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Repaving and construction means a smoother ride on Highway 16

Edson...The Alberta government will invest more than \$12 million this summer to upgrade sections of Highway 16 near Hinton and Edson, including 39 kilometres of new pavement, intersection improvements and two new safety rest areas.

Intersection improvements and 25 kilometres of repaving work on Highway 16 from the Jasper Park Gate to Hinton is scheduled to begin later this week. The work includes adding merging lanes to four intersections at Overlander Lodge, Folding Mountain Resort, Wildhorse/Kinky Lake, and Maskuta Creek, and construction of a new safety rest area west of Hinton.

Repaving and highway improvement work on Highway 16 from Medicine Lodge to west of Edson is scheduled to begin the week of May 29. The work involves construction of a safety rest area and 14 kilometres of new pavement on sections of Highway 16.

"Drivers will appreciate the improved highway when the work is done later this summer," said Ivan Strang, MLA for West Yellowhead. "Keeping traffic moving smoothly and safely on the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway helps keep our families safe and our economy moving forward."

Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

"This summer will be a very busy highway construction season across the province, as government invests more than \$1.1 billion to improve and expand our provincial highway system to support Alberta's vibrant economy," said Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

Motorists are asked to use caution in this area and obey speed limits and other traffic control devices.

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