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Over $42 Million in Road Construction Underway in the County

The County of Grande Prairie has begun capital road projects, which means the public can expect to see crews making improvements to various paved and gravel roads in the County throughout the 2020 construction season. Work also continues on County roads that have been closed and/or washed out due to recent flooding.

The total amount the County will invest this year on capital road and bridge projects is $39.5 million, which represents over 50 per cent of the County’s total capital budget. New construction this year entails 30.7 km of road surfacing including the paving of gravel roads, surfaced road overlays, re-construction, bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects including the replacement of the Rio Grande Bridge, as well as grading, oiling, gravelling, signage, spot and miscellaneous construction, and road widening and chip sealing projects.

These upgrades may involve temporary road and bridge closures, lane and speed reductions, and detours for each project. All updates regarding road construction locations, anticipated start and completion dates, and traffic impacts will be posted to www.countygp.ab.ca before the project start date. Find the complete list of roads slated for upgrades this year at www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction.

Our commitment to repair and reopen roads that have been closed and/or washed out due to extensive flooding in the area continues. The estimated amount spent to repair County-owned roads and infrastructure affected by spring runoff is currently $2 million. The County has also committed an additional $350,000 for the Ditch Cleaning Program bringing the total investment to $515,000 for 2020. This program takes topsoil washed into the ditches during flooding and replaces it back onto farmer’s fields, to help manage storm water and prevent further flooding.

Although Public Works crews have reopened the majority of roads in the County, a few remain closed. Motorists are urged to respect the road closures and barricades that are in place. To view the complete list of road closures and reopenings following the overland floods, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadclosures.

The County thanks residents and motorists for their patience and cooperation while we work to repair and upgrade roads and infrastructure.

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