

# News release

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## Upgraded intersection to reduce traffic delays

Sherwood Park... A busy Strathcona County intersection at Baseline Road and 17th Street will receive over \$1 million from the Province, to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety. Strathcona County is funding the remainder of the \$1.9 million project.

"Alberta's cities face many transportation pressures because of the province's rapid growth," said Ed Stelmach, Minister of Transportation. "This funding partnership, which encourages private sector involvement, means that larger projects can be undertaken - projects which may not have been possible otherwise."

Improvements to the Baseline Road and 17th Street intersection include the construction of a "jug handle" interchange at the south-east quadrant of the intersection to eliminate left turns. Left turns will be made further south and east of the existing intersection. The project also involves improving existing signals.

"Thousands of motorists use Baseline Road every day to travel to-and-from Strathcona County," said Iris Evans, MLA for Sherwood Park. "Improvements to this busy intersection will make their journey safe and more efficient."

The Baseline Road and 17th Street intersection is particularly prone to long waits at traffic signals and delays due to high traffic volumes. Trucks and other commercial vehicles make up a significant part of the traffic. Restricted land availability and utility constraints prevented road-widening options. Work is expected to begin this summer and be complete by mid November. It will be administered by Strathcona County.

Cities Special Transportation Grants are part of a cost-shared program. The Province provides up to 75 per cent for eligible projects (to a maximum of \$3 million) while the city picks up the remaining 25 per cent. The grants are available to Alberta cities, other than Edmonton and Calgary, to address road, transit or airport growth. Edmonton and Calgary have their own grant program based on five cents per litre of "road use" fuel sold in those cities.

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A [map](#) showing planned improvements is attached.

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