

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure 2017-18 Budget Highlights

At \$1.1 billion, the 2017-18 Highways and Infrastructure budget is the second highest in Saskatchewan history and exceeds \$1 billion for the second consecutive year.

This year's budget:

- Improves 990 km of provincial highways.
- Provides \$343 million for capital projects, along with an additional \$500 million for the Regina Bypass.

Major Projects Promoting Economic Growth and Improving Safety:

- Completing Phase I of the Regina Bypass, including new overpasses on Highway 1 at Balgonie, White City and Victoria Avenue east of Regina.
- Continuing work on twinning Highway 7 west of Saskatoon and Highway 39 between Estevan and Bienfait.
- Continuing planning for twinning and passing lanes on Highways 6 and 39.
- Construction of two sets of passing lanes on Highway 5 near Humboldt.
- Begin planning for passing lanes on Highway 4 north of North Battleford and Highway 7 from Rosetown to the Alberta Border.
- Continuing construction on new overpasses at Warman and Martensville.

Rebuilding Rural Highways

- Investing \$86 million to upgrade and repair 150 km of rural Highways, including
 - ♦ Highway 4 south of Cadillac;
 - ♦ Highway 51 near Kelfield;
 - ♦ Highway 80 north of Esterhazy; and
 - ♦ Highway 322 north of Silton.

Repairing and Upgrading Highways, Bridges and Culverts

- Improving 990 km of highways, including:
 - ♦ 150 km of rural highway upgrades;
 - ♦ 300 km of repaving;
 - ♦ 400 km of other treatments; and
 - ♦ 140 km of sealing.
- More than \$53 million to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.

- Nearly \$54 million to upgrade or replace numerous bridges and culverts across the province.

Municipal Transportation Infrastructure

- \$14 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads.
- \$6.7 million for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities.
- \$700,000 to support community airport improvements through 50-per cent cost-sharing, driving a \$1.4 million investment.

Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation

- The sale of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation (SGCC) grain cars is expected to occur in 2017-18.
- To facilitate a quick sale, a budget bill that transfers all of SGCC's assets, liabilities and employees to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure will occur. The sale will be conducted by the ministry.