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## Memorial Bridge girder setting nearly complete

(Bismarck) – A break in the recent windy weather has allowed crews setting steel on Memorial Bridge to extend the run of steel girders closer to pier 12 which is where the main span steel stops. As of this week, at least one run of girders is within a few feet of the east approach bridge. Once that connection is made, the entire bridge will be spanned with girders which will support the deck of the bridge. Thursday morning (November 29) two girders were set in the first of four runs extending the first run past pier 11 toward transition pier 12. Weather permitting, Lunda hopes to have all girders past pier 11 by this weekend. The final sections of steel girders are expected to arrive on the job site in the first week of December and will be set as soon as possible.

Backhoes and trucks will continue to work 12 hour shifts into the weekend to remove the causeway east across the sandbar on the Bismarck side of the river. Project supervisors anticipate this could be the last weekend crews will be working on the bridge until possibly next spring. Through the winter, activity will slow down as crews focus on setting main span deck forms.

Work anticipated to take place in the week of December 3:

- Continue setting last pieces of main span steel
- Continue setting main span deck forms
- Preparations for winter traffic flow near the site.

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

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