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**Construction Update**

**Colchester Exit 17**

**Colchester NH 028-1(31)** [National Highway]

**DATE:** Friday, October 18, 2024

**TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION:** From Monday, October 21, through Friday, October 25, Interstate 89 (I-89) will be reduced to a single lane in both directions near Exit 17 during off-peak hours: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on I-89 northbound and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on I-89 southbound throughout the week.

The U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) eastbound slip lane to the I-89 southbound on-ramp will remain temporarily closed. Eastbound motorists on U.S. 2 can access the southbound on-ramp by turning right at the intersection of U.S. 2 and the I-89 southbound on-ramp, just beyond the closed slip lane.

The I-89 northbound off-ramp slip lane to U.S. 2 westbound will be closed until the winter shutdown for bridge construction. Motorists can turn right or left onto U.S. 2 at the signalized intersection.

From Monday through Wednesday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., flaggers will manage alternating one-way traffic on U.S. Route 7 (U.S. 7) between the Chimney Corner intersection with U.S. 2 and Wiley Road.

***Delays on U.S. 2 and U.S. 7 are expected; motorists are advised to seek alternate routes or plan for additional travel time.*** *Motorists should slow down, use caution, and pay attention to road signage and line striping while traveling through the work zone.*

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:** Next week, crews will continue constructing the retaining walls for the bridge abutments, working adjacent to the I-89 northbound and southbound lanes.

Crews will excavate, install new subbase, and repave the U.S. 2 eastbound slip lane to the I-89 southbound on-ramp.

Crews will install a new culvert on U.S. 7 between the Chimney Corner intersection with U.S. 2 and Wiley Road.

*Cars on a road with a construction site

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*Crews construct the retaining walls for the U.S. 2 bridge abutments in Colchester, VT.*

**LOCATION:** The segment of U.S. 2 starting just east of Jasper Mine Road and extending just under a half mile east to its intersection with U.S. 7 at Chimney Corner. The segment of U.S. 7 starting just south of the Shell Gas Station/Simon’s Chimney Corner Store and extending just over a half mile north to its intersection with Wiley Road. The Exit 17 interstate ramps and the portion of I-89 bounded by them.

**PROJECTED COMPLETION:** Summer 2026

[Project Website](https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/colchester-exit17)

[Project Factsheet](https://vtrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/2024-06/Colchester%20Exit%2017%20Project%20Factsheet.pdf)

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A map of a highway

Description automatically generated *The Colchester Exit 17 Project will be completed in six phases over three construction seasons, beginning in Spring 2024 and continuing through Summer 2026.*