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## **New bridge offers more room to roll**

### **Safety and efficiency will improve at Highway 11A river crossing**

Rocky Mountain House... Motorists will have an easier and safer trip across the North Saskatchewan River on Highway 11A.

A new \$9.8 million bridge near Rocky Mountain House went into use Aug. 10. The new bridge replaces an older and much narrower bridge that forced drivers of larger vehicles to gingerly pass one another to avoid banging side-view mirrors.

"This new bridge represents government's commitment to improving our highway network to benefit travellers and support Alberta's strong economy," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

The project also included realigning the highway to flow onto the new bridge. Construction started last fall and the new bridge will improve traffic flows in the rapidly growing Rocky Mountain House area.

"People in the Rocky Mountain House area and highway users are very pleased to see this new bridge in place," said Ty Lund, Minister of Government Services and MLA for Rocky Mountain House. "Traffic will move more efficiently over the river and motorists will be much safer."

The old bridge structure will be removed later this year.

The Alberta government will invest \$669 million for the construction and preservation of the province's highway network in 2005-06.

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