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Yukon-wide road upgrades in 2010-11 budget

WHITEHORSE – Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang announced today that the 2010 construction season will see many territorial highway projects undertaken, subject to legislative approval.

"Yukon highways are vital to our economic and social sustainability," Lang said. "Investing in this infrastructure creates local employment and encourages economic activity throughout Yukon."

This year various highways and bridges will receive rehabilitation and upgrades.

- \$2 million to upgrade pavement surfaces on the North Klondike Highway in the Deep Creek vicinity.
- \$1.6 million for the third and final year of a project to complete bituminous surface treatment (BST) on the Robert Campbell Highway between Carmacks and Faro.
- \$1.24 million to perform bridge inspections and minor upgrades on bridges throughout the territory.
- \$1 million for the replacement of a culvert at kilometer 111.8 on the South Canol Road.
- \$570,000 for intersection upgrades to improve safety on the Alaska and Klondike Highways.
- \$500,000 toward the Yukon-wide vegetation control program that will clear right-ofways to increase visibility and improve safety along the highway corridors.
- \$415,000 for bridge rehabilitation on the Big Mountain Creek, Giltana Creek bridges on the Aishihik Road, and Moose Creek and Itsi Creek bridges on the North Canol Road.
- \$150,000 for rock scaling along the South Klondike Highway cliff side rock removal and the installation of mesh and rock anchors.

All projects will start this summer and completion is expected this fall.

For more information visit www.hpw.gov.yk.ca.

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