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Paving the road to a safe construction season

Summer is here and that means a lot of construction is underway on Alberta's provincial highway network. This year Alberta Transportation will spend roughly \$745 million on the province's highway network. Over the next three years, 20 interchanges and 12 bridges will be constructed and almost 3000 kilometres of road will be paved or rehabilitated.

"With the significant amount of work being done, those travelling Alberta's highways this summer will most likely come across a road construction zone," said Transportation Minister Ed Stelmach. "For the safety of the road crews, motorists are asked to slow down and obey all signs and flag people.

"Even when there are no workers in construction zones, be cautious because road hazards may still be present. For example, guard rails or signs warning of road conditions may not be in place," Stelmach said.

In addition to road construction, about 30 chip seal projects will be completed this summer. Chip seal coating involves applying layers of gravel chips and special asphalt to pavement. Chip seal coating prolongs the life of a highway and provides better traction in poor weather.

Alberta has about 30,000 kilometres of provincial highways. Since 1995, highway design, construction and maintenance have been outsourced to Alberta Transportation's partners, members of the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association and the Consulting Engineers of Alberta.

Throughout summer, Alberta Transportation will issue Travellers' Advisories to keep motorists informed about construction delays or detours. The Alberta Motor Association's web site at www.ama.ab.ca also contains information about delays, detours, and road conditions.

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Editors please note:

Although these projects have been announced, a list of this season's major construction and chip seal coating projects is attached.

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Background

Major construction and chip seal coating projects-summer 2004

North Central Region

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Westlock

- Highway 18 - Grading and paving from west of Freedom to east of Highway 777
- Highway 777 - Grading and paving from south of Highway 18 to east of Highway 777
- Highway 801 - Grading from south of Highway 663 to Highway 663

Edmonton

- Highway 28 - Grading and paving from south of the Sturgeon River to south of junction Highway 642
- Highway 28 - Paving and interchange ramps from Highway 28 to 195th Avenue in Edmonton

Whitecourt

- Highway 32 - Widening and paving from south of Groat Creek to Park Creek

Cherhill

- Highway 43 - Grading and paving from west of Cherhill to west of Glenevis

Sangudo

- Highway 43 - Grading from east of Greencourt to west of Sangudo

Devon

- Highway 60 - Paving from south of junction Highway 627 to Highway 16A

Ft. McMurray

- Highway 63 - Paving from Athabasca River to Susan Lake Access

Lac La Biche/Conklin

- Highway 881 - Grading from north of Sunday Creek to north of Cottonwood Creek Station
- Highway 881 - Paving from south of Kettle River to north of Cottonwood Creek

Elk Point

- Highway 646 - Paving from east of Lafond to Highway 881
- Highway 646 - Paving Lindbergh Hill
- Highway 41 - Surface protection near Town of Elk Point

Hinton

- Highway 40 - Paving from north of Luscar to south of junction Highway 16

Spruce Grove

- Highway 16A - Grading and paving from Spruce Grove east city limits to Edmonton west city limits
- Highway 16 - Grading, paving and bridge work for interchange construction at junction of Campsite Road and Highway 16

Bonnyville

- Highway 41 - Paving from junction Highway 28 to LaCorey

- Highway 55 - Intersection improvement at junction Highway 55 and Highway 892

Tomahawk

- Highway 759 - Concrete pile wall at Berrymore

Drayton Valley

- Highway 22 & 30 - Grading and paving from south of Highway 39 to north of Drayton Valley
- Highway 39 - Grading and paving from Highway 22 to east of Highway 22

Chip Seal Coating

- Highway 2 - East of junction Highway 88 to east of junction Highway 33
- Highway 651 - Junction of Highway 33 to west of Highway 44
- Highway 37 - Junction of Highway 44 to junction Highway 28
- Highway 43 - West of junction Highway 32 to the Athabasca River Bridge
- Highway 43 - West of junction Highway 33 to Highway 33
- Highway 44 - South of Westlock
- Highway 55 - Tawatinaw River Bridge to 34th Street in the town of Athabasca
- Highway 69 - Junction Highway 63 to Sapre Creek
- Highway 88 - North of Slave Lake to north of Highway 754
- Highway 658 - North of Athabasca River to junction Highway 33

Bridges and Culverts

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Edmonton

- Culvert rehabilitation on Highway 2

Westlock

- Bridge rehabilitation on Highway 18

Breton

- Culvert rehabilitation on Highway 20

Barrhead

- Bridge rehabilitation on Highway 33

Hondo

- Culvert replacement on Highway 2

Wabamun

- Bridge replacement on Highway 16

Evansburg

- Bridge replacement on Highway 16A

Rossington

- Bridge rehabilitation on Highway 18

Looma

- Culvert replacement on Highway 21

Drayton Valley

- Bridge replacement on Highway 22 (c/w road)

Edson

- Culvert replacement on Highway 47

Morinville

- Bridge replacement on Highway 642 (c/w road)

Spruce Grove

- New bridge construction on Highway 16

Mayerthorpe

- New bridge construction on Highway 43

Sangudo

- New bridge construction on Highway 43

Central Region

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Innisfail

- Highway 2 - Grading and paving 14 kilometres south of Innisfail interchange and median widening between Innisfail and Bowden

Red Deer

- Highway 2 - Paving 19 kilometres south of Red Deer River to Highway 11 and 11A

Wetaskiwin

- Highway 2A - Paving 12 kilometres near Wetaskiwin to north of Wetaskiwin

Morrin

- Highway 9 - Grade widening and paving 10 kilometres near Highway 56 to west of Highway 849

Rocky Mountain House

- Highway 11 - Grading and paving of intersection Highway 11/53 Avenue at Rocky Mountain House

Sylvan Lake

- Highway 11 - Grading 12 kilometres of two new lanes west of Highway 20 to west of Highway 596

Gull Lake

- Highway 12 - Paving 4 kilometres- west of 792 to west of Highway 2

Vegreville

- Highway 16 - Paving 22 kilometres- west of Vegreville to Highway 36 (westbound lane)

Minburn

- Highway 16 - Paving 17 kilometres- Minburn to east of Minburn (eastbound lane)

Vermilion

- Highway 16 - Paving 21 kilometres- east of Highway 41 to west of Highway 897 (westbound lane)

Linden

- Highway 806 - Paving 13 kilometres- Highway 575 to north of Linden

Lamont

- Highway 831 - Grade widening and paving 15 kilometres- Highway 15 to Highway 45

Lindbrook

- Highway 833 - Grade widening 10 kilometre north of Highway 617 to Highway 14

Chip Seal Coating

- Highway 2 - 30 kilometres south of Highway 611 to north of Highway 616 (northbound lane)
- Highway 12 - 11 kilometres west of Alix to east of Highway 21
- Highway 13 - 6 kilometres east of Highway 822 to west of Bitten Lake
- Highway 14 - 15 kilometres east of Highway 21 to east of Highway 833
- Highway 16 - 37 kilometres Elk Island Park west limit to junction Highway 15 (eastbound lane)
- Highway 41 - 13 kilometres north of Highway 600 to south of Czar
- Highway 53 - 22 kilometres east of Highway 854 to west of Highway 856
- Highway 816 - 5 kilometres Highway 42 to Pine Lake landfill

Bridges and Culverts

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Innisfail

- Highway 54 Overpass - Construction of the new overpass over Highway 2 to connect to the realigned Highway 54 south of Innisfail

Hobbema

- Highway 611 Overpass - Bridge deck rehabilitation and deck joint replacement on overpass over Highway 2 northwest of Hobbema

Meniak

- Local Road over Highway 2 - Bridge deck rehabilitation and deck joint replacement on overpass over Highway 2 northwest of Meniak

Marwayne

- Lea Park Bridge - Painting of the truss bridge along with bridgerail replacement on bridge over the North Saskatchewan river north of Marwayne on Highway 897

Rocky Mountain House

- Highway 11A Bridge - Construction of a new bridge over the North Saskatchewan River in Rocky Mountain House adjacent to the existing truss bridge

Peace Region

Contact David Kohut, Construction Manager, Peace River (780) 624-6280

Grande Cache

- Highway 40 - Grading, base course and paving 4.5 kilometres S-Curves, east of Grande Cache
- Highway 40 - Selective paving 45 kilometres north of Wild Hay River to east of Grande Cache

Grande Prairie

- Highway 40 - Paving 1 kilometre south of Wapiti River to Wapiti River
- Highway 666 - Paving 9 kilometres west of Grovedale to west of Highway 40
- Highway 670 - Paving 15 kilometres near Grande Prairie east city limits to east of Grande Prairie

Fox Creek

- Highway 43 - Grading 10 kilometres east of Little Smoky River to west of Iosegun Lake
- Highway 43 - Base course and paving 11 kilometres east of Little Smoky River to west of Iosegun Lake

Cadotte Lake

- Highway 986 - Paving 21 kilometres west of Simon Lake to east of Marten River

Keg River

- Highway 35 - Grading, base course and paving at the Keg River Access
- Highway 35 - Paving 10 kilometres north of Keg River to south of Paddle Tower
- Highway 697 - Base course and paving Thompkins Landing - west side of the Peace River

Fort Vermilion

- Highway 88 - Base course and paving 17 kilometres Bear River to south of Fort Vermilion
- Highway 88 - Grading, base course and paving 1 kilometre south of Boyer River to Boyer River
- Highway 88 - Intersection improvement at the junction of Highway 88 and 50th Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion
- Highway 88 - Grading 17 kilometres from Wabasca River to south of Tall Cree Indian Reserve

Peace River

- Highway 35 - Paving 15 kilometres north of Highway 2 to south of Highway 986
- Highway 684 - Slide repair, Brick's Hill Slide, south of Peace River
- Highway 684 - Paving 31 kilometres Highway 2 to Highway 740
- Highway 684 - Selective guardrail improvements from Highway 740 to the Town of Peace River
- Highway 685 - Paving 1 kilometre west of Highway 2 to Highway 2
- Highway 740 - Paving 5 kilometres from Shaftesbury Ferry to Highway 684
- Highway 986 - Armoured channel restoration adjacent to Highway 986, east of the Peace River
- Highway 986 - Concrete pile wall construction, Daishowa East Hill slope failure

Valleyview

- Highway 43 - Paving 16 kilometres south of Tom Creek to Waskahigan River
- Highway 665 - Paving 3 kilometres from Highway 43 to the Little Smoky River

Chip Seal Coating

- Highway 2 - South of junction Highway 677 to north of junction Highway 59
- Highway 49 - East of Gordondale to west of junction Highway 725
- Highway 747 - Sunset House to south of junction Highway 2A
- Highway 749 - North of the West Prairie River to south of junction Highway 2

Bridge and Culvert Projects

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Rycroft

- Highway 2 - Replacement of bridge-culvert carrying Highway 2 over Bremner Creek

High Prairie

- Highway 679 - Replacement of the bridge carrying Highway 679 over the South Heart River (project includes about 0.5 kilometre of grading and paving as well)

La Crete

- Highway 697 - Replacement of bridge-culvert over an unnamed water course south of La Crete.

Indian Cabins

- Highway 35 - Replacement of bridge-culvert carrying Highway 35 over Jackpot Creek

Swan Hills

- Highway 33 - Replacement of bridge-culvert carrying Highway 33 over Rainbow Creek

Fort Vermilion

- Highway 88 - Bridge deck rehabilitation, Wabasca River Bridge, north of Red Earth Creek
- Highway 88 - Replacement of bridge-culvert carrying Highway 88 over an unnamed watercourse (carry-over from 2003)

Valleyview

- Highway 43 - Bridge deck rehabilitation, Smoky River Bridge, east of Bezanson

Southern Region

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Bassano

- Highway 1- Paving 30 kilometres- Bassano area - east of Bassano to east Highway 36 (eastbound lane)

Stand Off

- Highway 2- Paving 14 kilometres- Stand Off Area - south of Highway 505 to 509

Calgary and area

- Highway 2- Paving 12 kilometres- north of Calgary corporate limits to south of Highway 567 in northbound and southbound lanes
- Highway 22- Reconstruction 6 kilometres of westbound and eastbound lanes near Calgary - junction Highway 22 to Calgary
- Highway 201- Twinning between Crowchild Trail and Country Hills Boulevard, grading between Country Hills Boulevard and Beddington Trail
- Highway 539- Grading new approaches for bridge replacement near Bow City Bridge - Bow River
- Highway 22- Paving 7 kilometres near Priddis - south of Highway 22 to junction Highway 762
- Highway 540- Base course and paving 13 kilometres near Pekisko - junction Highway 22 to south Highwood River
- Highway 901- Paving 17 kilometres near Carseland - Highway 24 to west boundary Siksika Indian Reserve

Airdrie

- Highway 2- Paving 13 kilometres near Airdrie - north of Highway 567 to south of Crossfield in northbound and southbound lanes

Carstairs

- Highway 2- Base course and paving 10 kilometres near Carstairs - north of Acme Road to north of Carstairs interchange in northbound and southbound lanes
- Highway 791- Re-grading 14 kilometres near Carstairs -south of Highway 575 to north of Highway 581

Pincher Creek

- Highway 3- Paving 7 kilometres near Pincher Creek area - west of Lundbreck to west of Cowley
- Highway 3- Paving 8 kilometres- west of junction Highway 6 (Pincher Station to east of Highway 785)
- Highway 6- Paving 3 kilometres near Pincher Creek - junction Highway 3 south to Pincher Creek

Coaldale

- Highway 3- Paving 5 kilometres near Coaldale - eastbound and westbound lanes through Coaldale

Milk River and area

- Highway 4- Paving 17 kilometres near Milk River - north of Milk River to north of Warner in northbound and southbound lanes
- Highway 4- Paving 13 kilometres near Stirling - south of Stirling to north of Highway 845 (southbound lane)
- Highway 36- Paving 6 kilometres near Warner - junction Highway 4 north
- Highway 4- Base course and paving 2 kilometres near Coutts - from United States border north

Lethbridge and area

- Highway 4- Paving 4 kilometres near Lethbridge - 43 Street from Highway 4 (24 Avenue) to Highway 3- in northbound and southbound lanes
- Highway 62- Paving 2 kilometres near Magrath - Highway 5 to south corporate limits
- Highway 61- Reconstruction 12 kilometres near Wrentham - Wrentham to Skiff

Cardston

- Highway 5- Base course and paving (reconstruction) 2 kilometres near Cardston - west corporate limits to west junction Highway 2

Brooks

- Highway 36- Paving 97 kilometres near Brooks - south junction Highway 873 to Highway 1
- Highway 531- New approach grades for crossing replacement- Lomond - McGregor Lake crossing

Medicine Hat and area

- Highway 41- Paving 21 kilometres near Wildhorse - United States boundary to south of Red Coat Trail
- Highway 41- Intersection improvement near Elkwater Access

Bridges/Interchanges

Brooks and area

Highway 1- Brooks - Cassils Road Interchange

Highway 539- Bow City Bridge over Bow River

Highway 544- Patricia - structure over One Tree Creek

Medicine Hat and area

Medicine Hat - 13

th Avenue south east/TransCanada Highway

Redcliff - CPR overpass east of Redcliff (bridge rehabilitation)

Highway 41- Elkwater - 4 separate structures on watercourses between Highway 1 and Elkwater

Calgary and area

Highway 2- Calgary - Deerfoot

Calf Robe Bridge - southbound lane

130

th Avenue

Douglasdale Interchange

196 Avenue Interchange

McKenzie Boulevard - landscaping

Country Hills Boulevard - paving

Pincher Creek

- Highway 507- Pincher Creek east - watercourse
- Highway 785- Pincher Creek - rehabilitation of bridge

Didsbury

- Highway 791- Acme - structure over Rosebud River

Chip Seal Coating

- Highway 22-Junction Highway 3 to south junction Highway 520
- Highway 36-Junction Highway 61 to Highway 513
- Highway 52-Junction Highway 4 to junction Highway 5
- Highway 66- East of Canyon Creek to junction Highway 22
- Highway 567- Junction Highway 766 to Highway 772

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