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Night paving projects roll out on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary

Calgary... Two key paving projects will improve driving on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary. Motorists can expect nighttime lane closures and speed reductions to accommodate the paving work.

On Aug. 3, Lafarge Canada Inc. will begin paving 23 kms of Deerfoot Trail between 17 Ave. SE and the Ivor Strong Bridge near Anderson Road. The contractor will first pave the southbound lanes beginning at 17 Ave. SE and then move to the northbound lanes upon reaching the Ivor Strong Bridge. The work will be done between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily to minimize traffic disruptions. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times and the speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h through the construction zone. Interchange ramps and loops may also be closed in and around the construction zone on a nightly basis.

The \$8.7-million project also includes installation of durable pavement markings. The inlaid plastic markings will last an estimated five to 10 years before needing replacement whereas traditional painted markings need to be repainted up to four times per year on some sections of Deerfoot Trail. The paving project is expected to wrap up by Oct. 15, weather permitting.

On Aug. 6, South Rock Ltd. will begin paving nine kms of southbound Deerfoot Trail between Country Hills Boulevard and McKnight Boulevard. The contractor will begin from Country Hills Boulevard and move southward. The work will be done between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily to minimize traffic disruptions. At least one lane will remain open at all times and the speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h through the construction zone.

The \$3.8-million project also includes installation of durable pavement markings and is expected to finish by Sept. 15, weather permitting.

Motorists should use caution in both areas and obey all signs, message boards, and flag people. Motorists are reminded that fines for speeding are doubled through construction zones when workers are present.

Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/drftom-gp.htm> for periodic progress updates for these two projects.

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