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## Work extends life of Highway 49 bridge

Work is underway to repair and rehabilitate the bridge that carries Highway 49 over the Saddle River east of Rycroft.

The bridge was built in 1991 and the \$1.1 million worth of rehabilitation work will extend the bridge's life by 25 years.

During construction, traffic will be reduced to alternating single-lane controlled by signal lights. Flagpeople will be available on-site as required. At certain points in the project, occasional delays up to 20 minutes can be expected. Travellers may consider detouring on Highways 2, 43, 733, or 677 to avoid the construction.

There will be no weight restrictions on the bridge, but load widths are limited to 3.7 metres while construction is happening. Alternate wide load routes are available from the [Central Permit Office](#).

When completed by September 15, weather permitting, this project will improve the safety and longevity of the bridge to serve current and future generations in Alberta.

Alberta Transportation has a rigorous maintenance program that protects and maintains our infrastructure investments. This project is of the many that deliver on the Redford Government's commitment to strategic rehabilitation of Alberta's core transportation network.

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