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Seal coating disrupts traffic on Highway 15 east of Edmonton

Mundare... Motorists can expect alternating lane closures in the east and westbound lanes and speed reductions on Highway 15 due to chip-seal coating work starting July 5. The construction work will extend 21 kilometres from west of Chipman to west of Mundare. Work will be completed by July 7, weather permitting. Pilot vehicles will guide traffic through construction where the highway speed will be reduced to 50 km/h.

Chip-seal coating involves putting a layer of rock chips and liquid asphalt on top of the road surface. The coating provides better traction for motorists and also protects the road infrastructure. Pilot vehicles and speed reductions are used during coating operations to reduce damage to vehicles from loose rock chips.

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

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