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Safer Highway 16A access for Stony Plain

A \$1.3 million bridge project starts July 2 to improve the safety and longevity of the Highway 779 overpass and Highway 16A access to Stony Plain.

As crews replace the bridge deck and reinforce the overpass to increase the strength and durability of the structure, access ramps between Highway 16A and Highway 779 will remain open at all times.

Considerations have been made to ensure safe access for the [Great White North Triathlon](#) on July 7, as hundreds of triathletes compete in a bike course that includes this overpass.

Construction will take place between 6:30am and 6:30pm on Mondays thru Saturdays. Work is expected to be complete by September 15, weather permitting. To protect the public and the crew, Highway 779 traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction throughout the project and speeds in the work zone be reduced to 60km/h. There will also be brief periods during concrete pouring and setting when speed reduction will be 30km/h.

Several short-term Highway 16A lane restrictions will be required while crews reinforce the overpass. During these times, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be available at all times and speed will be reduced to 80km/h.

Originally built in 1974, the Highway 16A and Highway 779 interchange now serves an average of over 24,000 vehicles a day. The rehabilitation project is expected to extend the lifetime of the overpass by approximately 30 years, protecting crucial access for Stony Plain and Parkland County to these important roadways.

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

Roadside signage will be used to notify motorists of further traffic changes throughout the project. Drivers are reminded to obey all flag persons, signs and signals. Fines for speeding are doubled in construction zones when workers are present.

Up-to-date road information, including traffic delays, is a click or a call away. Call 5-1-1 toll-free, visit 511.alberta.ca or follow us on Twitter [@511Alberta](https://twitter.com/511Alberta) to get on the road to safer travel.

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