



Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

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Key Project Dates at a Glance

- **March:** Three-day closure of Merchants Row followed by two weeks of single-lane traffic on Main Street to install minipiles needed to support rail corridor excavation
- **Late April:** Temporary closure of Main Street to assemble 300-ton crane used to set precast concrete
- **May 4:** Merchants Row closed to thru traffic
- **May 27:** Main Street closed between Bakery Lane/Mill Street and Seymour Street. This closure initiates 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week construction
- **June:** Blasting to remove remaining ledge in rail corridor. Parking on South Main Street temporarily eliminated as 400+ pieces of precast concrete are trucked from Fifield Farm to downtown
- **August 5:** Main Street and Merchants Row reopened and downtown parking restored
- Note: The Vermont Agency of Transportation and its partners, like all other state agencies and private corporations, is focused right now on managing through a very fluid and unpredictable global health crisis. At this time, VTrans is committed to adhering to this summer's construction timeline.



Community Project Goals

The Middlebury Selectboard has tasked the project team with meeting these community goals:

1. Protect the safety of the community: people, property, and the environment.
2. Minimize the project's impact on the vitality of the downtown community: its businesses, residents, and institutions.
3. Maintain traffic flow and pedestrian access.
4. Develop and maintain a credible schedule.
5. Engage with the local community and facilitate clear communication with all stakeholders.



Community Goal 1

Protect the safety of the community: people, property, and the environment

- Clear delineation and fencing off of the project work zone
- Continuous, real-time vibration monitoring of adjacent downtown buildings
- Extensive support of excavation to stabilize rail line slopes
- Daily safety meetings required for all construction crew
- Close coordination with the Middlebury Police Dept, Middlebury Fire Dept, and Middlebury Regional EMS to ensure that emergency services receive priority at all times during construction
- Compliance with all state and federal environmental permits and continuous monitoring of soils and water



Community Goal 2

Minimize the project's impact on the vitality of the downtown community: its business, residents, and institutions

- The project team is fully committed to limiting the closure of Main Street and Merchants Row to 10 weeks
- VTrans has provided the Town of Middlebury with a \$300,000 grant to drive shop-local initiatives and downtown events through Neighbors Together and the Better Middlebury Partnership
- A Middlebury Mobility Committee chaired by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission has developed an extensive wayfinding plan to guide locals and visitors into and around downtown and has reallocated parking to encourage downtown visits
- VTrans has funded a continuous-loop shuttle that will connect Main Street/Merchants Row with the Marble Works with stops at the Post Office and the Town Offices



Community Goal 3

Maintain traffic flow and pedestrian access

- Detailed traffic control plans developed in collaboration with the Middlebury Dept of Public Works will clearly mark detour routes and highlight downtown parking and downtown access
- Wayfinding Plan developed by the Middlebury Mobility Committee supplements the traffic control plans with roadway and sidewalk directional signs promoting the Neighbors Together Get Down Town Middlebury shop-local initiative
- The signalized intersection at Court and Cross Streets is being modified to facilitate traffic flow. Traffic will be monitored and adjustments made when and as needed throughout the closure of Main Street and Merchants Row
- Sidewalk access to all downtown buildings to remain open at all times



Community Goal 4

Develop and maintain a credible schedule

- Key dates for the closing of Merchants Row, the closing of Main Street, and the reopening of both roadways have remained unchanged since early 2019
- Kubricky has developed an hourly schedule detailing its work plan for the entire 10-week shutdown of Main Street and Merchants Row
- Schedule details and updates are communicated to the community every Friday morning and will be communicated on a frequent basis during the closure period



Community Goal 5

Engage with the local community and facilitate clear communication with all stakeholders

- The project team has been in regular communication with local, regional, and state stakeholders since 2016
- Approximately 80 individual stakeholder meetings have been held since the current phase of construction got underway in August 2019
- Informative project updates are delivered to the community every Friday morning and community questions regularly answered by the Community Liaison
- VTrans has posted extensive project documentation at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury>
- A virtual public meeting is scheduled for early April