

Alberta Transportation 2017-18 Construction Season

2017-18 Construction Season Highlights

Alberta Transportation's 2017-18 construction season includes **349 projects** across the province:

- paving and widening of nearly 1,500 kilometres of two-lane highway;
- replacement, rehabilitation and construction of 82 bridges and large culverts;
- grading work to enhance road surfaces and driver safety;
- improvements to intersections;
- enhanced access onto and off of the province's highways; and
- rehabilitating water management infrastructure.

It is estimated that this year:

- 109 projects carried over from the 2016 construction season;
- 240 projects started in 2017;
- More than 200 are expected to be substantially completed in 2017; and
- 129 will carry over or continue into 2018, most of which are planned as multi-year construction projects.

This work will support more than 7,500 jobs:

- more than 4,400 good-paying construction jobs; and
- more than 3,100 indirect jobs.

Some major projects include:

- **A fourth southbound lane on QEII between 41st Avenue and Highway 19**— Construction on this project got underway this fall and is about 70 percent complete. This project involves widening approximately seven kilometers of the median side of the highway.
- **Highway 19** – The East portion of this project near Highway 2 began this summer. Work for the east portion includes realignment of Airport Perimeter Road, realignment of eastbound Highway 19 to southbound QEII ramp, new traffic signals and street lighting, widening and intersection improvements.
- **The Gaetz Avenue/QEII interchange** – This \$80-million, three-year project will enhance access to Gasoline Alley and the Red Deer region, alleviate congestion along the busy QEII corridor and enhance the area's opportunities for new development. The project will be approximately 50 per cent complete by the end of 2017.

- **The Highway 43X Bypass (Grande Prairie)** – Budget 2017 allocated \$35-million for this project, which will increase safety on local roads by providing an alternate route around the city, moving industrial traffic, including dangerous goods, away from the places where people work and live. Major work got underway on this project in spring 2017.
- **Peace River Bridge** – Work is underway on this \$160-million project. Construction is expected to start in late 2017, with completion anticipated by fall 2020.

Additional highlights*:

Bridge projects		
Location	Project	Estimated 2017 Investment*
Grande Cache	Replacement of Smoky River Bridge on Highway 40	\$8.0 million
Morrin	Replacement of Red Deer River Bridge on Highway 27, including road realignment	\$4.8 million
Peace River	Replacement of Strong Creek Bridge on Highway 684	\$2.9 million
Grande Prairie	Rehabilitation and repainting of Wapiti Bridge on Highway 40	\$2.9 million
Olds	Replacement of Dogpound Creek Bridge on Highway 27	\$1.9 million

Paving and grading projects		
Location	Project	Estimated 2017 Investment*
Airdrie	13 kilometres of six-laning on Highway 2	\$25.9 million
Fox Creek	65 kilometres of paving on Highway 43	\$25.3 million
Peace River	35 kilometers of grade widening on Highway 986 & 688	\$22.6 million
High Prairie	70 kilometres of paving on Highway 2	\$19.3 million
Wandering River	50 kilometres of paving on Highway 63	\$18.5 million
Gibbons	28 kilometres of curve realignment/reconstruction and paving on Highway 28	\$13.9 million
Sundre	25 kilometres of paving on Highway 22	\$12.2 million
Mariana Lake	34 kilometres of paving on Highway 63	\$12.0 million
Fairview	17 kilometres of paving on Highway 732	\$11.7 million
Grande Prairie	24 kilometres of paving on Highway 672	\$9.9 million
SW of High River	Women's Coulee Canal Rehabilitation, Control System and River Diversion	\$6.5 million
Taber to Vauxhall	35 kilometres of paving on Highway 36	\$6.8 million
SW of Medicine Hat	30 kilometres of paving on Highway 885	\$5.6 million



Intersection improvement and safety projects		
Location	Project	Estimated 2017 Investment*
Fort McMurray	Construct new Safety Rest Area and Truck Staging Area south of Supertest Hill	\$12.3 million
High Level	Intersection Improvement at Highway 35 and Highway 58	\$9.6 million
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation (NW of Onoway)	Intersection Improvement on Highway 43 and access for Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Development	\$2.7 million

***Note:** Investments may include land acquisition costs.

