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GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS AWARDED

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon government has awarded more than \$600,000 for highway contracts that will employ more than 40 people during the month of August.

“The benefits of highway construction and maintenance far outweigh the unavoidable delays for the traveling public,” Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. “It supports many Yukon-based companies and their employees, and the end result is, of course, jobs and better roads.”

Summit Aggregates was awarded a contract for \$168,200 to produce and stockpile aggregate along the Klondike Highway. About ten workers will be employed over a two-week period to drill, blast and crush rock for use in the Yukon government’s maintenance camp along this route.

“We wouldn’t be here without these road construction and maintenance contracts,” said Rod Adams, President of Summit Aggregates and Nuway Crushing. “It employs about 35 staff throughout the summer.”

Five to seven people will be employed for seven days to supply government maintenance camps with asphalt patching material for road repairs through a \$198,800 contract awarded to Skookum Asphalt Ltd.

Fast Construction will receive a \$165,750 contract to produce and stockpile rip-rap on the Dempster Highway. Rip-rap is quarried rock used to protect the highway from washouts along river channels. The project will employ four to six people for two weeks.

Interior Reforestation Company Ltd. just completed seeding and fertilizing various locations on the Alaska Highway, Atlin Road and Tagish Road with a \$33,000 contract that was undertaken by four of the company’s employees.

Transportation capital work is also underway. Territorial Contracting Ltd. was awarded a \$50,100 contract to install a concrete aircraft run up pad on the apron at the Mayo airport in front of the fuel cabinet. It will create approximately 12 to 15 person days of employment.

The Yukon government’s highway operation and maintenance budget for this fiscal year is approximately \$31 million. The highway construction capital budget totals \$37.53 million.

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