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Proposed Carmacks bypass road project to undergo environmental assessment

WHITEHORSE—Plans for a bypass road around Carmacks are slated to undergo Yukon's environmental assessment process in 2016/17.

"The Carmacks bypass road will provide an essential link in the territory's road network and support Yukon's economic and export development," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "The Government of Yukon is committed to ensuring that our infrastructure meets the needs of Yukon communities and the resource industry."

Once the project has undergone an environmental assessment, work will begin on detailed design and construction plans. The 4.8 kilometre bypass road and new bridge over the Nordenskiöld River would route industrial traffic away from the downtown core of Carmacks and would connect the Klondike Highway to the Freegold Road.

This project is moving forward at the request of the Village of Carmacks and the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation.

"We are pleased to see the beginning of this important infrastructure work," Carmacks Mayor Lee Bodie said. "The bypass project will help ensure the safety of our residents by redirecting industrial traffic out of residential neighborhoods, and will also support the development of projects in our area. It also has the bonus of opening up new areas in Carmacks for community land planning and development."

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