

Next Phase of Safety Improvements Rolling Out on Highway 1 East of Regina

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Highway crews today began improving pavement markings at several major intersections on Highway 1 east of Regina. These improvements include repainting all lines and arrows where Highway 1 intersects with Highway 46, Highway 48, Great Plains Road, the Pilot Butte Access and Gravel Pit Road.

The new markings will be wider than standard markings on the provincial highway system and will help to reduce driver confusion. In addition, signs will be placed in the medians to mark acceleration lanes.

"Major construction will be occurring on Highway 1 east over the next two years, including three new overpasses and repaving of both sets of lanes," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Nancy Heppner said. "This work will have significant impacts on traffic and both the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and Regina Bypass Partners are committed to managing traffic as safely as possible during construction."

The intersection improvements are part of a broader safety improvement plan in advance of Regina Bypass construction that also includes the recent speed reduction to 80 km/hr between Regina and Balgonie, as well as upcoming changes to signage to improve clarity and reduce clutter.

Regina Bypass Partners will present its plans to safely manage traffic during construction, and be available to answer questions from the public at two sessions later this week:

Wednesday October 28, 7 p.m. in the gym at the Ranch Ehrlo Society Pilot Butte Campus, located just north Highway 1 off the Pilot Butte Access Road; and

Thursday October 29, 7 p.m. at Balgonie Baptist Church, located just off Highway 1 on the north service road at Balgonie.

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