

Hello,

It's a very busy work site at the VT 14 Bridge over the Winooski River in E Montpelier. This week the contractor, CCS Constructors, INC.:

- Built a causeway to access the in-water bridge pier and then removed the pier except its footing.
- Drilled a shaft, installed an 80-foot rebar cage (see photo) and began pouring concrete into the cage to form piers that will support the new bridge.
- Began drilling sheet piles on the US 2 side of the river to separate the Winooski River from the work zone.



This 80-foot cage delivered to the work site on Monday was hoisted by crane and set into a drilled shaft. Concrete was poured into it to form abutment #1 of the new bridge.



A week earlier crews drilled the shaft – see metal cylinder in center of photo – where metal cage was inserted this week.

Next week (May 14-18) CCS Constructors, INC, will continue with these work activities to advance the construction of a new VT 14 Bridge:

- Removing the abutment and roadway of the old bridge on the Route 2 side of the river.
- Install stone fill at the river edge and build an access area for the drilling of the shafts for Pier #2 on the Route 2 side of the river.
- Removing the existing pier footing in the middle of river and constructing a stone pad in the river for the crane to set on.
- Finish drilling and pouring the second of two drilled shafts on Pier #1 (VT 14 side of the river)
- Install traffic signal poles, mast arm and lights. The signals will be covered and remain covered and will **not be operational** until the new bridge is opened.

Traffic impacts for next week...

There will be one-way traffic during the non-peak hours while the contractor sets the poles and mast arm for the new traffic signals.

There may be brief, intermittent interruptions to traffic as trucks enter and exit the work site. Please watch out for flaggers and **EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE WORK ZONE.**

Motorists are advised that the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. and speeding through a construction zone can lead to increased fines.

More information on the project is available on the project website, www.vt14emontpelier.vtransprojects.vermont.gov. People who would like to receive weekly construction updates should contact the project's Public Outreach Coordinator, Jill Barrett, by telephone 802-272-1248 or by email, jbarrett@fhiplan.com.

Best regards,

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