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Traffic Lights Installed at High Hazard Intersection

Years of lobbying by the County of Grande Prairie and the MD of Greenview have finally yielded results. Alberta Transportation recently installed traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 40 and Highway 668, one of the County's most dangerous intersections.

The County also approved installation of an emergency vehicle pre-emptive device – an audible Sonem System – at the intersection, as well as fire warning lights at the intersection of Highway 668 and Resources Road. The new system will allow fire, police and EMS responders to control the lights at both intersections, further reducing the risk of collisions and improving emergency response times.

The emergency system at the intersection of Highway 668 and Highway 40 is being tested this week, and will be fully operational in time for the launch of the County's expanded fire service January 1, 2012.

“We're pleased that the province has heard the voice of people in our region and are working with local municipalities to keep those travelling on our roads safer,” said County of Grande Prairie Deputy Reeve Leanne Beaupre. “The addition of the emergency devices was a priority for the County, as it's essential that emergency personnel can respond both quickly and safely.”

Said MD of Greenview Deputy Reeve Lesley Vandemark: “Since the installation of these lights, I have received numerous phone calls from residents expressing sincere gratitude regarding this matter. These lights will provide an enhanced level of safety for our residents, and I'm very pleased that Alberta Transportation has completed this project.”

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