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Memorial Bridge cofferdams out, temporary work road planned

Bismarck— By Friday, October 20, Lunda Construction Company work crews are expected to have removed the cofferdam at pier 7 of the new Liberty Memorial Bridge. It is the first cofferdam that was installed this summer. Before the end of the month, the cofferdam at pier 8 could also be removed and work could begin on setting up the cofferdam at pier 10. After the cofferdams are removed, temporary support work will be installed to build the tops of the pier stems at piers 7 and 8. By winter, it's expected the two pier columns at both piers 7 and 8 will be completed.

Though most recreational water activity is done for the year, late season boaters will need to be alert to changes in water traffic patterns at the bridge site. Buoys and lights will remain in the river until work on the water ceases.

The ND Department of Transportation is continuing its commitment to environmentally sound work standards along the river. So, before the contractor can build a temporary work road from the east shore across the sandbar to pier 10, permits must be in hand from the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard. Once the permits have been issued, hopefully next week, the contractor will build an environmentally sound roadbed to reach the work area where piers 10 and 11 will be built.

On the east side, much of the approach work is underway. The pier cap at pier 13 is being installed and additional pier work continues, making it possible for observers to track the approximate path the new Liberty Memorial Bridge will take from the east.

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

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