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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is advising local residents that Pineridge Road (Mile 115.5) and Lorne Hill Road (Mile 117.6) at the CP Keewatin Railway Line in the Rural Municipality of Springfield will be closed to traffic as early as September 1, 2008 until mid-August, 2009. During this period, residents on Pineridge Road are advised to use Oakwood Road as the main alternative route.

This temporary traffic disruption is required to facilitate the replacement of the CP Keewatin Railway Bridge which is being raised to the 1-in-700 year flood level as part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. This work will ensure that the bridge won't collapse and pose a serious flood risk during a major flood event.

A temporary, single-track railway detour bridge and two staging areas on either side of the floodway are being established so that east and west bound trains can cross the floodway while the original bridge is being raised. The establishment of the train staging area in the RM of Springfield means that Pineridge Road and Lorne Hill Road at the CP Keewatin Railway Line will be closed.

The MFA, Canadian Pacific, the City of Winnipeg and the RM of Springfield have been working together to develop this train staging plan and would like to thank all of the residents in the area for their patience and understanding as the Red River Floodway Expansion Project proceeds.

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