

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure 2012-13 Budget Highlights

The 2012-13 budget for Highways and Infrastructure is \$581.5 million:

- First year investment towards Government's four-year \$2.2 billion investment commitment;
- Captures federal cost-sharing revenue of \$23.0 million;
- \$275.3 million for capital construction in 2012-13, the third largest capital investment in the province's history;
- Improves over 1,200 kilometres of provincial highways.

Major initiatives to support economic sustainability and growth:

Integrated Rural System

- **\$70.5 million for upgrades under the Rural Highway Strategy, including:**
 - 150 kilometres of primary weight on highways such as:
 - Commencing Highway 27 from Prud'homme to Vonda;
 - Highway 48 from the Junction of Highway 9 to Kipling; and
 - Highway 13 from Viceroy Access to the Junction of Highway 36.
 - \$10.3 million to upgrade community and tourism access roads.

Investing \$63.0 million in major gateway corridor projects to improve safety and efficiency, including:

- **Continue the West Regina Bypass including the Highway 1 interchange;**
 - Continue construction of the new interchange at West Regina Bypass and Highway 1, which will improve access to the Global Transportation Hub;
 - Continue grading for new lanes on the West Regina Bypass from Highway 1 to Dewdney Avenue;
- **Complete twinning Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert**
- **Introduce a new passing lane initiative;**
- **Start the Estevan Truck Bypass.**

Municipal Transportation Infrastructure

- **Municipal Roads for the Economy Program**
 - \$23.5 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads
- **Urban Highway Connector Program**
 - \$7.9 million to continue rehabilitation projects and road maintenance with partner municipalities
- **Community Airports Partnership**
 - \$700,000 to support community airport improvements through 50 per cent cost-sharing, driving a \$1.4 million investment

Transportation Infrastructure in Northern Saskatchewan

- \$42.5 million to support economic growth and safety in Northern Saskatchewan
 - Highway and bridge improvements and maintenance, operation of northern airports and Wollaston Lake Barge

Major initiatives to ensure the safety and security of Saskatchewan's transportation network:

\$207.8 million for transportation infrastructure preservation and rehabilitation projects such as 320 kilometres of repaving, including:

- Highway 1 – 17 kilometres from east of Indian Head to Qu'Appelle (eastbound);
- Highway 2 – 20 kilometres south of Chamberlain; and
- Highway 55 – 18 kilometres between Nipawin and Love.

\$38.5 million for bridge and culvert replacements, rehabilitation and preservation, including 29 major projects and four major bridge rehabilitation projects

\$20.7 million to continue work on new St. Louis Bridge (Highway 2)

\$18.0 million for repair and replacement of highways, bridges and culverts related to 2011 flooding events