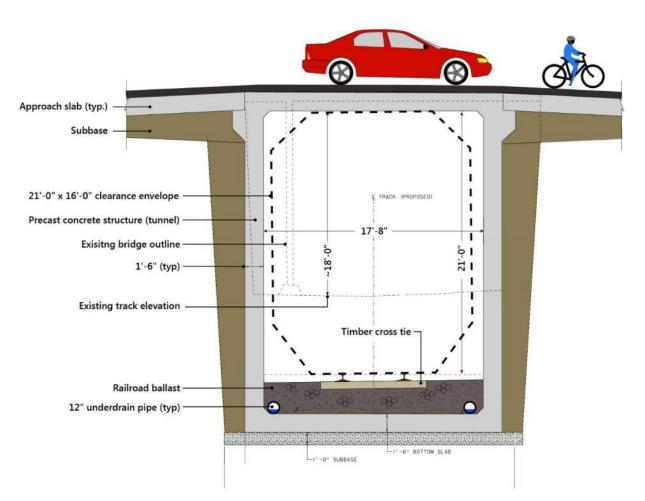
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Main Street



## New Tunnel Design





## New Tunnel Design

- Closed box structure
- 100-year design service life
- Design based on current design codes and standards
- Plan for future potential uses highway and railroad



## **Current Project Status**

- ✓ Early Work Package 1 Construction 2017
- ✓ Early Work Package 2 Construction 2018
- ✓ Project Design 2019

#### Main Project Construction to Begin – July 2019





# **2018 Construction Summary**

- Temporary access roads
- Microtunneling for drainage system
- Underground utility infrastructure
- Tree Cutting





**Microtunneling Launch Shaft Construction** 

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#### **Microtunneling Launch Shaft Construction**



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#### Microtunneling Launch

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**Microtunneling Drive 1 Complete** 

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#### Drainage Outfall

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Launch Shaft Drainage Manhole

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# 2018 Project Accomplishments

- Microtunneling drainage components completed
- New drainage outfall constructed below Otter Creek Falls
- Access Roads Constructed Battell Block and Outfall
- Utility Undergrounding in Printer's Alley
- Project clearing completed

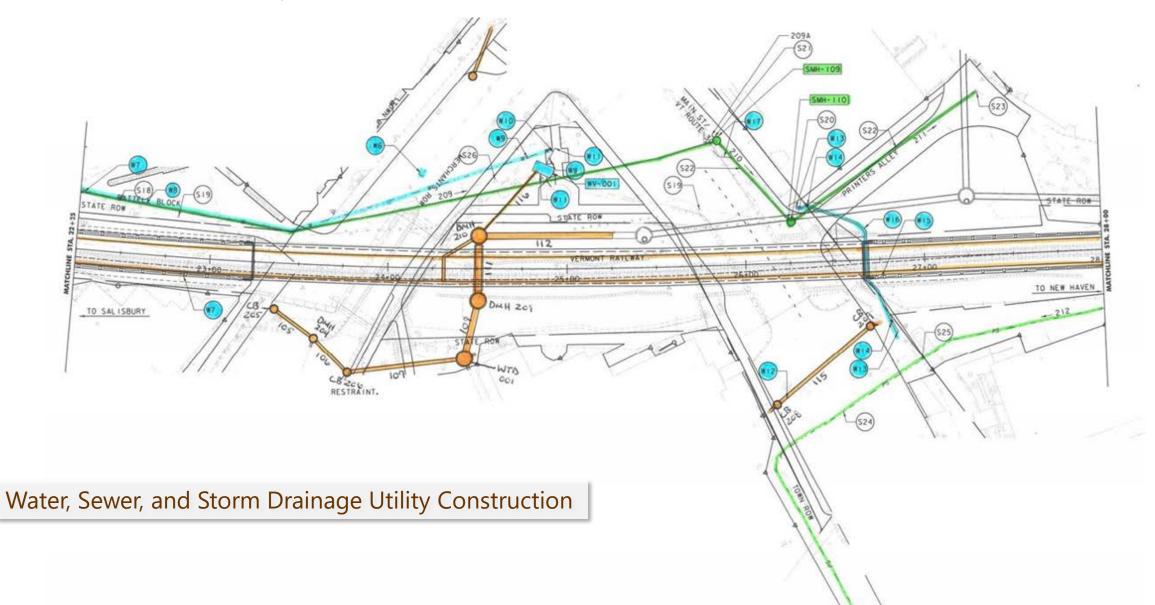
- Project Design Completed Including Landscape Design Public Spaces
- We've set the stage for the Main Project Construction

## **2019 Planned Construction Activity**

- Water, sewer, and storm drainage utility construction
- Support of excavation installation along railroad corridor
- Targeted areas of blasting along the railroad corridor

	2019	2020	

2019 Downtown Municipal Utility Construction

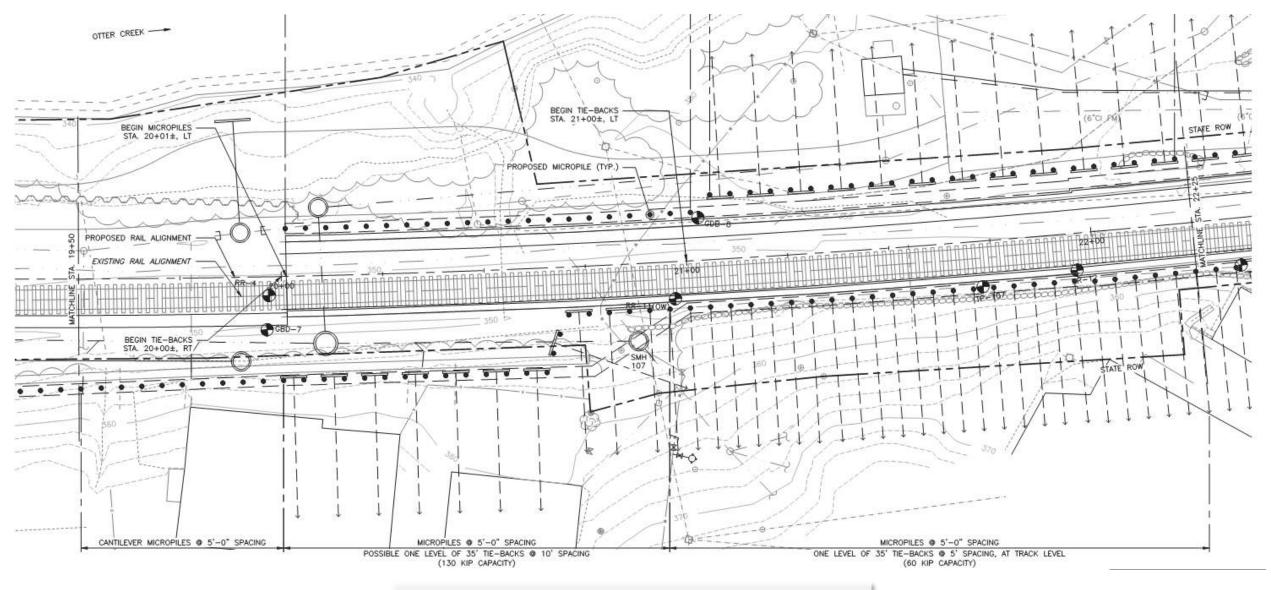


Support of Excavation extents

Total length of SOE – 3,600'



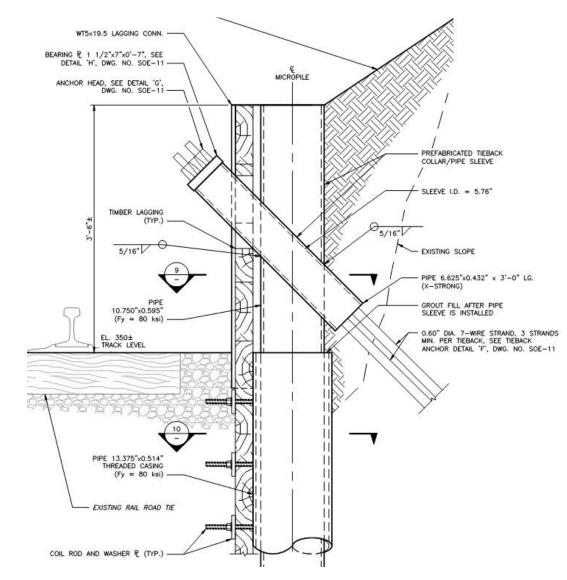
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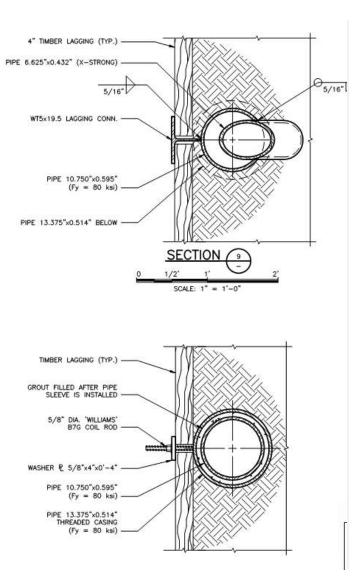


Temporary Support of Excavation Example

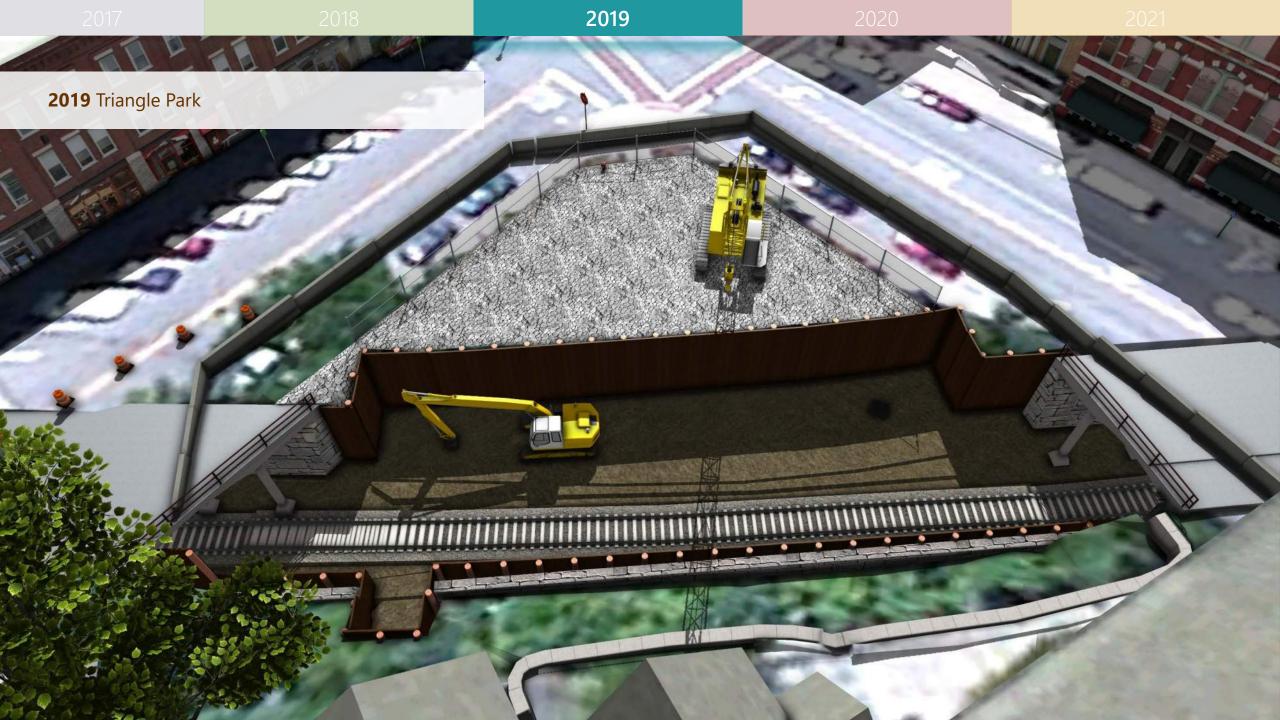
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**2019** Support of Excavation Construction





Temporary Support of Excavation Example



### 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## **2019 Timeline and Hours of Operation**

2019 Calendar Year

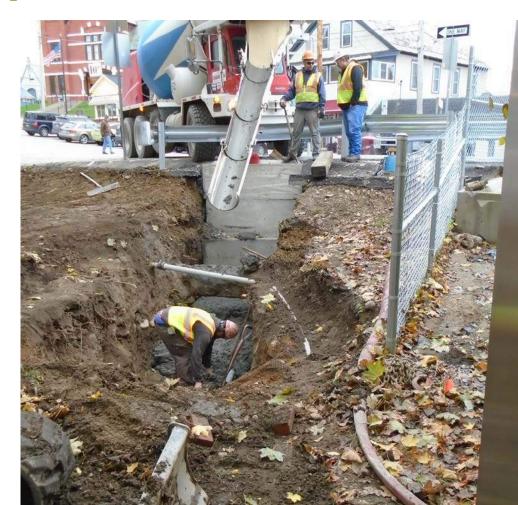
	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Drilling and Blasting (Sept 13 - Sept 16)							
Drilling and Blasting (Oct 11 - Oct 14)							
Drilling and Blasting (Nov 8 - Nov 11)							
Drilling and Blasting (Dec 6 - Dec 9)							
Mobilization							
Temporary Support of Excavation							
Sanitary Sewer Construction							
Storm Drainage Construction							
Watermain Construction							

#### Working hours

- Anticipated weekday 7:00am–5:00pm (July)
- Anticipated weekday 7:00am–9:00pm (August through December)
- Anticipated 24 hours per day (weekend drilling and blasting periods)

# 2019 Merchant's Row Impacts

- 5 day closure late summer of 2019 installation of sewer and water line crossings
- 5 day closure fall of 2019 installation of stormwater catch basins and pipe crossing



## **2019 Main Street Lane Closures**

 3 night closure (reopen during the daytime) – Fall of 2019 – Installation of new sewer manholes and pipes

2019

 3-5 day lane closure – Late Fall of 2019 – Installation of Post Office sewer service, stormwater catch basins, and pipe crossings

## 2019 Printer's Alley Closures

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 1 week closure – Fall of 2019 – Installation of new sewer manhole and sewer main



### 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## 2019 Battell Block Driveway Closures

- 1 week closure –Late summer Installation of Water and Sewer lines
- 2 separate 1 week closures Late summer & Early Fall Installation of support of excavation
- Temporary access road will be open during these timeframes
- Pedestrian access from Merchant's Row to lower parking lot to be maintained during these timeframes

# **2019 Other Anticipated Impacts**

- Installing temporary support of excavation will create noise and vibrations near construction operations
- Increased construction traffic truck traffic and equipment

2019

 Limited parking impacts associated with construction activities – contractor parking will be offsite and workers will be shuttled into Downtown Middlebury **Big question**:

# How will 2019 impacts compare to 2018 impacts?



## 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## 2019 Downtown Impacts

- 2019 downtown impacts will be similar to 2018
- On street impacts are limited to utility crossings on Main Street and Merchants Row
- Focused efforts to work along the railroad corridor
- All work during 2019 is geared toward preparing for 2020 shutdown

# 2019 Downtown Community Events

- Peasant Market July 6
- Festival on the Green July 7 July 13
- Lions Club Auction July 17
- Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival August 22 August 25



#### **2019 Questions and Thoughts**

Selectboard and Public Input Encouraged!



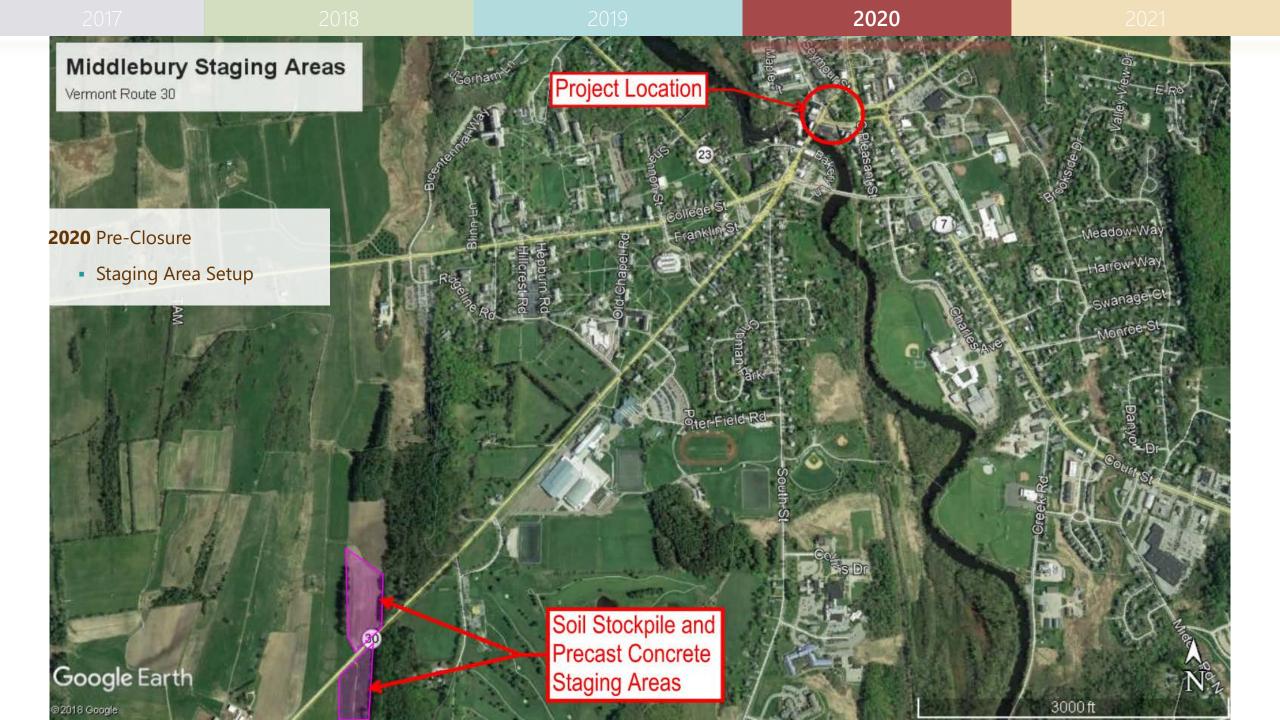
# **2020 Construction Activity**

- Pre-closure (April)
- Merchant's Row Closure (May 4 May 22)
- Full Closure (May 27 August 5)
  - Main Street and Merchants Row closures
  - Railroad detour
- Post-closure (August December)



### **Pre-Closure**

- Mobilization of Equipment and Materials
- Staging area setup
- Delivery of Precast Concrete to Staging Area
- Crane Setup in Triangle Park, Marble Works, and Battell Block



2020 Pre-Closure

Assembly of Cranes

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## Merchant's Row Closure (May 4,2020 – May 22, 2020)

- Merchant's Row Closed and Temporary Bridge Removed
- Installation of Temporary Support of Excavation
- Demolition of Bridge Abutments/Ashlar Block Walls
- Merchant's Row Open May 23-May 26 (no temporary bridge)

# 2020 Closure Activity (10 Weeks) (May 27, 2020 – August 5, 2020)

- Track removal/Main Street temporary bridge removal
- Excavation and Support of Excavation
- Pre-Cast Concrete Installation
- Roadway Reconstruction and Paving
- Railroad Track Reinstallation

#### 2020 Closure

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Removal of Main Street temporary bridge

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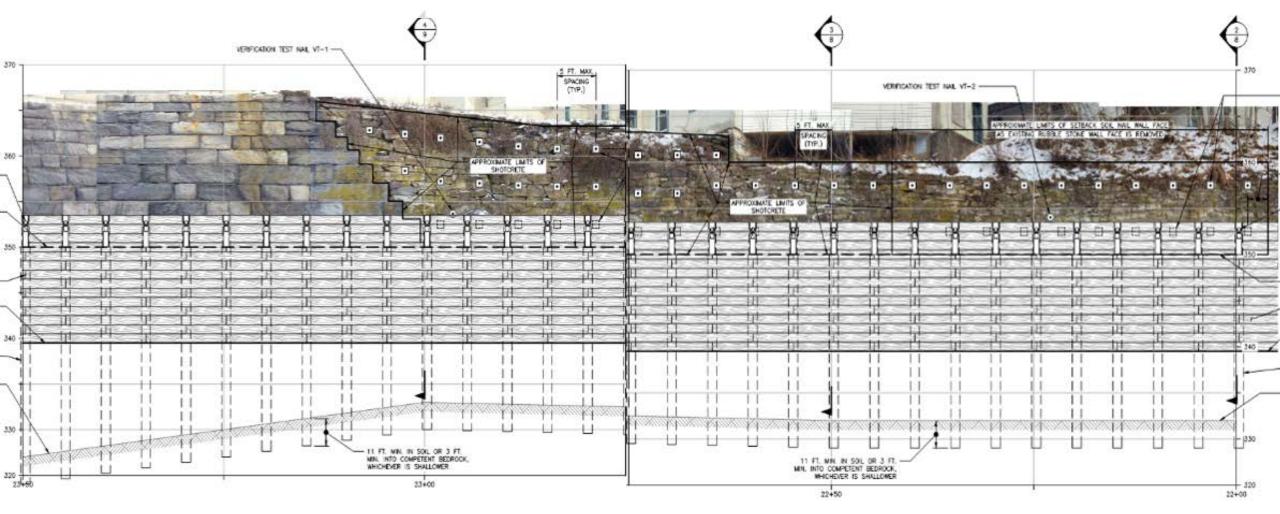
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- Railroad corridor excavation
- Support of Excavation Lagging

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#### 2020 Excavation and Support of Excavation

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- Support of Excavation Lagging

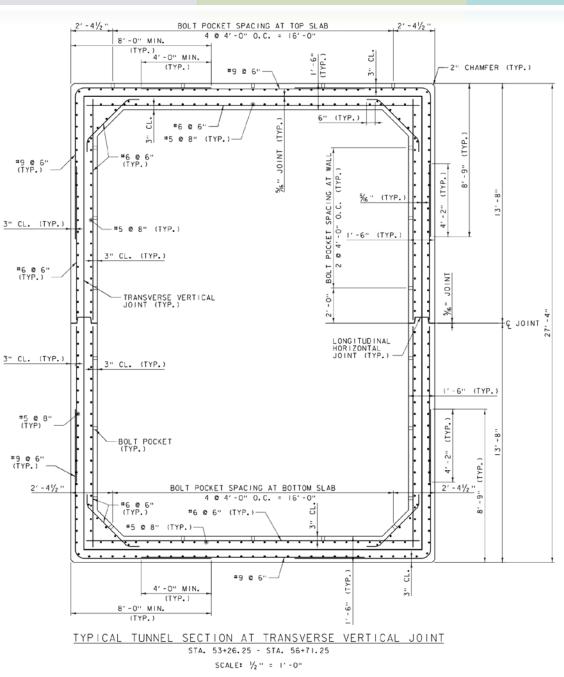


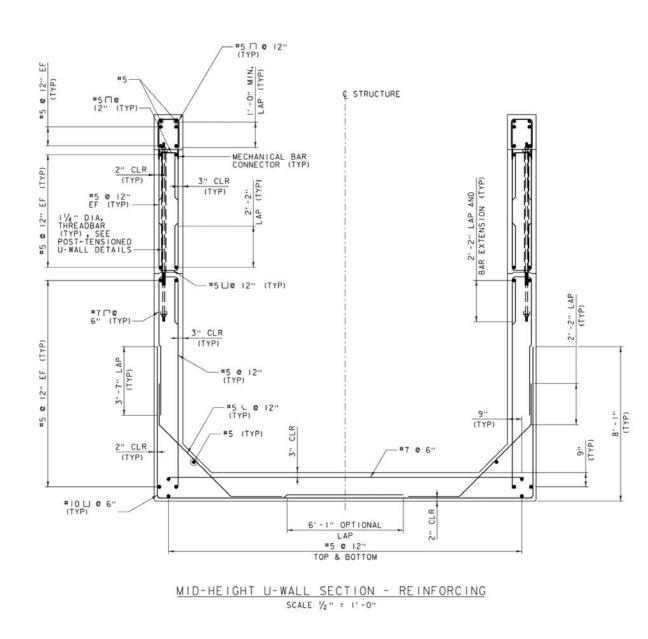


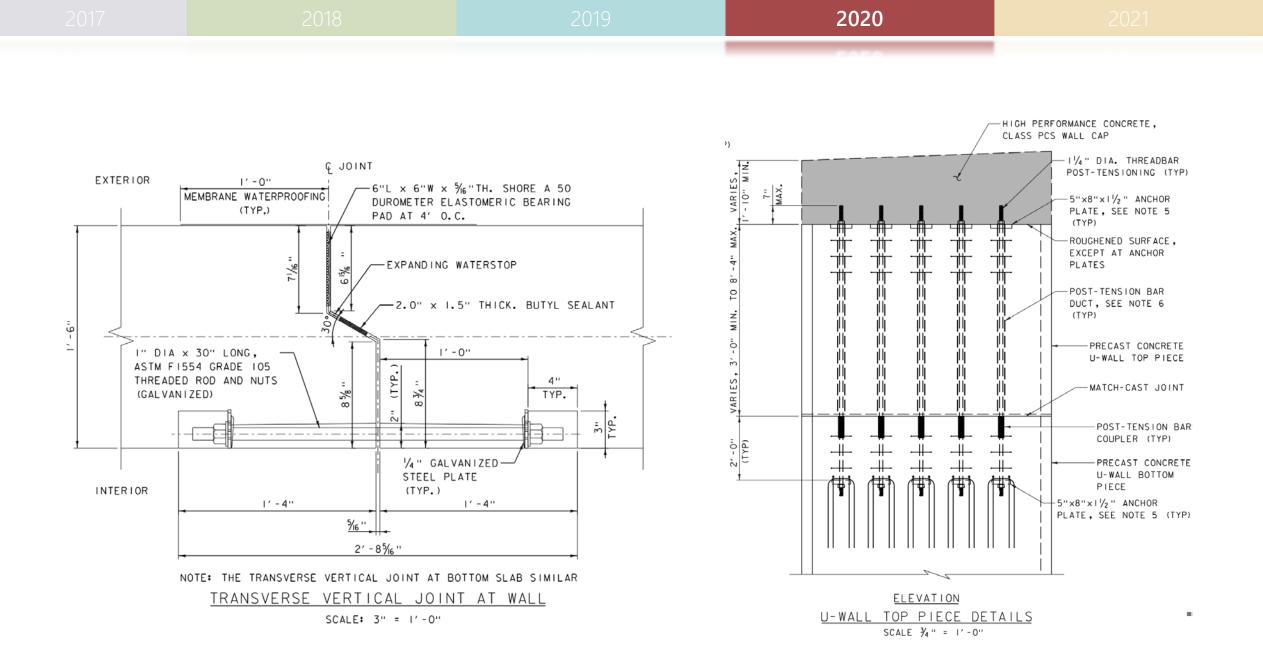
### 2020 Closure: Precast Concrete Installation

- 1.5 mile trip from staging area to downtown
- 300+ pieces to individually install
- Installing approximately 1 piece per hour

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#### 2020 Closure

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- Tunnel backfill
- Roadway Reconstruction

#### 2020 Closure

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- Tunnel complete
- Railroad Track Reinstallation
- Main Street and Merchants Row open to vehicle and pedestrian use

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# **2020 Post-Closure Activity**

- Continuous Welded Rail Construction
- Railroad Surface and Final Grading
- U-Wall Cast-in-Place Concrete Caps and Pedestrian Railing Installation
- Fencing Installation
- Site Grading/Initial Planting and Vegetation

# 2020 Timeline and Hours of Operation

	2020 Calendar Year								
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October		
Merchants Row Closed (May 4 - May 22) Main Street and Merchants Row Closed (May 27 - August 5)									
Temporary Support of Excavation									
Track Removal and Main Street Temporary Bridge Removal									
Excavation and Support of Excavation									
Precast Concrete Installation									
Roadway Reconstruction and Paving									
Cast-In-Place Concrete U-Wall Caps									
Sidewalk Reconstruction and Railings									
Railroad Track Reconstruction									
Fencing Installation									
Surface Restoration and Sign Installation									
Initial Landscaping and Planting									

- Anticipated weekday 7:00am–5:00pm (April)
- Anticipated weekday 7:00am–9:00pm (May 4 May 22)
- Anticipated 24 hours per day (May 27 August 5)

# **2020 Pre-Closure Impacts**

- 1 night closure of Main Street for crane assembly
- Increased truck traffic on Route 30 south of Middlebury for precast concrete deliveries

# 2020 Merchant's Row Closure Impacts

- Starting May 4, 2020 the temporary bridge will be removed resulting in discontinuity of vehicular and pedestrian traffic across the railroad
- Reduced parking capacity along Merchant's Row
- Construction will pause from May 23 May 26 and most of Merchant's Row will reopen, including parking areas

## 2020 Closure Impacts: Track Removal and Main St Temporary Bridge Removal

- Main Street and Merchant's Row will be closed through the Project area starting May 27, 2020
- Railroad Tracks and ties will be disassembled and removed from the railroad corridor

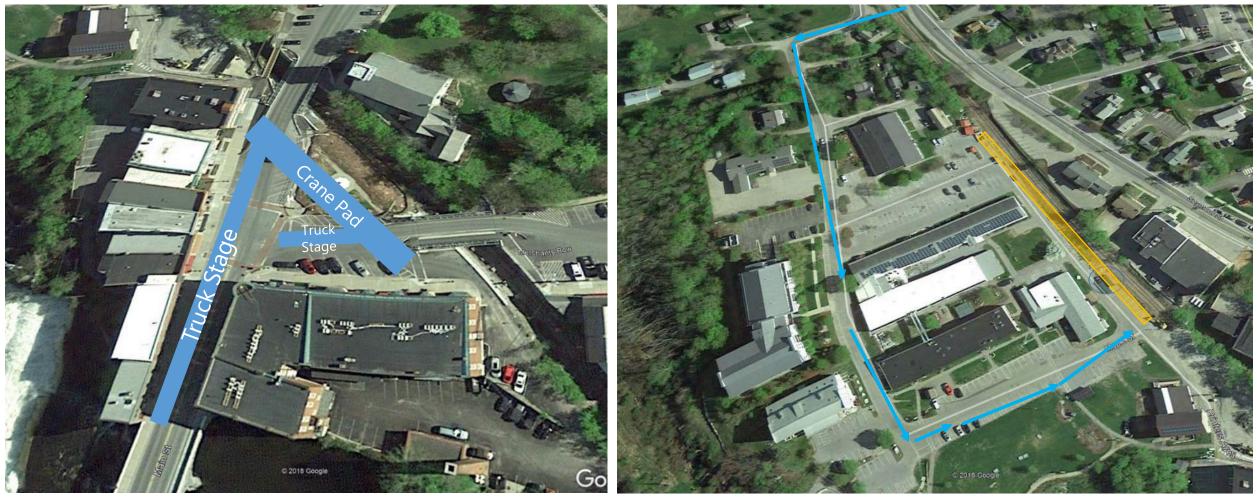
### 2020 Closure Impacts: Excavation and Support of Excavation

- Excavating 27,000 cubic yards of soil from the railroad corridor
- Increased truck traffic to haul soils approximately 1800 truck trips
- Delivery of timber lagging 30,000 square feet

#### 2020 Closure Impacts: Precast Concrete Installation

- 300+ pieces of precast concrete to install
- Increased truck traffic along Route 30 for delivery of precast
- Precast will be delivered to Main/Merchants intersection, Marble Works, and Seymour Street

#### 2020 Closure Impacts: Precast Concrete Installation

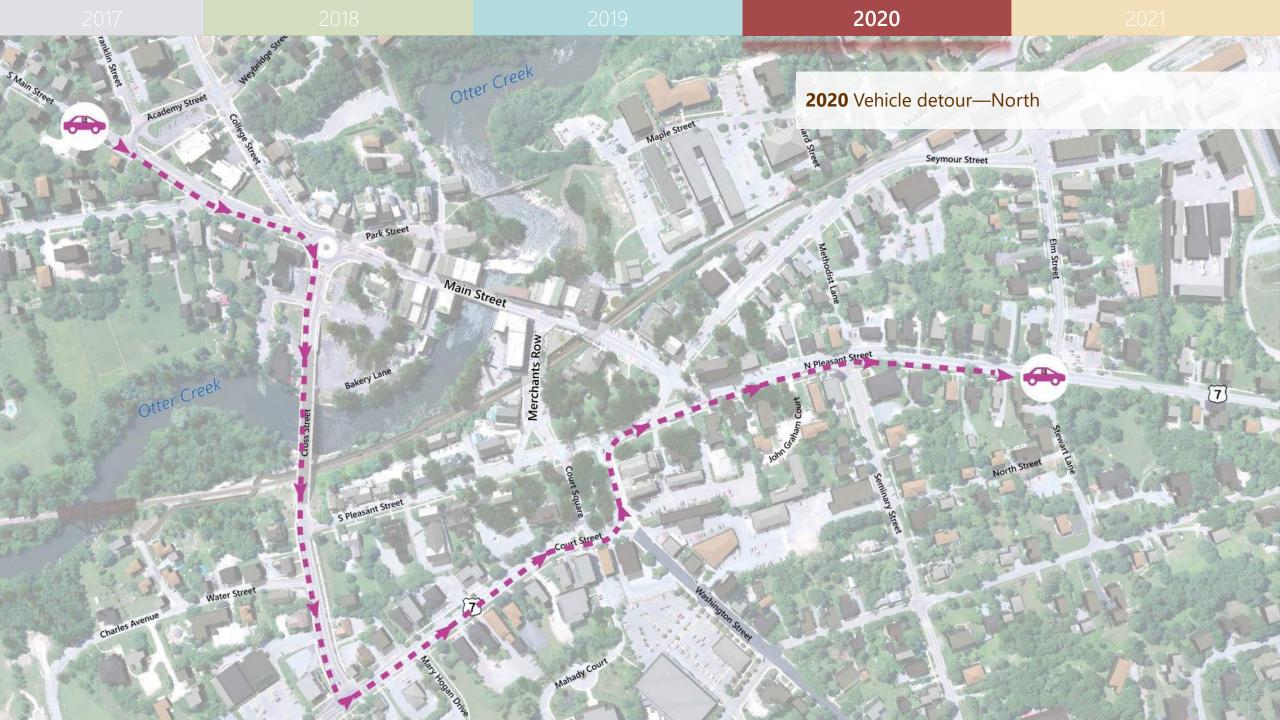


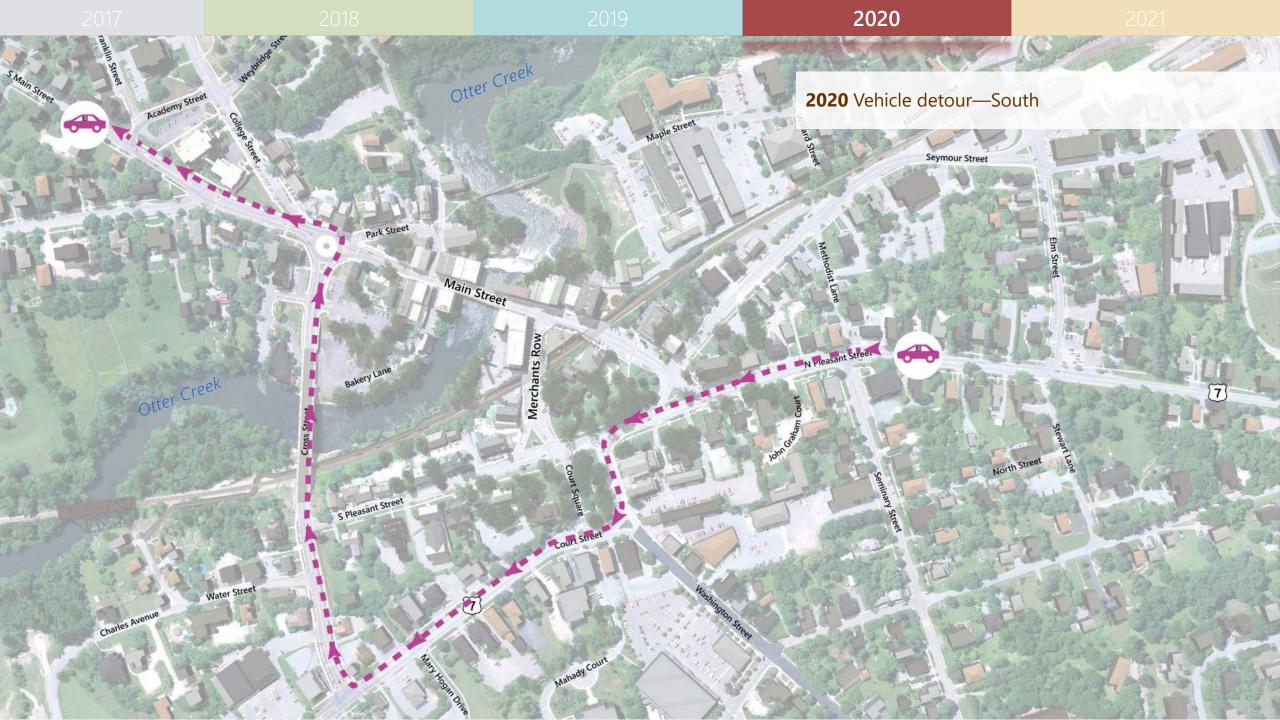
## 2020 Closure Impacts: Roadway Reconstruction and Paving

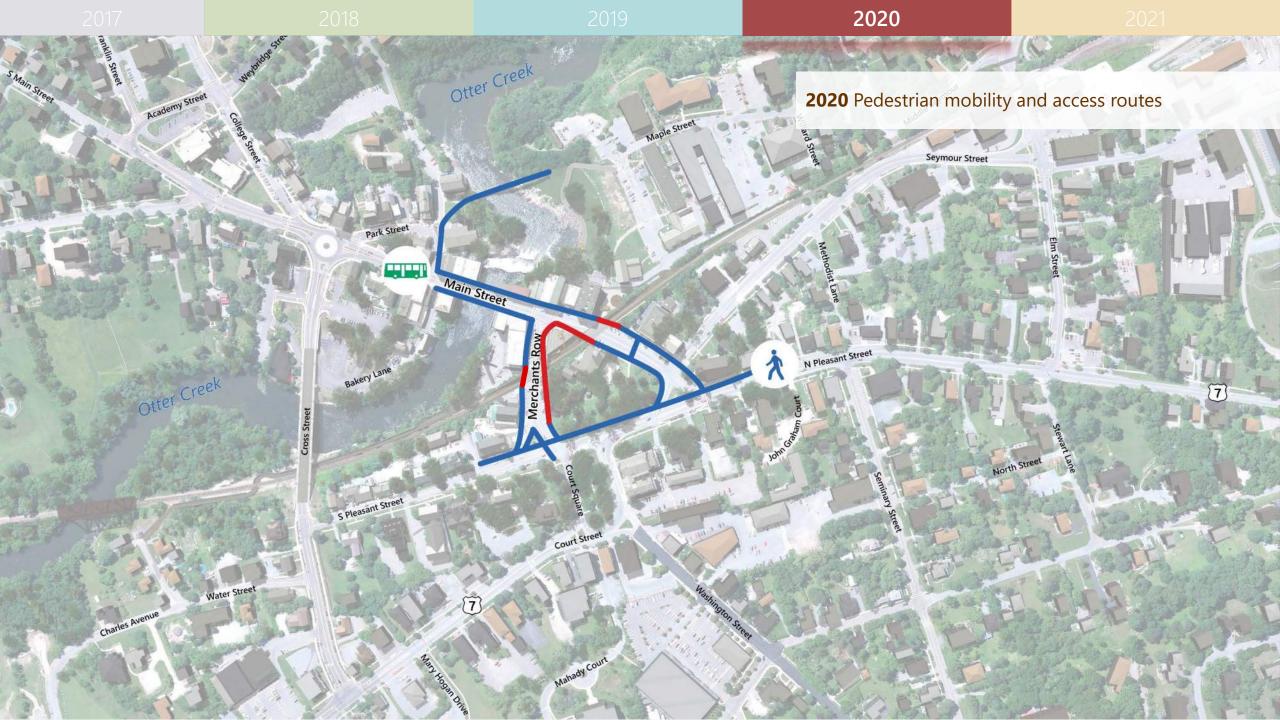
 Main Street and Merchant's Row excavation, subbase replacement, sidewalk reconstruction

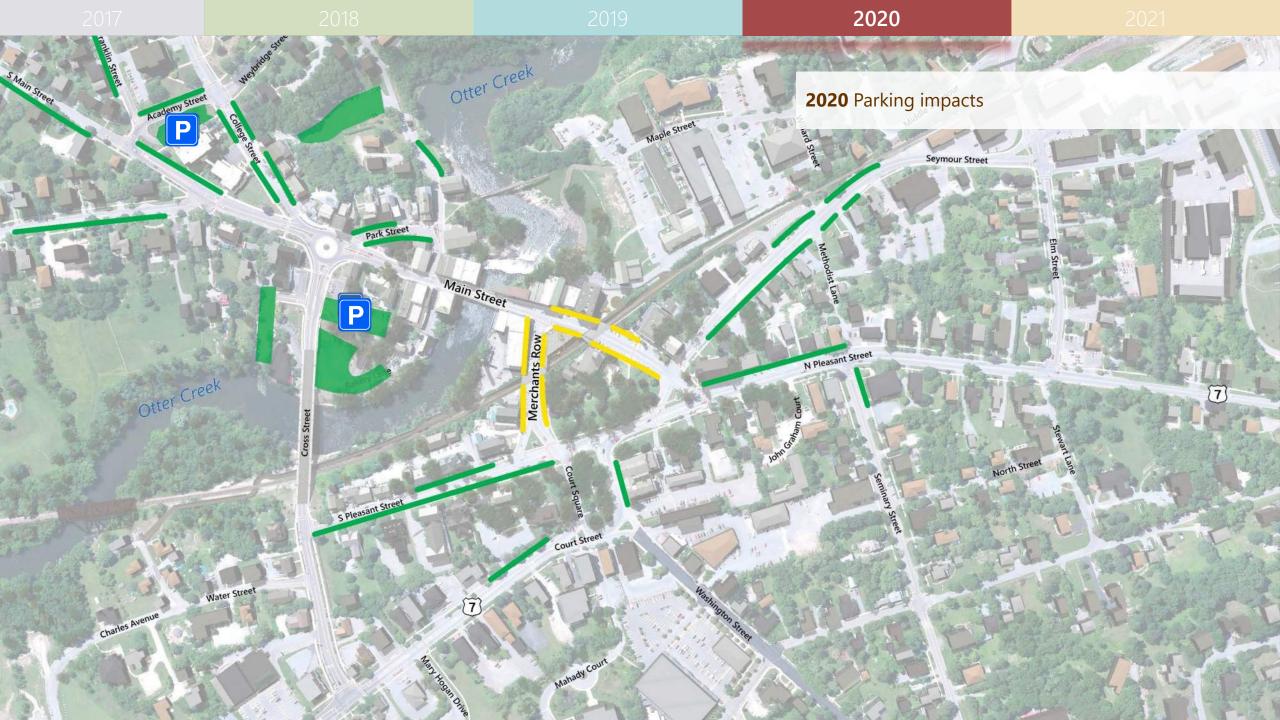
- Phased sidewalk reconstruction to continue to allow pedestrian access to residences and business locations
- Base course of paving within the Project limits
- Main Street and Merchant' Row to reopen on August 5, 2020











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### **2020 Post-Closure Impacts**

- Intermittent short term lane closures on Main Street and Merchant's Row to facilitate site grading and landscaping
- Triangle Park area remains closed for landscaping
- Temporary sidewalk closures for sidewalk reconstruction

# 2020 Challenges

- Traffic Control
  - Cross and Court intersection
  - Roundabout
  - Delivery vehicles to downtown businesses
- Construction Site Constraints
  - Limited room for storing materials onsite
  - Offsite stockpiles result in increased truck traffic



# 2020 Challenges

- Unpredictable Weather
  - Construction limitations during inclement weather
- Working at Night
  - Lighting and noise limitations
  - Anticipated slower construction progress

# 2020 Downtown Accessibility

- Pedestrian shuttle service
- Phased sidewalk construction
- Middlebury Marketing Grant
- Neighbors, Together
  - Pop-Up Event Space "Bundle"
  - Special Events
  - Shop Local Campaign
  - Midd Money
  - Visitors Center



# 2020 Downtown Community Events

- Vermont Walk/Bike Summit May 8
- Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival August 27 August 30
- Be on the lookout for Neighbors, Together events



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# **2021 Construction Activity**

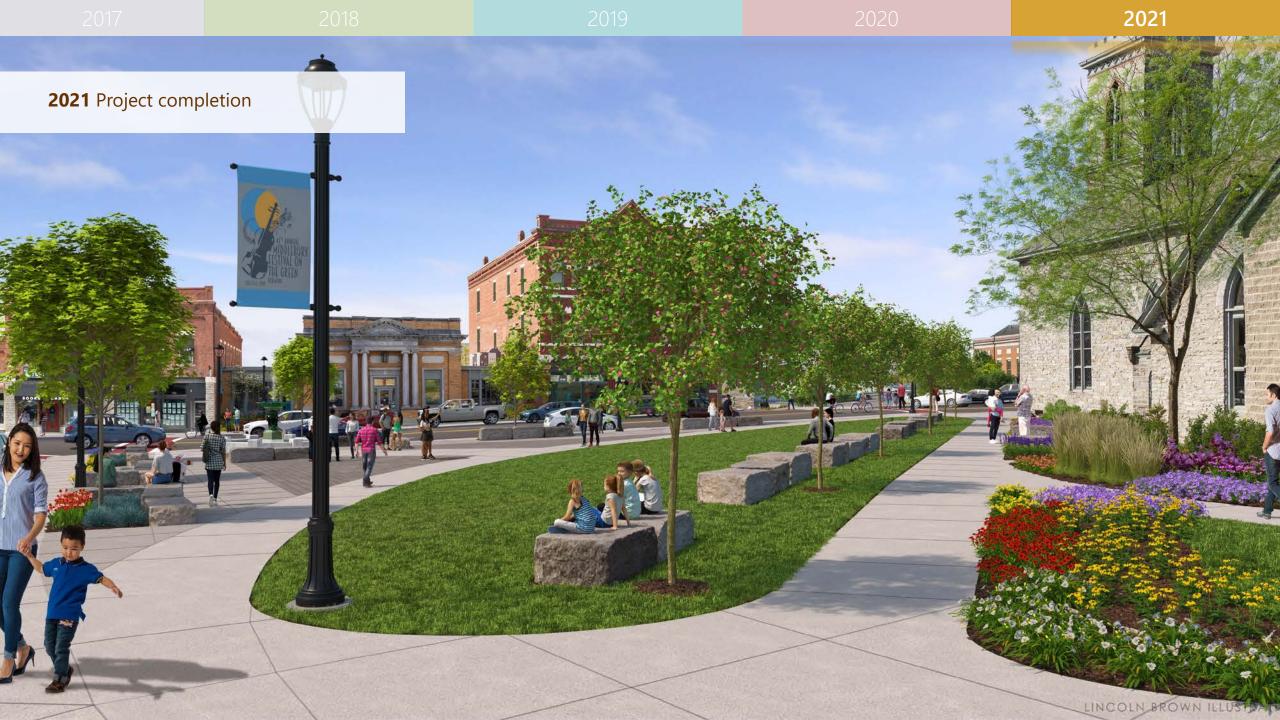
- Printers Alley Reconstruction
- Final Paving
- Landscaping
- Project Cleanup and Completion!

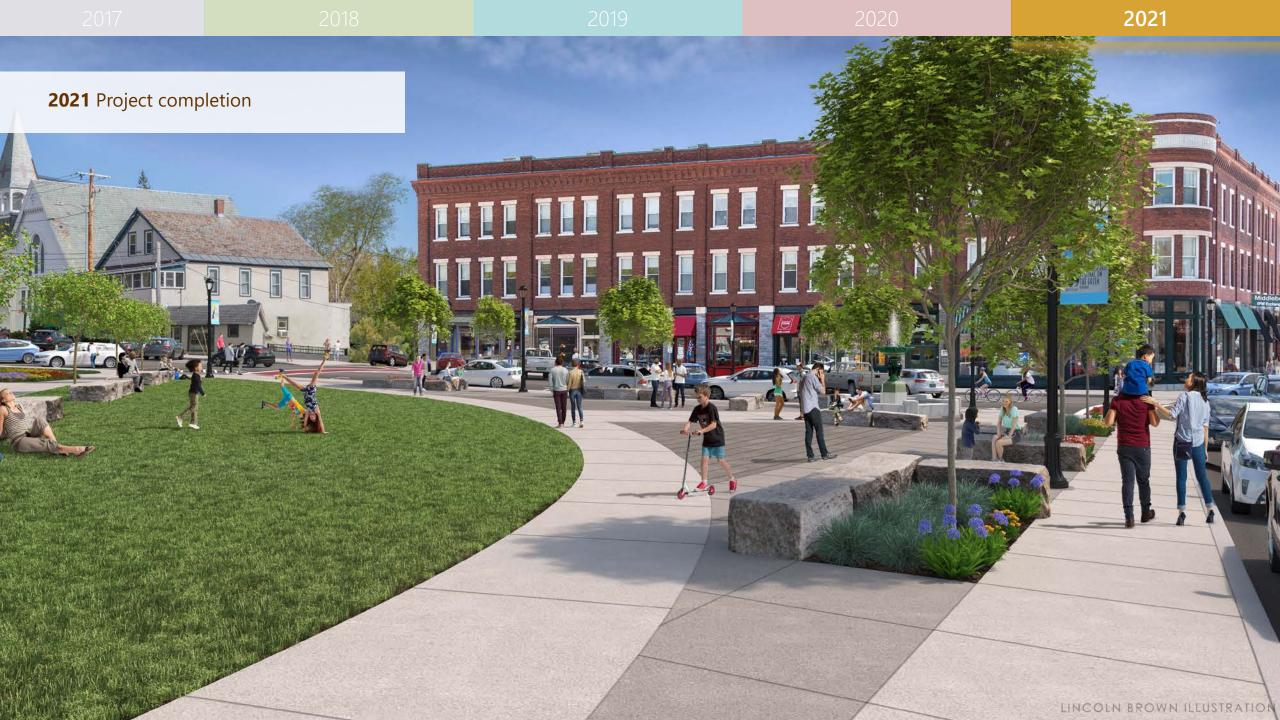
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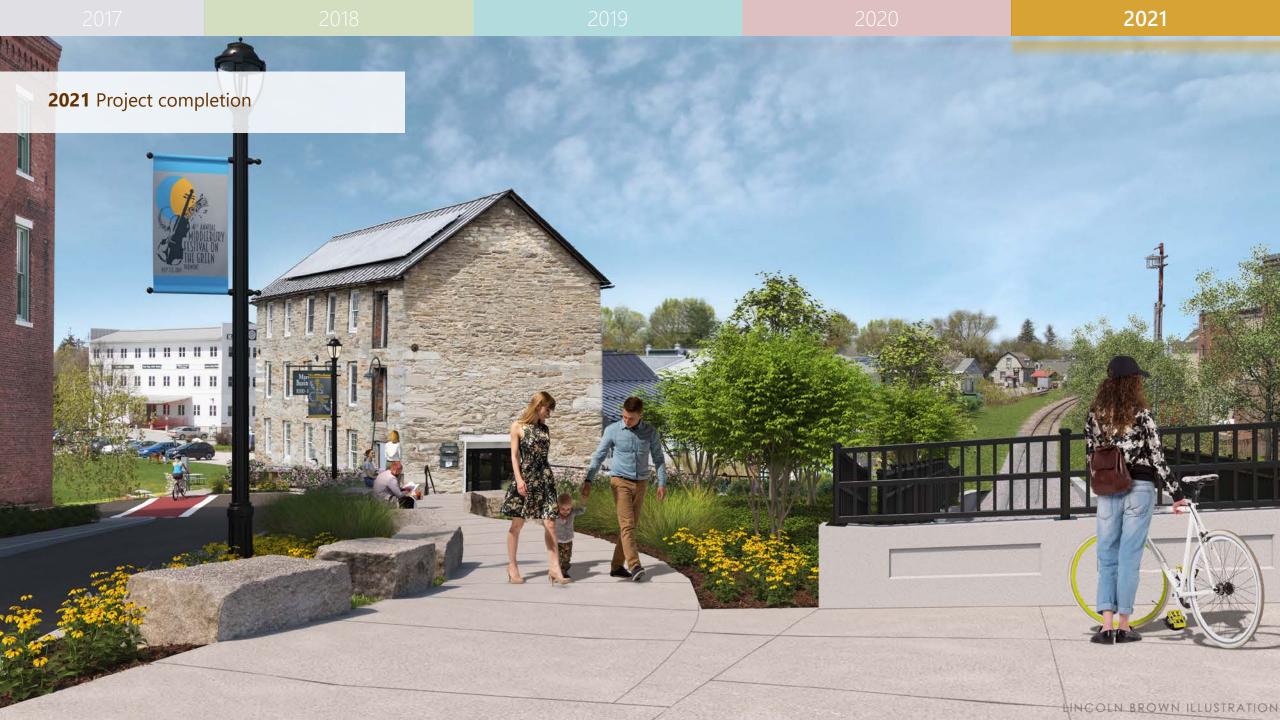
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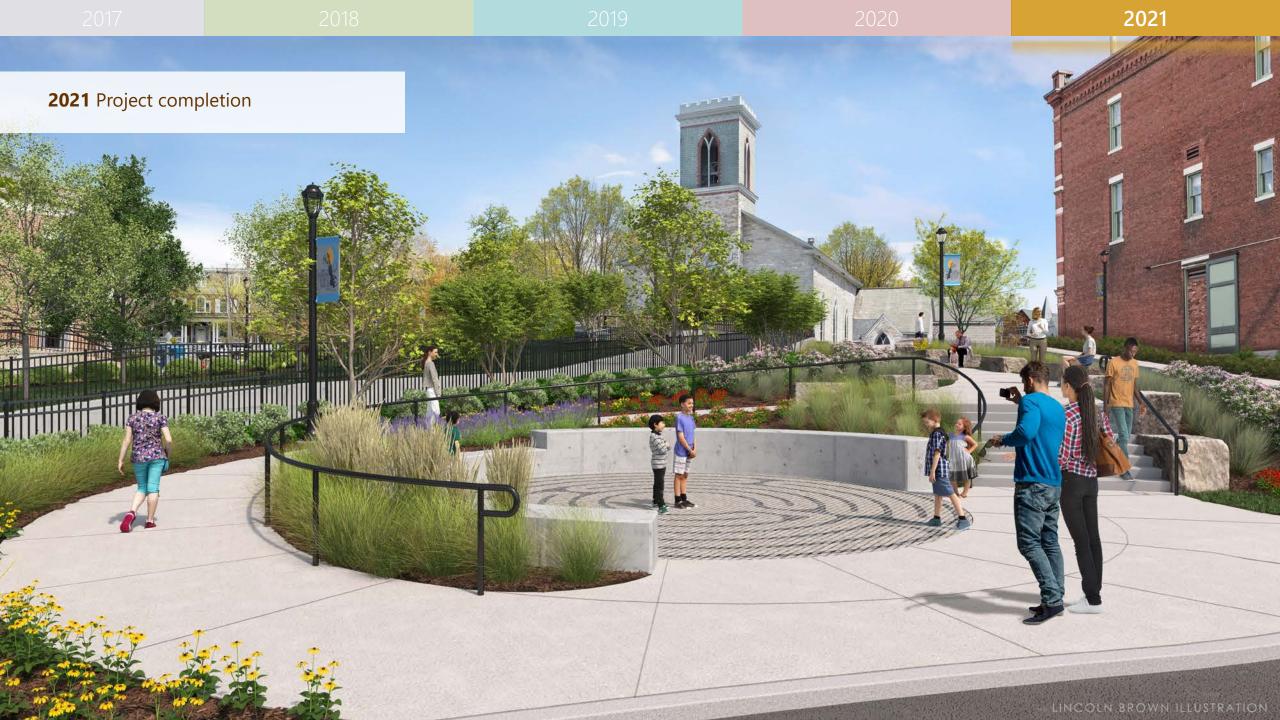
- Lane closures for final paving
- Triangle Park area closed for landscaping
- Working hours
  - Anticipated 7:00am-5:00pm













## **2021 Questions and Thoughts**

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## **Big question**: How is the project being funded?



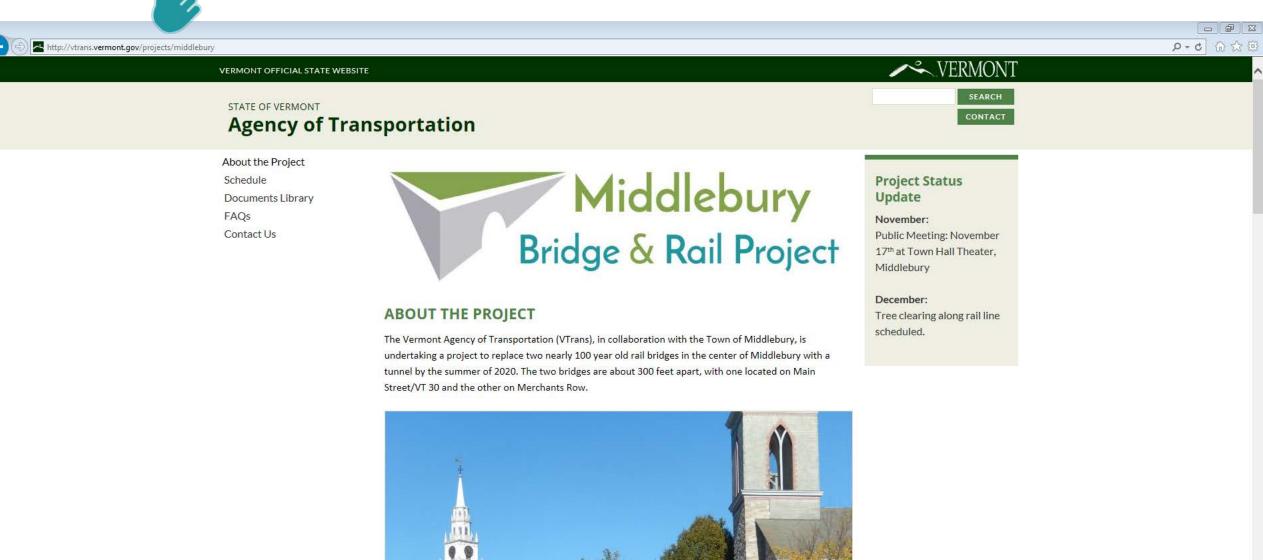


## **Project Funding Breakdown**

- Main Project Construction will cost \$48,000,000
- 95% of the funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration
- 5% of the funding comes from the State of Vermont
- Funding is completely secured and fully obligated for all construction at this time



#### vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury





## **Project Questions**

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