

BACKGROUNDER: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thursday, May 20, 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 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 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: 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 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 13 near Eastend

WORTH: \$7.1 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 32 km of work from Eastend to Shaunavon, which includes 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

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 17 near Lloydminster

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 18 east of Oxbow

WORTH: \$3.5 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 15 km of work from east of the Glen Ewen Access road to east of Oxbow, which includes repaving

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: Spring 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 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 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 303 near Lloydminster

WORTH: \$15.2 million

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 45 km of paving between its junction with Highway 21 and Highway 16 near Lloydminster

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: June 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: Two-way traffic will be functioning on these access roads during the long weekend, but motorists should watch for soft portions, fresh gravel and allow for potentially extra travel time – contractor will monitor these access roads during the Victoria Day long weekend and assist motorists, if necessary

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.