

# Alberta Transportation

# Bridge Construction

## Highway 12, Medicine River Bridge

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### Overview

Beginning spring 2020, Alberta Transportation will begin construction on the Medicine River Bridge on Highway 12, 14 km north of the Town of Eckville. The current bridge structure, which was constructed in 1981 requires extensive repairs.

Repairs will require temporary closures, single lane traffic and lane restrictions.

### Project Details

Construction on the bridge is anticipated to begin April 2020 and take approximately 5 months to complete, weather permitting. Active construction work is typically expected to occur between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm daily, however may be extended as required.

The bridge requires the following construction activities; reconstruction of abutments, girder repairs, bridge deck repair and resurfacing and guardrail installation. Pile driving is required as part of construction and will necessitate short term road closures and detours. Road closures to accommodate pile driving will typically take place between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am. Approximately 3 days of closures are expected. Local residents may notice increase noise during pile driving activities.

Alberta Transportation obtains all necessary approvals from various regulatory bodies such as Alberta Environment and Parks.

### Traffic Impacts

As with any construction project, travelers may experience speed reductions, lane closures, detours and minor delays. Signage with additional information on construction timing will be posted on site a week before construction begins. The project will require intermittent and temporary closures of Highway 12 at the bridge site, which will be accommodated by planned off-site detours. Lane restrictions can also be expected. Information on detours and closures will be posted at least 14 days in advance.

Please watch for and obey all construction zone signage. For up to date information on this project, please call 5-1-1 toll free or visit [511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca)



#### Need more information?

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