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Highway construction moves forward in Edmonton area

Edmonton... Continued work on the Edmonton ring road and other important highway improvement projects in the Edmonton area highlight the 2010 construction season.

“Investing in highways supports jobs today, lays the foundation for future economic growth and supports our communities,” said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation. “We will continue to build and take advantage of lower construction prices.”

Major projects in Edmonton include:

- Anthony Henday Drive NW - Continuing construction of the 21-kilometre northwest section at a cost of \$1.42 billion in 2008 dollars, which will open to traffic by fall 2011.
- Anthony Henday Drive W - Continuing construction of the Stony Plain Road interchange at a cost of \$168.6 million, which will open to traffic by fall 2011.
- Anthony Henday Drive W - Continuing construction of the Lessard Road and Callingwood Road interchanges at a cost of \$45 million, which will open to traffic by fall 2011.

Other highway construction projects in the Edmonton area include:

- Highway 2 - Re-paving (27 km) from Highway 13 to Highway 39 in Leduc
- Highway 16 - Re-paving (10 km) from Highway 16A to west of Highway 43
- Highway 625 - Re-constructing from Sparrow Drive to 9th Street in Nisku
- Highway 627 - Re-paving (21 km) from Highway 779 south of Stony Plain to Edmonton

In 2010, the Alberta government will invest \$1.9 billion in the provincial highway network. Visit www.transportation.alberta.ca/614.htm to view Alberta's three-year highway construction program.

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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