

WEEKLY PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011
Slow to 60 km/hr in the Orange Zone when passing workers and equipment

NEW WORK

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: Expected to start 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 will operate 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 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 220, Bulyea to Rowans Ravine

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

START OF CONSTRUCTION: Expected start the week of June 6, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Deep patching and surface repairs, due to extensive moisture

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Highway 220 is closed to the general public (who must use alternate routes) between Bulyea and its junction with Highway 322 with the exception of local traffic (this segment of highway is expected to remain closed until project is completed)

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late June 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 expected to resume week of May 30, 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 2 (Saskatchewan Veterans Memorial Highway) over Qu'Appelle River at Buffalo Pound Lake, bridge rehabilitation

ESTIMATED COST: \$2.2 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 23, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Surfacing the bridge and its approaches
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic restricted to one lane
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid June 2011

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DESCRIPTION: Surfacing the bridge and its approaches
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic restricted to one lane
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: June 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 is reduced to one lane through the work area, vehicles wider than 4.5 m are advised to use alternate routes
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Around the end of June 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 7 near Flaxcombe

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.8 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of May 9, 2011
DESCRIPTION: About 15 km of repaving from its junction with Highway 307 to about 6 km west of the Village of Flaxcombe
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic in this area may be reduced to one lane through the work zone
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: July 2011

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

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

ESTIMATED COST: \$29.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION: A nearly 30-km-long segment from south of Hague to north of Rosthern, which includes building new lanes, paving, along with construction of service and auxiliary road around Hague

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: About 19 km of new northbound lanes opened from about 1 km south of Hague to nearly 1 km south of Rosthern on May 30, 2011, which will also accommodate ongoing construction in the Hague-Rosthern area, about 3.5 km of new southbound lanes will open from north of Hague to south of Hague as early as Friday, June 10, 2011 (other potential traffic changes are expected to occur this construction season, as work progresses)

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: 2011

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

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 northeast 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 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 15 near Outlook

ESTIMATED COST: \$5.9 million

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

DESCRIPTION: About 15 km of repaving 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: Summer 2011

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 Frobisher to Bienfait

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

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

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

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: June 2011

PROJECT: Highway 18, about 5 km east of Oxbow to Frobisher

ESTIMATED COST: \$5.7 million

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

DESCRIPTION: Repaving from east of Oxbow to Frobisher

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the construction zone, flagpersons will be in attendance

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2011

PROJECT: Highway 20 over Long Lake Outlet near Craven, bridge work

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.1 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Expected to start the week of May 23, 2011 (removal of detour) (actual bridge work completed in April 2011)

DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION: Work adjacent to the highway removing detour built in late 2010 to facilitate the bridge work

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists should be alert

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early June 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 week of May 30, 2011, but is now expected to begin the week of June 6, 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 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: Spring 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: June 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: \$4.4 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Originally planned to start the week of May 30, 2011, but now expected to start in late June or early July

DESCRIPTION: About 17 km of construction 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 219 (Chief Whitecap Trail) north from its junction with Highway 15

ESTIMATED COST: \$5.5 million

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

DESCRIPTION: About 13 km of grading and paving from 13 km north to 26 km north of its junction with Highway 15

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Reduced speed through area and traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 310 near Fishing Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$9.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: January 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 10 km of grading and paving from Fishing Lake to its junction with Highway 5

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 318, Alida to 9 km south

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

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

DESCRIPTION: Surface failures, frost boils and poor road conditions due to spring flooding

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

PROJECT: Highway 361, Junction of Highway 9 to 14 km east

ESTIMATED COST: To be determined

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

DESCRIPTION: Surface failures, frost boils and poor road conditions due to spring flooding

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Spring 2011

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 and local detours may be in place along portions of roadway, 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. Motorists and media can also get additional travel information 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.