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Travel to St. Paul made easier with new Highway 29 designation

St. Paul...The Alberta government has renumbered the main highway route from east of Edmonton to St. Paul as the new Highway 29. The continuous route will make travel to and from St. Paul simpler and easier to follow, as motorists will no longer need to worry about multiple highway numbers.

"The new Highway 29 will help meet the diverse needs that come with Alberta's ongoing growth, marking this highway as a major thoroughfare. The highway will also help reduce congestion from Highway 28 to Fort McMurray," said Ray Danyluk, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul. "Residents, visitors and industry will enjoy the easy-to-follow and well-marked route."

The new Highway 29 to St. Paul was created by renaming a number of existing highway segments, including:

- Highway 637 (between Highway 15 and Highway 45)
- Highway 45 (between Highway 637 and Highway 860)
- Highway 860 (between Highway 45 and Highway 637)
- Highway 637 (between Highway 860 and Highway 36)
- Highway 36 (between Highway 637 and Highway 28)
- Highway 28 (between Highway 36 and Highway 41)

"The new Highway 29 will simplify travel to and from Fort Saskatchewan and eastern Alberta, improving travel for motorists and my constituents," said Ed Stelmach, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Highway 28 between Edmonton, Bonnyville and Cold Lake has also been revised to provide a continuously numbered route.

"My constituents will appreciate that travel on Highway 28 between Edmonton, Bonnyville, and Cold Lake will now be easier to follow thanks to a consistent and simple highway number," said Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development and MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation has also renamed the section of Highway 28 north of Elk Point as Highway 41 and has designated the section of Highway 28 immediately south of Ashmont as Highway 36.

"The Alberta government is committed to developing clear and straight-forward highway routes for commercial motorists and passenger vehicles to travel safely and efficiently on our provincial highways," said Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

The replacement highway signs will cost approximately \$22,000 and have been ordered. Sign replacement will begin October 31.

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Note:

See attached map. Media enquiries may be directed to:

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