

HIGHWAY 3 TWINNING PROJECT UPDATE: TABER TO BURDETT

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVE

The twinning of Highway 3 will expand the highway's capacity, enhance safety, accommodate future growth, support economic development in Southern Alberta, and increase the efficient movement of goods and people.

Work on this section of the highway involves twinning a 54 km stretch from Taber to Burdett including building an 8 km, new four-lane divided highway bypassing Grassy Lake. It includes:

- 11 bridge-sized structures
- Intersection improvements
 - Acceleration/deceleration lanes
 - Intersection widening
- 2 rest area pullouts – one westbound and one eastbound
- 10 service roads
- 1 bulk water fill station relocation

FAST FACTS

- 2,813,400 cubic meters of grading work
- 1,044,300 tonnes of granular base
- 475,000 tonnes of asphalt concrete pavement
- 802 new signs
- 38 km of fencing
- 30 new streetlight installation

This project is anticipated to be completed in Fall, 2026.

UPCOMING TRAFFIC DETOURS

SMRID Bridge Structure Detour

- Tentatively scheduled from **September 10th to November 31st** while grading crews complete major curve revision and bridge-sized culvert structure work.
- Traffic will be detoured on to the New Highway 3 east of RR 144 to west of RR 142.



TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Expect Range Road closure and speed reductions at miscellaneous intersections from RR 152 to 141 due to steep shoulder drop offs as intersection improvements are ongoing.
- Hwy 877 speed reduction will remain in place until the end of September until gravel and paving work has been complete.
- Gravel hauling is ongoing, expect speed reductions and trucks turning at intersection from RR 144 to HWY 877.

SUMMARY OF 2025 PROGRESS

For a detailed map of the locations referenced in this email, see the [Hwy 3 Twinning Map](#).

Grading

- Topsoil placement completed from Taber to RR 155
- Field access removals from Taber to Grassy Lake
- Topsoil stripping completed to RR 131 and RR 124 to 123
- Final subgrade prep completed from RR 155 to HWY 877
- Topsoil seeding completed from west of RR 163 to east of RR 155
- Borrow reclamation completed east of RR 143

- HWY 877 intersection lowering completed

Gravel

- Mainline Gravel Base Course completed from RR 154 to 140

Utilities

- ATCO High Pressure pipeline abandonment completed
- AltaLink major pole relocation at RR 153 and 122 completed
- Private waterline lowering completed in bypass
- Forty Mile Gas lowering's completed
- Fortis power pole relocation at HWY 877 intersection completed

SMRID

- Bridge sized culvert structures 1-2 and 9-10 completed
- Laterals 3/3A, 8, 9, and East Horsefly Main Pipeline completed
- Structure 11 concrete box culvert fabrication completed

Other

- Highway 3 Twinning web page has been completed [click here](#)
- Saw cutting on south side of existing Highway 3 completed
- SMRID bridge-sized culvert structure detour east of Taber completed
- Culvert bores under existing Highway 3 complete at RR 152 intersection

CURRENT WORKS

Grading

- Topsoil placement in various locations
- Topsoil stripping crews from RR 131 moving east and 123 moving east.
- Grading ongoing from RR 143 to RR 132 and from RR 124 to 123; haul trucks crossing RR 132
- Final subgrade prep, intersection improvements, and culvert installations ongoing from HWY 877 moving east.

Gravel

- 1st and 2nd lift are ongoing from RR 140 to 132
- Miscellaneous intersection work ongoing from RR 152 to RR 144
- Prime coat oil is ongoing from RR 143 to 132 and at miscellaneous intersection tapers from RR 152 to 144

Utilities

- Enmax fiber lowering under RR 153 is ongoing

LOOK AHEAD

- MD of Taber waterline in bypass to begin construction
- Enmax fiber lowering to complete construction at RR 153

- Fortis pole relocation to at RR 150
- AltaLink to relocate two conflicts in Q4 2025
- Inter Pipeline to start work Q4 2025
- Miscellaneous TELUS work at RR 155, 150, 151, and 132 to be completed
- Continue finishing subgrade prep from HWY 877 heading East
- Finishing gravel base course from RR 140 to 132
- Paving crews expected to be on site September 4th. Starting between RR 144 and 142 Bridge Structure 7-8 detour.

AUGUST 2025 PROGRESS PHOTOS



Grading Crews Completing HWY 877 Intersection Lowering South of Grassy Lake
Looking North



Base Crews Windrowing 2nd Lift of Gravel at RR 141 Looking West



Grading Crews Completing Borrow Reclamation SE of RR 143 Looking East



Base Crews Packing 2nd Lift of Gravel at RR 144 Looking East



Grading Crews Completing Subgrade Prep in Bypass at RR 135 Looking East

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Highway Construction

- Topsoil stripping complete from Taber to RR 151, and RR 150 to RR 140
- Subgrade complete from Taber to RR 153, RR 150 to 143, and RR 142 to 140
- Removal of field approaches complete from Taber to RR 154
- Gravel complete from Taber to RR 155
- Paving base lift and first top lift complete from RR 163 to 155
- Gravel and asphalt aggregate crushing complete
- Culvert bores under existing highway complete at RR 163, 162, 161, 155, and south of Burdett
- Detour 1 between Taber and RR 163 complete

Utilities

- Fiber Optic relocations complete from Taber to Grassy Lake
- ATCO pipeline lowerings complete
- Forty Mile Gas pipeline lowerings 90% complete
- Fortis power pole relocations complete between Taber and Grassy Lake

St. Mary River Irrigation District (SMRID)

- Lateral 5-4 pipeline cap complete
- Lateral 7 East Horsefly casing complete
- Lateral 17 culvert and pipeline casing complete
- Lateral 18 casing complete
- Lateral 20 pipeline cut back and casing complete
- Private pipeline casing complete
- Structure 1-2 partially complete with the culverts installed under the new EB lanes
- Structures 3, 4, 5, and 6 complete
- Structure 7-8 partially complete with the culverts installed under the new EB lanes



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