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### Memorial Bridge workers contend with cold weather

**Bismarck** – This week’s plunge into frigid temperatures has prompted workers on the Liberty Memorial Bridge to dress more warmly, but work continues. The General Contractor, Lunda Construction announced that to stay on schedule, it intends to continue work through the winter regardless of the cold.

The cold weather has caused ice floes to back up at the work site. To maintain a safe and efficient work process, crews have suspended work on piers 7 and 8 until the ice floes pass. One form for the twin pier columns at pier 7 has been erected and the reinforcement steel has been placed. The form for the second pier column is being prepared for erection and will be set in place when crews can navigate the ice that has built up at the shoreline.

Crews this week continue work on the east approach. Workers are building forms for pier 12, the “transition pier” where 40-foot tall forms are being erected. Once the forms are in place for pier 12, iron workers will build the reinforcement steel curtain to go in the walls, perhaps beginning the end of next week.

The next pier to get initial attention is pier 10, on the east shore. One of the cranes has been moved to the east side. Crews will start the staging area for pier 10 next week.

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

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