

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **FINAL PAVING BEGINS ON CLEMENT FROM ETHEL TO GORDON**

Construction of the Central Okanagan Bypass (COB) began Thursday June 15, 2006 with mobilization of equipment and brush clearing at High Road between Kelview Street and Cerise Drive. Regular hours of construction will be Monday to Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. While every effort will be made to minimize the traffic impact, motorists should expect delays.

This phase of the Central Okanagan Bypass (COB) will involve the creation of a new four lane road that will run parallel to the railway tracks out to a new intersection at Spall Road. The \$8.4 million construction contract was awarded to Hayter Construction Ltd. Construction is expected to continue through late October or early November with completion by spring of 2007. Traffic advisories affecting this area will be issued to the media throughout the construction season.

These road improvements constitute the first phase of the COB which will eventually extend to McCurdy Road. The section from Spall Road to Highway 33 is likely to be completed within the next five to seven years, and the section from Highway 33 to McCurdy Road by 2020.

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