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First deck pour on Memorial Bridge planned for next week Heavy concrete truck traffic expected Tuesday morning on west end of bridge

Bismarck – Concrete crews will pour the first section of the main span bridge driving surface or “deck” next week. Crews with Lunda Construction have assembled the paving machine on site in the staging yard and have lifted it in to place and are testing it before Tuesday morning’s pour.

The first deck pour is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 15. It’s planned that 140-feet on the west end of the main span will be poured. The slab is about 85-feet wide and 8.5-inches thick. About 320 cubic yards or 35 truckloads of concrete will be needed for the pour. Drivers during the morning commute will notice more trucks from Strata Construction concrete plant on Memorial Highway in Mandan driving to the bridge and entering the west end of the site.

Following Tuesday’s pour, the paving machine will be moved to the east end of the project to pour a similar section on the east end of the main span on Thursday. It is anticipated that after these first two pours next week, additional sections of the bridge deck will be poured every other week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ironworkers with J&L Steel continue tying the reinforcement steel double mat in preparation for future deck pours, which will be completed in the next few weeks. Barriers for the new bridge will be poured later so that the first two lanes of the four-lane bridge may be opened to traffic by early August.

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