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GOVERNMENT AWARDS \$600,000 PLUS IN HIGHWAY CONTRACTS

WHITEHORSE –Approximately \$600,000 in highway contracts have been awarded to Yukon companies, who will put more than twenty-five people to work on these projects in September.

"We have awarded more than \$34 million for highway construction and maintenance projects this year," Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. "The result is safer and improved highway infrastructure and employment for Yukoners."

Summit Aggregates was awarded a contract for just under \$300,000 to produce and stockpile aggregate along the Robert Campbell Highway and the Atlin Road for use in the Yukon government's maintenance camps. The contractor will also blend and stockpile sand-salt materials at various locations for winter sanding. Ten to 12 workers will be employed over a four-week period.

Skookum Asphalt Ltd. received a \$94,000-contract to construct a bypass lane on the Alaska Highway at the Fish Lake Road turnoff. Construction is taking place in mid-September and will employ 10 people.

"The road will be widened to accommodate a turning lane, which will help alleviate traffic congestion at the turnoff," Manager Curtis Prosko said. "To avoid traffic delays, motorists may wish to use Mountainview Drive during this construction. This applies only to light traffic, and excludes heavy trucks and oversize commercial vehicles."

Mountain Transfer Ltd. will receive a \$230,000-contract to improve the embankment stability on the Campbell Highway near Carmacks by realigning that section of the road. It will create employment for five people over six weeks.

For more information on road construction projects taking place in the territory, visit the Department of Infrastructure's website at www.gov.yk.ca/roadreport.

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