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Partnership makes Highway 3 and 36 intersection safer

Taber... The Alberta government and the Town of Taber are partnering to upgrade the intersection of Highway 3 and 36 to improve safety and efficiency.

"The province is proud to partner 50/50 on this \$1.7 million intersection," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "Highway 3 is an important trade route and improvements will ease traffic congestion and make this intersection safer."

Intersection improvements include replacing stop signs with traffic lights and adding turning lanes and acceleration lanes. The province will begin negotiations with the Town of Taber to determine project timelines, scope and other responsibilities. Before construction can begin, an engineering design needs to be undertaken to confirm costs, land must be acquired and the project needs to be tendered. It's expected these processes will be complete this year as well as the start of construction.

"We are pleased with the speed at which the provincial decision-making has taken place on this project," said Taber Mayor Ray Bryant. "With the recently announced major commercial development taking place adjacent to this intersection these improvements will assure good traffic movement as well as the safety of the public. We look forward to working with the province on this initiative and hopefully others in the near future."

Highway 3 is part of the National Highway System and is an important east-west trade route. About 8,500 vehicles a day travel Highway 3 in the location of the intersection. Traffic has been growing at an average annual rate of about three percent.

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