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## **Functional planning and improvements to the Whitehorse Corridor begins**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has awarded a contract to CH2M Hill Canada Limited to develop a long-term functional plan for the Whitehorse Corridor section of the Alaska Highway, which encompasses the area between the South and North Klondike highways. The consultants will complete a technical study to determine the current and future requirements of the corridor and recommend a cost-effective plan to address those needs.

"The Whitehorse Corridor is an essential section of our transportation network that serves a range of traffic types and road users," Minister of Highways and Public Works Wade Istchenko said. "The Yukon government is undertaking a phased approach to develop cost-effective plans to manage and update this key piece of roadway."

The first phase of the project involves data collection, analysis of technical requirements, and development of a preliminary long-term management and improvement plan. The planning will be coordinated with local First Nations, municipal and federal governments, and affected utility companies. Additional discussions with adjacent land-owners directly impacted by potential roadside development will also contribute to the analysis. Phase one is scheduled to be complete by the end of March 2014.

The second phase of the project will involve full public engagement on the plan and invite discussions from user and special interest groups, area residents and the general public. This input will contribute to the refinement and details of the final corridor design.

Once completed, the project will provide a plan that addresses the community's immediate needs and provide for the capacity and level of service needed for a growing population.

The last comprehensive Whitehorse Corridor study was done in 1990.

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Download map of the Whitehorse Corridor [PDF 308KB].

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