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Chip-seal repairs disrupt Queen Elizabeth II Highway traffic north of Airdrie

Airdrie... Motorists can expect delays, lane closures and speed reductions on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway north of Airdrie.

Chip-seal repair work is underway and will extend 12 kilometres from north of Highway 567 to south of Acme Road. The speed limit will be reduced to 80 km/h through the construction zone. Line painting will follow, with construction work completed by Aug. 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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