

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure

2020-21 Budget Highlights

The 2020-21 Highways and Infrastructure budget invests \$715 million (including \$67 million in stimulus funding) in Saskatchewan's highways and roads with a focus on improving safety, increasing capacity and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's budget

- Improves more than 1,000 km of provincial highways, the first year of our 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highways.
- Provides \$411 million for capital projects, including \$53 million for stimulus projects.

Major Projects Improving Safety, Increasing Capacity and Supporting the Plan for Growth

- Improvements to strategic transportation corridors around the province.
 - Nine sets of passing lanes and resurfacing and widening on Highways 6 and 39 between Regina and the US Border.
 - Four sets of passing lanes and resurfacing on Highway 7 between Rosetown and Kindersley, plus planning for three additional sets of passing lanes, to continue improvements along entire corridor to the Alberta border.
 - Two sets of passing lanes, resurfacing, and widening of Highway 5, plus planning for a short section of twinning between Saskatoon and the junction of Highway 2
 - Three sets of passing lanes on Highway 10 between Melville and Yorkton.
 - Three sets of passing lanes on Highway 9 between Yorkton and Canora.
 - Beginning work on 24 to 26 new sets of passing lanes as part of government's stimulus package.
- Planning for the Saskatoon Freeway.

Enhancing Road Safety

- Investing \$20 million in our road safety strategy.
 - \$13 million for the second year of a five-year \$65 million enhanced intersection safety investment to meet a Growth Plan goal, which includes:
 - Intersection improvements on Highway 3 east of Prince Albert.
 - Rumble strips on Highway 342 south of Plato.

- Intersection improvements at the junction of Highway 11 and Davidson's South Commercial Access.
 - \$7 million through the Safety Improvement Program to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions, which includes:
 - Pedestrian crosswalk improvements on Highway 155 in Buffalo Narrows.
 - Railway crossing warning system upgrade on Highway 14 east of Biggar.
 - Intersection improvements on Highway 20 at Lumsden.
- Investing an additional \$1.6 million in the Ministry's pavement marking program, which will increase kilometres marked by 10 per cent.
 - Pavement marking consists of the marking of centre lines, edge lines, lane lines, intersection layouts and pavement signs.
 - Good pavement marking is a cost-effective safety investment that reduces collisions and saves lives.

Repairing and Upgrading Highways, Bridges and Culverts

- Improving more than 1,000 km of highways, including:
 - 280 km of repaving;
 - 460 km of pavement sealing;
 - 100 km of medium treatments, like micro surfacing;
 - 35 km of gravel rehabilitation;
 - 120 km of rural highway upgrades; and
 - 60 km of twinning and passing lanes.
- Investing \$60.3 million to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.
- \$52 million to upgrade or replace 28 bridges and 130 culverts across the province.

Municipal Transportation Infrastructure

- \$28 million (\$14M increase) to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads. This includes \$15 million originally budgeted and \$13 million in stimulus funds.
- \$7.3 million (\$672K increase) for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities.
- \$1.5 million (\$800K increase) to support community airport improvements with matching funds to support a \$3.0 million investment. This includes \$850,000 originally budgeted and \$650,000 in stimulus funds.