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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

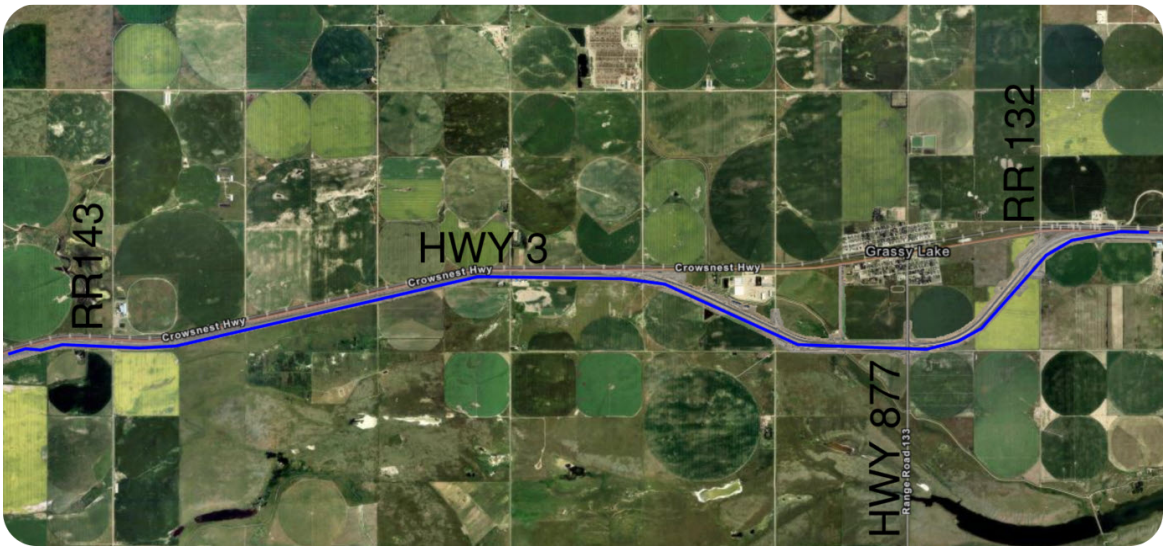
- 1,044,300 tonnes of granular base
- 475,000 tonnes of asphalt concrete pavement
- 802 new signs
- 38 km of right-of-way fencing
- 30 new streetlight installations

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

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Temporary Traffic on the Grassy Lake Bypass:

- The new Grassy Lake Detour opened to temporary Grassy Lake Bypass configuration on August 14 between RR 144 and RR 131. During this stage, both eastbound and westbound traffic are using the roadway that will ultimately carry eastbound traffic. Grassy Lake remains accessible from the bypass via Highway 877. Because this interim configuration differs from the bypass's final layout, temporary signs, reflective markers and pavement markings are being used to guide drivers. Please obey the posted 80 km/h limit, remain attentive, and follow all traffic-control devices.



Highway 36 Detour:

- 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 125 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 the Grassy Lake Detour.
- RR 132 between HWY 3 and TWP 102 will remain closed until the final highway configuration is completed.

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

- **95% Completed**
- Mainline Grading 100% completed

Gravel

- **98% Completed**
- New eastbound lanes 100% completed

Paving

- **90% Completed**
- Paving all three lifts completed from HWY 36 to RR 130 on the eastbound lane.

ONGOING WORK

- Grading crews working on East Grassy Access, westbound pull out between RR152 and RR 151, service road 161 and 155, and side slope improvement at RR 143.
- Gravel crews completing remaining tie-ins on east/west sides of Grassy Lake.
- Paving crews are working on all three lifts from RR 125 to Burdett tie-in.
- Highway street lighting at intersections HWY 36, Viterra Bean Plant, Fincastle, Lamb Weston, Purple Springs, Co-op Fertilizer Plant, and RR 135 is ongoing.

PROJECT OVERVIEW PHOTOS



Grading Crews Working on Westbound Pull Out Between RR 152 and 151



Gravel Crews Apply Prime Coat Between RR 121 and Burdett Tie-in



Paving Crews Working on First Lift of Pavement at Intersection RR 122



Milling Cews Completing intersection Tie-ins at RR 122

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1-MONTH LOOK AHEAD

- Remaining grading, gravel, and asphalt are anticipated to be completed for the remainder of the project.
- Remaining highway street lighting at intersections is anticipated to be completed.
- Remaining permanent pavement markings and signage is anticipated to be completed.
- Topsoil cleanup and seeding to continue from RR 132 to Burdett Tie-in
- Activities associated with transitioning the highway to its final operating configuration are anticipated later in October. Additional notices will be distributed in advance of changes affecting highway users.

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