

Ministry of Highways

2023-24 Budget Highlights

The 2023-24 Highways budget of \$776 million invests in Saskatchewan's highways and roads to enable the safe, reliable and sustainable movement of people and goods.

With this year's budget, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$12 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 19,400 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways.

This year's Budget

- Improves more than 1,000 kilometres of provincial highways, the fourth year of our 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highways.
 - Planned delivery over the first four years is more than 4,600 kilometres, well ahead of the pace needed to meet our target.
- Provides \$422 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 of twinning projects to increase safety and improve traffic flow, including:
 - Beginning construction of twinning projects near Rowatt and Corinne on Highways 6 and 39 between Regina and Weyburn;
 - Completing passing lanes and widening on Highway 5 from Saskatoon to Highway 2;
 - Planning for construction to extend twinning on Highway 5 east of Saskatoon; and,
 - Planning for the third and final phase of the Saskatoon Freeway functional study.
 - Supporting the expansion of the forestry industry through an additional \$6 million for gravel and right of way maintenance in northern Saskatchewan.

Enhancing Road Safety

- Continue to implement the road safety strategy to reduce fatalities and injuries from collisions and complete the \$100 million 5-year commitment.
 - Invest \$12.4 million towards the fifth year of the ministry's 5-year \$65 million enhanced intersection commitment: and
 - \$7.3 million for spot improvements through the Safety Improvement Program.
- Invest an additional \$3.9 million, including \$1.5 million for forestry-related highways maintenance, for a \$30.5 million total investment for Road Safety and Traffic Guidance programs including:
 - Delivering the pavement marking program to provide visible pavement lines for the safe flow of traffic;

- Delivering the signing stewardship program to rehabilitate, replace and install new signs to keep the overall condition of the approximately 120,000 regulatory, warning, guide and information signs on the provincial network in good condition; and
- Delivering the mowing program, which will achieve approximately 43,500 hectares of mowing along highway right of ways.

Repairing and Upgrading Highways, Bridges and Culverts

- Improving over 1,000 km of highways, including:
 - 230 km of repaving;
 - 300 km of medium treatments, like micro surfacing;
 - 340 km of pavement sealing;
 - 115 km of Thin Membrane Surface and rural highway upgrades; and
 - 35 km of gravel rehabilitation.
- Investing \$89.4 million to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.
- \$62.8 million to repair or rebuild 14 bridges and more than 100 culverts across the province.

Municipal and Regional Transportation Infrastructure

- Investing \$26.5 million to support municipal and industry partners making strategic transportation investments including:
 - \$15 million to support economic growth and safety on rural municipal roads;
 - \$6.6 million for construction and maintenance partnerships with urban municipalities;
 - \$3.5 million for truck route maintenance and other municipal partnerships including \$1.3 million for partnering with municipalities and industry to support a significant expansion of the Moosomin airport;
 - \$850,000 to support community airport improvements with matching funds to support a \$1.7 million investment; and
 - \$530,000 for shortline railways to maintain and upgrade their networks.