# Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure

# 2009 Construction Season Highlights

# Record \$630 M budget

✓ 1,580 km of highway improvements completed or in progress

#### Materials used

- ✓ 4 million cubic metres of earth enough to fill three and a half Empire State Buildings
- ✓ 3.2 million tonnes of gravel
- ✓ 1.3 million tonnes of asphalt concrete as heavy as 11 CN Towers
- √ 1.3 million litres of paint enough to fill half an Olympic-sized swimming pool
- ✓ 5,809 highway signs were replaced or newly installed and 6,372 were repaired

# Supporting economic growth and safety

# Rural Highway Strategy

- ✓ A 5,000 km expansion of the primary weight highway network was implemented on July 1, 2009 bringing the total system to 14,450 km
  - This includes a total of 8,250 km 12-month primary weight and 6,200 km 9-month primary weight highways
- 235 km of rural highways rebuilt and upgraded (complete or in progress) allowing for shippers to carry primary weights, including:
  - Highway 3 13 km completed and 6 km in progress from its Junction with Highway 26 at Turtleford to west of the Livelong Access
  - Highway 26 14 km completed north of St. Walburg
  - Highway 32 56 km in progress from Shackleton to Prelate
  - Highway 37 13 km completed north of Climax
  - Highway 47 33 km completed from the Junction of Highways 47 and 361 to Stoughton
  - Highway 303 23 km completed from Turtleford to its Junction with Highway 21
  - Highway 303 46 km completed (minor work in progress) from Lloydminster to Junction with Highway 21
  - Highway 310 30 km in progress from Foam Lake to the Junction of Highway 5 near Kuroki
  - Highway 368 10 km completed and 25 km in progress from south of Lake Lenore to south of St. Brieux

#### Accelerated twinning of Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert

✓ 11 km of new northbound lanes were completed and opened from the Junction of Highway 2 south

- ✓ 22 km of grading was completed from north of Hague to north of Rosthern
- ✓ To date 52 km of the 127-km-long Highway 11 corridor between Saskatoon and its junction with Highway 2 south of Prince Albert is twinned

# Infrastructure to support the Global Transportation Hub

- ✓ Construction of two-lane roadway from Highway 1 to 25th Ave. in progress
- ✓ Upgrading existing Pinkie Road from 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Dewdney Ave. in progress

# Highway 1 and Lewvan Drive Interchange

- ✓ Natural gas, electrical and telephone utility lines moved
- ✓ Interim roadways built west of Lewvan/Highway 1 to provide access to Highway 1
- ✓ Overpass embankment construction ongoing

#### **Urban Connectors**

- ✓ Ten agreements signed in 2009 bringing to total 13 since program inception in 2008
- ✓ Projects underway or pending in Humboldt, Langham, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Moosomin, Swift Current, Tisdale
- - \$86.5 million toward the construction of a new bridge and roads to complete Circle Drive, and \$12 million toward interchanges at Lorne Avenue and Circle Drive South and Idylwyld Freeway and Circle Drive South
  - Work completed in 2009 includes stakeholder consultation on options for the Circle Drive/Clancy Drive intersection and preliminary design work in preparation for tendering in early 2010

#### Maintenance and repaving

- √ 340 km of repaving has been completed or is in progress, including:
  - Highway 1 72 km
  - Highway 16 20 km
- ✓ 970 km has been improved with light and medium preservation treatments

#### **Bridges and culverts**

- ✓ 13 bridges have been replaced or are in progress.
- ✓ 4 bridges have been rehabilitated or are in progress.
- ✓ 38 culverts or wood box drainage structure have been replaced or are in progress