

Vinca Bridge Upgrade Will Help Bolster Alberta's Industrial Heartland's Value Proposition

Edmonton, Alberta (May 25, 2018) – Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association is encouraged by Alberta Transportation's announcement today that it will invest in upgrading the Highway 38 bridge across the Fort Saskatchewan River, an important transportation corridor in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. Heavy industrial infrastructure is critical to attracting investment into our region, and this project will provide the necessary river-crossing capacity to support future industrial development, contributing to Alberta's energy diversification efforts and overall economic prosperity.

Enhancing bridge capacity will support Alberta's High Load Corridor and will save carriers 200 kilometres of travel and approximately \$10,000 per trip compared to the existing route. Efficient flow of products and services through our region is critical to ensuring Albertans receive the best return on our resource development.

"World class infrastructure for the movement of goods and services is critical for current industry and for attracting new investments for the diversification of Alberta's energy economy. Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association is pleased that the Government of Alberta is prioritizing this project and is investing in key transportation corridors in Alberta's Industrial Heartland," said Mayor Gale Katchur, Chair of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association.

Alberta Transportation expects planning and design to begin in 2018 and plans are underway for additional highway improvements in the area.

ABOUT ALBERTA'S INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND ASSOCIATION

Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association is dedicated to coordinating, advocating, and promoting sustainable industrial development in the Heartland region. The Association is a cooperative effort of Lamont County, Strathcona County, Sturgeon County, and the Cities of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan.

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