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Chip-seal work disrupts QE2 traffic near Red Deer

Red Deer... Motorists can expect lane closures and delays on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway's southbound lanes near Red Deer.

The closures and delays accommodate chip-seal coating work, tentatively slated to start on July 14. The work affects southbound Queen Elizabeth II Highway from its junction with Highway 11A north of Red Deer to its junction with Highway 2A north of Lacombe. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the chip seal zone and the speed limit lowered to 50 km/h. Pilot vehicles will be used to guide traffic through the construction zone. The work will be completed on July 17, weather permitting.

Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes such as Highway 2A during the project as delays will be significant.

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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