

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.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour east of Taber between Hwy 36 North and RR 163 is in effect and will remain in place until mid May.
- Crews performing field access removals on south side of the existing highway from RR 154 to 140. Expect possible speed reductions in these areas.
- Expect Range Road closure from RR 154 to 150 and RR 142 to 134 as construction is expected to resume in these areas.

SUMMARY OF 2024 PROGRESS

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

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 lowering's complete
- Forty Mile Gas pipeline lowering's 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 has been partially complete with the culverts installed under the new EB lanes
- Structure 3, 4, 5, and 6 complete
- Structure 7-8 has been partially complete with the culverts installed under the new EB lanes

SUMMARY OF 2025 PROGRESS

Grading

- Topsoil placement completed from Taber to RR 155
- Field access removals from Taber to 153

Utilities

- TELUS fiber optic completed
- ATCO High Pressure Pipeline abandonment completed
- Altalink major pole relocation at RR 153 and 122 completed

SMRID

- Bridge Structure 1-2 and 9-10 completed
- Lateral 3/3A, 8, 9, East Horsefly Main Pipeline completed

Other

- Highway 3 Twinning web page has been completed [click here](#)

CURRENT WORKS

Grading

- Topsoil placement in various locations
- Field access removals from RR 153 to 140
- Topsoil stripping and grading in by-pass is ongoing
- Topsoil stripping and grading is ongoing from RR 143 to east of RR 135
- Grading from RR 153 to 150 is ongoing
- Final subgrade prep is ongoing from RR 155 moving east

Utilities

- Forty Mile Gas lowering low pressure pipelines east of Grassy Lake
- Fortis Moving power pole south of Grassy Lake and miscellaneous poles for new turnout relocations
- Private Waterline lowering in bypass is ongoing

SMRID

- Structure 11 concrete fabrication is ongoing
- Miscellaneous cleanup is ongoing at all canals and pipeline crossing

MARCH 2025 PROGRESS PHOTOS



Structure 1-2 Operational Between East of Taber



Completing Final Tie-ins at Lateral 9 West of RR 151



Completing Subcut of East Bound Lane South of Grassy Lake in the By-pass



Completing Deep Median Ditch Cut Between RR 151 and 150

LOOK AHEAD

- Forty Mile Gas pipeline lowering completion
- Burdett Bulk Water Fill Station underground infrastructure to begin construction
- Private waterline lowering to be completed in by-pass
- Continue finish subgrade prepping from RR 155 heading East
- Gravel crews are expected to be on site by beginning of June
- Paving crews are expected to be on site by beginning of July



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