

If you traveled on Route 5 through the construction zone this week you will have noticed girders (see photo below) for the new northbound bridge were installed over Route 5. Next week (June 15-20), girders for the southbound bridge will be delivered to the site and set in place. This will cause **long delays (10 minutes during the day and longer in the evening)** on Route 5 on Monday and Tuesday.

From Tuesday-Saturday, the contractor will begin working on forming bridge deck over Route 5. Work will include: tensioning and checking bolted connections, setting overhang brackets, taking beam profiles, setting deck panel supports on girders and forming overhang on outside girders.

Meanwhile, ongoing work on the abutments, retaining walls and footings, installation of rebar and concrete pouring will continue behind the green barriers along Route 5. Forming and pouring approach slabs in the median will continue during the week as well. There is the potential for lane closures on I-91 northbound and southbound every day of the week.

Here's what motorists can expect:

9:00am-3:00pm: Work on Route 5 will require running alternating one way traffic with some traffic stoppage for work to be done overhead.

9:00pm on Monday, 06/15 and 1:00am Tuesday, 06/16/15 (if necessary) there will be rolling road blocks on I-91 Northbound from the abandoned rest area a few miles south to Exit 11 while beams are brought to the project site. Uniformed police officers will provide the road block on I-91 Northbound, along with police who will stop traffic on the I-89/I-91 Northbound On Ramp. Motorists can expect slow moving traffic during the road block and to be stopped on the On Ramp at these planned times.

6:00pm-6:00am -On 06/15/15 and 06/16/15 (if necessary) there will be long delays on Route 5 while the girders are set over US 5 and the diaphragms are connected. The work on US5 will require running alternating one-way traffic with longer delays than during the day because of the amount of time it takes to swing a girder over US 5 and onto the temporary supports.

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 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) and during the night (6:00 PM– 6:00 AM). During long periods of alternating one-way traffic, the temporary signals will be put on flash and manned by police. If necessary, to keep the off ramps from backing up to I91, motorists may be motioned by the police to find an alternate route.

Please note that the heaviest construction periods will be concentrated outside of peak morning (6:00am-9am) and evening (3 pm-6pm) hours when traffic volumes on Route 5 are highest.

Please drive with caution through the work zone and be aware that Vermont law requires drivers to use hands free devices while operating a motor vehicle.

