

WEEKLY PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THURSDAY, Sept. 15, 2011
Slow to 60 km/hr in the Orange Zone when passing workers and equipment

NEW WORK

PROJECT: Highway 8 near Langenburg

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.5 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 12, 2011

DESCRIPTION: About 1.75 km of road work and surfacing from Langenburg to the north

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: End of September

PROJECT: Highway 27 near Prud'homme

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.8 million (grading portion only)

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 5, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Grading of about 8 km from the junction with Highway 2 to Prud'homme (paving project to follow)

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 2012

PROJECT: Highway 42 between Keeler and Eyebrow

ESTIMATED COST: \$3.5 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Early September 2011

DESCRIPTION: Short-term repairs involving grinding down road surface to provide an even surface to then apply gravel followed by two seal coats to provide a dust-free surface

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic reduced to one lane through the work area, motorists should be cautious, alert, slow to 60 km per hour when passing workers and equipment and obey all flagpersons

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Targeting to have at least one seal coat completed before winter 2011 with full completion expected in 2012

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: West Regina Bypass Stage 2

ESTIMATED COST: \$42.5 million (Stage 2 grading work only)

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 5, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Grading for a four-lane road connecting Trans-Canada Highway 1 to Dewdney Avenue at Regina and to build earth embankments for an interchange at the junction of Highway 1 and Pinkie Road and to build earth embankments for a railway overpass – 2011 work will focus on the interchange embankments (construction of the bridge structures for the interchange and railway overpasses, along with paving all of Stage 2 will be done under other contracts yet to be awarded)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Construction adjacent to Highway 1 may at times require traffic to be reduced to one lane in both directions of travel on this four-lane highway, motorists are advised to drive with caution, watch for turning trucks, and to reduce speeds to 60 km/hr when passing workers and equipment

ESTIMATED/TARGETTED FULL OPENING TO TRAFFIC OF STAGE 2: 2013/14

NOTE: Stage 1 saw a two-lane, interim road connecting Highway 1 and Dewdney Avenue near Regina city limits open to traffic in 2010 (this also included upgrades to a portion of Pinkie Road along the route), while improvements to Dewdney Avenue near the Global Transportation Hub are currently underway and expected to be completed in 2011 and are also part of Stage 1

PROJECT: Highway 1 (Trans-Canada) 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)

NOTE: Temporary reduction to one-lane service for some of this repair work was deferred to Sept. 6, 2011, instead of the original Sept. 1, 2011 – as of late Sept. 6, this segment of Highway 1 is once again operating as two-lane service

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

PROJECT: Highway 1 (Trans-Canada) eastbound, bridge replacement over Rush Lake Creek near Rush Lake

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.6 million

START OF CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 8, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Bridge replacement and paving

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Eastbound traffic reduced to one lane through work area (eastbound loads wider than 3.7 m should seek alternate routes), westbound traffic not affected

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 2011

PROJECT: Highway 2 (Saskatchewan Veterans Memorial Highway), about 18 km west of Rockglen (culvert installations)

ESTIMATED COST: \$100,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 29, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Replace existing wooden bridge with two culverts

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Use detour near the project

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Early September 2011

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 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: Early October 2011 for 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: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 6 north and south of the Southey area

ESTIMATED COST: \$9 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 29, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Paving three different segments of Highway 6 totaling about 32 km as follows: one nearly 5 km segment stretching from the junction of Highway 99 heading north, another 6 km segment stretching from the junction of Highway 22 at Southey heading north, another 21 km segment north of Grid 731

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane at times

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 11 (Louis Riel Trail) overpass over Highway 6 just north of Regina (end of Albert Street), bridge repairs

ESTIMATED COST: \$525,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 22, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Repairs steel girders of the overpass

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction of travel on Highway 6 and one lane on Highway 11 northbound, while Highway 11 southbound won't be affected, over dimension loads should take alternate routes

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid October 2011

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

PROJECT: Highway 11 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: Fall 2011/2012

PROJECT: **Highway 11 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**

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: 2012

PROJECT: **Highway 11 from north of Rosthern to south of Duck Lake**

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: 2012

PROJECT: **Highway 12 near Martensville**

ESTIMATED COST: \$750,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 22, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a left turn lane for northbound to westbound traffic on Highway 12 at Lutheran Road, along with an acceleration lane for westbound to southbound traffic on Highway 12 at Lutheran Road

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

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late September 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: Fall 2011

PROJECT: **Highway 18 in the Estevan area, three segments of repaving**

ESTIMATED COST: \$9.8 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Late July 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 18, about 6.2 km west of the junction of Highway 58, west of Fir Mountain (bridge replacement)**
ESTIMATED COST: \$928,000
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 29, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Bridge replacement
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic will be accommodated on a single-lane detour adjacent to the work area, motorists will be directed by traffic control lights, loads wider than 3.7 metres should take alternate routes
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid to late September 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: Mid June 2011
DESCRIPTION: Deep patching, roto milling and paving, 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: Fall 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 21 north of Unity**
ESTIMATED COST: \$4.6 million
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Aug. 29, 2011
DESCRIPTION: About 33 km of repaving from about 2 km north of the junction of Highway 14 to Highway 40
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: October 2011

PROJECT: **Highway 39, planned bridge maintenance over Souris River**
ESTIMATED COST: \$200,000
START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Mon., Aug. 22, 2011
DESCRIPTION: Installation before winter of expansion joints, which allow the bridge to expand and contract in various temperatures to prevent the bridge from cracking
NOTE: This is maintenance work planned for the 2011 construction season, prior to the recently completed repair work to bridge supports (abutments)
IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Bridge will be reduced to one lane with traffic lights directing traffic, be prepared to stop (primary weight semi trucks can still use bridge, but loads more than four metres wide must seek alternate routes, such as the Port of Northgate on Highway 9)
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid to late September 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: Fall 2011

PROJECT: Highway 49 near Pelly

ESTIMATED COST: \$ 125,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Sept. 6, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing wood box culvert with two new culverts about 1.5 km west of the junction of Highway 49 and Highway 8

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Use detour near the project

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late September 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: Summer 2012

PROJECT: Highway 55 west of Meadow Lake, culvert replacement

ESTIMATED COST: \$713,000

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Week of Sept. 5, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of existing culvert through Highway 55 about 820 m west of the west junction of Highway 55 and Highway 4 with a steel pipe culvert (the new culvert will be installed through the existing culvert)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorists are advised to slow to 60 km/hr through the work area

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Late October 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: Summer 2012

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: Summer 2012

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: Summer 2012

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: Spring 2012

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: Summer 2012

PROJECT: Highway 363 near Courval

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.6 million

START OF THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION: Aug. 7, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Surfacing about 7 km from the Courval Access Road heading west, which involves applying sand and gravel over the existing road service followed by two seal coats to provide a dust-free surface

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Traffic may be reduced to one lane through the work area, motorists should be aware of potential blowing dust and allow for potentially extra travel time

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Mid October 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, be aware of rough areas

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Fall 2011/Spring 2012

PROJECT: Yorkton West Truck Route Project Phase 2 (Bypass connecting Highways 16 and 52)

ESTIMATED COST: \$4.1 million

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

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 (Phase 1 was completed in 2010 and involved moving a 5.3 km long segment of Highway 16 about 400 metres south; re-aligning Highway 16's access to Grain Millers Drive; and re-aligning a portion of Grain Millers Drive)

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS: Motorist should be alert

EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC: Spring 2012

NOTE: This is a snapshot of various provincial highway construction throughout Saskatchewan and can range from capital work, maintenance work to repairs, depending on the significance and length of a specific project. Contractors and crew work schedules can vary. Project completion times are estimates. 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; and toll-free across Canada at 1-888-335-7623. This update is also posted on Facebook on the Saskatchewan Highway Hotline page.