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## Seal coating disrupts traffic on Highway 63 at Mariana Lake

*Mariana Lake...* Motorists can expect alternating lane closures in the north and southbound lanes and speed reductions on Highway 63 due to chip-seal coating work starting July 29. The construction work will extend 6 kilometres from north of Mariana Lake to south of Highway 881. Work will be completed by July 30, 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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