

BACKGROUND: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thursday, June 17, 2010

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 2 near Cudworth

WORTH: \$70,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: June 17

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Culvert installation

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 2 about 3 km north of Cudworth will be temporarily closed on Thursday, June 17 and is expected to-reopen by Friday, June 18, local traffic can use a 12-km detour on nearby grid roads, while truckers and motorist are advised to use alternate routes, such as Highways 20 and 41

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: The culver installation is expected to be completed by Friday, June 18, while crews will return later this summer to seal coat the affected area

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

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 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 26 south of Turtleford

WORTH: \$377,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Almost 10 km of micro-surfacing on two sections of Highway 26 south of Turtleford with one 5 km section from Vawn to the northwest and the second 5 km section from Turtleford to the southeast

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late June 2010

PROJECT: Highway 55 northeast of Carrot River

WORTH: \$805,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Almost 14 km of micro-surfacing on two sections of Highway 55 east and west of its junction with Highway 23 north of Carrot River with a 5.9 km section starting about 4.4 km east of the junction and an 8 km section starting just west of the junction.

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late June 2010

PROJECT: Highway 55 near Meath Park

WORTH: \$776,000

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 23 km of seal coating on Highway 55 from about 3 km east of the junction of Highway 55 and Highway 120 east of Meath Park to about 20 km southwest of the junction

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Late June 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 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 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 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 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

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 35

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 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: 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.