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Memorial Bridge concrete pour prompts traffic advisory, March 27 Water work set to resume next week

Bismarck – Traffic on the west end of Memorial Bridge will need to be alert to concrete trucks turning off Memorial Highway down to the construction site, next Tuesday, March 27. Traffic interruptions could start as early as 7:30 a.m. and last all day. Portable radar speed signs will remind drivers of the 25 mile an hour speed limit. Flaggers will also be used so trucks can turn into the project at the west end of the west approach structure.

The day-long concrete pour for transition pier 6 on the Mandan side of the river will take about 100 loads of concrete. Pier 6 is the large box-like structure, the twin of transition pier 12 on the Bismarck side of the project. The transition pier marks the point where the approach ends and the main bridge structure begins.

In addition, the multi-use recreation trail will be closed from the west end of Memorial Bridge to 46th street. “This closure will be for the duration of the project due to crossovers being built for the various phases of construction in the interchange area at the end of the west approach. The north walkway across Liberty Memorial Bridge will remain open at this time, but it will end where it meets Marina Road/Captain Marsh Drive,” said North Dakota Department of Transportation project engineer Doug Fercho.

The arrival of spring weather means work tasks that were halted last fall will now resume. Water work is expected to begin next week. Joe Larson, the area manager for the general contractor Lunda Construction, said the first task on the water is to get the tugs and work station barges ready for work. Then crews will move out to pier 8 to start building the falsework to support the two large forms that are now at pier 7.

On the east side of the river, pile driving is expected to begin and will last all week at pier 10, on the waters edge of the Bismarck sandbar. Crews are also expected to vibrate sheet piling to form the walls of the cofferdam at pier 11.

The latest photographs, traffic advisories with maps and other information are available at the website, <http://www.memorialbridge.info> .

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