

Hello,

Next week, Monday 08/03/15 – Sunday 08/09/15, will be a very busy week at the construction site, as the contractor continues to build the new bridges that will slide into place later in August and in September. Early Thursday morning of this week, the concrete for the deck for the Southbound bridge was poured, a major milestone (see photos below and on website, www.i91wrj.vtransprojects.vermont.gov). The pouring of both bridge decks are now completed.

In the coming week, the contractor will continue working overhead on the two new bridges over Route 5.

- On the Northbound bridge the side barriers will be formed. Concrete will be poured for the side barriers either Tuesday (Aug 4) or Wednesday (Aug 5). The backwalls and overhangs will be stripped from the bridge. Holes will be drilled in existing deck on Monday (Aug 3) and Tuesday (Aug 4) for use in the demolition of bridge.
- On the Southbound bridge the concrete that was recently poured will be cured.

Additional construction activities will include:

- Backfilling behind two abutments.
- Building slopes between the interior retaining walls.
- Setting a crane set-up area in the medians.
- Setting slide beams in front of two abutments.

This work will mostly be done behind barriers or on the enclosed bridges and will have little effect on traffic. There will be some stoppage of traffic to get equipment and materials to the sites. Flaggers will guide traffic through the construction zone.

At the end of the week (Thurs & Fri) the contractor will begin the widening of the I-91 Northbound Off Ramp (adding another lane) that will be needed during the weekend closure period. This will facilitate northbound traffic moving off of the interstate, across Route 5 and back onto I-91 to resume travel just north of the construction zone the weekend the new bridge is put into place.

TRAFFIC WARNING!

Heavy traffic impacts will occur on US Route 5 during the day on Monday-Friday at 9:00am-3:00pm. Work activities will require running alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage while work is done overhead Route 5. The delays will be held to a 10 minute maximum:

- Mon/Tues: Drilling of holes through the existing bridge deck
- Tues/Wed: Concrete pouring of the side barriers on the Northbound bridge over US5
- Thurs/Fri: Widening of Northbound Off Ramp to 2 lanes

One-lane travel on I-91 is expected throughout the week.

It is highly recommended that motorists avoid the construction area and seek alternate routes during the time when alternating/stopped traffic occurs during the day at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. During long periods of alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage, the temporary signals will be put on flash and manned by uniformed police officers. If necessary to keep the off ramps from backing up to I-91, motorists may be motioned by police to find an alternate route.



Concrete is poured over rebar on Southbound bridge deck. Note yellow machine at far end of the bridge is vibrating and rolling the concrete. Time: Wednesday, July 29, 11:13 p.m.



Concrete is pushed up from trucks on Route 5. Note the position of the yellow machine, closer to the center of the bridge. Time: Thursday, July 30, 12:19 a.m.



Bridge pour for Southbound bridge deck is almost complete. Time: Thursday, July 30, 3:55 a.m.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION THROUGH THE WORK ZONE AND "HANDS FREE" IF USING A CELL PHONE.

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