

WEEKLY PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THURSDAY, July 28, 2011
Slow to 60 km/hr in the Orange Zone when passing workers and equipment

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 39, grade raise west of Macoun (between Weyburn and Estevan)

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: As early as Tues., Aug. 2, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 1 km stretch of Highway 39's driving surface to be raised by 0.6 metres due to water over the road surface

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 39 will be closed between Estevan and Midale (except to local traffic, which should watch local message board for more information), traffic will be detoured east/west via Highway 13 between Weyburn and Stoughton and north/south on Highway 47 between Stoughton and Estevan

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid August

PROJECT: Highway 39, culvert replacement southeast of Weyburn (between Weyburn and Estevan)

ESTIMATED COST: \$500,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: As early as Sat., Aug. 6, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Installation of a 3.6-metre diameter culvert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 39 will be closed between Weyburn and Midale (except to local traffic, which should watch local message board for more information), detour will be via Highways 13 and 47, motorists must obey detour signs, traffic signals and flag-persons

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid August

PROJECT: Red Earth Access Road near Highway 55

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.4 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 25, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 14 km of construction is now taking place on the Red Earth Access Road from its junction with Highway 55 to the north, work will include the placement of sand and gravel over the existing surface (motorists will travel on an upgraded, dust-free surface after the work is completed)

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 334 east of Avonlea

ESTIMATED COST: \$14,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Late the week of July 25, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Surfacing over a previously installed culvert

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be reduced to one lane through construction zone, obey signs and flag-persons

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late the week of July 25, 2011

ONGOING WORK

PROJECT: Highway 1 (Trans-Canada) and Lewvan Drive Interchange at Regina

ESTIMATED COST: \$34 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Bridge/overpass work resumed early May 2011, related road work resumed June 4, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Construction of bridge structure and related road work

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 1 eastbound traffic turning north onto Lewvan Drive has been directed to a new temporary intersection west of the existing intersection currently under construction, 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 to go east. Heavy truck traffic isn't being routed down Gordon Road but is instead required to take an alternate route. Traffic on Highway 1 may also be occasionally reduced to one lane due to bridge work in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late 2011

PROJECT: Highway 1 west of Maple Creek, completion of permanent repairs following 2010 flooding

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: June 13, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITY: Permanent repairs of the eastbound lanes following flooding damage in June 2010, which includes installation of a new arch culvert, grading and paving (westbound permanent repairs, except final paving, were completed in late 2010)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS THIS YEAR: Highway 1 in this area as of June 13, 2011 operates as a two-lane highway for about 3 km. For westbound traffic, the two-lane section starts about 2 km west of the Highway 21 junction. For eastbound 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 (this is similar to the traffic impact in 2010 when other permanent repairs were made)

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Four-lane service expected to be re-established fall 2011, along with completion of all permanent repairs

PROJECT: Highway 2 (Saskatchewan Veterans Memorial Highway), St. Louis bridge project (two areas of work listed below)

PROJECT: Highway 2, St. Louis bridge, project north bridge approach subgrade

ESTIMATED COST: \$2.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 30, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a 290-metre-long north bridge approach subgrade to the new bridge over the South Saskatchewan River east of St. Louis (paving expected to take place as part of another project in 2012)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction adjacent to existing Highway 2, traffic will be required to stop when excess material from the bridge approach excavation is being hauled across Highway 2 to a disposal site west of Highway 2, motorists may also encounter trucks along Highway 2 hauling materials to the project and should be cautious in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Construction to be completed in fall 2011, but won't open to traffic until bridge work and paving is completed, which is currently targeted for late 2012

PROJECT: Highway 2, St. Louis Bridge, new structure crossing South Saskatchewan River

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 11, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Work on the bridge's three river piers and bridge abutments underway, structural steel for the bridge deck will be erected in the winter of 2011-12, followed by the construction of the concrete bridge deck in the summer of 2012

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction adjacent to Highway 2, motorists may encounter trucks hauling material to the site and should be cautious in the area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Targeted for late 2012

PROJECT: Highway 2 north of Wakaw (Saskatchewan Veterans Memorial Highway)

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: April 1, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Ongoing maintenance that includes spot sealing and blading frost heaves caused by excessive moisture, patching pot holes, patching larger spots that have hardened using hot mix, deep patching expected to begin later this construction season

CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Be cautious, alert, watch for warning signs and equipment

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 3 near Prince Albert

ESTIMATED COST: \$384,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 11, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of seal coating from about 1.4 km southeast of the junction of Highway 3 and Marquis Road in the City of Prince Albert to the southeast

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late July 2011

PROJECT: Highway 3 near Birch Hills

ESTIMATED COST: \$356,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected the week of July 18, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 10 km of seal coating from about 2.7 km west of the junction of Highway 3 and Highway 20 east of Birch Hills to about 7.3 km east of the junction

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 3 near Melfort

ESTIMATED COST: \$300,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 25, 2011 *(Start time revised from the original week of July 18, 2011 due to wet weather)*

DESCRIPTION: About 8 km of seal coating from about 1.8 km west of the north junction of Highway 3 and Highway 6 in Melfort to the northwest

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 4 over Lehman Creek near Cochin, bridge replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.6 million

START OF CONSTRUCTION: December 2010

DESCRIPTION: Bridge replacement and paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane through the work area and vehicles wider than 4.5 m are advised to use alternate routes, two-lane service expected to be restored late the week of July 25 for motorists (if the contractor is unable to accomplish this task before the start of the August long weekend, the contractor is expected to provide flag persons throughout the weekend to help ensure the smooth flow of traffic), final paving expected to start during the week of Aug. 1 following the long weekend, which will temporarily again reduce traffic to one lane for about two days

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Week of Aug. 1, 2011

PROJECT: Highway 4 south of Saskatchewan Landing Bridge

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.9 million (grading portion)

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 2, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Grading for the sub-grade for a truck climbing lane and truck pull-out and for construction of a passing lane into the Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park entrance (surfacing expected to take place later in 2011 under a different project)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction adjacent to roadway, traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: July 2011 for remaining work (grading portion)

PROJECT: Highway 4 north of Glaslyn

ESTIMATED COST: \$13.2 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 23, 2011

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: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 5 near Invermay

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 18, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Repaving about 15 km of Highway 5 stretching from about 2 km east of Invermay to Margo

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 9 near Hudson Bay

ESTIMATED COST: \$2.5 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 18, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 6 km of repaving from about 2 km south of the south junction of Highway 9 and Highway 3 in Hudson Bay to the south

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid/late August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 10 east of Yorkton

ESTIMATED COST: \$711,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 31, 2011 *(Start time revised from the original week of July 18 due to wet weather)*

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 13 km of micro surfacing from about 1.6 km east of the junction of Highway 10 and Highway 9 in Yorkton to the east

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 10 near Lorlie

ESTIMATED COST: \$395,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 18, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: About 10 km of micro surfacing from Lorlie to the northeast

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

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION: Early August 2011

Highway 11 (Louis Riel Trail) twinning between Prince Albert and Saskatoon (three areas of work listed below from south to north)

PROJECT: Highway 11 (Louis Riel Trail) from south of Duck Lake to north of Duck Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$14.3 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: February 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 7 km of grading and paving from south of Duck Lake to north of Duck Lake and the realignment of Highway 212 at its junction with Highway 11, reduce speed north of Duck Lake where culvert installation occurring

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of blowing dust and be cautious in the area

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2012

PROJECT: Highway 11 (Louis Riel Trail) from north of Duck Lake to south of Macdowall

ESTIMATED COST: \$8 million (grading only)

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: March 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 19 km of grading work on new northbound lanes from north of Duck Lake to south of Macdowall (paving project to follow)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of blowing dust and be cautious in the area

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2012

PROJECT: Highway 11 near Macdowall (Louis Riel Trail)

ESTIMATED COST: \$6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 23, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of grading work on new northbound lanes from 2.5 km south of Macdowall to northeast of Macdowall

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of blowing dust

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2011/2012

PROJECT: Highway 11 from north of Rosthern to south of Duck Lake (Louis Riel Trail)

ESTIMATED COST: \$12.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Grading began the week of July 18, 2011, tree clearing began earlier in the year
DESCRIPTION: About 9 km of grading and paving work on new northbound lanes from about 5 km north of Rosthern to south of Duck Lake
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be aware of blowing dust
EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2011/2012

PROJECT: Highway 17 south of Lloydminster

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 9, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 22 km of repaving and road widening on Highway 17 from south of the City of Lloydminster to about 1 km north of its junction with Primary Grid 688, along with the construction of a turning lane at its junction with Primary Grid 688

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic in this area may be reduced to one lane through the work zone

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 18 in the Estevan area (three segments of repaving)

ESTIMATED COST: \$9.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected to start as early as the week of July 18, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Repaving three segments of Highway 18 east and west of Estevan totaling about 39 km (the three segments are as follows: about 32 km stretching from the junction of Highway 39 and 18 at Bienfait to the east, about 2.9 km stretching from the junction of Highway 47 and 18 at Estevan heading west to the Boundary Dam Access, along with about 4.1 km stretching from the Boundary Dam Access to the west)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane, flagpersons in attendance

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 20, Strasbourg to the junction of Highway 15 north of Govan

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Originally expected to begin the weeks of May 30 or June 6, 2011, but is now targeted to begin the week of June 13, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Deep patching and sealing sections, due to extensive moisture

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane, flagpersons will be in attendance, motorists should be aware and watch for soft sections, fresh gravel and fresh oil

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 21 near Leader

ESTIMATED COST: \$8.6 million

START OF CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 30, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of grading and paving from Leader to 13 km north

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic in this area may be reduced to one lane through the work zone

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 35 over Jewel Creek, 25 km north of Highway 18 junction (north of Tribune), bridge rehabilitation

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.2 million

START OF CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 13, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Bridge rehabilitation

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic is reduced to one lane through the work area, vehicles wider than 4.5 m are advised to use alternate routes

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early September 2011

PROJECT: Highway 35 near Archerwill

ESTIMATED COST: \$7.7 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 6, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 30 km of paving on Highway 35 from about 15 km north of its junction with Highway 49 to its junction with Highway 349
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic in this area may be reduced to one lane
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 39, bridge repair over Souris River, southeast of Estevan (between Highway 18 and the Canada-U.S. border)

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: July 20, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Repairs to supports (abutments) under the bridge deck (driving surface) over the Souris River on Highway 39 following erosion due to extremely high water levels
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 39 is closed to traffic from its junction with Highway 18 to the Canada-U.S. border, commercial vehicles should enter Canada at Port of Regway on Highway 6 (open 24 hours), travellers planning to use Port of North Portal should enter through alternate ports of entry, such as Port of Estevan on Highway 47 (open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and Port of Northgate (open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Highway 9
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 47 north of Stoughton

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 16, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Surface repairs due to excessive moisture
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 48, 2 km east of the junction of Highway 35 to Candiac

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 30, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Surface repairs due to excessive moisture
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the construction zone, flagpersons will be in attendance, motorists should be aware and watch for soft sections, fresh gravel and fresh oil
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 48, west of Kipling to the junction of Highway 47

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 23, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Surface repairs, patching and sealing due to excessive moisture
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the construction zone
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 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 May 2, 2011
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 the work area, motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust and watch for soft portions and fresh gravel and allow for potentially extra travel time
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 55 near Red Earth

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.1 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of July 18, 2011
DESCRIPTION: About 17 km of construction is now taking place on Highway 55 from about 10 km east of its junction with the Red Earth access road to about 7 km west of the junction, work will include the placement of sand and gravel over the existing surface (motorists will travel on an upgraded, dust-free surface after the work is completed)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will potentially be reduced to one lane through the area.
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 106 north of Smeaton

ESTIMATED COST: \$252,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected the week of July 25, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 9 km of seal coating from about 11 km northeast of the junction of Highway 106 and Highway 55 at Smeaton to the northeast

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 106 near Big Sandy Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$593,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected the week of July 25, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 22 km of seal coating from about 20 km southwest of the junction of Highway 106 and Highway 165 to about 2 km east of the junction

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid August 2011

PROJECT: Highway 155 northwest of Beauval

ESTIMATED COST: \$6.3 million

START OF CONSTRUCTION: Week of June 6, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 15 km of work from the junction of Highway 155 and Highway 965 to the northwest, which includes widening of the existing highway to accommodate the new surfacing structure and paving of the entire 15 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: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 219 (Chief Whitecap Trail) north from its junction with Highway 15

ESTIMATED COST: \$11.9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 2, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 26 km of grading and paving stretching from its junction with Highway 15 and heading north

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Reduced speed through area, traffic may be reduced to one lane, be aware of potential blowing dust and rough areas

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 310 from about Foam Lake to Highway 5

ESTIMATED COST: \$21 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: January 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 29 km of grading and paving from 1 km north of its junction with Highway 16 to its junction with Highway 5

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane and motorists should be aware of rough road areas

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011/Spring 2012

PROJECT: Highway 368 south of St. Brieux

ESTIMATED COST: \$21 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 2, 2011

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, be aware of rough areas

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

NOTE: This snapshot of longer-term highway construction – such as capital, maintenance and repair work – is subject to weather conditions and progress of contractors and crews. Contractor and crew work schedules can vary. Motorists and media can also get additional travel information and details about other construction activities not included on the list above from the Highway Hotline online at www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions/ and 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; toll-free across Canada at 1-888-335-7623; and at <http://roadinfo.telenium.ca/mobile.html>. This update is also posted on Facebook on the Saskatchewan Highway Hotline page.