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Slims River Bridge to be Replaced

WHITEHORSE – Minister of Highways and Public Works Archie Lang announced \$14.25 million, subject to legislative approval, for the replacement of the Slims River Bridge.

The Slims River Bridge, located near Sheep Mountain along the Alaska Highway at km 1702, is the last bridge to be replaced as part of the ongoing Shakwak Funding Agreement with the United States government. As part of this agreement, these funds are 100 per cent recoverable from the U.S. government.

“Replacing this bridge indicates the significant progress we have made in upgrading the all-weather highway system for both American and Canadian road users,” Lang said. “Our successful partnership with our American neighbours has not only enhanced the safety and conditions of Yukon’s highways but also Yukon citizens have benefited from associated employment opportunities.”

The project started last fall with the installation of a detour bridge. Contracts for the supply of structural steel and ground densification have been awarded and work is underway. Tenders to build the bridge and remove the detour bridge have closed and are being reviewed.

Construction of the new bridge will start in April.

The Shakwak Agreement has played a significant role in providing a modern transportation system that is critical to the development of the North.

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