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Chip-seal coating delays traffic on Highway 16 near Edson

Edson... Motorists can expect delays and lane closures on Highway 16 near Edson.

Chip-seal coating work starts July 5 and affect the highway's westbound lanes from Edson to west of the junction with Highway 47. Pilot vehicles will guide traffic through the construction zone and the speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h. Work will be completed by July 12, 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 should 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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