

BACKGROUND – PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Highway 3 near Turtleford

Construction is underway on 18 km from the junction of Highway 26 at Turtleford to 18 km east. This project is about \$11 million. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 11 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. After the work is expected to be complete in October, motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface.

Highway 3 west of Melfort (bridge repairs)

Construction will be underway May 19 on a bridge that crosses Thatch Creek about five kilometres west of Melfort. The project, worth about \$600,000, is expected to be completed in mid-July. Highways 368 and 41 will be used as detours for the duration of the project.

Highway 11 near Bethune

Construction is underway on 20 km from Bethune to its junction with Highway 2. This project is about \$1.5 million. Work for the season began the week of May 11 and will include surfacing. After the work is expected to be complete later in May, motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface.

Highway 13 near Redvers

Construction is underway on 16 km from west of Redvers towards Carlyle. This project is about \$2 million. Work for the season began the week of May 4. After the work is expected to be complete later in May, motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface.

Highway 26 near St. Walburg

Construction is underway on 15 km from 14 km north of St. Walburg, continuing north. This project is about \$9 million. Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. After the work is expected to be complete in August, motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface.

Highway 32 near Abbey

Construction is underway on 21 km from east of Abbey to Lancer. This project is worth about \$12 million. Travellers are advised to be cautious through the work zone with traffic potentially reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface, after the work is expected to be complete during the 2010 construction season.

Highway 35 near Tisdale

Construction is underway on 20 km from the junction with Highway 3 at Tisdale continuing south. This project is around \$6 million. Traffic may potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4 and will include surface strengthening and shaping. After the work is expected to be complete in June, motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface.

Highway 37 near Climax

Construction is underway on 13 km from Climax north. This work is valued around \$9 million. Traffic may potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface, after the work is expected to be complete in July.

Highway 39 east of Estevan (bridge rehabilitation)

Construction is underway on the bridge rehabilitation of the Highway 39 CPR overpass east of Estevan. This project is valued around \$2 million. Work for the season began the week of May 11 although a local detour will not be in place until May 19. This project is expected to be complete by mid-June.

Highway 41 near Wakaw

Construction is underway on 20 km west of the junction with Highway 20. This project is about \$5 million. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4. Motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface, after the work is expected to be complete by mid-June.

Highway 42 near Riverhurst

Construction is underway on 25 km of micro-surfacing from Lake Diefenbaker to 25 km east. This project is about \$355,000. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the area. Work began the week of May 11 and is expected to be complete in late May.

Highway 106 near Deschambault Lake

Final clean-up is underway on 9 km from 50 km east of the junction of Highway 106 and Highway 165 to 59 km east of that junction. This project is about \$4 million. Work for the season began the week of May 11 and includes shaping and trimming of the highway side slopes. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. The final clean-up on the new paving project is expected to be complete by late May.

Highway 120 near Meath Park (bridge construction)

Construction of a new bridge that crosses Howard Creek is underway about 1.5 km north of the junction with Highway 55 near Meath Park. The project is worth about \$1 million. A temporary bridge near the work zone will be used as a detour. Work began the week of May 11 and is expected to be complete by late June.

Highway 303 near Turtleford

Construction is underway on 23 km from the junction with Highway 26 at Turtleford to the junction of Highway 21. This project is about \$6 million. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 4. Motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface, after work is expected to be complete in June.

Highway 368 south of Lake Lenore

Construction is underway on 10 km south of Lake Lenore. This project is around \$7 million. Motorists should expect delays, blowing dust and traffic potentially reduced to one lane through the area. Work for the season began the week of May 11. Motorist will travel a new paved surface, after work is expected to be complete in late August.

Wascana Parkway Bridge that crosses Highway 1 (Ring Road) in Regina

One westbound lane of the Wascana Parkway Bridge and the sidewalk are closed as repairs are made to the structure's concrete traffic barriers. Pedestrians can access an alternate route to cross the bridge. Crews will move to the other side of the bridge at a later date to complete the work. Motorists are reminded to slow to 40 kilometres per hour. The project began April 6 and is expected to be finished in June. It is about \$250,000.