

Construction Update
St. Johnsbury VT 2B – Bridge Project
BF 7000(20)

Project Location: Bridge 6 is located on VT 2B in St. Johnsbury over the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. The bridge is less than one half mile west of Route 2B's eastern intersection with US Route 2.

Bridge and Rail Trail Closure -

The 50-day bridge closure and Lamoille Valley Rail Trail closure is currently underway. Both the bridge and rail trail are closed to all traffic at the bridge location. Separate offsite detours are in effect and marked with signs. Detour information can be found in the update below.

Trail Opening Update – The re-opening of the closed segment of the LVRT under route 2B is delayed due to continued overhead work. The contractor has chosen a sequence of construction that does not permit an early re-opening of the LVRT (before the bridge and roadway are complete). The consequences of this approach are covered in the contract special provisions.

The safety of the trail users and construction workers is of most importance. The contractor is still expecting to complete both the roadway and trail work a few days before the end of June. **Trail users are reminded not to enter the construction site** or trespass on neighboring properties. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Progress Update – June 15, 2017

During week of June 12th, crews continued construction of the concrete collar on the outside rim of the new corrugated arch along with Route 2B subbase work on the approaches to the bridge. Slope work throughout the project continued as well. Placement of the precast coping on top of the bridge retaining wall was rescheduled for next week. Crews are planning to finish out the week completing construction of the concrete collar on the outside rim of the arch.

Construction of the new retaining wall on a neighboring driveway was completed this week.

Crews are planning to work Saturday, June 17th, 2017 and possibly Sunday, June 18th.

Work Plan for Week of June 19, 2017

Multiple construction operations will be underway again this week as the project moves closer to completion.

In order to set the precast concrete coping on top of the bridge retaining wall, concrete leveling pads need to be constructed. The second of two pads will be constructed this week to allow for placement of the precast coping.

To prepare for paving, fine grading of the bridge and approaches is expected to be completed early this week. Paving of the new bridge and roadway approaches is *tentatively* planned for this week, weather permitting. Following paving, crews will install new guardrail on the bridge roadway approaches and a new steel bridge rail will be installed on the concrete base wall.

In addition to all of the work noted above, crews are planning to work on reconstructing the rail trail and possibly constructing the timber boardwalk on the trail under the bridge.

Detour Routes- The following detours will be in effect during the bridge and trail closure period.

- VT 2B traffic will be directed to use US 2. Bicyclists are not permitted to ride on the US 2 detour. US 2 is a limited access highway.
- Trail users will be directed to use Crow Hill Road, Swett Road, Tilton Road and Parker Road, as designated by the Town of St. Johnsbury.

Detour maps can be found on the project website: <http://stj2bbridge.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/index.html>

It is illegal in VT to use any handheld portable electronic devices while driving. The law carries fines of up to \$200 with points assessed if the violation occurs in a work zone.

Contact Francine Perkins, Project Outreach Coordinator, FRP Enterprises, LLC with any questions or concerns with regards to the project at 802-479-6994. Construction updates and project photos are posted at <http://stj2bbridge.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/index.html>