



Public Information Meeting Announcement

Sunderland U.S. Route 7

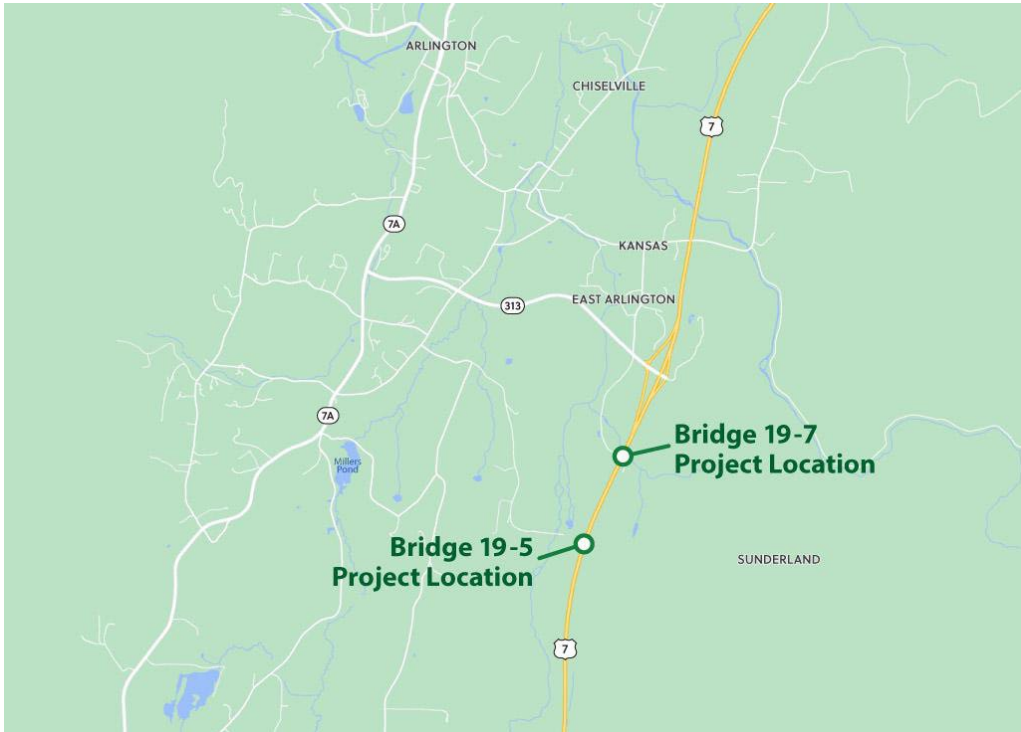
Culvert Replacement Projects

[Sunderland BM 20102 and Sunderland STP CULV(91)]

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is proposing to replace the existing culverts located at Sunderland Bridges #19-5 and #19-7 on U.S. Route 7 (U.S. 7) in Sunderland, approximately 1.1 miles and 0.5 miles south of the junction of U.S. 7 and Vermont Route 313 (VT 313).

Due to the age and condition of the existing culverts, engineering studies have recommended a full replacement with precast concrete box culverts. VTrans is currently in the preliminary design phase of these projects, with construction anticipated from Spring 2026 through Fall 2026.

- The project team is proposing short-term road closures to replace the existing culverts with traffic maintained on an offsite detour. Possible detour routes include Vermont Route 7A (VT 7A) and VT 313. VT 313 in Arlington has a low clearance bridge (14 feet), restricting large vehicles and super loads. Larger vehicles would need to use alternative routes through Manchester or U.S. Route 4 through New York.
- The short-term road closures will be scheduled to avoid important community events and minimize traffic disruptions. VTrans will coordinate with the Towns of Sunderland, Shaftsbury, Manchester, and Arlington to determine the optimal timing for these closures within the targeted construction schedule of Spring 2026 to Fall 2026.



Sunderland Bridges #19-5 and #19-7 are located on U.S. 7 in Sunderland, approximately 1.1 miles and 0.5 miles south of its junction with VT 313.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: VTrans invites you to attend a Public Information Meeting for the Sunderland U.S. Route 7 Culvert Replacement Projects on Monday, September 30, 2024, starting at 6 p.m.

Join us in person at the Shaftsbury Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 150 Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, VT.

The in-person Public Information Meeting will include a presentation comprised of a project overview, timeline, anticipated traffic impacts, and ways to stay information throughout the duration of the projects. Following the presentation,

attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the project team and provide feedback.

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PROJECT LOCATIONS: On U.S. Route 7 in the Town of Sunderland, approximately 0.5 miles and 1.1 miles south of its junction with Vermont Route 313.