

Bridge Restriction

BF 71145 - Lea Park Bridge

Highway 897 over the North Saskatchewan River, 16km north of Marwayne

What happened?

On January 31, 2018 Alberta Transportation received a report that there was significant damage to the west side of the Lea Park Truss Bridge on highway 897. A detailed inspection of the damage and engineering analysis revealed that the damage was significant. In order to ensure public safety the bridge has been restricted to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 15 tonnes until further notice.

Motorists are asked to obey all signs and large trucks should use alternate routes such as Highway 893 to the west or Highway 17 to the east. Vehicles weighing under 15 tonnes (such as school buses) will still be able to use the bridge. Arrangements have been made to ensure that safe use of snow removal equipment on the bridge as well.

Road users can check for updated traffic and construction information at 511.Alberta.ca or by calling 5-1-1.

What 's Next?

Alberta Transportation understands the importance of this crossing to local residents and the Alberta economy. Temporary repairs are currently being designed to be completed by early March. The repair schedule could be impacted by weather, but it is Alberta Transportation's intent to get the temporary repairs completed as soon as possible. Once these temporary repairs are completed the 15 tonne maximum weight restriction will be removed.

The design of permanent repairs has also been started. These repairs are anticipated to be significantly more challenging to complete, as they will likely involve replacing several of the worst damaged truss members as well as repair of the less damaged members. It is currently anticipated that these repairs will be completed by late 2018 although the exact timing is not yet known.



Close-up of Damaged Truss Member

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