

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

- Expect Range Road closure at **RR 145, 144, 143, and 140** 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 **July**.
- **Gravel hauling has begun, expect speed reductions and trucks turning at intersection from RR 154 to 150.**

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 **Grassy Lake**
- Topsoil stripping completed to RR 132
- Final subgrade prep completed from RR 155 to **150**
- 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
- **Forty Mile Gas pipeline lowering's completed**

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](#)
- **SMRID bridge structure detour east of Taber completed**

CURRENT WORKS

Grading

- Topsoil placement in various locations

- Topsoil stripping and grading in by-pass ongoing; crews hauling across Hwy 877.
- Grading ongoing from RR 143 to RR 132
- Final subgrade prep, intersection improvements, and culvert installations ongoing from RR 150 moving east.

Gravel

- 1st and 2nd lift are ongoing from RR 154 to 150

Utilities

- Fortis moving power pole south of Grassy Lake

JUNE 2025 PROGRESS PHOTOS



Grading Crews Installing Twin Culvert East of RR 150



Grading Crews Placing Material in Deep Fill Section South of Grassy Lake



Gravel Crews Placing 2nd lift of GBC Between RR 152 and 151



Paving Crews Completing Detour East of Taber

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LOOK AHEAD

- 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 150 heading East
- **Completing 2nd lift gravel from RR 154 to 150**
- Paving crews expected to be on site by end of **August**





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