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US Highway 85 four-lane project from Watford City to County Road 16 now underway

Construction has begun on the first phase of US Highway 85 from Watford City to County Road 16. The entire project consists of constructing additional driving lanes and a median, to create a four-lane highway from Watford City to Williston. The first phase of the project is approximately 33 miles and is tentatively scheduled for completion in the 2014. The second phase of the project is from County Road 16 to Williston and will begin construction in 2014. The second phase of the project will also include the replacement of the Lewis & Clark Bridge over the Missouri River near Williston. This project will enhance traffic movement in western North Dakota.

At this time, work is taking place adjacent to the roadway. Motorists should be aware that:

- Speeds will be reduced to 25 mph through immediate work zone areas
- Width restrictions of 12 feet will be in place
- Trucks will be entering and exiting the roadway
- Motorists may experience traffic delays and should plan ahead for extra travel time
- Motorists should be alert for changing conditions during construction

Help prevent work zone crashes. Motorists are encouraged to slow down, allow extra distance between their vehicles and the vehicle in front of them, use caution and obey flaggers and posted signs.

For more information about the US Highway 85 project, visit <https://www.dot.nd.gov/projects/western-nd/ushwy85.htm>.