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## Aggressive Memorial Bridge girder-setting schedule proposed

(Bismarck) – With cooler fall weather approaching, crews building the new Liberty Memorial Bridge are planning on putting in extra hours to set main span steel. J&L Steel Erectors and Lunda Construction plan to take advantage of any weekends that have calm days to continue setting steel main span girders across the river.

Crews this week extended the first run of girders eastward 140 feet from transition pier 6 across pier 7 toward the next shoring tower. The second, third, and fourth run of girders from transition pier 6 eastward will continue next week as weather permits. Wind speeds need to be 10 miles per hour or less, so early morning lifts are most likely. In all, four runs of steel girders will span the river with 52 girders.

Work anticipated to take place week of October 15:

- Pier 9 reinforcement steel placement completed, and then possibly pour the pier columns.
- Continue stripping forms from pier 10.
- Pier 11 cofferdam sheet pile to be pulled.
- West approach bridge deck may be poured.
- East side causeway temporarily extended toward pier 8.

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