

Regina Bypass 2024 Winter Maintenance Update

For Immediate Release

To ensure the safety of the travelling public during the holiday season, the Regina Bypass operations and maintenance team will continue to provide scheduled road maintenance 24 hours a day.

This includes inspecting the bypass roadways regularly to determine if plowing, salt or sand is needed to improve the driving conditions.

“Safety is the first priority for our winter maintenance team,” said Christophe Martin, Manager of Regina Bypass Operations and Maintenance. “As holiday travel increases over the next few weeks, for everyone’s safety, we ask all drivers to please slow down to 60 km when approaching or passing snowplows and emergency vehicles that are stopped on the side of the highway.”

To ensure you get to your holiday destination safely this winter season, Christophe advises that “Before heading out on your holiday journey, we recommend that you visit the Highway Hotline at www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline for the most current road conditions.”

To report road conditions on the Regina Bypass please call the 24-hour contact centre at 1-844-257-7971.

“No matter the snowplow or other equipment working to keep roads clear this winter, please remember to be patient, stay back and give them room so everyone gets home safely at night,” said Saskatchewan Highways Minister David Marit.

About the Regina Bypass Operations and Maintenance team:

- Operate 365 days a year - 24 hours a day
- We have 38 local team members
- 9 plow trucks and access to local contractors when needed
- When sanding we use a variety of mixtures depending on the temperature, environmental and road conditions
- We look after approximately 450 lane kms including service roads
 - Mainline Balgonie to Highway #11
 - North Service Road Balgonie to Tower Road
 - South Service Road Emerald Park to Highway #33

Snowplow Safety - Be Aware, Pass with Care

When approaching our Bypass snowplow drivers remember:

- Our snowplows have flashing amber and blue lights
- To increase visibility, our snowplow drivers use their blue lights when plowing, salting or sanding
- Stay back when approaching a snowplow as they can create mini-blizzards, also known as a "Snow Zone"
- Our team members will pull over about every 10 km or when safe to do so.
 - Slow to 60 km per hour when passing our plows or emergency vehicles when they are stopped or have their warning lights on

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