

Saskatchewan Jurisdictional Update

Ministry of Highways



Investing in Saskatchewan's Economy

Saskatchewan is a land-locked province, which relies heavily on the trucking industry to move goods to market. Saskatchewan-based exports generate about two-thirds of all the economic activity in the province, and just about everything produced moves by truck at some point.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$11.5 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 18,400 km of Saskatchewan highways. Saskatchewan is making investments across the province like twinning highways, adding passing lanes, repaving, and rebuilding rural highways and renewing our bridges and culverts to improve safety and support economic growth.



Exceeding targets

The Government of Saskatchewan is improving more than 1,100 km of provincial highways in 2022-23, for a total of 3,500 km over the past three years. The government has set a 10-year Growth Plan target of improving 10,000 kilometres of highways. With this year's improvements, the province is ahead of the pace needed to meet this target. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways is investing \$453 million in capital projects, highlighted by the twinning of Highway 3 to nearly eight kilometres west of Prince Albert and completing 14 sets of passing lanes on Highways 5, 7, 12, and 16. Almost 60 sets of passing lanes have been added to Saskatchewan's road network over the past five years.



Highways also undertook several paving projects this year, including:

- Highway 1, West of Moose Jaw (13 km)
- Highway 4, North of North Battleford (12 km)
- Highway 5, West of Humboldt (17 km)
- Highway 6, South of Naicam (8 km)
- Highway 11, North of Kenaston (8 km)
- Highway 21, South of Kindersley (10 km)

This year, the ministry continued its practice of improving roads that lead to provincial parks, including:

- Highway 26 to Meadow Lake Provincial Park
- Highway 38 to Greenwater Provincial Park
- Highway 204 access to Battlefords Provincial Park

Saskatchewan is committed to reducing red tape and regularly reviewing of its policies, procedures, acts and regulations. This year a review is being conducted on *The Trip Inspection Regulation and Security of Loads Regulations, 2013*.

The Ministry of Highways has amended *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010*. to:

Allow wide-spread tandem axle semi-trailers to load weights on par with regular tandem axle semi-trailers.

Add a new vehicle configuration for auto-carrier tractor and trailer units.

Investing in Provincial Air and Rail Transport.

Since 2007-08, Saskatchewan has invested almost \$11 million into regional and northern airports. More than 40 different communities and RMs have benefited. Recently \$2.9 million in joint funding was announced for upgrades to six northern airports and almost a million dollars supporting 11 additional regional airports throughout the province. Saskatchewan has increased investment in the provincial short line rail network that will assist with track upgrades and expansions, improved crossing surfaces and sight lines, bridge maintenance, track rehabilitation and more.

Recognizing Treaty Boundaries

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways, in partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, installed signs on Highway 11 marking the boundary between Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory.

Saskatchewan is the first province in Canada to officially mark treaty boundaries along a major highway.

