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**M'Clintock River Bridge Reconstruction Completed**

WHITEHORSE – Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang today announced that the M'Clintock River Bridge rehabilitation project has been completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

“The life of the bridge has been extended by 40 to 50 years,” Lang said. “Refurbishment of this important transportation link will benefit all Yukoners for years to come. I wish to thank Marsh Lake residents and travellers in the area for their patience during the reconstruction period.”

The bridge was widened by 47 per cent, and reconstruction included:

- deck replacement;
- new girders installation and bearing replacement;
- extended piers;
- new guard rails and widened road approaches; and
- complete painting of the substructure for rust protection.

The general contractor, Helm Installations Ltd. from Nanaimo hired local subcontractors Aurora Construction, Chilkoot Steel and General Enterprises. A number of workers were employed from the Marsh Lake area. The project was partially funded by the Canadian Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

“It is great to see this longstanding issue addressed for the safety of Yukoners and the travelling public,” Southern Lakes MLA Patrick Rouble said.

Traffic delays were kept to a minimum, particularly during peak hours in the morning and evenings and the boat launch was open throughout construction.

The bridge reopened to two-lane traffic on July 30 and was fully completed in August 2009.

More information about government projects is available at [www.hpw.gov.yk.ca](http://www.hpw.gov.yk.ca).

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