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PRIMARY HIGHWAY RENUMBERING TO TAKE PLACE IN THE PEACE REGION

Edmonton ... Alberta Transportation and Utilities advises that effective March 1, 1998, renumbering for portions of Highways 2, 34, 43, and 49 will take place in the Peace Region.

The changes will see Highway 34 west of Valleyview, Highway 2 from the junction of Highway 34 south through the City of Grande Prairie, and Highway 2 west of Grande Prairie become Highway 43, eliminating the numbers 2 and 34. Highway 43 between Valleyview and Donnelly will become Highway 49, eliminating the old north extension of Highway 43.

"This numbering system will provide two continuous highway numbers for long distance trips through the west Peace to British Columbia," says Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities. "The new Alberta road map will reflect these changes."

Consultation with municipalities and elected officials of northwestern Alberta affected by the numbering changes confirmed that there is a consensus that the renumbering is beneficial to the area.

"This also ensures that users of the northwest portion of the North-South Trade Corridor are dealing with fewer number changes on the primary highways which make up the corridor route," said Paszkowski. The North-South Trade Corridor extends from the US border at Coutts, to the BC border west of Grande Prairie.

It is anticipated that the transition will go smoothly as portions of these highways already have covered signs installed waiting for implementation on March 1. Those areas where the new signs have not yet been installed have maintenance crews geared up to do the work.

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