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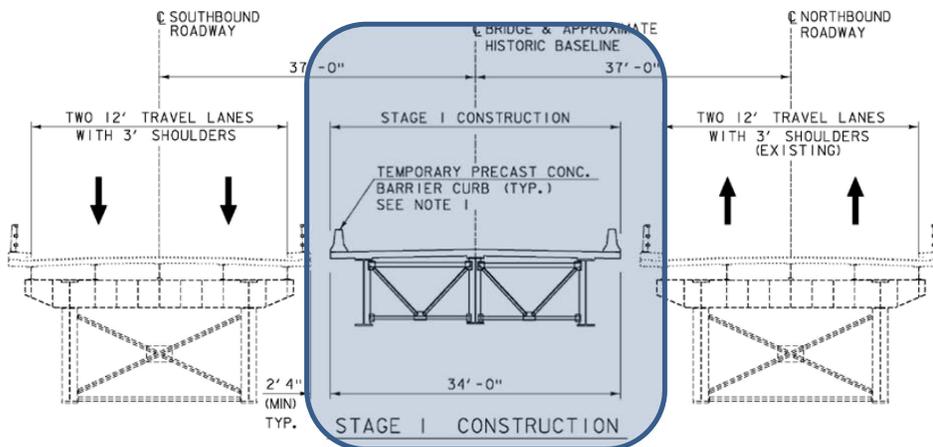
I-89 Lamoille River Bridges Construction Begins - Schedule and Potential Traffic Impacts

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Milton, VT -- Construction is scheduled to begin this week on the I-89 Lamoille River bridges replacement project in Milton, Vermont. The initial work will involve driving piles for a 34-foot-wide section of undivided bridge between the existing Northbound and Southbound structures. This new section of bridge will be used as temporary crossing for both the northbound and southbound traffic in later stages of construction and upon completion of the subsequent phases, will become part of the final structure.

The work will result in lane closures, but the schedule is designed to avoid peak commuter flows. At minimum, two lanes will be kept open Monday through Friday between 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM in the Southbound direction and between 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Northbound direction. Drivers are cautioned to note that construction crews are routinely working under the bridges and in the median, so while a motorist may not see lane closures, crews are still in the vicinity and motorists are urged to slow down. The following traffic impacts are expected in Stage 1:

- Temporary single lane closures are expected for staging of equipment and materials for the construction of the center section of the bridge and the median crossover.
- The outside northbound shoulder will be closed in the northeast quadrant of the bridge to allow deceleration of the construction vehicle access road.
- Spot single lane closures for pothole repairs may occur during Stage 1.
- There may be rolling road blocks outside of the restricted peak hour periods throughout all phases of the contract.
- The posted speed limit during construction is 55 mph.
- Stage 1 of construction is expected to run from January through September, 2014. The following is a schematic of the Stage 1 Construction work.



Construction Stage 2, scheduled to start in September, 2014, will include the shift of the existing southbound travel lanes into the existing median and over the newly constructed Stage 1 Bridge. Existing northbound traffic will remain on the existing 89N bridge structure.

Construction Stage 3, scheduled to start in June, 2015, will shift the northbound traffic lanes into the median and over the previously constructed Stage 1 Bridge. The Southbound traffic will be shifted from the Stage 1 Bridge onto the newly constructed Stage 2 portion of the structure. Also, in this stage of construction, the existing northbound bridge will be demolished and the remaining section of the proposed northbound bridge will be constructed.

Construction Stage 4, scheduled to start in December, 2015, will include the removal of the northbound temporary crossover and the construction of the widening for both the northbound and southbound travel lanes of I-89 and final barrier, striping and signing.

Waterway Impacts

Maritime traffic under the bridge will not be completely impeded at any time with the exception of the short duration when the steel superstructure will be lifted into place. This activity will most likely be completed at night which will reduce the possibility of impacting the recreational boater. If it becomes necessary to close the river to through traffic for more than four hours during the day the contractor will place signs within the construction zone under the bridge a week prior to executing the closure to alert the public and provide notification.

Information about the project, construction schedule and potential traffic impacts can be found on the project website:

<http://www.i89lamoilleriverbridges.com/>

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