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Highway 619 receives a missing link

Project eliminates gravel section between two paved sections

Lloydminster... Work will begin this summer to pave the remainder of Highway 619 southwest of Lloydminster.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will invest \$10.9 million to pave a 21-kilometre gravel section of Highway 619 that is currently sandwiched between two paved sections. The project will connect the highway with paved sections starting at its junction with Tolland Road to the junction with Highway 897 north of Paradise Valley.

"I'm very pleased to move this project forward," said Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation Dr. Lyle Oberg. "Completing the paving of this highway will improve the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, which is a priority of mine and this government."

Construction starts this summer and the project will be completed by October 2006. On average, paving a gravel highway reduces collisions by 29 per cent.

"People in my constituency have been waiting for this for a long time," said Lloyd Snelgrove, MLA for Vermilion-Lloydminster. "I'm pleased the government is undertaking this important project and providing a safer and more pleasant trip for highway users."

The Alberta government will invest \$684 million for construction and preservation of the province's highway network in 2005-06.

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