

BACKGROUNDER: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thursday, June 10, 2010

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Davidson

WORTH: \$100,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 7

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 8 km of seal coating on the northbound lanes of Highway 11 from

Davidson to the northwest

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid to late June 2010

PROJECT: Highway 39 near McTaggart

WORTH: \$5.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 7

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 16 km of repaving work from Weyburn to northwest of McTaggart.

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

ONGOING WORK

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 near Belle Plaine

WORTH: \$500,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 24

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Side slope repairs on the eastbound railway overpass with some repairs also

slated for near the westbound lanes

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane, as the eastbound passing lane is closed and

slow to 60 km/h

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late June 2010

PROJECT: Highway 1 east of Regina east of Tower Road

WORTH: \$50,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: May 31

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Side slope repairs near railway overpass

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Eastbound lanes now open, but may be reduced to one lane for short

periods

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early to mid June

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 3 near Spiritwood

WORTH: \$370,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 24

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of framed timber culvert with two steel culverts under the surface

of Highway 3 about 3.6 km east of the junction of Highways 3 and 24

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: As the new culverts are installed, a temporary detour will be in place,

Highway 3 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 PROJECT COMPLETION: Mid to late June 2010

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

WORTH: \$680,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of one, 15-metre-long bridge CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 about 59 km north of Glaslyn

WORTH: \$150,000

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

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic is now two lanes in the area and motorists are advised to slow to

60 km/hr through the work zone

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early June

PROJECT: Highway 7 near Zealandia

WORTH: \$3.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 16 km of repaving work west of Laura and west of Zealandia

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 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 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 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 16 near Theodore

WORTH: \$4.8 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Repaving

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 17 near Lloydminister

WORTH: \$5.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 23 km of repaving north of Lloydminster CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane in the area

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 21 about 14 km south of Pierceland, one bridge replacement

WORTH: \$560,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Replacement of one, 15-metre-long bridge

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

COMPLETION: Summer 2010

PROJECT: Highway 23 near Carrot River

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 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 49 near Kelvington

WORTH: \$3.7 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 20 km of paving work from west of Kelvington to its junction with Highway

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 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, 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: July 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 306 near Colfax, bridge replacement

WORTH: \$700,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: May 28

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Construction of an 18-metre-long bridge

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: No impact to traffic yet, as work is underway on a temporary detour

adjacent to the roadway, which will impact motorists later this summer

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Summer 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: 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.