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Traffic pattern changes on Highway 63 south of Fort McMurray

Fort McMurray... Northbound and southbound traffic on Highway 63 approximately 15 kilometres south of Fort McMurray will be detoured onto a section of the newly constructed lanes to accommodate bridge culvert work on the existing Highway 63 lanes beginning Sept. 30, weather permitting. Construction on the culvert and the temporary diversion of traffic is expected to be completed Oct. 15, weather permitting. During this time, the existing northbound and southbound roadside turnouts north of Highway 881 will not be available. Vehicles requiring a place to stop are recommended to use the parking area on Highway 881 just east of Highway 63.

The speed limit within the active construction zone will be reduced to 50 kilometres per hour.

Completion of the 16 kilometres of twinning south of Fort McMurray between Highways 69 and 881 is expected to open to traffic later this fall, weather permitting.

Motorists are asked to use caution in the area and obey all signs and flag people. In construction zones, when workers are present, fines for speeding in these areas will be doubled.

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