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## **Construction brings Highway 519 up to speed**

### **Widening road will improve traffic flow and driver safety**

Lethbridge... Work will soon begin to widen Highway 519, bringing this southern Alberta road up to current engineering standards and making it safer for drivers.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation is investing \$5 million for the project, which will involve grade widening and base paving for approximately 11 kilometres on Highway 519 east of Highway 811. The project is a continuation of the grade widening that's already taken place on Highway 519 from Highway 2 to Highway 23.

"It's critical that Alberta's highways measure up to the latest engineering standards," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. "The work on this section of Highway 519 will help make travel on this highway smoother and safer for everyone."

Motorists from nearby communities such as Granum and Picture Butte are witnessing a significant volume of trucks on the highway, particularly cattle liners. Once complete, the project will enable the highway to better accommodate increasing traffic.

"We've been seeing a growing volume of truck traffic on this highway, so I'm very pleased that this project will soon be underway," said Barry McFarland, MLA for Little Bow. "Once construction is complete, all motorists will enjoy improved and safer driving conditions on this stretch of highway. "

Construction on Highway 519 is expected to start this fall and be complete by the end of summer 2006. It's anticipated that motorists will experience only minimal inconvenience, as thru-lanes will remain intact and traffic will continue to flow through both lanes.

Funding for this highway construction project is part of the Alberta government's \$684 million investment for construction and preservation of the province's highway network in 2005-06.

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