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1.1 OBJECTIVES

1.1.1 The objectives of the Provincial Highway Maintenance Grant are:

- To assist cities financially by providing operating grants to support the maintenance and operation of the Provincial highway portion of the cities' roadway systems.
- To encourage efficient high standard maintenance and operation of the portion of the provincial highway network that is under city jurisdiction.

1.2 TIME FRAME

1.2.1 Provincial Highway Maintenance Grants are provided annually to eligible municipalities.

1.3 PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1.3.1 The grant is based on the number of eligible lane-kilometres of provincial highway under city jurisdiction and will be established by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (INFTRA) in consultation with the city in accordance with the following criteria:

1.3.1.1 eligible routes must be jointly agreed upon by the city and INFTRA as provincial highway routes

1.3.1.2 eligible routes must be identified with route marker signs consistent with INFTRA standards for provincial highway(s)

1.3.1.3 eligible routes must be open to all registered vehicles at all times.

- dangerous goods restrictions may apply provided that a reasonable direct alternative Dangerous Goods Route (DGR) is identified and marked with appropriate DGR signs.

1.3.2 The total number of lane-kilometres will include the following roadway elements:

- lanes open continuously for through traffic;
- left turning and/or right turning lanes including the intersection channelization to the crossroad approaches for the length necessary to transition back to constant cross-section width;

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- interchange ramps connecting to or from the provincial highway route; and,
- parking lanes where peak hour parking restrictions are in place and the parking lanes are used to provide additional street capacity for traffic flow during the peak hour.

1.4 GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

- 1.4.1 The annual grant to each city is calculated on the basis of the number of lane-kilometres of Provincial highway in each city as of December 31 of the previous year, with the exception of those Provincial highways under provincial control and operation. The actual grant will be the number of lane-kilometres multiplied by the unit rate determined by the provincial budget.

1.5 PROCEDURES

- 1.5.1 As this is an unconditional grant, no formal annual application is required from the city to receive these funds.
- 1.5.2 The city is required to provide to INFTRA any changes to the lane-kilometre totals prior to December 31 of each year; otherwise, the prior year's totals will be used as the basis for calculating the grant. Any changes will be reviewed by INFTRA and the city advised of the figures that INFTRA will use to calculate the grant.
- 1.5.3 Revision to the lane-kilometre totals will be made as appropriate based upon the construction progress of new and/or improved routes, and the results of same added or deducted from the Department's inventory of Provincial lane-kilometres for the city.
- 1.5.4 Typically, Provincial Highway Maintenance Grants will be provided to each eligible municipality in May/July of each year