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Highway 22 becomes wider and smoother

Road improved for Cochrane-area travellers

Cochrane... Travellers on Highway 22 in the Cochrane area will enjoy a smoother ride and have room to pull over by this fall.

Work is underway to add shoulders and pave 14 kilometres of the highway from the Bow River south of Cochrane to north of the junction with Highway 567.

"The new pavement and shoulders are welcome additions to the highway in the Cochrane area," said Janis Tarchuk, MLA for Banff-Cochrane. "The improvements will help accommodate the growing traffic in this area."

The project will cost \$6.5 million and be completed by October 2006.

"The improvements will make the drive safer and more enjoyable," said Ted Morton, MLA for Foothills-Rocky View. "Upgrading this road now is key to supporting the growth in this region."

Widening the highway also provides the potential to add tapered turning lanes and merge lanes at some of the intersections, which improves traffic flow and safety. Between 4,500 and 9,500 vehicles per day use this section of the highway outside Cochrane while over 12,000 vehicles per day use the road within the town's limits.

"Investing in Alberta's highways supports the province's strong economy by providing a safe, efficient way to move people and goods," said Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

Including this project, the Alberta government will invest a record \$1.1 billion this year to build, repair, and maintain the province's highway network.

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