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Memorial Bridge footings readied, forms stripped, concrete coated No more traffic disruptions expected this year

Bismarck— Crews are simultaneously working on three piers on Liberty Memorial Bridge with each pier in a different phase of construction. From initial concrete placement to finish coating of recently constructed piers, crews with general contractor Lunda Construction are planning a busy schedule next week.

By Monday, when Department of Transportation specifications for concrete curing have been met, forms will be stripped from piers 13 and 7. Then, crews will apply a finish coat to the pier surfaces as part of the context sensitive design established by the DOT.

Also next week, the seven-foot deep footing at pier 8 will be placed. Soon after, perhaps the following week, pier stems at pier 8 will be built.

No more demolition of the existing bridge is planned at this time. Changes that have been made to the traffic flow around the work site on Memorial Highway and its intersections will remain and no additional changes are planned in the near future. Motorists have adapted well to the changes that were implemented this summer; confusion and congestion have been significantly reduced.

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

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