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Bridge deck overlays close lanes on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary

Calgary... Motorists can expect lane closures and speed limit reductions on Deerfoot Trail in Calgary to accommodate two bridge deck overlay projects.

On May 23, GTS Constructors Inc. will set up the lane closures with the overlay work beginning May 24 to the concrete deck of the northbound Ogden Road flyover bridge. The bridge carries Deerfoot Trail over Ogden Road, the Western Irrigation District Canal, and the CP Rail tracks. During construction, one lane will be closed while at least two narrower lanes (3.0 and 3.5-metre widths, respectively) will remain open at all times. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 km/h through the construction zone. The Ogden Road bridge project will be completed by Aug. 5, weather permitting.

Once the Ogden Road bridge project is completed, the contractor will begin an overlay of the northbound Calf Robe Bridge that carries Deerfoot Trail over the Bow River. During construction, one lane will be closed while at least two narrower lanes (3.0 and 3.5-metre widths, respectively) will remain open at all times. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 km/h through the construction zone. The Calf Robe Bridge project will be completed by Oct. 15, weather permitting.

The two projects, worth a combined \$3.3 million, will not affect southbound Deerfoot Trail traffic.

The City of Calgary and Alberta Transportation will be working together to keep Calgarians on the move during these lane closures. Signal timing adjustments will be made on the alternate routes including Macleod Trail and Barlow Trail and will remain in place for the duration of the Deerfoot Trail lane reductions. The City's Traffic Management Centre will continue to monitor traffic flow and make necessary adjustments on alternate routes as traffic patterns adjust to the Deerfoot Trail lane closures.

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.

Visit www.transportation.alberta.ca/drftom-gp.htm for more information about Deerfoot Trail projects.

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