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Vellacott Grateful for Funding to Accelerate the Completion of # 11 Highway in His Riding

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Saskatoon: Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott has for some time been pressing for the completion of the twinning of Highway 11 north of Saskatoon in his riding. Vellacott worked with his Conservative colleagues and Regional Minister Ritz to have it considered a priority. Then last spring it was moved into that priority position and into an accelerated mode today.

The Saskatchewan Highways Saskatoon Repair Depot was the backdrop where Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Brad Wall announced that the Federal and Provincial Governments will accelerate the twinning of Highway 11 between Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The federal and provincial governments are each contributing \$62 million to that end.

“This massive building project will create hundreds of construction jobs in communities between Saskatoon and Prince Albert,” said Prime Minister Harper. “A twinned Highway 11 will also open up new opportunities for local businesses by expanding access to Saskatchewan’s growing resource industries.”

Highway 11 serves as a critical corridor to the province’s resource-rich north and the twinning project will support significant mineral and timber resource development, manufacturing and touring growth in the region. The proposed improvements will provide for increased capacity, reduced logistics costs and improved access for local industries and families.

Federal financial support for these infrastructure improvements is conditional on successful signing of a contribution agreement.

The Highway 11 twinning project is one of many job-creating investments contained within the Government of Canada’s Economic Action Plan.

Vellacott says that the Highway 11 twinning project is going to make it safer for many commuters from bedroom communities in his riding. Vellacott also says it will also have a significant economic and tourism impact in our Saskatchewan communities.

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