

COLCHESTER INTERSECTION & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

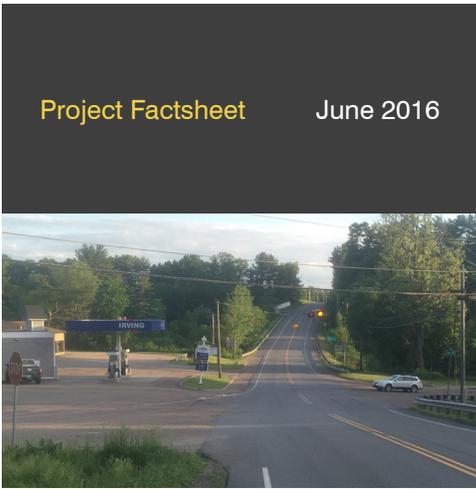
US ROUTE 7/2, VT ROUTES 2A & 127
COLCHESTER (STP 5600(9)S)

Project Location: Town of Colchester in Chittenden County on US Route 7/2 in the area where it intersects with VT Routes 2A & 127.

Project Purpose: The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will reconstruct a section of US Route 7/2 between Bay Road and Creek Farm Road to improve mobility and safety. This project will widen the road to add turning lanes and traffic signals at the intersections of Bay Road and Creek Farm Road; lower the grade of the roadway to improve sight distance; reconfigure some property access to improve safety; and add a shared use path to Route 7/2 and VT Route 2A.

Background: In 1995, as traffic volumes steadily increased on Route 7/2 to about 13,000 per day, the Town of Colchester and State of Vermont identified four conditions of concern in the project area:

- Three major routes, US 7/VT 127/VT 2A have intersections close together that led to traffic congestion and crashes.
- There are uncontrolled access to properties abutting the roadways. Some of the properties are businesses with frequent drive in and drive out customers.
- A steep hill with a curve at the top between Bay Road and Champlain Farms limits sight distance, especially for vehicles entering US 7/2 from VT 2A.
- The State of Vermont recorded a high number of crashes on US 7/2 at Bay Road and VT Route 2A.



PROJECT MILESTONES

Final Design Completed

Fall 2016

Project Advertised & Contractor Selected

Winter 2016

Construction Begins

Spring 2017

Construction Completed

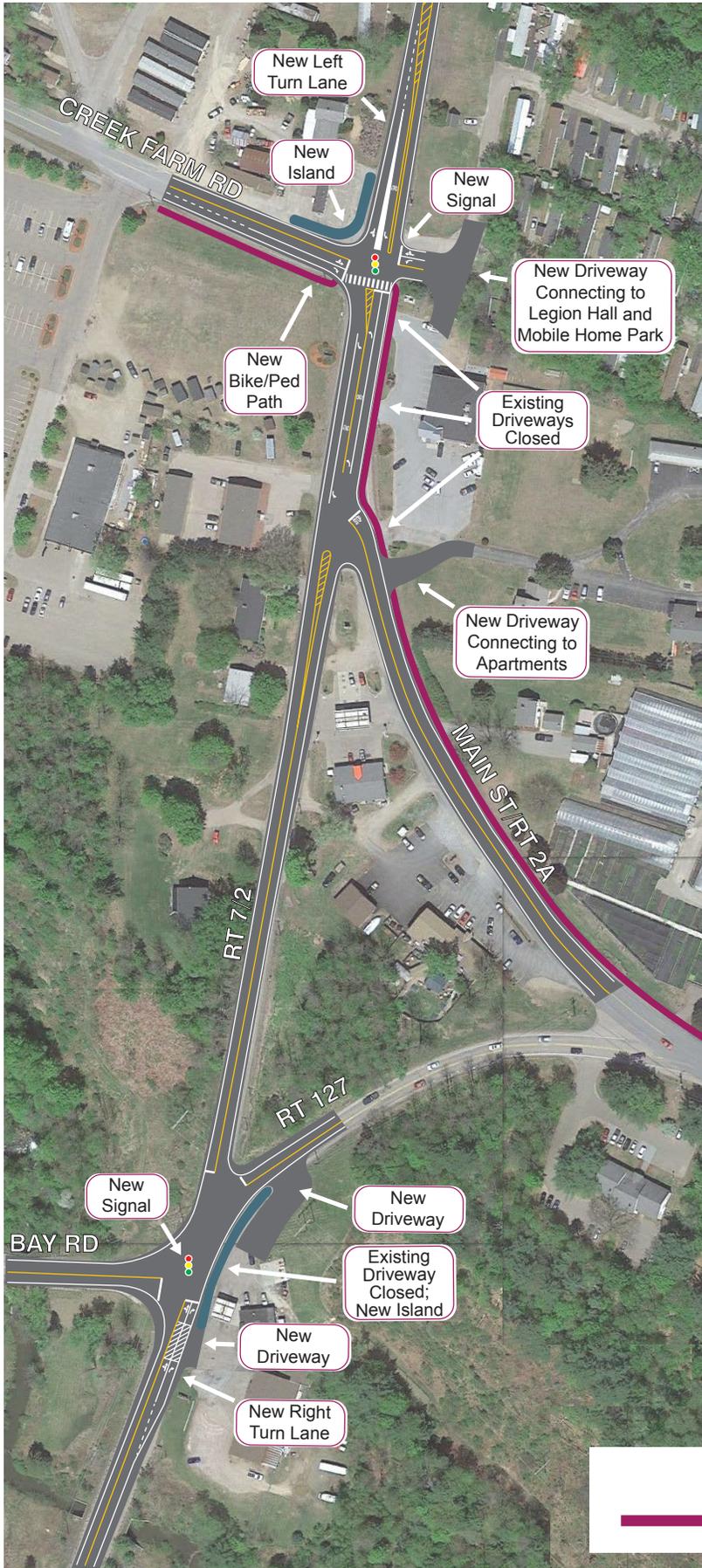
Fall 2017

VTrans evaluated several alternatives for safety and mobility improvements in the project area as well as impacts on rare/threatened/endangered species, archaeological resources, and wetland resources. The selected alternative best addresses the project need while minimizing impacts to natural resources.

Impact on travelers: Construction will begin in spring 2017 and continue throughout the 2017 construction season. In order to reduce the vertical curve near Champlain Farms, closures will be required for Route 7/2. Travelers will use a short detour on VT 127 and 2A as show in the diagram, though all residential and commercial access will be maintained throughout the project.



PROJECT OVERVIEW



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