

BACKGROUNDER: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (Thursday, July 29, 2010)

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 1 and Lewvan Drive Interchange

WORTH: \$34 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Work will include completion of utility relocations, construction of the bridge structure and completion of all ramp embankments

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 3 northeast of Paradise Hill, culvert replacement

WORTH: \$173,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of existing culverts through Highway 3 about 3 km east of the west junction of Highway 3 and Highway 21 with a steel pipe culvert

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid August 2010

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

WORTH: \$680,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of August 2

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid September

PROJECT: Highway 49 east of Kelvington

WORTH: \$6.2 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 55 northwest of Shellbrook

WORTH: \$1.1 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 37 km of seal coating on various sections of Highway 55 from about 13 km northwest of the junction of Highway 55 and Highway 3 at Shellbrook to about 73 km northwest of the junction

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late August 2010

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

WORTH: \$800,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of August 2

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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be detoured onto local roads for the duration of the work
ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid September

ONGOING WORK

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

WORTH: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: June 20

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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, followed by rebuilding of the westbound lanes and repairs to the eastbound lanes

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 1 in this area will now operate 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Re-opening of Highway 1 to two-lane-traffic occurred June 26, opening of new westbound crossovers on July 15, four-lane operation expected to be re-established late Fall 2010

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

WORTH: \$1.8 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Bridge rehabilitation

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: December 2010

PROJECT: Highway 1 westbound near Chaplin, three bridge replacements

WORTH: \$3.7 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of April 1

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of three bridges of varying lengths, 28.7 metres, 15 metres and 20 metres

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

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

WORTH: \$160,000

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Week of July 26

PROJECT: Highway 1 eastbound from Sidewood to west of Piapot access

WORTH: \$4.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: July 21

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 20 km of repaving work in the eastbound lane of Highway 1 from about 5 km west of the Piapot access road to Sidewood.

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 3 near Turtleford

WORTH: \$10.8 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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
CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane
ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 south of Meadow Lake

WORTH: \$10.8 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 north of Glaslyn

WORTH: \$13.2 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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.

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 north of Glaslyn, bridge replacement

WORTH: \$193,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of existing bridge over Alcott Creek about 45 km north of the north junction of Highway 4 and Highway 3 with a corrugated steel pipe culvert

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early August 2010

PROJECT: Highway 5 west of Humboldt

WORTH: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: July 8

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Restoration of service to Highway 5, including raising the grade and surfacing of about 800 metres of this highway

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be detoured on rural municipality roads until this portion of Highway 5 is ready to be re-opened to traffic

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: This portion of Highway 5 is expected to re-open to traffic the of week of August 2, depending on the weather

PROJECT: Highway 6 near Gronlid

WORTH: \$3.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid to late September 2010

PROJECT: Highway 8 south of Fairlight

WORTH: \$6.1 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

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

WORTH: \$1.2 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacing a 42.6-metre-long bridge

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should slow to 60 km per hour 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Late summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Macdowall

WORTH: \$6 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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

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

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2011

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Rosthern

WORTH: \$17.7 million

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

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

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

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Hague

WORTH: \$4.5 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be cautious in the area

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 12 near Blaine Lake

WORTH: \$2.2 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 13 near Eastend

WORTH: \$9.5 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 32 km of paving work from Eastend to Shaunavon

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic is potentially reduced to one lane and flag persons may be in attendance, while motorists should be aware there could be areas with loose stones, fresh oil, workers and equipment present

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 16 near Yorkton

WORTH: \$8.2 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 8 km of grading and paving work west of the Highway 9 junction
CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorist should be aware of potential blowing dust
EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 23 near Carrot River, including culvert replacements

WORTH: \$5.4 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About an 11-km segment of work is underway on Highway 23 stretching from the north edge of the Town of Carrot River, through the town itself and going south to near the entrance of Pasqua Regional Park (work on this segment includes replacing four framed timber culverts with the new steel culverts, the placement of gravel and paving the entire 11-km segment)

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late summer/early fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 32 west of Lancer

WORTH: \$9.3 million

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 32 near Sceptre

WORTH: \$11.6 million

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 32 near Abbey

WORTH: \$10.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 21 km of paving from east of Abbey to west of Lancer

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and flag persons may be in attendance, while motorists should be aware there could be areas with loose stones, fresh oil, workers and equipment

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 35 south of Tisdale

WORTH: \$8.9 million

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid/late October 2010

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

WORTH: \$23.9 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 40 over Cutknife Creek, about 32 km west of the Battlefords, bridge replacement**
WORTH: \$1.4 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of an existing 30-metre long bridge

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic restricted to one lane with a maximum width of 4.8 metres, motorists advised to slow down to 60 km/hr through the area and over dimension loads should seek alternate routes

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 55 near Peerless**

WORTH: \$6.1 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 13 km of work from about 13 km east of the south junction of Highway 55 and Highway 26 to the south junction of Highway 55 and Highway 26, which includes placing sand and gravel over the existing road surface followed by paving

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid August 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 202 near Buffalo Pound Provincial Park**

WORTH: \$640,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 5 km of road patching and paving within Buffalo Pound Provincial Park

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

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

WORTH: \$6 million

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 310 north of Balcarres**

WORTH: \$1.6 million

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

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

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 310 near Foam Lake**

WORTH: \$10.9 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: **Highway 950 northwest of Goodsoil, culvert replacement**

WORTH: \$227,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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)

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid August 2010

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

WORTH: \$6.4 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: 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

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: West Regina Bypass

WORTH: \$13.4 million

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

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

CONSTRUCTION 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 PROJECT 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.