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Governments of Canada and Alberta to remove final set of traffic lights from Edmonton Ring Road

Edmonton... Construction will begin later this year on the Cameron Heights interchange at Anthony Henday Drive, removing the final set of traffic lights from the Edmonton Ring Road and improving traffic flow and safety for motorists.

“This interchange project reflects the Government of Canada’s commitment to investing in infrastructure and creating jobs in Alberta,” said Rona Ambrose, Minister of Public Works and Government Services. “We are pleased to be working with the province to accelerate these investments in order to help provide more opportunities for Albertans and to promote long-term economic growth.”

The interchange will open to traffic by fall 2011.

“The province set the goal of completing the Edmonton Ring Road and removing all traffic signals by 2015, and we are delivering on this commitment,” said Luke Ouellette, Alberta Minister of Transportation. “By next fall the Henday will be free-flow and almost 90 per cent complete, extending from Yellowhead Trail on Edmonton’s east side to Manning Drive in the north.”

Construction costs will be available after the project is tendered later this year. The Government of Canada will contribute up to 50 per cent of the cost of the interchange at Cameron Heights Drive. Federal funding comes from the Major Infrastructure Component of the Building Canada Plan. The remaining funding will be provided by the province.

A public information session presenting the detailed designs of the Cameron Heights interchange will be held March 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Church at 210 Hadow Close. For more information on the Edmonton Ring Road, visit www.transportation.alberta.ca.

The Government of Canada is taking important steps to support economic growth. Canada’s Economic Action Plan provides for almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over two years and the acceleration of the \$33-billion Building Canada Plan, which will help address needs in communities across Canada and contribute to long-term economic growth through investments in public infrastructure, such as roads, water treatment, green energy and transit.

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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