

Ministry of Highways

2021-22 Budget Highlights

The 2021-22 Highways and Infrastructure budget invests \$830 million in Saskatchewan's highways and roads to protect the driving public, build Saskatchewan highways and grow our economy.

With this year's budget, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$10.6 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 17,100 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways.

This year's budget

- Improves 1,350 km of provincial highways, the second year of our 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highways.
 - Planned delivery over the first 2 years is more than 2,350 km.
- Provides \$520 million for capital projects.

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

- Improvements to strategic transportation corridors around the province.
 - Continuing construction and design of passing lanes and twinning projects to increase safety and improve traffic flow, including:
 - Beginning work on twinning Highway 3 west of Prince Albert;
 - Multiple stimulus passing lane projects on Highways 2, 3, 12, 14 and 16;
 - Three sets of passing lanes on Highway 7 – Kindersley to the Saskatchewan-Alberta border;
 - Two sets of passing lanes and widening on Highway 5 – Saskatoon to Highway 2; and,
 - Completing the remaining passing lanes on Highway 39 – Corrine to Estevan.

Enhancing Road Safety

- Investing \$22 million in road safety improvements:
 - Enhance intersection safety with projects including:
 - Flashing warning light at the junction of Highway 55 and Highway 240;
 - Intersection illumination at the junction of Highway 9 and Highway 18;
 - Intersection rumble strips at the junction of Highway 9 and Highway 22; and,

- Intersection sight triangle and right of way sight line improvements across the province.
- Reduce the frequency and severity of collisions through the Safety Improvement Program by delivering projects including:
 - Pedestrian crosswalk at Birch Hills;
 - Intersection improvements on Highway 364 at Balgonie; and,
 - Intersection improvements at the junction of Highway 11 and North Grid Road north of Dundurn.
- Maintaining an increase from 2020-21 in our pavement marking program.
- Increasing the mowing program budget by \$455,000 to allow a second mowing along roughly 7,500 additional kilometres of highway rights-of-way. This 22 per cent increase to our mowing program means many rural highways will receive two cuts this year, instead of one.

Repairing and Upgrading Highways, Bridges and Culverts

- Improving 1350 km of highways, including:
 - 250 km of repaving;
 - 510 km of pavement sealing;
 - 225 km of medium treatments, like micro surfacing;
 - 25 km of gravel rehabilitation;
 - 280 km of Thin Membrane Surface and rural highway upgrades, including 100 km delivered through stimulus funding; and,
 - 60 km of twinning and passing lanes.
- Investing \$67.7 million to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.
- \$44.5 million to upgrade or replace 14 bridges and multiple culverts across the province.
- \$530,000 increase in maintenance funding on TMS highways.

Municipal and Regional Transportation Infrastructure

- \$28 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads, including \$13 million through stimulus.
- \$6.6 million for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities.
- Providing \$800,000 so low volume TMS and gravel roads can be improved and maintained in accordance with local needs.
- \$1.5 million, including \$650,000 in stimulus funding, to support community airport improvements with matching funds to support a \$3.0 million investment.
- \$530,000 in new funding for shortline railway improvements.