

E-ALERT TO PROJECT STAKEHOLDER LIST

VT 14 Bridge Project Construction Update Week of November 7-11

Next week (November 7-11, 2016) the contractor on the VT 14 Bridge Project, ECI, will continue to work on tunneling a 42-inch drainage culvert 8-14 feet underneath US 2, complete installation of a 10-inch conduit for the traffic signal that will be added when the new bridge and turning lanes are installed, complete the extension of the final 2 of 5 – 4-inch conduits to the new utility pole placed earlier as well as work on installing a retaining wall near the intersection of Route 2 and VT 14.

Construction will occur days and evenings. The day time work will be done with little interference with traffic except to get equipment and materials in and out of the work area. During the night work (6 PM to 6 AM) there will be alternating traffic. Flaggers will assist motorists through the construction zone when travel is limited to one lane.

Throughout construction the speed limit through E Montpelier village will be 25 mph.

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



Jacking pit for the 42-inch drainage culvert that is being tunneled 8-14 feet underneath US 2.



Installation of telecommunications conduits (five 4-inch pipes) is nearly completed.

E-MAIL TO NEIGHBORS...

Subject Line: US ROUTE 2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE TO PROJECT NEIGHBORS

When I knocked on your door in September to explain the construction work that was about to begin, our project team expected to complete the work by the end of October. As you know, the schedule has slipped into November. We are hopeful that the work, except for installing a handrail on top of the retaining wall, will be done by Thanksgiving.

Why isn't the work done by now? Well tunneling under US 2 has proven difficult. The crew has encountered obstructions that had to be cleared before pipes could be pushed through the ground. Most challenging has been the discovery of granite blocks that were used to reinforce the river bank after a flood. The granite blocks run parallel to US 2 which means the deeply buried 24" and 42" pipes that are being installed perpendicular to the roadway need to get through the granite. Next week, once the ECI crew reaches the granite in the way of the 42" drainage conduit installation, they will need to crawl down the pipe and use hand tools and/or boulder buster equipment to remove the obstruction. Not a job for a claustrophobic!