

BACKGROUNDER: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010)

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 1 eastbound, Rush Lake Access Road to 3 km west of the Waldeck Access Road

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 23

DESCRIPTION: About 17 km of repaving work in the eastbound lanes of Highway 1 from about 3 km west of the Waldeck access road to the Rush Lake Access Road

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane, fresh oil may be present and speed will be reduced to 60km/hr when passing workers and equipment

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 13, two culvert installation locations, about 7 km and 9 km east of Weyburn

ESTIMATED COST: \$215,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 23

DESCRIPTION: Removal of existing wood box culvert and wood pile bridge, replacing with two steel culverts

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane, flagpersons or traffic lights will be used to direct traffic, drivers should be cautious

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: September 2010

PROJECT: Highway 16 near Elstow

ESTIMATED COST: \$620,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 6

DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of paving from 1 km east of Elstow to 6.5 km west of Elstow

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Sept. 13

PROJECT: Highway 55 from Alberta-Saskatchewan border to east of Pierceland

ESTIMATED COST: \$18.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 23

DESCRIPTION: About 26 km of work on Highway 55 from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to about 10 km east of Pierceland, which includes grading along with the application of sand and gravel followed by paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through, while motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust and watch for soft portions, fresh gravel and allow for potentially extra travel time

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

ONGOING WORK

PROJECT: Highway 1 west of Maple Creek to Alberta-Saskatchewan border

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: June 20

DESCRIPTION: Restoration of two-lane service in the eastbound lanes that opened to traffic on June 26, opening of new westbound crossovers on July 15 to allow for a smoother and easier transition for motorists, along with improved movement of various semi truck and trailer combinations from four-lanes to two-lanes, with September targeted to begin rebuilding of the westbound lanes

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 1 in this area is currently operating as a two-lane highway for about 3 km. For west-bound traffic, the two-lane section starts about 2 km west of the Highway 21 junction. For east-bound traffic, the two-lane section starts about 5 km west of the Highway 21 junction. Motorists are advised to reduce speeds and be cautious and alert in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Re-opening of Highway 1 to two-lane-traffic occurred June 26, opening of new westbound crossovers on July 15, with September targeted to begin rebuilding of the westbound lanes and four-lane operation expected to be re-established late Fall 2010

NOTE: See Aug. 18, 2010 news release for more details at www.highways.gov.sk.ca

PROJECT: Highway 1 westbound over Rush Lake Creek, about 3 km west of Rush Lake, bridge work

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 21

DESCRIPTION: Bridge rehabilitation

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Westbound traffic restricted to one lane with a maximum width of 4 metres, motorists advised to slow down to 60 km/hr through the area and over dimension loads in this westbound lane are advised to seek alternate routes, eastbound lanes unaffected by this work

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: December 2010

PROJECT: Highway 1, about 19 km east of Chaplin, culvert installation

ESTIMATED COST: \$160,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 5

DESCRIPTION: Retrofit of corrugated steel pipe inside of existing wood box culvert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and motorists are advised to slow down to 60 km/hr in the work zone

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Aug. 9

PROJECT: Highway 1 and Lewvan Drive Interchange at Regina

ESTIMATED COST: \$34 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 26

DESCRIPTION: Work will include completion of utility relocates, construction of bridge structure and ramp embankments

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic has been directed onto temporary access roads west of the existing intersection, with the exception of southbound traffic on Lewvan Drive wishing to turn left (east) onto Highway 1. These motorists are being routed down Gordon Road to Albert Street and can use the Albert Street interchange to access Highway 1. Heavy truck traffic is not being routed down Gordon Road but is instead required to take an alternate route

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 1 eastbound near Chaplin, three bridge replacements

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.7 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of three bridges of varying lengths, 16.8 metres, 22.5 metres and 14.8 metres

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 2 over Qu'Appelle River/Buffalo Pound Lake, bridge rehabilitation

ESTIMATED COST: \$2.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: Rebuilding a 45-metre-long bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic restricted to one lane with a maximum width of 3.8 metres, motorists advised to slow down to 60 km/hr through the area and over dimension loads are advised to seek alternate routes

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 2 near Imperial

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: About 17 km of paving from Imperial to its junction with Highway 15

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and speed will be reduced to 60km/hr when passing workers and equipment

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 2 south of Sagehill

ESTIMATED COST: \$224,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 23

DESCRIPTION: About 5 km paving from its north junction with Highway 2 to 5 km north

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Aug. 30

PROJECT: Highway 3 near Turtleford

ESTIMATED COST: \$11.5 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 3

DESCRIPTION: About 6 km of paving and gravel work from about 6 km east of Turtleford to about 12 km east, which will complete this 18-km-long project to rebuild this road

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 south of Meadow Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$10.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 21

DESCRIPTION: Almost 30 km of repaving from about 39 km south of the junction of Highway 4 and Highway 304 to about 9 km south of the junction

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 almost 12 km north of Elrose, bridge replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$680,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 2

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing bridge with a new 15-metre-long bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid September

PROJECT: Highway 4 north of Glaslyn

ESTIMATED COST: \$13.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 21

DESCRIPTION: About 24 km of work from about 20 km north of the north junction of Highway 4 and Highway 3 to the north, which includes widening of the shoulders on about 18 km and paving of the entire 24 km.

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area and motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 5 near St. Denis

ESTIMATED COST: \$650,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: About 14 km of paving from 1 km east of St. Denis to 13 km west of St. Denis

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Aug. 16

PROJECT: Highway 6 near Gronlid

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 19

DESCRIPTION: About 10 km of work from the junction of Highway 6 and Highway 335 at Gronlid to the north of the junction, which includes placing sand and gravel over the existing road surface followed by paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid to late September 2010

PROJECT: Highway 8 south of Fairlight

ESTIMATED COST: \$6.1 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 10

DESCRIPTION: About 15 km of work from the junction of Highway 48 heading south, which includes grading and surfacing

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane, obey flag persons who may be in attendance, be aware of potentially loose stones and fresh oil

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 10 near Fort Qu'Appelle, bridge replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 14

DESCRIPTION: Replacing a 42.6-metre-long bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should slow to 60 km/hr as they approach the area and down to 30 km per hour before crossing a temporary, single-lane bridge being used as a temporary detour as the permanent bridge is replaced (traffic light will control the flow of traffic on the temporary bridge)

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Macdowall

ESTIMATED COST: \$6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 10

DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of grading work on new northbound lanes from 2.5 km south of Macdowall to northeast of Macdowall as part of twinning Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of blowing dust

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2011

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Rosthern

ESTIMATED COST: \$17.7 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 10

DESCRIPTION: About 30 km of paving from south of Hague to north of Rosthern as part of twinning Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorist should be aware of potential blowing dust

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Hague

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.5 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17

DESCRIPTION: Construction of news lanes, service road and auxiliary roads as part of twinning Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be cautious in the area

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 12 near Blaine Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$2.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17

DESCRIPTION: About 7 km of repaving from 6 km northwest of its junction with Highway 312 to about 13 km northwest

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 13 over Lodge Creek, bridge replacement, about 12 km west of Govenlock

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.1 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 2

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a new 30-metre-long bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid September 2010

PROJECT: Highway 15 near Outlook

ESTIMATED COST: \$5.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: About 15 km of surfacing from its junction with Highway 45 to about 15 km west

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010/Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 16 near Yorkton

ESTIMATED COST: \$8.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17

DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of grading and paving work west of the Highway 9 junction

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 16 near Lanigan

ESTIMATED COST: \$393,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Near the end of the week of Aug. 23

DESCRIPTION: About 7 km of paving from its junction with Highway 20 to 7 km east

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early September

PROJECT: Highway 32 west of Lancer

ESTIMATED COST: \$9.3 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of April 19

DESCRIPTION: About 16 km of work from west of Lancer to Lemsford, which includes grading and paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane with the possibility of a rough driving surface and occasional blowing dust

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 32 near Sceptre

ESTIMATED COST: \$11.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of April 26

DESCRIPTION: About 18 km of work from west of Lemsford to Prelate, which includes grading and paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane with the possibility of a rough driving surface and occasional blowing dust

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 35 south of Tisdale

ESTIMATED COST: \$8.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 5

DESCRIPTION: About 25 km of repaving from the junction of Highway 35 and Highway 349 to about 25 km north of the junction

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid/late October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 40 from Alberta-Saskatchewan border to west of the Battlefords

ESTIMATED COST: \$23.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 31

DESCRIPTION: About 100 km of paving and the occasional road widening from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to about 16 km west of the Battlefords

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane on about 1-km segments as work progresses along the length of the project (the west end of the project near the border will be impacted first)

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 49 east of Kelvington

ESTIMATED COST: \$6.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 26

DESCRIPTION: About 23 km of paving from about 3 km east of the junction of Highway 49 and Highway 38 to about 26 km east of the junction of Highway 49 and Highway 38

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 55 near Rapid View, culvert replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$167,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 16

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of framed timber culvert with a steel culvert under the surface of Highway 55 about 18 km west of the west junction of Highways 55 and 4

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: As the new culvert is installed, a temporary detour will be in place, Highway 55 traffic will be reduced to one lane through the detour area with a temporary signal light directing motorists, who should be cautious and expect delays

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late August/early September 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 167, about 8 km south of Creighton, bridge replacement**

ESTIMATED COST: \$600,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 9

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing bridge over Meridian Creek with a new 12-metre-long bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid September

PROJECT: **Highway 219 south of Whitecap Dakota First Nation**

ESTIMATED COST: \$6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 3

DESCRIPTION: Grading and paving from the Whitecap Dakota First Nation to 15 km south

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Reduced speed through area and traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 219 north from its junction with Highway 15**

ESTIMATED COST: \$6.4 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 12

DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of grading and paving from Highway 15 to 13 km north

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Reduced speed through area and traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: **Highway 306, almost 4 km west of Colfax, bridge replacement**

ESTIMATED COST: \$800,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 2

DESCRIPTION: Replacing existing timber bridge with new 18-metre-long steel and concrete bridge

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be detoured onto local roads for the duration of the work

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid September

PROJECT: **Highway 310 north of Balcarres**

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17

DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of work from about 5 km to 13 km north of Balcarres, which includes surfacing

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and should be aware of a possible rough driving surface and blowing dust

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 310 near Foam Lake**

ESTIMATED COST: \$10.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17

DESCRIPTION: About 20 km of grading and paving from Foam Lake to Fishing Lake

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 357, about 15 km west of Togo, culvert replacement**

ESTIMATED COST: \$87,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 16

DESCRIPTION: Replace an existing damaged culvert with a new culvert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be detoured on a rural municipality road

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Aug. 23

PROJECT: Highway 368 south of St. Brieux

ESTIMATED COST: \$23 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 16

DESCRIPTION: About 25 km of grading followed by paving remains between Lake Lenore to 5 km south of St. Brieux to complete this entire 35-km long upgrade (About 10 km between Grid 756 and Lake Lenore was finished in 2009, which included the completion of all grading and paving on this 10-km long segment)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic in this area may be restricted to one lane through the work zone

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 950 northwest of Goodsoil, culvert replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$227,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 12

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing culvert through Highway 950 about 9 km west of the junction of Highway 950 and Highway 224 with a steel pipe culvert (the new culvert through Highway 950 will be installed by boring through the existing subgrade)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists are advised to slow to 60 km/hr through the work area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late August 2010

PROJECT: Emma Lake Access Road and Murray Point Campground Access Road

ESTIMATED COST: \$6.4 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of April 5

DESCRIPTION: About 6.3 km of work on the Emma Lake Access Road from its junction with Highway 263 to 6.3 km northwest and 0.7 km of work on the Murray Point Campground Access Road from its junction with the Emma Lake Access Road to 0.7 km north, which includes grading along with the application of sand and gravel followed by paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area, while motorists should watch for soft portions, fresh gravel and allow for potentially extra travel time – contractor will monitor these access roads and assist motorists, if necessary, and maintain the access roads, even if wet weather prevents progress on actual construction

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: West Regina Bypass

ESTIMATED COST: \$13.4 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 10

DESCRIPTION: About 7 km of work from Highway 1 to Dewdney Avenue, which includes grading and paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane, obey flag persons who may be in attendance, be aware of potentially loose stones and fresh oil

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2010

NOTE: Construction work is subject to weather conditions and contractor progress. Motorists can also get additional travel information online at www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions/. Highway Hotline information via telephone or wireless device 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 toll-free across Canada at 1-888-335-7623; and at <http://roadinfo.telenium.ca/mobile.html>. Please remember in Saskatchewan it's illegal to use hand-held cell phones to talk, text, email or surf the Internet while driving.