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## Boaters beware: Memorial Bridge barges will work through holiday Bismarck River Road traffic urged to obey speed limit

(Bismarck) – Lunda Construction, the prime contractor on the Memorial Bridge project is planning to work through the entire Fourth of July holiday week with a skeleton crew working on Wednesday, July 4. Since additional motorists will be in town for the Mandan Rodeo Days and the Bismarck Fourth of July celebrations, more caution is urged in the construction zone. Heavy equipment will be working near the roadway, and lanes will be restricted. No new restrictions are planned.

Barges will continue to work in the Missouri River channel and may be used to start erecting permanent shoring towers in and near the main channel in the work zone during the holiday week. Boaters will need to be cautious in the no-wake zone.

Bismarck's River Road passes through the construction area and drivers need to obey the 25 mph speed limit. Trucks and heavy equipment entering or leaving the job site through the gate on the south side of the existing bridge may pose a hazard to traffic. It is a blind exit for construction equipment so drivers need to be aware that going too fast through the work zone may endanger themselves and others.

Other work taking place week of July 2:

- Shoring tower to support main span beams floated in to place on west side of main channel.
- Assembling material for pier 9 cofferdam on east side of river .
- Installing reinforcing steel for footings at pier 11.
- East side road work on Bismarck's Main Avenue.

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