

Bridge Repairs

BF 75667 - Millet Overpass

Highway 616 over Highway 2 about 8km west of Millet

What happened?

On January 17, 2018 a semi-trailer unit entered the centre median and struck the Millet Overpass. The unit then caught fire. The initial collision and subsequent fire caused substantial damage to the bridge.

In order to ensure public safety, the bridge was immediately closed to traffic and a detailed inspection was completed. This inspection identified the need to remove some fire damaged concrete to fully determine the extent of the damage.

The concrete removal and additional inspection were completed on January 31. With a better understanding of the extent of the damage an engineering assessment of the bridge determined that it would be safe to open up a single lane of alternating traffic on the bridge at a reduced speed.



Fire Damaged pier after some heat damaged concrete has been removed

What 's Next?

A single lane of alternating traffic controlled by stop lights will be implemented by as soon as possible. The speed across the bridge will also be restricted to 50 km/hr. It is anticipated that this lane will be opened by Thursday February 15, 2018 weather permitting.

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

Design of the repairs to the bridge have begun, however the damage is extensive and the repairs are quite complex. Repairs to the bridge are anticipated to be completed by the late fall of 2018.

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