

## **Drivers puzzled by new Route 5 signals**

Last week two temporary signals were turned on to ease traffic flow on Route 5 in White River Junction.

The new lights have created quite a bit of confusion for drivers leaving I-91 northbound at Exit 11 headed toward town.

Before the signals, drivers used to merge onto Route 5 from the ramp as long as there were gaps in traffic. Now motorists need to come to a complete stop at the new signal if the light is red. A sign encourages a Right Turn on Red but the road ahead is more of a straight line than a right turn. So many drivers will not move ahead onto Route 5, backing up traffic. What you should do is what you did before, cautiously - come to a stop at the light, wait for a gap in traffic and proceed onto Route 5.

## **Construction update for week of APRIL 20 - APRIL 25, 2015**

There will be heavy construction activity underneath the bridges this week as construction crews continue to excavate and establish footings for both the falsework towers needed for the new bridges to be slid into place and for the abutments that will support the new bridges.

Work will continue 6 days per week (Monday – Saturday). Towards the end of the week there may be night work in the I-91 median around the bridges.

**Drivers will need to be aware of heavy trucking traffic on Route 5 and exercise caution through the work zone. Flaggers will be on site to assist with trucking traffic, with minimal traffic impacts.**

Work activities for the week of April 20-April 25, 2015 will include:

- Excavation will continue Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> on the northeast footing, as well as rock removal for the false work towers for the slide.
- Dowel drilling into ledge for the northeast footing will begin on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Micropile installation will continue on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> on the southeast and southwest footing.
- Abutment and wingwall (retaining wall) forms will be started on the morning of Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> on the southeast and southwest footing, followed by rebar placement on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Excavation will begin Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> on the northwest footing and wing walls.