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Milk River bypass replaces last two-lane section of Highway 4

New four-lane highway will run west of the town

Milk River... By the fall of 2009, motorists will enjoy a continuous divided highway route from the Alberta-Montana border at Coutts to Edmonton.

Construction is now underway to replace the last two-lane section of Highway 4 through Milk River with a four-lane highway running west of the town.

“The bypass and final leg of the twinning around Milk River will complete this important transportation link and increase safety for motorists,” said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. “This project is part of the government’s ongoing investment to make our highways as safe and efficient as possible.”

In addition to 12 kilometres of new four-lane roadway, the project includes relocation of Canadian Pacific Railway line, two new highway bridges and one new rail bridge over the Milk River. Bridge construction is underway while the rail relocation and road work will begin in 2008. Completion of all phases of the estimated \$59-million project is expected by the fall of 2009.

Highway 4 from the Alberta-Montana border to Lethbridge is part of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor, a continuous 6,000-kilometre highway network from Alaska to Mexico City. Alberta’s portion of CANAMEX stretches 1,175 kilometres from Coutts to the Alberta-British Columbia border west of Grande Prairie. In addition to Highway 4, Alberta’s portion of CANAMEX includes Highways 2, 3, 16, 43, Deerfoot Trail in Calgary and Anthony Henday Drive in Edmonton.

For more information on the CANAMEX Trade Corridor, visit www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca, click on *Roads and Highways*, and then on *Corridor Development*.

New highway construction is part of Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to secure Alberta’s future by building communities, greening our growth and creating opportunity.

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