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Highway 88 paving connects communities south of Fort Vermilion

Fort Vermilion... The Alberta government will complete 36 kilometres of Highway 88 paving from south of Tall Cree Indian Reserve to Bear River next year. The enhanced highway connection will improve access for residents and industry and increase safety for motorists.

“Having a well-designed transportation system is fundamental to supporting Alberta’s economy,” said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation. “This project is an excellent example of government’s ongoing commitment to support communities by building the roadways and infrastructure to meet Alberta’s growing economy and population.”

Highway 88 stretches 428 kilometers between Highway 2 in Slave Lake to Highway 58 east of High Level. With the completion of the 36 kilometres of paving next year, a total of 247 kilometers of Highway 88 will be paved.

“The province continues to invest in highway infrastructure and the paving of this stretch of Highway 88 south of Fort Vermilion will improve community access for residents and improve safety for motorists on an increasingly busy highway,” said Pearl Calahasen, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake.

Construction on the project is scheduled to be completed by fall 2010. Construction costs will be available after the project is tendered in early 2010.

“Highway 88 is a key transportation link for the north,” said Frank Oberle, MLA for Peace River. “This highway improvement project is very important to the community. It provides vital access to southern markets and northern opportunities.”

The Government of Alberta has a clear plan for a strong economic recovery. *The Way Forward* will bring Alberta back into a surplus position in three years by trimming government spending; using cash reserves to protect key programs; continuing to invest in public infrastructure; and ensuring that our province's industries are competitive and continue to attract investment to provide jobs and prosperity.

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