

NEW SECTIONS OF TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Manitobans now have access to two new sections of the Trans Canada Trail, including a 1.6-kilometre extension of the Harte Trail from Shaftesbury Boulevard to Cathcart Street in Winnipeg, and a new 12-metre foot bridge linking the 19-km Falcon Lake trail with the 15-km Centennial trail in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

The Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg and Government of Canada each have committed one-third of the \$2.5-million cost of completing portions of the Trans Canada Trail within the city of Winnipeg. Canada and Manitoba are also each providing \$1.43 million toward the \$4.3-million Border to Beaches initiative that will complete the Trans Canada Trail from the Ontario border to Lake Winnipeg.

MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS FOR THE NORTH

Premier **Greg Selinger** recently announced major work in the North this year will include upgrades to PTH 6 and PTH 10 and several provincial roads. The work is part of the province's 10-year, \$4-billion plan to improve Manitoba's highways.

PTH 10 will see another major paving project undertaken in 2010, from The Pas to PR 282, a distance of 30 kilometres, as part of major improvements to this key route in northern Manitoba. In addition to the PTH 10 project, PR 283 west of The Pas will also be paved from west of PTH 10 to PR 282.

Other regional key projects scheduled for this construction season include:

- PTH 6 from Thompson to PR 375 will be completed this summer; and
- PR 373 from Sea Falls to north of PR 374 in the Norway House/Cross Lake area. This major grade, base and asphalt-surfacing job is a federal-provincial cost-shared project that will be completed this year.

Motorists are reminded to slow down and use caution approaching and in construction zones, for their own safety and for the safety of workers. Updated information on road conditions and lane restrictions is available at any time at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/roadinfo/.

NEW, UPGRADED PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY MAP

Manitoba's provincial highway map has been improved, Infrastructure and Transportation Minister **Steve Ashton** announced recently.

The full province was put on the map in the update of 2000, and this year the portion of the map for southern Manitoba has been expanded to better show the highway network.

New additions to the map include the old Dawson Trail in eastern Manitoba, Historic #1 Highway (PTH 44), and more information about Manitoba's provincial parks. It also continues to highlight Travel Manitoba information centres and presents "welcome" greetings in more than 25 languages.

The map can be accessed at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/map/index.html.

INVESTMENT FOR MAJOR TRADE ROUTES, CENTREPORT CANADA

The governments of Manitoba and Canada are investing \$292.6 million to modernize major trade and transportation routes within the province and support the further development of CentrePort Canada, as announced by Premier Greg Selinger and federal Public Safety Minister **Vic Toews**.

Construction has begun on the \$212-million, four-lane CentrePort Canada Way, a new corridor that will run through the 20,000 acres designated to CentrePort Canada and connecting Inkster Boulevard (PR 221), the James A. Richardson International Airport and the CP Weston rail intermodal facility to the province's main highway system. Construction has started along the northwest Perimeter Highway and over the next several years, two new overpasses and an interchange will be built.

The leaders also announced improvements to the TransCanada Highway, Highway 75 and Winnipeg's Perimeter Highway, all key connectors to national and international transportation corridors linking into CentrePort Canada.


The multi-year road construction project is being funded jointly by Manitoba and Canada with the federal share coming from the Provincial Territorial Base Funding Agreement (\$68.35 million) and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative (\$33.25 million). Manitoba has matched the federal funds, plus an additional \$9.2 million for land acquisition.

For more information on the Provincial Territorial Base Funding Agreement and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative visit www.gateway-corridor.com/.

Additional information on CentrePort Canada is available at www.centreportcanada.ca.

NEW MOBILE EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATION UNIT FOR MANITOBA EMO

A new mobile Emergency Co-ordination Unit will enable the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) to provide additional support for communities in crisis, as announced by Premier Selinger and Minister Toews. The mobile Emergency Co-ordination Unit is fully equipped with a generator, satellite capability, communications systems and work stations and will be available as an operational centre to support communities in the event of floods, forest fires and other natural or human caused hazardous events. The one-piece unit will greatly improve EMO's ability to integrate operating systems with other responding provincial departments.

The \$129,600 vehicle and related equipment is equally funded by the federal and provincial governments through the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP). 

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