



TOWN of MIDDLEBURY
77 Main Street
Middlebury, Vermont 05753

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Dear Filmgoer,

On behalf of Middlebury's town government and the Vermont Agency of Transportation, it is my pleasure to join others in welcoming you to the fourth annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival!

As you attend events at Town Hall Theater, the Marquis Theater, and elsewhere downtown, you'll notice that we are a town under construction. What's going on?

Those who attended last year's film festival may recall that temporary bridges had just been installed in our central downtown on Merchants Row and Main Street. What you're seeing now is the first phase of a three-year construction project designed to replace those bridges and to rebuild the rail line running through the center of town.

This investment in Middlebury's infrastructure is being funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

The first phase of the project involves building a new drainage system for the rail line and the Town Green area. Thus you'll see drilling and excavation taking place at the corner of Merchants Row and Main Street and in the alleyway that sits between the Post Office and the National Bank of Middlebury on Main Street.

Work will continue while you're in town on Thursday and Friday, though not in a way that will disrupt your enjoyment of the films you've come to see or the downtown you've come to explore. There will be no construction on the weekend.

If you're curious, we encourage you to take a look: you can get quite close to the construction on the footbridge that crosses Main Street next to the Post Office.

And if you're interested in following the progress of the project, you can sign up to receive my weekly blog at www.middleburybridges.org.

Enjoy the films. You're in for a great weekend!

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