



## Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure 2014-15 Budget Highlights

***The 2014-15 budget for Highways and Infrastructure is \$664.5 million to build, operate and maintain the 26,000 km provincial highway system:***

- With this year's budget, the province has invested \$1.8 billion in transportation since 2011, well on pace to meet the commitment to invest \$2.2 billion over four years.
- \$405.2 million for transportation capital.

### **Growth Plan**

- \$113.2 million for major construction projects that advance the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth.
- New projects that support the Growth Plan include:
  - ♦ Pre-construction work on the Regina Bypass project.
  - ♦ Twinning Highway 16 from Saskatoon to Clavet.
  - ♦ Two pilot projects to upgrade obsolete thin membrane surface (TMS) highways to primary weight supergrids.
  - ♦ Pre-construction work for future passing lanes on Highway 7 between Delisle and Rosetown.
- Continued work on major projects like:
  - ♦ The West Regina Bypass.
  - ♦ Continued work on the Estevan Truck Route.
  - ♦ Pre-construction work for the future twinning of Highway 39 from Estevan to Bienfait, Highway 6 and 39 from Regina to Estevan, and Highway 7 from Saskatoon to Delisle.

### **Repairing and Upgrading Highways, Bridges and Culverts**

- \$250.6 million to upgrade existing highways and structures, including:
  - ♦ \$118 million for rural highway upgrades across the province.
  - ♦ \$95 million to repave about 300 km of highway.
  - ♦ \$37.6 million to renew bridges and culverts.

### **Municipal Transportation Infrastructure**

- \$25.5 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads.
- \$8.4 million for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities, a \$500,000 increase.
- \$700,000 to support community airport improvements through 50 per cent cost-sharing, driving a \$1.4 million investment.