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VTrans Paving, Sidewalk, and Lighting Project to Start Week of May 11

Bristol, VT – The VTrans Vergennes–Bristol paving project STP PC20(2) was expected to start in April but was put on hold following the Governor’s Stay Home Stay Safe order that shut most construction projects and businesses down in the interest of public safety. Now that restrictions are being eased, particularly for outdoor construction activities, VTrans contractor J. Hutchins is preparing to begin work on the Main Street sidewalk and lighting part of the project **THIS WEEK**.

Construction through the village and downtown was originally intended to occur at night to minimize disruption to businesses and traffic. Daytime work was recently authorized to June 1 to try to maximize opportunities to get the project done while many businesses remain closed or on limited services and traffic is relatively light as a result of the Governor’s Covid-19 Order. The crews are subject to all of the safety restrictions as part of the Governor’s order.

Subcontractor ECI is tentatively expected to begin work on replacing the light pole foundations on Main Street sometime during the week of May 11. Although efforts will be made to control dust, the saw cutting and excavation will be messy and loud. Some parking spots will be affected while this work is performed.

A public Zoom meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm, to share more information about the project and hear citizens’ concerns. Stay tuned for connection information.

For more information about the project, go to <http://bristolvt.org/works-in-progress/paving-lighting-sidewalk-project/>. Please contact Natalie Boyle, VTrans Public Outreach Consultant, at (802) 855-3893 or nboyle@eivtech.com with questions or concerns.