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Bridge repairs disrupt traffic at night on Highway 63

Fort McMurray... Minor bridge repairs on the Grant MacEwan Bridge over the Athabasca River are scheduled to begin July 31 on Highway 63 southbound in Fort McMurray. The work will include chip-seal coating of the bridge deck.

Traffic disruptions will be limited to between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 8, weather permitting.

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 and flag people. Motorists are reminded that fines for speeding are doubled through construction zones when workers are present.

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