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Bridging the waters of Winter Creek on Highway 40

Albertans crossing Winter Creek on Highway 40 will do so over a two-lane temporary bridge structure as construction on a new bridge begins this week.

Crews will work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week on the \$2.2 million bridge reconstruction.

The temporary bridge structure, located right beside the active construction site, eliminates the need for lane closures and weight restrictions. Speed limits in the construction zone will be reduced to 50 km/h for the duration of the work.

Inspectors discovered the bridge's 44-year old timber substructure was deteriorating during a routine inspection last fall. To protect the safety of Albertans and maintain the accessibility of this important corridor, Alberta Transportation took immediate measures to reinforce the structure's load distribution, then proceeded to make the proactive decision to replace the bridge at Winter Creek.

The Alberta Government is committed to providing Albertans with safe, reliable infrastructure they can depend upon. Replacing the bridge will restore the reliability of this vital crossing that connects Albertans to British Columbia through Grande Cache and Peace River.

[Alberta Transportation](#) has a rigorous maintenance program that protects and maintains our road investments. This project is one of many that deliver on the Alberta Government's commitment to strategic rehabilitation of our transportation infrastructure. By investing in our core infrastructure network, the Government of Alberta continues to place the safety of Albertans at the core of its agenda of building Alberta.

Drivers are reminded to obey all flag persons, signs and signals. Fines for speeding are doubled in construction zones while workers are present.

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