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Province provides $1 million to improve key Red Deer intersection

Red Deer... The Alberta government is kicking in $1 million toward the upgrading of a key Red Deer intersection that will benefit both the City of Red Deer and the provincial highway network.

The upgrade to the intersection at Gaetz Avenue and Highway 11A will accommodate major changes being made by the city to Gaetz Avenue (Highway 2A) within city limits as well as future provincial highway plans.

"It's a win-win situation," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "Improving this intersection fits in with the City of Red Deer's plans for improving Gaetz Avenue and also accommodates traffic movement on Highway 11A."

The city plans to widen Gaetz Avenue in the city's north end to three lanes in each direction. The intersection improvement project involves widening the intersection of Gaetz Avenue and Highway 11A to accommodate extra turning lanes and extra traffic from the widened Gaetz Avenue.

The city will oversee the intersection improvement work and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will contribute $1 million to the costs since Highway 11A is under provincial jurisdiction. The arrangement allows the city and the department to use the same contractor, which is both more cost-effective and practical.

"This project demonstrates a cooperative approach between the province and the city in dealing with regional road network matters," said Victor Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science and MLA for Red Deer South.

Construction will start later this summer and be complete by the end of this year.

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