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Second Memorial Bridge web camera operational in time for beam setting Motorists may face various traffic interruptions next week

Bismarck – A second web camera on the Bismarck side of the Liberty Memorial Bridge was added this week, and is now available for people to watch the historic construction project. The second web camera has been added to provide a comprehensive view of both sides of the bridge project. The project can be accessed at <http://www.nddot.oxblue.com/blmb/>.

In February, the Memorial Bridge web site received approximately 6,100 visits with an average of 210 visits a day to the single web camera on the west bank. In March, the web site received approximately 7,037 hits, with an average of 227 visits to the west bank web camera a day. The second web camera on the east bank is expected to increase the number of visits.

The web cameras can be viewed through the Liberty Memorial Bridge web site at <http://www.memorialbridge.info>. From the main site, visitors need to click on the “project web camera” link. When the web cam page comes up, visitors can click on the drop down box at the top of the screen to select either west bank camera or east bank camera. A slide bar on the left side of the screen lets viewers zoom in on specific parts of the project.

The new camera is operational in time to show a project “first” next week. For the first time, crews will set concrete box girders. Through the week, girders will be installed on the east approach, starting with transition pier 12 and working toward the abutment, one length at a time. Beginning late Monday, long loads carrying bridge equipment will be passing through town. Special heavy duty, long-load trucks will carry the loads that are 10 to 15 car lengths long. They will travel west on Bismarck Expressway to Washington Street, north to Memorial Highway then west to the job site.

Other traffic interruptions may occur next week in Mandan on Memorial Highway when project sub-contractor Strata Construction may close one lane of traffic just west of Memorial Bridge. Strata’s work will initiate the preparation for re-alignment of Memorial Highway to connect to the new bridge.

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