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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 construction of a new 8 km, 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 metres of grading work

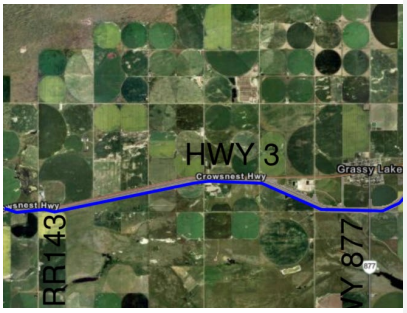
- 1,044,300 tonnes of granular base
- 475,000 tonnes of asphalt concrete pavement
- 802 new signs
- 38 km of right-of-way fencing
- 30 new streetlight installations

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

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Traffic Detours

- Future 14 km detour expected to open on August 12 around Grassy Lake to complete the removal of sections of existing HWY 3 along RR 135 and RR 132. The detour will bypass Grassy Lake using the new eastbound lane of the highway for both east and west traffic. An additional notice will be sent out before the detour is opened.



- HWY 36 detour opened on July 16 between the HWY 36 intersection and RR 163 east of Taber. This traffic detour will remain in effect until the final highway configuration is completed.



Speed Reductions and Road Closures

- Construction activities are ongoing from RR 150 and RR 131 to RR 121. Expect speed reductions and short-term closures during intersection improvement work.
- HWY 877 speed reduction will be in place for the remainder of the Project to accommodate construction of the new HWY 3 intersection.
- RR 132 between HWY 3 and TWP 102 will remain closed until fall 2026. Grading crews will complete the remaining of this work once the Grassy Lake Detour is in place.

PROGRESS TO DATE

For a detailed map of the locations referenced in this email, see the **HWY 3 Twinning Map**.
For more information on previous project updates, refer to the **HWY 3 Project Website**.

Grading

- **93% Completed**
- Mainline Grading completed from RR 163 to RR 121.

- Topsoil and seeding completed from RR 163 to RR 144 and RR 142 to RR 132.

Gravel

- **87% Completed**
- Mainline gravel base course completed from RR 163 to RR 125.

Paving

- **71% Completed**
- All 3 lifts completed from RR 163 to RR 132.
- 1st lify completed from RR 132 to 131

ONGOING WORK

- Grading crews are working on the RR 151 service road and Burdett intersection.
- Main alignment grading crews are working from RR 130 to RR 125, and RR 121 to the end of the project tie-in west of RR 120.
- Gravel crews are working on the main alignment from RR 125 to 123 and Purple Springs intersection
- Paving crews are working from RR 132 going east.
- Concrete Median removal and realignment at the HWY 36 intersection are ongoing.
- Highway street lighting at intersections HWY 36, Viterra Bean Plant, Fincastle, Lamb Weston, Purple Springs, Co-op Fertilizer Plant, and RR 135 are ongoing.
- Permanent sign installations are ongoing from RR 163 to 132.

PROJECT OVERVIEW PHOTOS



HWY 36 Conrete Median Detour East of Taber



Concrete Median and Milling Removal Work East of Taber



Paving Crews Working East Between RR 132 and RR 131 East of Grassy Lake



Grading Crews Finishing Sub Grade Betwen RR 125 and RR 124



Base Crews Prime Coating RR 132 Intersection



Electrical Crews Installing Light Bases on EB Pull Out Between RR 141 and RR 140

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1-MONTH LOOK AHEAD

- Grading crews completing service road 151, 155, and 161. WB pull out to be completed and completion of all subgrade for the remainder of the project.
- Base crews completing Purple Springs intersection, WB pull out between RR 152 and 151, and mainline base course to be completed from RR 125 to Burdett.
- Base Crews will begin starting work on Grassy Lake bypass tie-ins at RR 135 and RR 132.
- Paving crews completing the Purple Springs intersection, Lamb Weston intersection, HWY 36 concrete median and tie-in, and mainline from km RR 131 to RR 123.
- Concrete median removal and realignment to be completed. Detour to remain in place until highway commissioning is completed.
- Miscellaneous lighting at HWY 36 intersection, Viterra Bean Plant, Fincastle, Lamb Weston, Purple Spings, Co-op Fertilizer Plant, and RR 132 to be completed. Intersection at RR 135, 132 north, and Burdett will begin construction.
- Permanent pavement markings and signage will be 50% completed from Taber to RR 132.

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