

## BACKGROUNDER

### NEW WORK

**Highway 8 near Redvers:** About 18 km of construction work worth about \$7 million is now taking place on Highway 8, from Redvers north towards Fairlight. Traffic potentially reduced to one lane through the area. This season's construction began May 21 and work 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 completed in mid-July.

**Highway 11 near Kenaston:** Almost 16 km of construction work worth about \$4 million is expected to be under way on Highway 11 in the south bound lanes south of Hanley to Kenaston. Traffic may be restricted to one lane. This season's construction is expected to begin during the week of May 25 and will include resurfacing. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in July.

**Highway 16 near Borden:** Construction is underway on 9 km of micro-surfacing on the westbound driving lane of Highway 16 from the North Saskatchewan River heading northwest. This project is worth about \$240,000. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the area. Work began during the week of May 25 and is expected to be complete in early June.

**Highway 106 near Smeaton:** About 11 kilometres of construction work worth about \$3 million is now taking place on Highway 106 from its junction with Highway 55 at Smeaton to 11 km north. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. This season's construction began during the week of May 25 and work will include the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in August.

### ONGOING WORK

**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 is expected to be underway May 25 on a bridge that crosses Thatch Creek about 5 km 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 3 near Crooked River:** About 11 km of construction work worth about \$3 million is now taking place on Highway 3 from its junction with Highway 23 north of Crooked River and heading east. Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Construction began during the week of May 18. Work will include surface strengthening and shaping. Work is expected to be completed in July. At that time motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface.

**Highway 7 near Flaxcombe:** Construction of a truck climbing lane is underway on Highway 7 near Flaxcombe. Work for the season began the week of May 18 and is expected to be complete sometime in June. Motorists are reminded to slow down when passing workers. The project is worth about \$1 million.

**Highway 11 near Bethune:** Construction is underway on 20 km from Bethune to its junction with Highway 2. This project is worth 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 11 twinning between Prince Albert and Saskatoon:** Construction resumed on Highway 11 north of Saskatoon in early May. Crews are currently working on 12 km of new northbound lanes from north of Hague to south of Rosthern. Motorists should be aware of blowing dust from this grading work. The cost of this portion of the project is about \$5 million. Twinning is also expected to resume on Highway 11 south of Prince Albert in June. Crews will be placing a final layer of pavement from the junction of Highway 2 south for about 11 km. This section of highway will be opened to traffic following completion of the paving and sign installation. The total cost of this portion of the project is about \$7 million.

**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. Once 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 once work is expected to be complete in 2010.

**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 once 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 worth about \$2.3 million. Work for the season began the week of May 11. A local detour started on 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 once work is expected to be complete by mid-June.

**Highway 55 near Red Earth:** About 17 km of construction worth about \$4 million is now taking place on Highway 55 from about 10 km east of its junction with the Red Earth access road to about 7 km west of the junction. Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Construction began the week of May 18 and work will include the placement of sand and gravel over the existing surface. Motorists will be able to travel on an upgraded, dust-free surface after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

**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 mid May 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 about \$800,000. 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 once 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. Motorists will travel a new paved surface once work is expected to be complete in late August.

**Wascana Parkway Bridge that crosses Highway 1 (Ring Road) in Regina:** Beginning May 26, one westbound lane, the sidewalk and one eastbound lane will be closed on the Wascana Parkway Bridge, as repairs are made to the structure's concrete traffic barriers. Pedestrians will still be able cross the overpass during the work. Motorists are reminded to slow to 40 km/h. The project began April 6 and is expected to be finished in June. It is about \$250,000.