

**Highway 3, Crowsnest Pass  
Functional Planning Study**

**FACT SHEET**

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**Study Purpose**

At the request of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation commissioned this study to address municipal concerns with the previously approved highway route and to confirm long-term requirements for Highway 3, between the BC border and Highway 507.

**Study Scope**

Highway 3 is part of Canada's National Highway System and a major truck route to the U.S. Pacific Northwest. To improve highway safety and economic competitiveness, Highway 3 will ultimately be improved to a freeway standard, with access only via interchanges.

The objective for the Highway 3 study is to recommend the optimum plan for the highway corridor to ultimately provide free-flow travel. The study has evaluated all technically feasible highway routes. The functional plan will identify planning issues and develop a preferred plan based on public input and an understanding of the technical issues. The report will recommend short-to-medium term improvements of the existing highway and document the results of four open houses and the issues and concerns brought forward by stakeholders.

**Remaining Study Schedule**

Open House #4                      To be determined.      To show the approved plan.  
Study Completion                  Fall 2006

The study schedule now extends to fall 2006. Open House #4 has been delayed to conclude the study team's assessment of stakeholder input and to determine the appropriate investment in short-term improvements. Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation wants to be sure that all issues have been addressed before a final alignment is approved.

**Budget**

The fee for this 3 year long study is \$1,360,000.

**Project Team**

McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.	Highway Planning and Design Public Consultation Qualitative Overview of Socio-Economic/Community Factors
EBA Engineering Consultants	Environmental, Historical & Geotechnical
Scott Land and Lease	Right-of-Way Requirements and Property Appraisal
Terrace Engineering	Bridge and River Planning
Oldman River Regional Services Commission	Socio-Community Planning

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