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TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE: CENTRAL OKANAGAN BYPASS

On Tuesday, October 10 traffic on the Central Okanagan Bypass (COB) east of Gordon Drive will switch to the newly-constructed lanes on the south side of the roadway. The switch-over from the northern lanes will occur at 9:00 a.m. As construction workers adjust the lane setup, motorists are asked to drive with extreme caution and observe the posted construction speed limit.

Work will continue on the northern lanes to bring the road up to the new grade and to complete storm sewer installation. Paving and line painting will continue through mid-November.

The \$8.4 million contract with Hayter Construction Ltd. includes the creation of a new four-lane section of the COB that will run parallel to the railway tracks out to a new intersection at Spall Road.

A complete road closure is anticipated at Spall Road, between Enterprise Way and Bernard Avenue, from Friday October 13 at 6:30 p.m. until Monday October 16 at 6:00 a.m. for installation of signal conduit and railway work. A traffic advisory affecting this area will be issued closer to the closure.

These road improvements constitute the first phase of the COB which will eventually extend to McCurdy Road. The section from Spall to McCurdy Roads is currently in the design stage.

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