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Improvements to Robert Campbell Highway to continue

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will invest close to \$10.7 million over the next two years to improve sections of the Robert Campbell Highway, subject to legislative approval.

"Ongoing upgrades for this important section of highway benefit all Yukoners who depend on this road," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "Restoring the highway and making it safer is important for local highway users as well as for commercial traffic, Yukon residents and tourists who use the highway."

In 2016/17, the Yukon government will award a contract for almost \$6 million for a two-year project reconstructing km 79 to 88 of the highway.

Work will also continue on the second year of a two-year reconstruction project that began last year from km 88 to 97. This contract will be worth \$4.7 million.

Both projects are located between Watson Lake and the Tutchitua Highway Maintenance Camp. The highway will be rebuilt to a higher standard, making it safer for users. The improvements also facilitate future development of the region.

Expenditures on these two projects will potentially provide 45 jobs over the course of the year.

Earlier this year, cabinet ministers hosted meetings throughout the territory to gather input from First Nation and municipal governments, as well as the general public, on their priorities for the 2016/17 budget. Residents from southeast Yukon said that an improved highway would benefit the region's economy.

Yukon government continues to invest in road infrastructure to maintain vital year-round access across the territory and to ensure that the groundwork is in place to foster prosperity and economic development opportunities for the future.

The Robert Campbell Highway is 582 km long and connects Watson Lake with Carmacks.

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