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**RESOURCE ACCESS ROAD FUNDING APPROVED**

WHITEHORSE – Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang today announced annual funding of \$500,000 over four years for improvements to resource access roads.

“The government recognizes the importance of continued investment in Yukon’s infrastructure,” Lang said. “Improving existing roads will encourage continued investment and economic activity in the territory.”

Similar to the Rural Roads Upgrade Program, the funding will address the increasing demand for upgrading and improving public roads, specifically those used to access valuable natural resources. Based on applications, government will be able to evaluate and respond to requests for road maintenance.

“This investment will improve existing road infrastructure used by the resource industry,” Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers said. “Improved roads will be of particular benefit to mineral and placer mining industries which are key contributors to Yukon’s economy.”

All road improvement projects will be subject to licensing, permits and the *Yukon Environmental Socio-economic Assessment Act* where applicable. This funding applies only to road improvement projects, rather than new road construction.

“The investment in resource roads will benefit and support continued success of the mining industry in the Klondike and other areas in Yukon,” Klondike MLA Steve Nordick said.

The Highways and Public Works department is responsible for the planning, construction and maintenance of Yukon’s transportation systems and infrastructure. For program and application information, contact Dan Profeit at 667-3168 or [dan.profeit@gov.yk.ca](mailto:dan.profeit@gov.yk.ca).

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