

Hello,

All month (January), the Vermont Agency of Transportation's contractor, J. A. McDonald, Inc., has been doing preliminary work to replace a culvert about 40 feet under I-89, one mile south of exit 18 in the Town of Georgia.

Currently the contractor is working on the outside edge of the southbound lane to install a "portal" or coffer dam to facilitate tunneling under the highway. The median portal was installed in December. Once both northbound and southbound portals are completed, the job will shut down for the winter, resuming as soon as weather permits, most likely in late March/early April.

Photo below show the work being done well below the surface of the highway and not visible to motorists.



Southbound portal sheeting in place. Even on a sunny day, solar heating is limited in January!

Best regards,

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