

BACKGROUND: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009

NEW WORK

Highway 26, about 3 km west of Loon Lake (bridge construction): Demolition of an existing bridge and construction of a new bridge crossing the narrows between Makwa Lake and Jumbo Lake began the week of Oct. 19. The project is worth about \$510,000. Traffic will be accommodated on a temporary bridge near the work zone. Work is expected to be completed in December.

Highway 980, about 47 km north of Arran (bridge construction): Demolition of an existing bridge and construction of a new bridge crossing the Woody River began the week of Oct. 19. The project is worth about \$640,000. Traffic will be accommodated on a temporary bridge near the work zone. Work is expected to be completed in December.

ONGOING WORK

Highway 1 (Ring Road) and Lewvan intersection in Regina: Motorists travelling near the junction of Highway 1 and Lewvan Drive are advised to use caution as construction progresses for a new interchange at this location. During construction, drivers travelling southbound on Lewvan Drive turning east (left) at the intersection of Highway 1 and Lewvan Drive will be detoured down Gordon Road to Albert Street. Drivers can access Highway 1 at the Albert Street interchange. Heavy truck traffic will not be detoured down Gordon Road, but is required to take alternate routes. All other traffic movements will be accommodated in the vicinity of the intersection. For more information, please visit: www.highways.gov.sk.ca/lewvaninterchange/

Highway 1 (Ring Road) and Arcola Avenue exit ramp in Regina: Motorists are advised to use caution and seek alternate routes as repair work takes place in Regina near Arcola Avenue and Ring Road (Highway 1). Starting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m., motorists travelling northbound on Ring Road near this junction will see traffic reduced to one lane for a few hundred metres and will be unable to use the exit ramp to access Arcola Avenue. Oversized loads of five metres wide or more should also avoid this northbound portion of Ring Road due to traffic being reduced to one lane. This northbound exit ramp to Arcola Avenue will be closed until the construction work is expected to be completed later in the week, depending on weather.

Highway 5 – Anaheim access road: About 15.5 kilometres of construction work worth \$3.8 million is now taking place on the Anaheim access road. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the construction zone. This season's construction began during the week of Oct. 4 and work will include surfacing the existing access road. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in October.

Highway 8 near Fairlight: About 16 km of construction work worth roughly \$6 million is now taking place on Highway 8 from Fairlight south towards Redvers. Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. This season's construction began during the week of June 1 and work will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will be able to travel on a new sealed surface, after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 11 twinning between Prince Albert and Saskatoon: Construction resumed on Highway 11 north of Saskatoon in early May. Crews are currently working on about 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 \$5 million. Meanwhile, construction began on July 25 on about 10 km of new lanes from south of Rosthern to north of Rosthern. Motorists should be aware of blowing dust from this grading work. The cost of this portion of the project is \$3 million. Construction

also began on a section from south of Hague to north of Hague the week of Aug. 31. The value of this portion of the project is \$5 million. Construction commenced during the week of September 21 on about 13 km of new lanes from 2.5 km south of Macdowall to northeast of Macdowall. Motorists should be aware of blowing dust from this grading work. The cost of this portion of the project is \$6 million.

Highway 12 near Waldheim: Almost 8 km of construction work worth about \$2 million is now taking place on Highway 12 from 5.98 km northwest of Junction 312 to 13.5 km northwwest. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the construction zone. This season's construction began during the week of Oct. 5 and work will include rotomixing and paving the existing lanes. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 16 near Maymont: About 39 kilometres of construction work worth \$6 million is now taking place on Highway 16 from Radisson to 14 km west and from Maymont to 24 km west. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work zone. This season's construction began during the week of September 21 and work will include resurfacing of the existing lanes. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 18, about 1 km northeast of Val Marie (bridge repair): Repair of the concrete bridge piers at the bridge over the Frenchman River began Aug. 31. The project is worth \$350,000. The bridge will be repaired in stages with light traffic being accommodated on half the bridge. Vehicles wider than 2.6 metres will be accommodated on a detour. Please watch for signs. Work is expected to be completed in October.

Highway 32 near Abbey: Construction is underway on 21 km from east of Abbey to Lancer. This project is worth \$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 travel on a new paved surface once work is expected to be complete in 2010.

Highway 32 near Sceptre: Construction is underway on 19 km from east of Lemsford to Prelate. This project is worth \$12 million. Travelers are advised to be cautious through the work zone with traffic potentially reduced to one lane through the area. The bulk of the work for the season began the week of Sept. 7 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will travel on a new paved surface once work is expected to be complete in 2010.

Highway 32 near Pennant: About 11 km of construction work worth about \$3 million is now taking place between Success and Pennant. Travellers are advised to be cautious through the work zone. Traffic is potentially reduced to one lane. This season's construction began Oct. 2. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 32 between Lancer and Lemsford: Construction is underway on 17 km between Lancer and Lemsford. This project is worth about \$9 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 Oct. 12 and will include grading, along with the application of sand and gravel. Motorists will travel on a newly paved surface once work is expected to be complete in 2010.

Highway 55 near Peerless: About 13 km of construction worth \$6 million is underway on Highway 55 from about 13 km east of its south junction with Highway 26 to its south junction with Highway 26 south of Peerless. Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area. Construction began on Sept. 10 and work will include the placement of sand and gravel over the existing surface. Motorists will travel on a new paved surface after the work is expected to be completed in the spring of 2010.

Highway 123 northeast of Carrot River: Work is underway to install an additional drainage structure through Highway 123 about 18 kilometres north of its junction with Highway 55. The project is worth \$155,000. A temporary detour is in place to accommodate traffic. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the detour. Construction began during the week of September 28. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Highway 303 east of Lloydminster: Construction began the week of July 27 on 45 km of Highway 303, east of Lloydminster to the junction of Highway 21. This portion of the upgrade is worth \$15 million. Motorists should expect delays and traffic potentially reduced to one lane through the work area. Motorists will travel on a newly paved surface, once the work is expected to be completed in October.

Highway 310 near Balcarres: About 8 km of construction work worth \$2 million is now taking place on Highway 310, from Balcarres north towards Ituna. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the area. This season's construction began during the week of July 6 and work will include surface mixing, along with the application of sand and a seal. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly sealed surface, after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 310 near Foam Lake: About 19 km of construction work worth about \$11 million is now taking place on Highway 310 from about 1 km north of Highway 16 to about 20 km north. Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area. This season's construction began during the week of Aug. 10 and work will include grading and paving. Work is expected to be completed in 2010.

Highway 368 from Lake Lenore to south of St. Brieux: About 25 km of construction work between Lake Lenore and St. Brieux on Highway 368 worth \$16 million began for the first time during the week of June 15. Traffic in this area may be restricted to one lane through the work zone and detours are also in place as work is underway on the subgrade and surface structure. Motorists will be able to travel on a new paved surface once the work has been completed, which is expected in 2010, after wet weather has caused construction delays.

Highways 6 and 11 junction in Regina (overpass repairs): Driving lanes are reduced at the junction of Highways 11 and 6 in Regina, in light of \$800,000 in overpass repairs that started on July 21. Throughout the project, which is expected to be complete this fall, the northbound and southbound lanes of Highway 6 will be restricted to one lane of traffic. Traffic traveling in both directions of Highway 6 may also be occasionally stopped for short periods. Traffic in the area on Highway 11, which is the overpass on top of Highway 6, will have its lane width reduced. (The Highway 11 overpass goes from accommodating a single lane to two lanes of traffic as motorists travel northbound.) Northbound Highway 11 traffic near this junction may also be stopped occasionally for short periods. Over dimension loads will be restricted to 3.5 metres wide on both the northbound and southbound directions of travel on Highway 6, but only on the northbound direction of travel on Highway 11. Traffic southbound on Highway 11 near this junction will be unaffected by these repairs.

West Regina Bypass: About 6.5 km of construction work is now taking place on the West Regina Bypass from Highway 1 to Dewdney Avenue. Travellers are advised to be cautious through the work zone. This season's construction began the week of Aug. 31 and work will include grading and surfacing. Motorists will be able to travel on a newly paved surface, after the work is expected to be completed in 2010.

NOTE: Construction work is subject to weather conditions and contractor progress. Motorists can also get important travel information online at www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions/. Highway Hotline information via telephone is as follows: Regina and area at 306-787-7623; Saskatoon and area at 306-933-8333; on the SaskTel Cellular Network at *ROAD; and throughout Canada at 1-888-335-7623.