



South Central Transportation Planning Committee

# GRASSROOTS INFLUENCE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

# WHERE WE CAME FROM

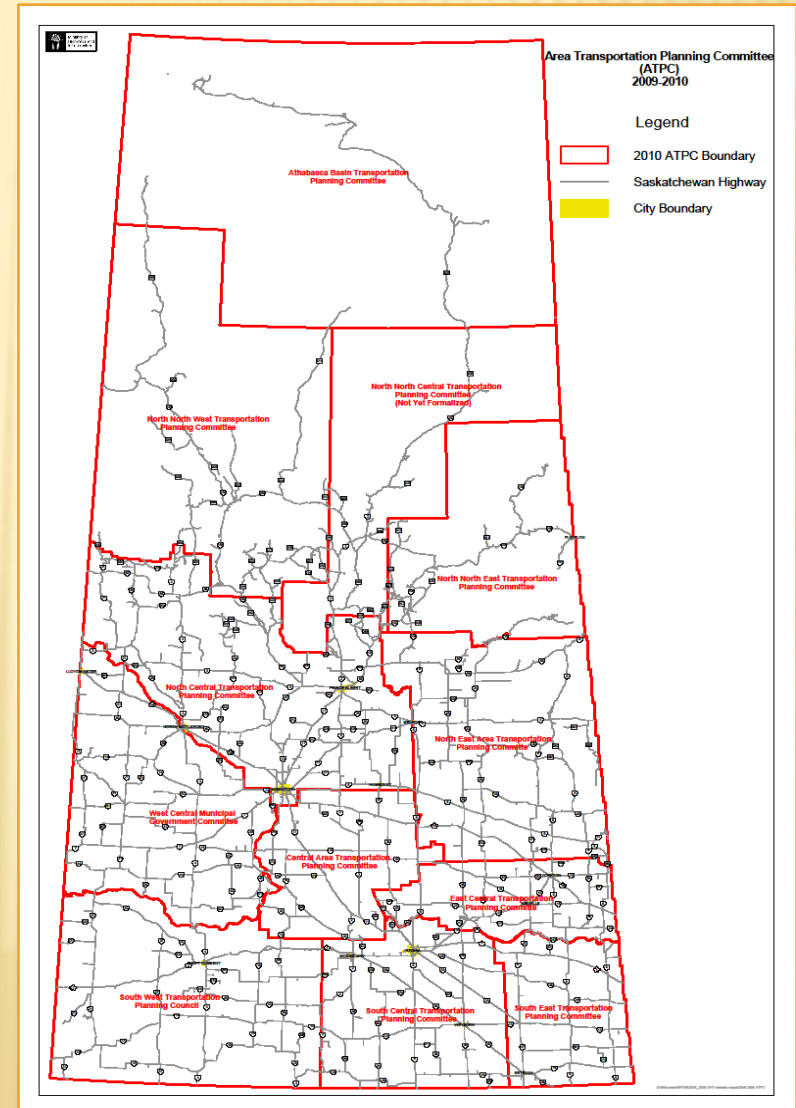
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- ✘ 1990s – New transportation policy for Saskatchewan
  - + DHT: get municipalities involved in transportation planning from the grassroots
  - + Department looked to SARM/SUMA for advice
  - + Advisory committee concept born
    - ✘ Southwest Transportation Advisory Committee formed as test case
    - ✘ Idea spread across Saskatchewan

**“Stakeholders who have to live with the decisions of government must be given the opportunity to play a major role in determining the transportation system” –  
SARM/SUMA**

# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

- ✘ 11 ATPCs province-wide
- ✘ General memberships include:
  - + Rural/Urban Municipalities
  - + First Nations
- ✘ Other (associate) memberships may consist of:
  - + Enterprise Regions
  - + Other stakeholder groups (example: industry)
  - + SARM/SUMA



# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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- ❖ Approximately 285,000 people reside in the South Central region with around 90% living in urban municipalities. It has shown steady growth over the last decade.
- ❖ Its location adjacent to the Border of the United States, Canada's largest trading partner, provides the region with an advantage over many other regions from a trade perspective.

# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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## ✘ Executive Working Committees

- + Elected by members
- + Reflect geographic cross-section of members
- + SARM/SUMA or other invited stakeholders may sit on EWC

## ✘ ATPC Chairpersons Committee

- + Each ATPC represented by their Chair
- + Meet on matters of provincial interest with MHI

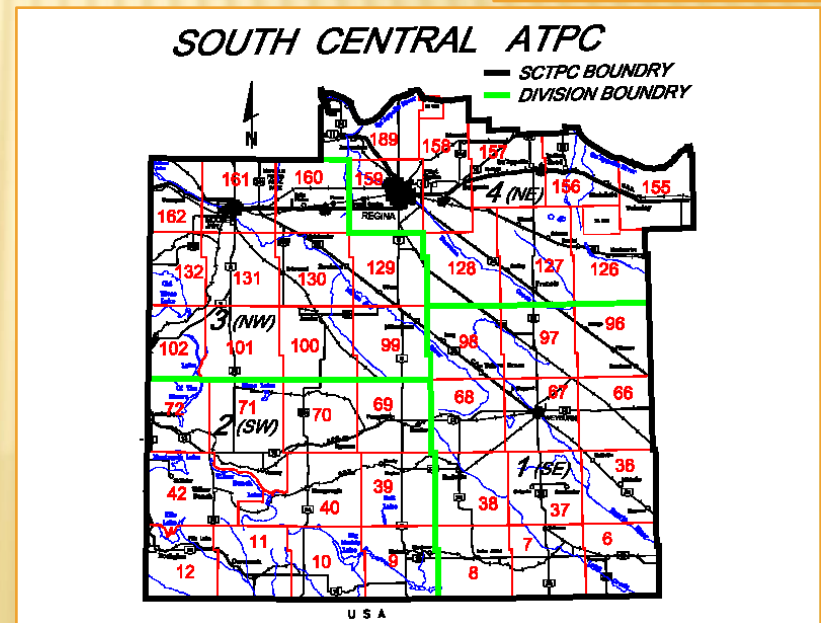
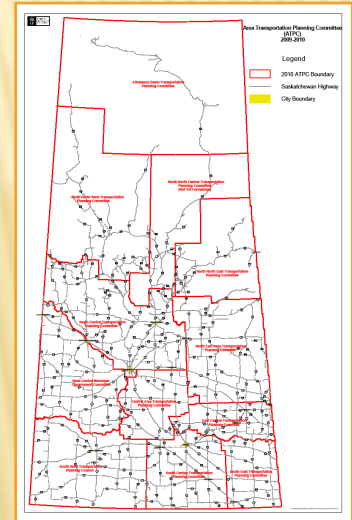
# 2023-24 SCTPC – EWC

- ✘ Lee Finishen, Chair & Division 4 Urban
- ✘ Marnell Eagles, Division 1 Rural
- ✘ Al Hauglum, Division 1 Urban
- ✘ Clint Mauthe, Division 2 Urban
- ✘ Vacant, Division 2 Rural
- ✘ Crystal Froese, Division 3 Urban
- ✘ Shae Nichols, Division 3 Rural
- ✘ Larry Grant, Division 4 Rural
- ✘ Cody Jordison, SARM
- ✘ Bryan Matheson, SUMA
  - + SCTPC Administrator – Cyndie Britton
  - + MHI Support – Alan Lindsay



# SOUTH CENTRAL AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

- + Established in 1997
- + 108 Municipalities within borders (62% members)
- + Total population ~290,000
- + 2,803 kms of provincial highway
  - × 1,880 kms of pavements
  - × 836 kms of TMS
  - × 87 kms of gravel
- + ~420 km shortline railway
  - × SRC, RCRR, FLR, LMR & SSR
- + ~19 provincial / regional airports



# SOUTH CENTRAL AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

## ✘ Goal

- + The overall goal of the SCTPC is to improve the freight and passenger transportation system serving the South Central area.





# SOUTH CENTRAL AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## ✘ Objectives

- + Improve the knowledge base and understanding of the transportation challenges and issues in the South Central area.
- + Develop and maintain comprehensive transportation plans for the South Central area.
- + Communicate the South Central area transportation concerns and priorities to all levels of Government and industry.

# SOUTH CENTRAL AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## ✘ Publications

- + South Central Transportation Plan Update II – June 2019
- + South Central Transportation Plan Update – Nov. 2007
- + South Central Area Transportation Plan – Nov. 2000
- + Grain Transportation Rationalization Road Impact Assessment – July 1998
- + South Central Transportation Planning Committee Submission to:
  - ✘ Review of the Grain Transportation & Handling System – Apr. 1998
- + Final Proposal for Formation of the South Central Transportation Planning Committee – Dec. 1997

# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN...

## ✘ Get to Know Your System:

- + Municipal roads and bridges
- + Provincial highways and bridges
- + Bus passenger & freight service
- + Regional and provincial airports
- + Shortline railway groups
- + Ferries



- ✘ Consult with municipalities and key stakeholders
- ✘ Remain alert of changing priorities and demands
- ✘ Make recommendations on these systems to the Provincial Gov't
- ✘ Facilitate agreements between multiple transportation partners



# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

## ✘ Promote your needs

- + Unified voice – regional approach
- + Provide input from the grassroots
- + ATPCs are already “at the table”
- + Established credibility
- + Sector Improvement Strategy (5 metres to 5000 metres)
- + **Each EWC Member can nominate 3 projects to the provincial highway capital budget plan per year. (up to 30 KMs)**



Minister of Highways Lori Carr & SCTPC Chair Lee Finishen in March 2019 for MOU signing.

# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

- ✘ “This MOU confirms our commitment to involving ATPCs in the decisions that guide our transportation infrastructure and the strategy behind it.” – Minister Jim Reiter
- ✘ “The Province is committed to working with ATPCS... this commitment continues to reinforce the goal of taking the politics out of road building.” – Minister Jim Reiter
- ✘ “ATPCs are truly reflective of the communities they serve. The people who serve on these committees know their local transportation infrastructure better than anyone else. Through these local committees, Saskatchewan citizens are given a voice in guiding the investments their government makes in transportation infrastructure.” – Minister Jim Reiter



# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

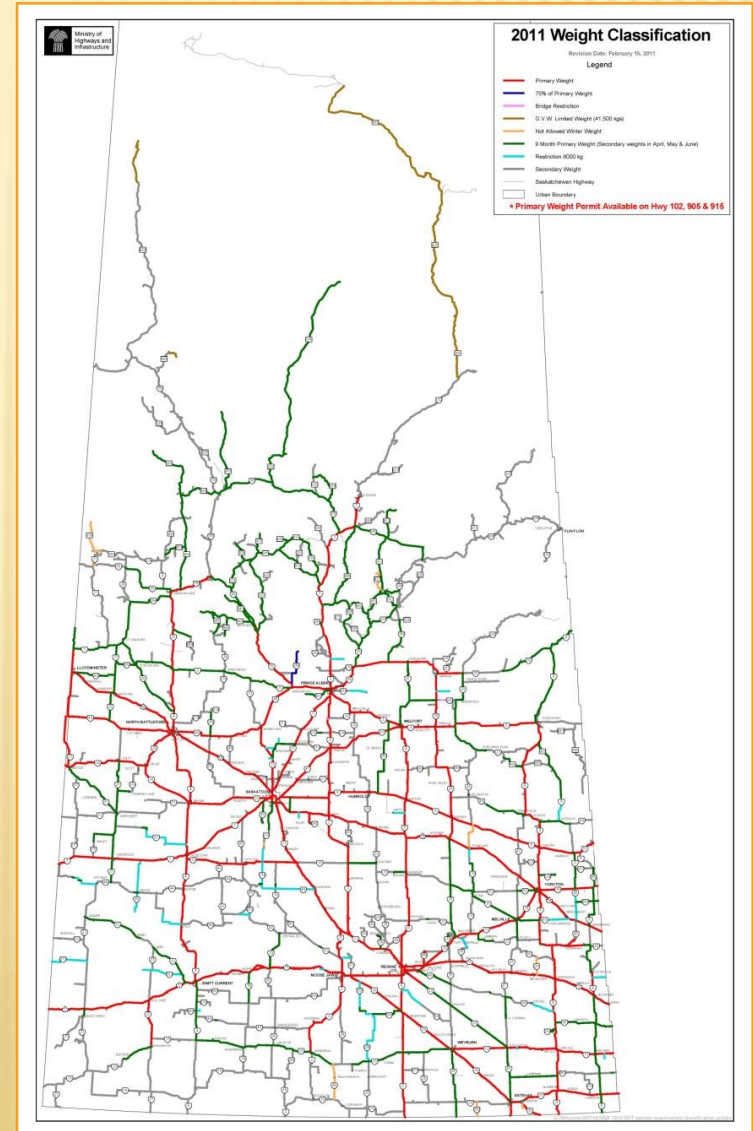
- ✘ Work within existing strategies to gain benefits:
  - + Achieve regional transportation improvements
  - + Support and grow local economies
  - + Improve safety for residents



**Pavement workshop –  
Kerrobert, March 22, 2019.  
Approximately 90 people in  
attendance.**

# EXISTING INPUT

- ✘ Input from the following:
  - + SUMA/SARM
  - + ATPCs
  - + SK Economic Development Association
  - + SK Chamber of Commerce
  - + Tourism Saskatchewan
  - + Industry (Forestry, Oil and Gas, Manufacturing & Mining)
  - + Enterprise Saskatchewan
  - + Saskatchewan Aviation Council
  - + Both National Rail Companies



# SUCCESS STORIES

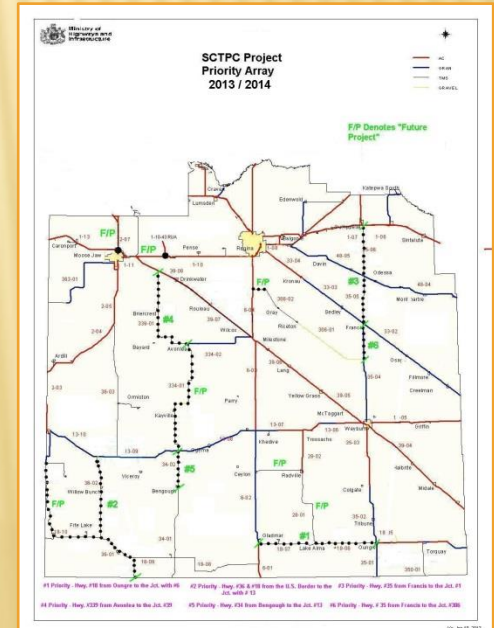
## ✘ South Central Transportation Planning Committee

- ✘ Passing Lanes Highway 10 east of Balgonie
- ✘ Highway 56 from Indian Head to Fort Qu'Appelle
- ✘ Highway 35 from Francis south to US Border
- ✘ Highway 13 Assiniboia to Highway 6
- ✘ TUHP/UHCP partnerships strengthened
- ✘ Highway 18/28 partnership



## + Ongoing and future projects

- ✘ Highway 39/6 passing lanes
- ✘ Highway 35 from #1 to #10 Summer 2024
- ✘ Highway 2 passing lanes north of Moose Jaw
- ✘ Highway 1 east and west of Regina / Moose Jaw
- ✘ Highway 33 southeast of Kronau / Francis
- ✘ Highway 36 Willowbunch to Coronach





# SUCCESS STORIES

## ✘ Shortline Railways

- + SRC
- + RCRR
- + FLR
- + LMR
- + SSR

## ✘ Partnerships

- + Highway 339/334
- + Highway 18/28

## ✘ Planning Studies / Workshops

- + Comprehensive Transportation Planning for the SCTPC area
- + Informational workshops on a variety of transportation topics



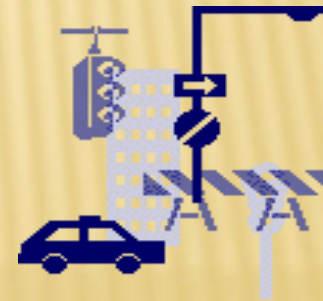
**Great Sandhills Rail opening  
June 19, 2009**

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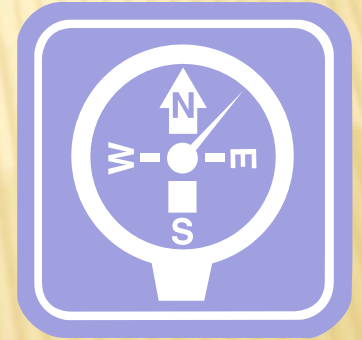
## ✘ Less tangible successes

- + Speak collectively for members on a regional basis
- + Consolidate viewpoints
- + Facilitate a united approach
- + Integrate local/regional/provincial issues and priorities
- + Be a liaison
- + Collect knowledge
- + Disseminate information
- + Conduct research



# SUPPORT FOR ATPCS

- ✘ MoH provides support through the Senior Transportation Planners
  - + Alan Lindsay – Senior Planner, ATPCs
  - + Oleksandra Orr – Regional Planning/Development
  - + Doug Daniels - Director, Planning and Development
  
- ✘ Administrative support – operational funding program
- ✘ Strategic direction and technical support
- ✘ Take concerns back to MoH and work towards a solution



# THE BASICS - BELONGING TO AN ATPC

## REQUIREMENTS

- ✘ Eligibility for membership/associate membership:
  - + rural/urban municipalities, First Nations
  - + Industry/stakeholders
- ✘ Fees charged annually based on population and/or assessment. (Fees are capped).
- ✘ You may to attend an AGM Care is taken to ensure EWC is made up of a cross-section of urban/rural members.

## BENEFITS

- ✘ As a member you are eligible to serve on the EWC.
- ✘ You will receive regular updates on EWC activities – newsletters, minutes, etc.
- ✘ General members are welcomed to attend workshops.
- ✘ You will have an opportunity to voice your opinion/comments/concerns with your EWC on transportation issues within your area and attend meeting throughout the year as your municipalities' needs require.

# CONCLUSION

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- ❖ The SCTPC Region is diverse and the demands on the network are many.
- ❖ We see a continued partnership with MHI as vital to spending every dollar wisely while addressing present and future demands.
- ❖ Being at the table for planning sessions and the free flow of information is key.
- ❖ The SCTPC EWC welcomes any and all opportunities to consult, advise and disseminate information moving forward.

***Thank you for your time.***



# QUESTIONS ?

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*To contact the SCTPC for further information, please call:*

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**(or) Email Cyndie Britton, Administrator – [sctpc@sasktel.net](mailto:sctpc@sasktel.net)**



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