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## **More divided roadway added on Highway 2**

### **Extension of four-laning accommodates growing traffic in northern Alberta**

Sexsmith... By next fall, motorists will be driving on more divided roadway on Highway 2 in northwest Alberta.

Construction starts next week to twin just over eight kilometres of Highway 2 in the Sexsmith area from its junction with Highway 672 north to its junction with Highway 59.

"This project is welcome news for highway users in the Sexsmith and Clairmont areas," said Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky. "Traffic has been growing rapidly on Highway 2 during the past few years and the new divided stretch will better accommodate the growth and improve safety."

The \$28-million project also includes removal of a small concrete bridge and several culverts from beneath the road surface. These will be replaced by three new bridge culverts. The newly divided road will open to traffic in October 2007.

"Investing in Alberta's highway network is necessary to support the province's strong economy and contribute to future growth," said Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "Improving highway infrastructure also increases safety for motorists."

Between 7,500 and 10,500 vehicles use Highway 2 in this area each day, depending on location.

The Alberta government will invest a record \$1.1 billion this year to build, repair, and maintain the province's highway network. The Alberta highway network contains approximately 31,000 kilometres of roadway, of which more than 26,000 kilometres are paved. The network also contains approximately 3,800 bridge structures.

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