

# **Exit 16 DDI**Diverging Diamond Interchange



CONSTRUCTION

January 12, 2023

**Public Meeting** 





### Housekeeping Items



- The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the project website
- Remote attendees are muted throughout the presentation



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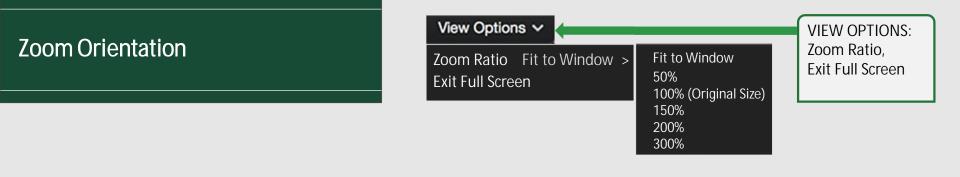
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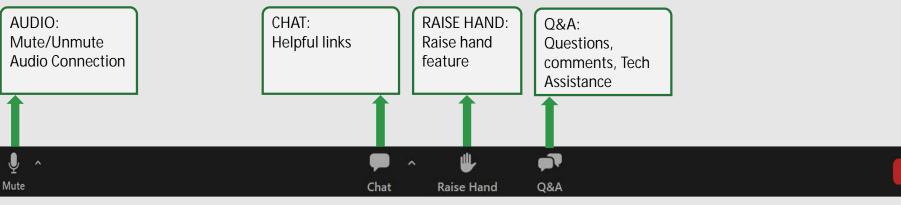
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#### For those joining us in person

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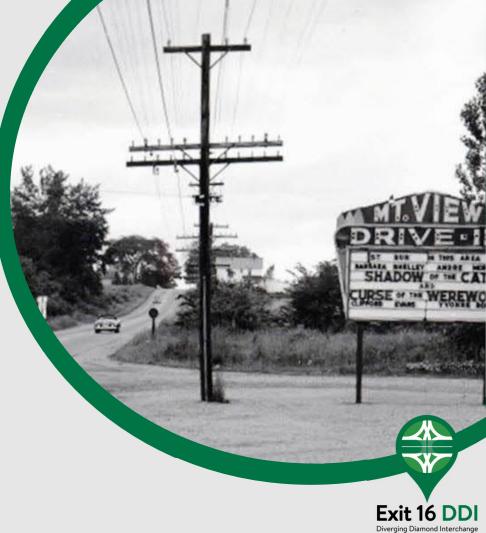




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# Today's Overview

- Project Scope
- Project Status/Schedule
- Project Construction



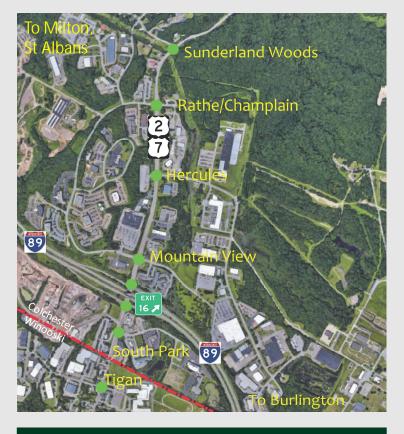


### Colchester HES NH 5600(14) Scope

<u>US Route 2/7 Corridor – 1.05 miles</u> Including:

- South Park Drive/Highpoint Ctr.
- I-89 Exit 16
- Mountain View/Lwr. Mtn. View Drives
- Hercules Drive
- Rathe Road/Champlain Drive
- Sunderland Woods Road
- Tigan Street (Winooski):
  - Traffic Signal Only
  - Part of the Main St. Revitalization Project





Colchester HES NH 5600(14) Scope

- Stormwater Treatment Infrastructure
  - 3 Ponds
  - 8 Grass Channels
- Roadway Banking Corrections
- New:
  - Signs
  - Pavement Markings
  - Traffic Signals
  - Roadway Drainage
- Reconfigured I-89 Exit 16 Interchange  $\rightarrow DDI$



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I-89 Exit 16 Diverging Diamond Interchange

# **DDI Benefits**

In over 117 Diverging Diamond Interchanges in the US, states have experienced:

- Over 37% reduction in crashes, injurious/fatal by 54%
- Over 50% increase in vehicular throughput

### How a DDI performs efficiently:

- Eliminates signalized left turn movements for vehicles.
- Left turning movements Yield Condition allows movements during conflicting traffic phases.

### Testament: 37 DDIs currently under construction; another 157 planned!

### DDI Traffic Flow (1:05)

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Flow (0:07)

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# DDIs in the Wintertime

- Of the 117 DDIs active in the US & Canada, 68 are built in areas where snow is expected annually (58%).
- Snow plowing happens normally.
- For some plow routes, use of the U-Turn on the Interstate will no longer be necessary.
- VTrans has discussed winter maintenance with Utah officials and concurred that the states share similar roadway clearing techniques.



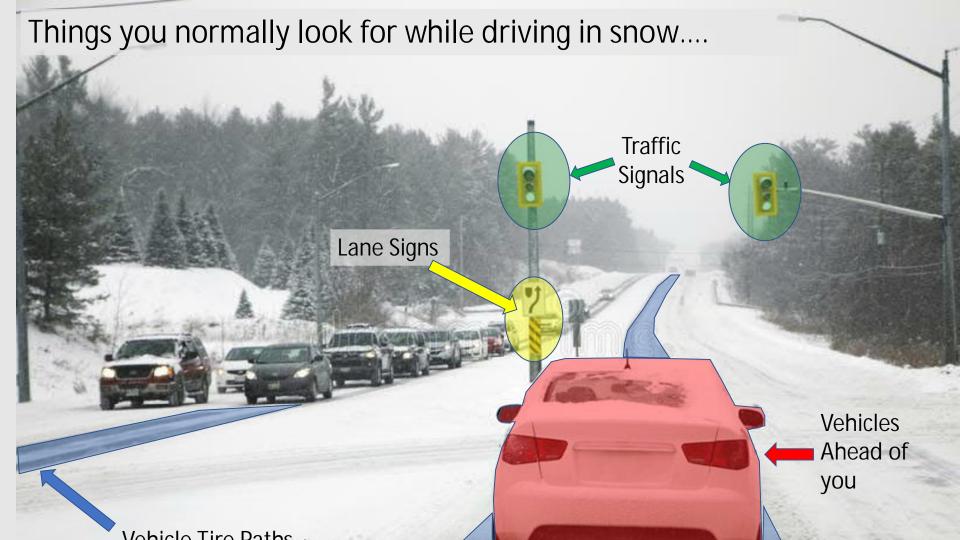




# Robust Pavement Markings



# How Will I Find The Lanes in the Wintertime?!





### "People Can't Figure Out the Winooski Circulator..."



### Circulator

- Yield conditions
- Higher speeds, straightaways
- Sight distance, grade
- Awkward side streets & parking areas
- Pedestrian crossings at unexpected locations

### Summary

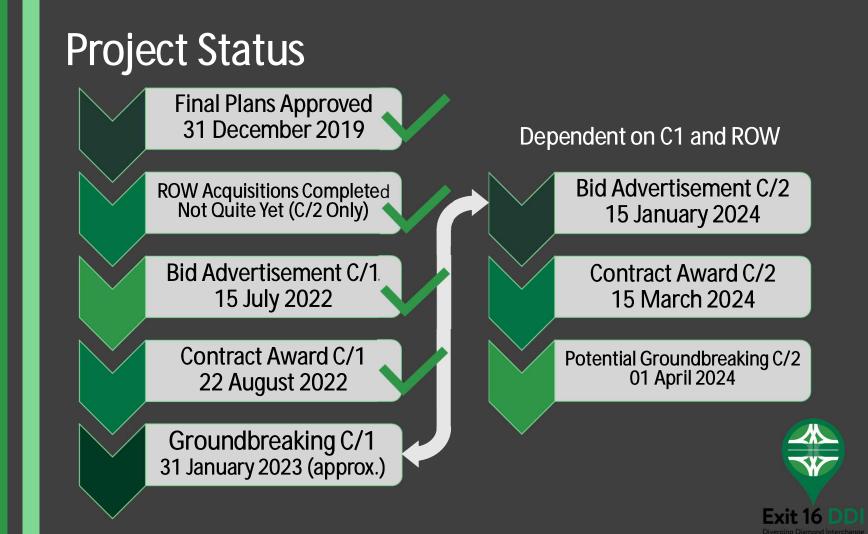
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#### DDI

- Traffic signal
- Stop-Go-Stop-Go, no choices/decisions to make
- Focus sight distance, no grade
- No side streets or parking
- Pedestrian crossings at predictable locations

#### Summary

 More fluid, less decisions to process



Project Construction: 2 Construction Phases (2023-2026)

Night Work = 7:00 PM - 6:00 AM



<u>Daytime</u> roadway work will be restricted to one lane only. There may be multiple lane closures at night.

1<sup>st</sup> Phase – "Contract 1" or "C/1" (2023)

2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – "Contract 2" or "C/2" (2024-2026)

- Breakout required because buried infrastructure needs to be relocation prior to roadway surface work.
- It also makes construction more efficient later because the interchange contractor will not have work around or negotiate with the existing utilities (companies and transmissions/services).

Project Construction: 2<sup>nd</sup> Construction Contract (2024-2026)

Night Work = 7:00 PM – 6:00 AM



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- DDI, Roadway, Sidewalks, Signals, Signing, Landscaping work
- Drive accesses will be open
  - If a drive needs to be temporarily closed short-term, an alternate ingress/egress will be provided
- Night-time noise
  - The contractor will be required to utilize noise reduction mitigation measures. FHWA Construction Noise Handbook.

Project Construction: 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Contract (2023)

Night Work = 7:00 PM - 6:00 AM



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- Retaining Walls (Feb-Apr)
  - Can be constructed during the day (outside of traffic)
  - Probably one construction crew
- Utility Relocation (Apr-Sep)
  - Buried Waterline
  - Buried Telecommunication Duct
  - Buried Gas Lines
  - Probably two construction crews
- Ledge Removal (Feb-Aug)
  - Blasting is only allowed during the day

VTrans' construction staff reserves the right to modify how traffic flows and is managed based on real-time conditions.

# **Retaining Wall Construction**

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This will allow pedestrians safe passage outside of the roadway and keep them separated from Contract 2 work zone.

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#### Water Line Relocation & Telecom Duct Bank Construction

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### **Contract 1 Contractor**



S.D. Ireland Brothers, Inc. General Contractor/Site Work Matt Wheeler, PM Kurt Hutchins, APM



Maine Drilling & Blasting Subcontractor/Ledge Removal

# Project Details – 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Contract

- Retaining walls
- Underground Utility Relocation
  - Buried waterline, telecommunication duct, and gas lines
- Underground utility relocation will require blasting
  - Deep relocation
    - Approximately 12 feet
  - Shallow bedrock
    - Approximately 4 feet in certain locations



# What blasting is:

- A series of small, controlled explosions used to shatter rock
- Blasts will be underground and contained
- There will be a small rumbling in the ground



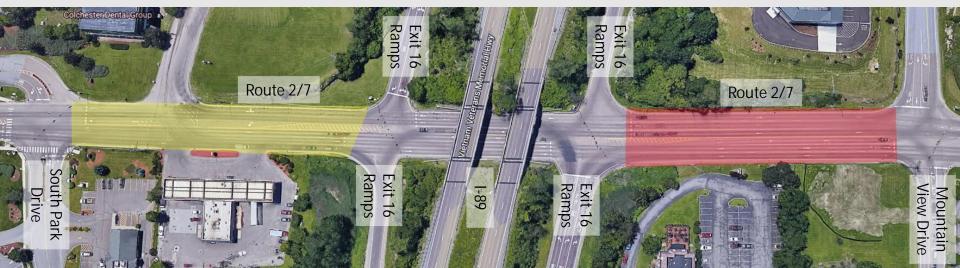
# What blasting is NOT:

- Blasting is <u>NOT</u> like you see on TV or in movies
- There will be <u>NO</u> visible fireballs, clouds of dust or flying debris
- Buildings will <u>NOT</u> shake and rattle like an earthquake
- Blasting will <u>NOT</u> be loud



# Blasting Location

- Anticipated between the I-89 Ramps and Mountain View Drive (red)
- Possible between South Park Drive and the I-89 Ramps (yellow)



# Why conduct blasting:

# Most efficient way of rock removal

- One blast can fracture rock that would take days or weeks using mechanical methods
- There are thousands of feet of underground utilities being installed
  - Blasting will expedite this process and the project in general



# How will blasting be conducted:

### • A series of small blasts

- A delay is set between each blast to lessen vibrations
- Blasts will be contained with blasting mats
  - Placed over the top of the blasting area
  - Containing any debris from leaving the work area



## **Blasting Activities**

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  - Monday Friday, excluding holidays
  - 9:00 AM 3:00 PM
- Only after proper warning and safety measures are in place
  - Audible signals before blasting
  - Traffic stopped using rolling road blocks
  - Confirmation that the area is clear

Blasting Warning Signals

Three Whistles 5 minutes to blast

Two Whistles 1 minute to blast

> One Whistle All clear

# **Blasting Contractor**



- Maine Drilling and Blasting
  - Headquartered in Maine with locations throughout the northeast and as far as Georgia and Tennessee
  - Provide blasting services since 1956
- Many of their drillers and blasters have over 25 years of experience
  - Have completed many similar projects
  - Have worked in large cities, on college campuses, and other sensitive areas

# What to expect:

### • Lots of preparation

- Audible signals
- Rolling Road Blocks
- People checking to make sure the area is clear
- A small rumble in the ground
  - Existing rock is very hard and brittle
  - Small delayed charges will be used
  - Blasting mats will contain any debris



# What precautions are being taken:

- Pre-Blast surveys are being conducted at adjacent properties
- Seismographs are deployed throughout the project
- After a blast the area will be cleared by blasting specialists
  - They will ensure there are no undetonated charges
  - Only after clearance will motorists and the general public be allowed in the area





### **Public Outreach - Organization**



# **NSD**

### Public Information Consultant

Megan Savage, Communications and Public Involvement Manager Annabelle Dally, Senior Communications and Public Involvement Consultant



Stakeholders Who are stakeholders? Users. Residents. Businesses

Municipalities

### **Public Outreach - Scope**



### **Information**

- Project Scope
- Project Timeline & Schedule
- Construction Activities
- Traffic Updates
- Incident Management

### **Education**

• Animations

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- Videos
- Narratives
- Driving Simulator

### Public Meetings, Event Booths, Website, Phone Hotline

### Public Outreach Multilingual Communications

- Arabic
- Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian
- Burmese
- French
- Kirundi
- Nepali
- Somali (Mai Mai)
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Pashto New!

The Exit 16 DDI team continues to collaborate with City of Winooski and the Winooski School District to identify, manage, and coordinate communications with residents/users where English is not their primary language or written form of communication.



Construction on the Exit 16 DDI Project is anticipated to begin in fall 2022 and continue through spring 2025. For additional information on the project, please visit the project website.

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