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HIGHWAYS BUDGET TOPS \$1 BILLION FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

The \$1.1 billion 2017-18 Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure budget will see work continue on major projects and 990 kilometres (km) of provincial highways across Saskatchewan over the coming year.

"This is the second largest transportation budget in Saskatchewan's history and the second year in a row that we will invest more than \$1.0 billion into our highways and roads," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "This budget is a testament to our government's commitment to provide infrastructure that grows our economy and improves safety, while keeping our fiscal house in order during these challenging times."

This year's budget includes \$343 million to start or continue construction across the province, as well as \$500 million for the Regina Bypass.

Highlights include:

- Major projects to improve safety and increase capacity on some of Saskatchewan's busiest highways:
 - Continued work on new overpasses at Warman and Martensville;
 - Continued work on twinning Highway 7 between Saskatoon and Delisle;
 - Continued work on twinning Highway 39 between Estevan and Bienfait;
 - Construction of two sets of passing lanes on Highway 5 between Saskatoon and Humboldt;
 - Further planning for future twinning and passing lanes on Highways 6 and 39 from Estevan to Regina; and
 - Begin planning for passing lanes on Highway 4 north of North Battleford and Highway 7 from Rosetown to the Alberta border.
- 150 km of rural highway upgrades, including:
 - Highway 4 south of Cadillac;
 - Highway 51 near Kelfield;
 - Highway 80 north of Esterhazy; and
 - Highway 322 north of Silton.
- Repairing and upgrading 990 km of provincial highways, including:
 - 150 km of rural highway upgrades;
 - 300 km of repaving;
 - 140 km of sealing; and
 - 400 km of other treatments.



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- Investing more than \$53.0 million to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.
- 30 major bridge rehabilitations and replacements, as well as numerous culvert projects across the province.
- More than \$20.0 million for urban and rural municipal road projects and airports, funding that is over and above revenue sharing.

"We continue to invest in highways and make improvements throughout Saskatchewan, but we know there is still more work to be done and this budget is a good step in that direction," Marit said. "However, our commitment and track record is clear. With this year's budget, we've now invested more than \$7.4 billion to improve more than 12,000 km of roads and highways in Saskatchewan."

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