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River Road temporarily closed for second Memorial Bridge deck pour

(Bismarck) – Lunda Construction will place concrete on the two south lanes of the Bismarck approach of the new Liberty Memorial Bridge next week. Starting Tuesday, Aug. 21, through Wednesday, Aug. 22, a concrete pumper truck will be on River Road and a portion of River Road at the job site will be closed. Concrete ready-mix trucks will be driving in and out of the area to the pumper truck that will pump concrete from River Road up to the bridge deck. Approximately 300 cubic yards of concrete will be placed on the east approach spans. This is the second of two pours and will complete the east approach to the main span of Memorial Bridge.

Associated with the deck pour, clean city water will drip from the overhead deck on to River Road for the next two weeks. The water is used to control the curing of the concrete deck, ensuring a stronger slab. Motorcyclists and other motorists will want to be alert when passing through the dripping water runoff.

Drivers approaching the job site from the Bismarck side on Memorial Highway will need to be alert as crews will be working next to the roadway south from the intersection with Main Avenue. The lane width will be narrow.

The river passage next to the west bank of the Missouri River remains restricted as barges, dock and shoring towers are in place near the west bank. Boaters are urged to move to the east to pass through the work site.

Other work taking place week of August 20:

- Work continues on the upper pier columns at pier 10 on the east side of the river.
- Backfilling on pier 11 on the east sandbar will begin.
- Crews will continue to build the second shoring tower between piers 8 and 9.
- Tying reinforcing steel and forming for footing on pier 9.
- Continue decking the south half of the west approach bridge.

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