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Government of Yukon to replace Nares River Bridge in Carcross

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is allocating \$1.5 million from this year's budget to begin a three-year project to replace the Nares River Bridge in Carcross, pending legislative approval.

"The Nares River Bridge, locally known as the Naataase Héen Bridge, is approaching the end of its life cycle and will need to be replaced with a concrete bridge," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "This replacement work will ensure that the structural integrity of the bridge will meet current and future traffic demands."

The project will provide a number of benefits to the community of Carcross, including a safer and stronger bridge; improved access and usage by foot and bicycle traffic; and economic opportunities, including potential employment opportunities for skilled tradespeople and labourers.

By investing in bridge infrastructure, the Government of Yukon is advancing safety, maintaining vital transportation links for residents and ensuring the long-term prosperity of Yukon communities by supporting economic development across the territory.

Highways and Public Works plans to tender this work late this summer.

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