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Memorial Bridge project marks 1-year anniversary on schedule One-third of the construction progress has been completed

Bismarck – A milestone was reached this week as Memorial Bridge construction marked its one-year anniversary. It was on June 12th, 2006, that ground was broken to begin the project. As of this week, 33% of the construction has been completed. “It’s a 3-year project, and we’re right on schedule. Things are looking good,” said North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) project engineer Doug Fercho.

One year ago, crews started removing the Missouri River Meat plant and leveling the ground for the staging area. Today, all but one pier have been at least started, and eleven of 15 piers are complete. Lunda Construction company project manager Joel Myers said, “It’s going really well. We have all of the east approach substructure complete and 80% of the west approach. The two main channel piers are done and the transition piers are complete.”

Crews with Lunda Construction, J & L Steel, Strata Construction, and Weisz and Sons Construction have kept to the schedule, even through the coldest parts of winter. In the last year, only 4 work days have been missed because of inclement weather, with crews working through the rain this spring.

“I feel good about the job. The progress is going well,” said NDDOT Bismarck District Engineer Kevin Levi. “Once we start setting steel beams, the work will go faster, and more visible changes will be evident.”

Next week, crews will continue stripping the forms from pier 8 and moving them to start forming the columns at pier 10. Crews will also continue getting ready to deck the two approaches.

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