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## Highways 8 and 22 roundabout construction starts

Calgary... Motorists can expect lane closures and detours during the next three months as work begins on a unique roundabout for the intersection of Highways 8 and 22 west of Calgary.

Construction starts July 16 and will be completed by October 15. Traffic disruptions will be minimal for the early phases of the work, but will include lane restrictions and detours as construction progresses.

In addition to the roundabout, improvements will be made to the intersections of Highway 8 with Range Road 41, Range Road 35, Range Road 25 (117 Street SW), and 101 Street SW. This work may also include speed reduction zones and/or lane closures.

Total cost of the roundabout and intersection improvements is \$8 million.

The roundabout marks the first time this type of intersection will be used on a rural highway in Alberta. The Alberta government chose the roundabout option because traffic requiring a full interchange is not expected for at least two decades, while traffic signals would serve the intersection for only five years. The roundabout will accommodate projected traffic for the next 25 to 30 years.

Motorists are advised to exercise caution and obey all signs and flag people while traveling on this route. Motorists are reminded that fines for speeding are doubled through construction zones when workers are present.

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