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YUKON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE UPGRADE PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2007

WHITEHORSE – Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang is pleased to announce a full program of highway projects planned for summer 2007, as part of the Yukon government’s commitment to upgrade highway networks and bridge infrastructures.

This summer, the value of bridge construction and rehabilitation work will exceed \$18 million, and highway construction and related project work is estimated at \$25 million.

“Yukoners will benefit from employment in these projects that will enhance the safety and condition of this section of Yukon’s major tourist and commercial highway route,” Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang noted about the Shakwak Project during his budget speech.

The major Shakwak projects planned for this year include: \$10 million on road construction near Sheep Mountain from km 1700 to 1707; \$7.15 million for replacement of the Donjek River Bridge at km 1822; \$3 million to begin a two-year construction project to replace the Duke River Bridge at km 1768; and, \$6 million for paving to replace the deteriorating sections of bituminous surface treatments (BST) surface along the Haines Highway between km 174 and km 194.

The Canadian Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) will enable upgrading of the southern portion of the Alaska Highway with fifty percent recoverable funds from the Government of Canada. The major CSIF projects include \$6.235 million for widening and strengthening the Teslin River Bridge; and \$500,000 to initiate the construction phase for the replacement of the Lewes (Yukon) River Bridge deck at km 1393.

Other major highway improvements planned for this year include: \$2 million for pavement rehabilitation to the North Klondike Highway; \$775,000 for crushing and stockpiling gravel to improve the Dempster Highway road surface; \$600,000 to complete reconstruction of the Atlin Road from km 1 to km 6; and, \$875,000 for improvements to the South Robert Campbell Highway.

The Government of Yukon reminds all travelers to watch for posted speed limits, to obey flag persons and to yield to heavy equipment in construction areas.

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Attachment: Detailed list of planned 2007 highway and bridge projects

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Capital Highway Projects 2007-08		
Highway	Scope of Work	Budget 2007-08
Alaska Highway	Major highway rehabilitation, including reshaping sections of reconstructed highway near Beaver Creek	\$750,000
Alaska Highway	Subsurface improvement, km 1218, Strawberry Creek	\$150,000
Alaska Highway	Wheelchair accessibility to outhouses and rest stop entrances, territory wide	\$55,000
Shakwak	Construction (from km 1700 to km 1707) Alaska Highway	\$10,000,000
Shakwak	New pavement (from km 174 to km 194) Haines Road	\$6,000,000
Shakwak	Permafrost rehabilitation (from km 1634 to km 1966) Alaska Highway	\$1,500,000
Shakwak	BST and re-vegetation (from km 1692 to km 1700) Alaska Highway	\$1,100,000
Atlin Road	Finish reconstruction (from km 1 to km 6) including guard rail and BST surfacing and enlarge boat ramp	\$600,000
Dempster Highway	Gravel production for surfacing aggregate for application	\$775,000
Dempster Highway	Erosion control (from km 95 to km 115) to evaluate future road safety needs	\$32,000
North Canol Road	Design washout repair (km 248)	\$25,000
North Klondike Highway	Design for reconstruction Flat Creek (km 656)	\$25,000
North Klondike Highway	Design for culvert replacement (km 614) Beaver Dam Creek	\$10,000
North Klondike Highway	Pavement rehabilitation (from km 204 to km 212)	\$2,000,000
South Klondike Highway	Rock scaling, evaluation of work completed and future road safety needs	\$25,000
Robert Campbell Highway	Design for culvert reconstruction and grade repair (km 64)	\$25,000
Robert Campbell Highway	Design Starr Creek culvert replacement (km 312)	\$50,000
Robert Campbell Highway	BST application (from km 10 to km 58) and replacement of culverts at Watson and MacDonald Creeks	\$800,000
Top of the World Highway	Production of base course Aggregate	\$400,000
Yukon-wide	Right of way vegetation control	\$550,000
Yukon-wide	Rural road upgrading program	\$250,000
TOTAL		\$25,122,000

Capital Bridgework 2007-08			
Bridge	Highway	Scope of Work	Budget 2007-08
CSIF Program			
Teslin River Bridge	Alaska Highway	Complete deck replacement	\$6,235,000
Lewes River Bridge	Alaska Highway	Design commence deck replacement	\$500,000
Shakwak Program			
Donjek Bridge	Alaska Highway	New bridge and demolition of old bridge	\$7,150,000
Duke and Slims Bridge	Alaska Highway	New bridge designs	\$1,000,000
Duke River Bridge	Alaska Highway	New bridge construction (year 1)	\$3,000,000
Bridge Rehabilitation			
Koidern River Bridge	Alaska Highway	Re-seat bridge girders	\$50,000
Liard River Bridge	Alaska Highway	Rehabilitation design	\$220,000
Takhini River Bridge	North Klondike	Repair bearings	\$30,000
Yukon River Bridge (Carmacks)	North Klondike	Paint truss members	\$100,000
Tatchun Creek	North Klondike	Rehabilitation design	\$80,000
Fox Creek	North Klondike	Rehabilitation design	\$80,000
Macmillan # 3	North Canol	Replace bridge	\$120,000
Macmillan #1	North Canol	Install deck	\$10,000
Jeff Creek	North Canol	Replace bridge	\$80,000
Campground Bridge	Kusawa Lake Road	Replace abutments and new deck	\$90,000
Inventory for Emergency Replacements	Unknown	Emergency preparedness	\$90,000
TOTAL			\$18,835,000