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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

NEW SOUTHBOUND STRUCTURE AT PTH 59 SOUTH BRIDGE OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Work on Northbound Structure Underway

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has announced that traffic has been diverted to the new southbound structure at the PTH 59 South Bridge to allow for work on the northbound structure to begin. Work on the northbound structure will begin immediately and is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2007.

The PTH 59 South Bridge project will increase the height of the north and southbound structures by approximately 3 metres (10 feet) to withstand a 1-in-700 year flood. Specifically, the project will result in the replacement of the southbound and northbound structures that cross the floodway at the PTH 59 South Bridge, including related roadworks and channel excavation. In addition, Prairie Grove Road will be relocated higher along the bank, ensuring that the road remains above the flood water level for longer periods during flooding periods.

The MFA is committed to ensuring minimal traffic disruptions during bridge construction at all locations by utilizing existing bridges during the construction of new bridge crossings. The public is advised to watch for temporary detour signs and other safety signs in the vicinity of construction. The public is also reminded that, to ensure the safety of construction workers and the traveling public, the speed limit at the PTH 59 South Bridge site is restricted to 70 km/h and is further reduced to 60 km/h when passing construction workers and equipment.

The Manitoba Floodway Authority and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation would like to thank you, in advance, for exercising caution when traveling in the vicinity of the floodway expansion project. Thank you for your co-operation and patience as the floodway expansion project proceeds.

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