

# **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 the *estimated* 28-day 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.

## **Progress Update – May 18, 2017**

The week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, crews completed the site excavation for the arch footings and retaining wall. The precast footings were placed and the necessary grout work was completed. Crews will finish out the week assembling, bolting together and erecting the new 42 foot diameter metal corrugated arch. Installation is expected to be completed over the weekend.

## **Work Plan for Week of May 22, 2017**

The week of May 22, 2017, crews will start constructing the MSE retaining wall that will support the side slopes of the new arch. Installation of new underdrain and backfilling will continually occur as each new level of the retaining wall is completed.

The inside of the new arch will have interior slopes built this week and the subgrade of the rail trail will be reconstructed.

Construction is expected to occur 7-days a week during the closure period. Allowable work hours are from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, as permitted by the St. Johnsbury Noise Ordinance.

**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>