

Construction Update GUILFORD US Route 5 – week of July 3, 2017

Hello,

This week the contractor successfully placed concrete for the four Prefabricated Bridge Units that will then need to undergo a 10-day wet cure before they will be ready to be moved to the new bridge location. These units will weigh over 700,000 pounds!

Next week will be a short work week as the crew will enjoy a 4-day holiday weekend, returning to work on Wednesday, July 5. Beginning Wednesday, the contractor will start roadway excavation, resulting in one-way alternating traffic controlled by flaggers during daylight hours. Additionally, work will continue on building a work platform under the bridge that will hold debris while the bridge is demolished and members of the crew while the new bridge is constructed.

Motorists are advised to proceed SLOWLY through the work zone and watch for flaggers. The surface of the road near the bridge will be gravel and will remain in that condition through the bridge closure period.

It is illegal in Vermont 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.

Planning ahead...

- The bridge will close – **Wednesday, July 12 at 7 AM**. The contractor has 28 days to complete the work and re-open by August 9.
- To discourage through traffic on Broad Brook Road while the Route 5 Bridge is closed, concrete barriers with a 12-foot opening will be placed by the Town of Vernon at the entrance to the road. The Towns have set up a local detour – Tyler Hill Road/Route 142 – while the bridge is closed.

Best regards,

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