

BACKGROUNDER: WEEKLY PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010)

PROJECT: Highway 1 eastbound, from the Caronport East Access Road to 7 km east of the Mortlach Access Road

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 18

DESCRIPTION: Almost 12 km of repaving work in the eastbound lanes of Highway 1 from the Caronport East Access Road to 7 km east of the Mortlach 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: Fall 2010

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 work starting the week of Sept. 13 to restore 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 work starting the week of Sept. 13 to restore westbound lanes and 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

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 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. Traffic on Highway 1 may also be reduced to one lane and speed will be reduced to 60km/hr when passing workers and equipment

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 1 westbound, 14 km west of Moose Jaw to 3.5 km east of the Mortlach Access Road

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 27

DESCRIPTION: About 22.5 km of repaving work in the westbound lanes of Highway 1 from about 14 km west of Moose Jaw to 3.5 km east of the Mortlach 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: Fall 2010

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

ESTIMATED COST: \$2 million

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

DESCRIPTION: Rebuilding a 45-metre long bridge from a timber and concrete to a steel and concrete structure

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: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 4 south of Sask. Landing Bridge

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept 20, 2010

DESCRIPTION: Grading for the sub-grade for a truck climbing lane and truck pull-out (surfacing expected to take place in 2011 under a different project)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be advised that construction will occur adjacent to roadway. Traffic may be reduced to one lane. Motorists are advised to slow down to 60 km/hr in the work zone and watch for construction equipment and workers.

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010 (grading portion)

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: October 2010

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: Spring/Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 6 between Melfort and Gronlid

ESTIMATED COST: \$7.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 27

DESCRIPTION: A total of 27 km of repaving on Highway 6 between Melfort and Gronlid done in two segments, with one almost 18 km segment stretching from the north edge of Melfort and heading north, with the other segment stretching from Gronlid and heading south for about 9 km

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 6, one culvert installation, 13 km south of the Junction of 6 and 39

ESTIMATED COST: \$180,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Late September

DESCRIPTION: Replacing wood box culvert with corrugated steel pipe culvert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane at both locations, flag persons or traffic lights will be used to direct traffic, drivers should be cautious

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 6 (four-lane divided portion) north of Regina, two turning lanes and one acceleration lane at Armour Road and Industrial Drive

ESTIMATED COST: \$470,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11

DESCRIPTION: Road widening for the installation of one turning lane at Industrial Drive, along with one acceleration lane and one turning lane at Armour Road

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane from its regular two-lane service, northbound traffic will be unaffected with two-lane service remaining, motorists are advised to reduce speeds and be cautious and alert in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 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 October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 10 railway overpass, about 6 km west of Balcarres

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11

DESCRIPTION: Repair at railway overpass due to some slumping earth

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction will occur adjacent to road, motorists advised to slow down to 60 km/hr in the work zone and watch for construction equipment and workers

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 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 from south of Hague to north of Rosthern

ESTIMATED COST: \$22.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Mid May

DESCRIPTION: Construction of new lanes, service road and auxiliary roads around Hague, along with paving that work as part of about 30 km of paving from south of Hague to north of Rosthern, which is 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: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 13 over Battle Creek, bridge replacement, about 11 km west of its north junction with Highway 21 (east of Consul)

ESTIMATED COST: \$1 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 20

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a new 24-metre-long bridge
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the area
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 2010

PROJECT: Highway 13, one culvert installation, 7 km east of Weyburn

ESTIMATED COST: \$120,000
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 27
DESCRIPTION: Removal of existing wood box culvert, replacing with corrugated steel culverts
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane, flag persons or traffic lights will be used to direct traffic, drivers should be cautious
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 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, be aware of potential blowing dust
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 16 west of Yorkton (Yorkton West Truck Route Project Phase 1)

ESTIMATED COST: \$8.2 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 17
DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of grading and paving work for the realignment of Highway 16 and related construction work on Grain Miller Road
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Speed will be reduced to 60 km/hr when passing workers and equipment
EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 52 west of Yorkton (Yorkton West Truck Route Project Phase 2)

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.1 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 4
DESCRIPTION: About 6 km of grading and paving work for the construction of a bypass highway connecting Highway 16 and Grain Miller Road to Highway 52 and the construction of turning lanes at the intersection of Highway 52 and the bypass highway
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorist should be aware of the potential for blowing dust
EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 33 between Osage and Tyvan

ESTIMATED COST: \$5.8 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11
DESCRIPTION: About 20 km of repaving
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: One-way traffic, flag persons present, motorists are advised to reduce speeds and be cautious and alert in the area
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 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: Motorists should slow to 60 km/hr when passing workers and equipment
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: November 2010

PROJECT: Highway 41 near Yellow Creek

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.9 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11
DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of repaving from about 6.5 km northeast of Yellow Creek to about 6.5 km southwest of Yellow Creek

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring/Summer 2011

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

PROJECT: Highway 56 over Qu'Appelle River near Katepwa Point Provincial Park, bridge work

WORTH: \$1.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected to start the week of Sept. 27, but started Oct. 4

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Dismantling of an existing bridge and replacing it with a new bridge on Highway 56, about 21 km north of its junction with Highway 1

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be detoured onto a grid road (locally known as Wide Awake Road) during the project

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 56, two culvert installation locations, about 4 km and 8 km northwest of the Qu'Appelle River Bridge, near Katepwa Point Provincial Park

ESTIMATED COST: \$90,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11

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, flag persons or traffic lights will be used to direct traffic, drivers should be cautious

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2010

PROJECT: Highway 56, about 12 km north of Indian Head

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined.

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11

DESCRIPTION: Repair of side slope of highway due to slumping earth

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction will occur adjacent to road, motorists advised to slow down to 60 km/hr in the work zone and watch for construction equipment and workers

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 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: October 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 beware of gravel and rough road sections and soft shoulders

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: October 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: Spring 2011

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 and local detours may be in place along portions of roadway

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 925 near Michel, culvert extension

ESTIMATED COST: \$216,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Oct. 11

DESCRIPTION: Extension of the existing steel culverts under the surface of Highway 925 about 75 km northwest of the junction of Highways 925 and 155 and the flattening of the highway side slopes

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists are advised that construction will occur adjacent to road, motorists are advised to slow down to 60 km/h in the work zone and watch for construction equipment and workers

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 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: Spring/Summer 2011

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: Fall 2010 (first phase)

NOTE: Construction work is subject to weather conditions and contractor progress. Motorists and media 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.