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Highway 28 twinning improves safety and connects the community

Province provides \$26.4 million to the City of Cold Lake for twinning

Cold Lake... The Government of Alberta will provide \$26.4 million to the City of Cold Lake to begin the design work and construction of six kilometres of Highway 28 twinning through the City of Cold Lake.

"Highway 28 through Cold Lake is an exceedingly busy section of urban highway with about 18,000 vehicles per day," said Genia Leskiw, MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake. "Twinning this section of highway will help improve safety for motorists and provide a critical connection between the major sections of the city."

Design and construction of the twinning will be managed by the City of Cold Lake. The City has received proposals for engineering consulting services and plans to award the contract for design services within several weeks.

"The timing of this development couldn't be better. The highway is simply beyond its life expectancy and design capacity. This commitment from the province is the final piece of the puzzle," said Mayor Craig Copeland. "It's a significant achievement for the City of Cold Lake and with official approval we can now begin the work that's needed."

The twinning will stretch from 57 Avenue to 16 Street and the roadway will be widened to four lanes between 16 Street to 10 Street. Intersection improvements will be made at 54 Avenue and Highway 28.

"Continued investment in highways is critical, as a safe and efficient highway network supports Alberta's economy and contributes to the province's continuing prosperity," said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation. "In addition to the twinning of Highway 28, the province will continue to invest in priority highway and bridge construction, and repaving and widening work across the province."

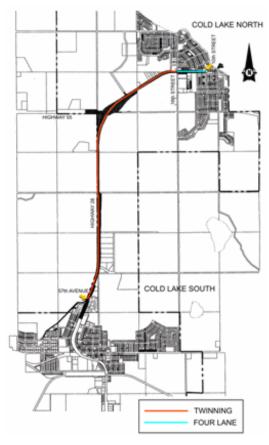
The City of Cold Lake anticipates that the improvements to Highway 28 will take approximately one year to design and two years to construct.

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