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Memorial Bridge pile driving moves to Mandan side Cold prompts large construction shelter to be erected on east side embankment

Bismarck – Lunda Construction, the general contractor on the Liberty Memorial Bridge project, will begin pile driving operations for the Mandan west approach structure by the middle of next week. Pile driving operations will usually occur during daylight hours. Pile driving can only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in accordance with contract requirements. There should be no traffic disruptions and only minimal residential disturbances during pile driving operations.

Piling is driven into the ground to support the concrete piers which in turn support the deck and the traffic loads crossing the bridge. Piers 2 through 5 will have eighteen piles supporting each pier with a total of 40 piles supporting Pier 6. Piling has been completed at 5 piers, two in the water and three on the east side.

On the Bismarck side of the project, workers with Weisz and Sons are building a large enclosure to continue work site for the retaining wall on the east slope next to River Road. Inside the heated and weather-protected area, workers will work in a climate-controlled environment to construct the retaining wall. The detour at the bridge on River Road will continue up the hill to the intersection of Memorial Highway, Main Street and Fraine Barracks road. The pedestrian recreational trail under the bridge will remain open.

Work on piers 7 and 8, the water bound piers, will continue as ice and water levels permit. When work resumes there, workers will place the second pier column form for pier 7.

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

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