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Major bridge repairs reduce lanes and lane widths near Red Deer

Red Deer... Motorists are advised that lane closures and speed reductions will be in effect in conjunction with major bridge repairs on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway (Highway 2) near Red Deer.

Work begins April 7 on the two bridges that carry the highway over railway tracks approximately two kilometres north of the Highway 11A interchange. The work affects both northbound and southbound traffic. During the project, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and the speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h. At times, traffic may be temporarily stopped.

The open lanes in each direction will be reduced to 4.1 metres wide and no vehicles wider than this will be permitted during the project. Concrete barriers will be in place and the contractor will not be able to move the barriers at any time to widen the lanes. All vehicles exceeding this width are to use alternate routes.

The repairs will be complete by June 26, weather permitting. Motorists may wish to use Highway 2A as an alternate route to avoid the delays.

Motorists are asked to use caution in the area and obey all signs and flag persons. Motorists are reminded that fines for speeding are doubled through construction zones when workers are present.

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