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Major bridge repairs near Red Deer

Red Deer... Motorists are advised that lane closures and speed reductions will be in effect as major bridge repairs start again on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway (Highway 2) immediately north of Red Deer over the CNR overpass.

Work begins Sunday evening, May 4 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 wide lane in each direction and the speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h. Full lane closure will be required from Sunday evening until Friday noon for the period of May 4 to May 16 as the contractor works day and night. During the weekends, all lanes will be fully open from Friday noon until Sunday evening.

For the period of May 20 to June 27, temporary lane closures will be required during non-peak hours to complete other bridge repairs.

The lane width in each direction will be 5.5 metres. All vehicles exceeding this width are to use alternate routes.

Motorists are asked to use caution in the area and obey all signs and flag persons. Motorists are encouraged to drive defensively and proceed through the work zone safely. Fines for speeding will be doubled through construction zones when workers are present.

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