

HIGHWAY 3 TWINNING PROJECT UPDATE: TABER TO BURDETT

June 4, 2025

[PROJECT OVERVIEW](#) | [OBJECTIVE](#) | [FAST FACTS](#) | [TRAFFIC IMPACTS](#) |
[SUMMARY OF 2024 PROGRESS](#) | [CURRENT WORKS](#) | [MAY 2025](#)
[PROGRESS PHOTOS](#) | [LOOK AHEAD](#)

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 the end of June
- Crews performing field access removals on south side of the existing highway from RR 150 to 140. Expect possible speed reductions in these areas.
- Expect Range Road closure at RR 152, 150, 142, and 141 as intersection improvements are ongoing.
- Hwy 877 speed reduction is in place with steel plates on the road and expected to remain in effect until the end of June.
- Saw cutting is ongoing at all intersections from RR 144 to Burdett. Expect speed reductions through 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 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

SUMMARY OF 2025 PROGRESS

Grading

- Topsoil placement completed from Taber to RR 155
- Field access removals from Taber to 150
- Topsoil stripping completed to RR 132
- Final subgrade prep completed from RR 155 to 151
- Topsoil seeding completed from west of RR 163 to east of RR 155

Utilities

- TELUS fiber optic completed
- ATCO High Pressure pipeline abandonment completed
- AltaLink major pole relocation at RR 153 and 122 completed
- Private waterline lowering completed in bypass

SMRID

- Bridge sized culvert structures 1-2 and 9-10 completed
- Laterals 3/3A, 8, 9, East Horsefly Main Pipeline completed
- Structure 11 concrete box culvert fabrication 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 150 to 135
- Topsoil stripping and grading in by-pass ongoing; crews hauling across Hwy 877.
- Grading ongoing from RR 143 to east of RR 135
- Final subgrade prep, intersection improvements, and culvert installations ongoing from RR 151 moving east

Utilities

- Forty Mile Gas lowering low pressure pipelines east of Grassy Lake
- Fortis moving power pole south of Grassy Lake

MAY 2025 PROGRESS PHOTOS



Final Subgrade Prep Between RR 153 to 152



Grade Crews Crossing HWY 877 South of Grassy Lake



Grade Crews Building Subgrade from Borrow Pit Between RR 143 to 141



Crews Completing Deep Subcut in Bypass South of Grassy Lake

Photo Credits: Ledcor Highways Ltd.

LOOK AHEAD

- Forty Mile Gas pipeline lowering completion
- Burdett Bulk Water Fill Station underground infrastructure to begin construction
- Fortis to complete remaining power relocation
- MD of Taber waterline in bypass to begin construction
- Enmax fiber lowering to begin construction at RR 153
- Continue finishing subgrade prep from RR 151 heading East
- Gravel crews expected to be on site by middle of June
- Paving crews expected to be on site by middle of July



To subscribe to the email list, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your interest in the Highway 3 Twinning Project. For more information, please contact us at hwy3twinning@ledcor.com or visit the [Highway 3 Twinning webpage](#).

To unsubscribe from the email list, please click [here](#).

[Back to the top](#)



Ledcor Highways Ltd.