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Province, Parkland County share road improvement costs

Improved intersections serve growing industrial area

Edmonton... The Alberta government and Parkland County will jointly invest up to \$1.6 million to improve two intersections in the Acheson Industrial Area.

Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, announced the signing of a cost-sharing agreement between the provincial government and the county to improve the intersections at Township Road 531A and Acheson Road with Highway 60.

"This cost-sharing arrangement allows the department and the county to undertake these two projects sooner than anticipated," said Oberg. "The projects will improve safety and traffic movement at these two intersections and better serve the rapidly growing Acheson Industrial Area."

The intersection improvements include the addition of new traffic signals, overhead illumination, and turning lanes. The Alberta government will contribute up to \$1.1 million for the improvements while Parkland County will contribute up to \$518,000.

"Parkland County Council firmly believes cost-sharing creates valuable opportunities for our residents," explained Phyllis Kobasiuk, Parkland County Mayor. "The Acheson Business Association and area residents have been wanting to see improvements to the Highway 60 intersections for quite some time now, so this particular partnership is giving rise to a welcome initiative."

Construction starts later this summer and should be completed by fall.

Approximately 10,200 vehicles use Highway 60 at these intersections each day.

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