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Infrastructure Stimulus Projects in Cambridge Road Resurfacing is Full Steam Ahead

Cambridge, Ontario. July 23, 2009...The City of Cambridge is currently undertaking a number of stimulus supported projects that will see new road surfaces for many areas of the City. More than \$7.5 million worth of projects are planned in this round of road renewal work.

Announced in May, the Infrastructure Stimulus plan expands and accelerates the traditional multi-government investment for new infrastructure such as roads and bridges. It was designed to support economic growth while bolstering Canada's productivity and capacity. Costs are shared equally between the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, and projects that qualify for this funding are slated to be undertaken in 2009-10 as a way to make an immediate economic impact.

For Cambridge, a total of over \$12 million was awarded through Canada's Economic Stimulus plan for capital projects to help bridge the funding gap for infrastructure. This successful application covers improvements to some 84 lane-kilometers of roads, extending the life cycle of these roads by nearly a decade. These projects also create some 20 person years of employment.

"The extensive resurfacing program means that these locations are being addressed sooner, saving money and extending their life. They're accelerated on the priority list through this support," says Ed Kovacs, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works.

Roughly 50 locations will undergo work that ranges in duration from two to four weeks, depending on the extent and nature of the resurfacing work. The focus is on collector, arterial and roadways with transit service and includes sections of Queen Street East, Winston Boulevard, Kribs Street, Avenue Road and Concession Street, to name a few. Work on Guelph Avenue and Scott Road is currently underway. A complete map may be found online at

http://www.cambridge.ca/transportation_public_works/engineering_services_division/road_resurfacing for the projects that are scheduled for this year.

Pedestrians and vehicular traffic will be maintained throughout the project; however, citizens should expect some minor slowdowns in traffic flow. Residents who are impacted by the construction will be notified by letter to ensure ongoing communications throughout the process. Those residents who might be temporarily impacted by restricted access to their driveway may call 519.740.4690 and make arrangements to be exempted from the maximum 3 hour and overnight street parking prohibition bylaws.

Other Background:

Canadian Government Website

<http://www.canada.gc.ca/home.html>

Ontario's Press Announcement

<http://www.news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2009/06/infrastructure-stimulus-fund-in-ontario.html>

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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