

Meeting Notes US 5 Guilford Bridge Project
Pre-Closure Meeting
May 25, 2017
Guilford Community Church

In attendance: Approximately 40 people, not including VTrans project team members. The following representatives were in attendance:

Vermont Agency of Transportation staff and consultants:

Rob Young, Project Manager
Eric Foster, Resident Engineer
Robert Dewey, AECOM
David Hull, Project Designer (McFarland Johnson)
Jill Barrett & Shawna Kitman, Public Outreach Coordination (Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.)

Town of Guilford

Shelia Morse, Chair, Selectboard
Gordon Little, Selectboard
Peder Rude, Town Administrator
Dan Zumbuski, Guilford Road Commissioner
Jared Bristol, Fire Chief, Guilford Volunteer Fire Department

The meeting began with welcomes and a brief review of the team, followed by a PowerPoint presentation. The presenters included Project Team members Rob Young, Dave Kull, and Jill Barrett. Construction manager Mike Renaud of Vernon, VT-based Renaud Brothers Construction was on hand to answer questions. The presentation reviewed the construction method, project timeline, and information about relocated community mailboxes, detour, and emergency access.

Bridge closure is anticipated no more than 28 days, beginning July 10, 2017 through August 6, 2017.

PowerPoint and project information is posted at the website dedicated to this project: <http://www.us5bridgeguilford.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/index.html>. Additional information is available at guilfordvt.net.

Audience questions and comments followed the presentation.

Q: How will Broad Brook be closed? Will barriers be put up?

A: Local detour signs will direct traffic to Tyler Hill Road and Route 142. Light plastic, mobile barriers will discourage through traffic on Broad Brook Road though people with homes on the road will be able to access residences. The team does not anticipate a need for personnel to direct traffic.

Q: How will access to Melendy Hill Road be impacted?

A: For periods during bridge construction, signs may be posted rerouting traffic to/from Melendy Hill Road. Egress from residents living on Melendy Hill Road through the Christ Church lot is preferable. While the goal is to maintain access and minimize community impact, there

may be travel delays so people should plan daily travel and residential projects the require delivery trucks accordingly.

Q: We are concerned that tractor trailers may try to come up Melendy Hill during construction and will cause a problem. Many residents are served by larger trucks (for deliveries, residential construction, trash removal services, etc).

Guilford Town Administrator Peder Rude will provide the project team with a list of property owners on Melendy Hill Road. The team will coordinate a mailing providing ample notification that tractor trailers will not be able to access Melendy Hill during construction and to encourage owners to schedule outside the bridge closure window any home project needing delivery of materials.

Q: What is meant by paving [referring to timeline the Powerpoint]?

A: Paving refers to the smooth surface that will cover the “base course” to integrate and finish the roadway. Final paving will not require further road closure.

Q: My mailbox is impacted by the road closure. Where will I pick up my mail?

A. There is an area under construction on the Emergency Access ramp on 91 South across the VT Welcome Center. Mailboxes will be temporarily relocated there. Residents will have a vehicle pull-off area to turn around.

Q: Christ Church has a sign that’s within the designated construction zone. When does that need to be removed? Who will remove this?

A. Renaud Bros is responsible for removing and replacing the sign when construction ends. Mike Renaud will determine the logistics and communicate with the church.

Q: Will cement dust created during construction impact people and the environment?

A. The team will practice due diligence to comply with state and federal environmental standards limiting dust.

Q: Is there a penalty for construction exceeding 28 days?

A. Yes, there is incentive both ways to stay within the timeframe. If the contractor finishes early, the company will be rewarded, and if the project takes longer than 28 days, the company will be penalized.

Q: What time will the bridge close on July 10?

A. It’ll be closed by 5:30am. Plan to take the alternate route beginning all day starting on July 10.