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## **Nighttime pavement marking work closes lanes on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary**

*Calgary...* Motorists can expect nighttime lane closures and speed reductions on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary.

The closures accommodate installation of durable pavement markings on both northbound and southbound Deerfoot Trail between the Ivor Strong Bridge near Anderson Road and 17th Avenue SE.

Work begins May 9 and will take place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily to minimize traffic disruptions.

The contractor will start on the left-hand side of the southbound lanes from 17th Avenue SE and then move to the left-hand side of the northbound lanes upon reaching the Ivor Strong Bridge. Work will then move to the right-hand side of the southbound lanes from 17th Avenue SE before moving to the right-hand side of the northbound upon reaching the Ivor Strong Bridge. 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 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. Installation is expected to wrap up by June 15, weather permitting.

Motorists should use caution in the area 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.

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