

Local & Regional Input Questionnaire

Project Summary

This project, IM 089-2(60), focuses on a corridor of Interstate 89 in Richmond, Vermont. The bridges are deteriorating and need either a major maintenance action or replacement. Potential options being considered for this project include targeted repairs, replacement of the existing deck, or replacement of the existing bridge. With the existing alignment of the Interstate, this is a prime location for a crossover, and the exit 11 ramps should remain open for most of the project. There may be impacts to US Route 2, Town Highway 8 (Kenyon Rd.), and Town Highway 16 (Johnnie Brook Rd.) while work is being done over the roads.

Community Considerations

1. Are there regularly scheduled public events in the community that will generate increased traffic (e.g. vehicular, bicycles and/or pedestrians), or may be difficult to stage if the bridge is closed during construction? Examples include annual bike races, festivals, parades, cultural events, weekly farmers market, concerts, etc. that could be impacted? If yes, please provide approximate date, location and event organizers' contact info.

No.

2. Is there a "slow season" or period of time from May through October where traffic is less or no events are scheduled?

No "slow season" in the Town of Richmond.

3. Please describe the location of the Town garage, emergency responders (fire, police, ambulance) and emergency response routes that might be affected by the closure of the bridge, one-way traffic, or lane closures and provide contact information (names, address, email addresses, and phone numbers).

Responses by first responders to incidents on I89 north of exit 11 and in the northwest section of Richmond which is only accessible via Rt. 2 and traveling under I89 (Riverview Commons, a mobile home community with 150 homes, is located in this area of Richmond) would be impacted by having to travel through a construction zone on I89 or Rt. 2.

Travel to UVM Medical by Richmond Rescue would be affected.

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4. Are there businesses (including agricultural operations and industrial parks) or delivery services (fuel or goods) that would be adversely impacted due to work zone proximity?

There may be some disruption to agricultural operations as well as goods and services businesses in the proximity of the project but as long as two way traffic remains in operation on Rt. 2 and I89 the impact should not be especially adverse.

5. Are there important public buildings (town hall, community center, senior center, library) or community facilities (recreational fields, town green, etc.) close to the project?

No, the closest location for the above listed buildings is approximately 2 miles east of the project location.

6. What other municipal operations could be adversely affected by a road/bridge closure or detour on any of the possibly affected town highways?

None at this point in time.

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7. Are there any town highways that might be adversely impacted by traffic bypassing the construction on other local roads? Please indicate which roads may be affected and their condition (paved/unpaved, narrow, weight-limited bridges, etc), including those that may be or go into other towns.

Vehicles could potentially use Rt. 2 between Exit 11 and Exit 12 in Williston. If traffic on I89 is bad enough, vehicles may utilize Rt. 2 to travel between Exit 10 and 12. While not a Town Rd., Rt 2 runs the entire east/west length of Richmond and travels directly through the Richmond Village. If traffic increases on Rt. 2 only between Exits 11 and 12 that would cause an increase in traffic on Rt. 2 west of Exit 11. This section of Rt. 2 is outside of the main village area of Richmond and would likely not have much effect on the village. If traffic increases on Rt. 2 between Exit 10 and 11 that has potential to cause major congestion on Rt. 2 in the Richmond Village as well as on Bridge St. and Jericho Rd, (both paved) which both intersect with Rt. 2 in the Richmond Village.

Richmond may also see increased use of roads leading from Williston by vehicles traveling south in an effort to access Rt. 2 via Exit 11 and avoid traffic between exits 12 and 11. Impacted roads would likely include East Hill Rd. (paved) and Kenyon Rd. (gravel, narrow, steep) and potentially Hinesburg Rt. (paved), Bridge St. (paved, bridge over the Winooski River) and Rt. 2 (paved).

8. Is there a local business association, chamber of commerce, regional development corporation, or another downtown group that we should be working with? If known, please provide name, organization, email, and phone number.

None

9. Are there any public transit services or stops that use the bridge or transit routes in the vicinity that may be affected if they become the detour route?

Yes, the Route 2 Park and Ride at Exit 11.

Schools

1. Where are the schools in your community and what are their yearly schedules (example: first week in September to third week in June)?

Richmond Elementary and Camels Hump Middle School are located in Richmond on School Street. Schedule for 2024/25 school year runs from August 25, 2024 through June 15, 2025

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2. Is this project on or over specific routes that school buses or students use to walk to and from school?

The school would need to be contacted to verify. Any disruption would most likely require a route change by the Transportation Scheduler.

3. Are there recreational facilities associated with the schools nearby (other than at the school)?

No.

Pedestrians and Bicyclists

1. What is the current level of bicycle and pedestrian use under the bridges?

There is a small amount of bicycle traffic on Rt. 2 under the bridge. Kenyon Rd. and Johnnie Brook Rd. see an increase in bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the non-winter months.

2. Are pedestrian and bicycle traffic under the bridges heavy enough that it should be accommodated during construction?

Yes.

3. Does the Town have plans to construct either pedestrian or bicycle facilities leading up to the bridge? Please provide any planning documents demonstrating this (scoping study, master plan, corridor study, town or regional plan).

No, not at this time.

4. In the vicinity of the bridge, is there a land use pattern, existing generators of pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic, or zoning that will support development that is likely to lead to significant levels of walking and bicycling?

There are several popular mountain biking trails accessible via Johnnie Brook Rd. that attract a large number of bicyclists.

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Design Considerations

1. Are there any special aesthetic considerations we should be aware of?

No

2. Does the location have a history of flooding? If yes, please explain.

The location is adjacent to the Winooski River and resides in the mapped floodplain.

3. Are there any known Hazardous Material Sites near the project site?

Blue Flame Gass and Paterson Fuels are located just north of the project site on Rt. 117.

4. Are there any known historic, archeological and/or other environmental resource issues near the project site?

None known

5. Are there any utilities (water, sewer, communications, power) under the existing bridges? Please provide any available documentation.

There are no municipal utilities (water and sewer) under the existing bridges.

6. Are there any existing, pending, or planned municipal utility projects (communications, lighting, drainage, water, wastewater, etc.) near the project that should be considered?

No.

7. Are there any other issues that are important for us to understand and consider?

No.

Land Use & Zoning

1. Please provide a copy of your existing and future land use map or zoning map, if applicable.

[Final OfficialZoningMap Effective 06262023 1 .pdf \(richmondvt.gov\)](#)

2. Are there any existing, pending or planned development proposals that would impact future transportation patterns near the bridge? If so, please explain.

No.

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3. Is there any planned expansion of public transit or intercity transit service in the project area? Please provide the name and contact information for the relevant public transit provider.

None planned

Communications

1. Please identify any local communication outlets that are available for us to use in communicating with the local population. Include weekly or daily newspapers, blogs, radio, public access TV, Facebook, Front Page Forum, etc. Also include any unconventional means such as local low-power FM.
- **Richmond Front Porch Forum**
 - **Town of Richmond website** [Home - Town of Richmond, VT \(richmondvt.gov\)](http://richmondvt.gov)
 - **Times Ink! Monthly newspaper**
 - **MMCTV public access television**
2. Other than people/organizations already referenced in this questionnaire, are there any others who should be kept in the loop as the project moves forward?

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