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Construction work progressing in Williston area; Motorists reminded to be patient as work continues through the fall

Construction work continues on highway projects in the Williston area and motorists are reminded to drive carefully through work zones and obey signs. While some projects are finishing up, construction will continue through the fall on most projects in the area.

Some projects that have recently been completed include:

- Overlay on ND Highway 50 from the state line to Grenora
- Overlay on US Highway 2 from the state line to the junction of US 85
- Paving on US 85 south of Watford City

Projects currently underway in the Williston area include:

- Intersection reconstruction on US 85/2 and 11th from Gate Avenue to Frontage Road in Williston. Roadwork will be completed in October, with traffic signals to be operational in March.
- US 85 four lane project from Watford City to Williston. Work is currently taking place on the first portion of the project from Watford City to County Road 16. The first phase is tentatively scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014.
- US 2 near Ray includes paving, additional turn lanes, extended turn lanes from ½ mile east of Ray to ½ mile west of Ray. A traffic signal will be added at the intersection of US 2 and County Road 17 and a pedestrian crossing will be added at the intersection of US 2 and Church Street. This project will be completed in October.
- Watford City southwest bypass has been bid and construction is expected to begin this fall.
- Williston Bypass will be re-bid in November with work beginning in the spring of 2014.

With the record amount of construction currently taking place in the region, 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 construction projects and road conditions throughout North Dakota, call 511 from any type of phone or visit the Travel Information Map on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info-v2>. Information about projects in western North Dakota can be found at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/projects/western-nd/williston-district.htm>.