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Memorial Bridge water work resumes, boaters urged to be cautious Roadway construction on both ends includes lane closures

Bismarck – Successful progress through the winter has set the stage for rapid changes at the Liberty Memorial Bridge work site in April. Boaters and drivers will need to be aware of changes that may affect their passing through the work area.

Next week, barges and a crane will be back in position, mid-channel at pier 8. Boaters on the Missouri River are urged to look for frequent changes in barge placement as Lunda Construction crews establish a work station at pier 8 and remove the forms from pier 7. Buoys mark the “no-wake zone” and the restricted area.

North Dakota Department of Transportation project engineer Doug Fercho said, “The few fishing boats that have passed through the area have done a good job of obeying ‘no-wake zone’ restrictions.”

The subcontractor Strata Construction will begin work on Memorial Highway, the medians between the lanes, the intersections and traffic lights on both ends of the bridge. Specific lane closures and other traffic advisories will be posted as the changes occur. The changes are part of the re-alignment of the roadway to match the new bridge position and dimensions.

Crews with Lunda Construction are also making final preparations on the east approach piers to be ready for concrete box girders that will be set the first part of April. Trucks will haul in from the plant at Menoken the large 70-90 foot long girders to be set.

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

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