

Harper announces federal funding to accelerate completion of Calgary's S.E. ring road

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CALGARY - The federal government is setting aside \$100 million to help accelerate the building of the southeast ring road, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Friday in Calgary.

Joined by Premier Ed Stelmach, Harper said the project's completion will ease road congestion and reduce pollution from cars stuck in traffic.

The project involves 25 kilometres of six-lane roadway, nine interchanges, two flyover railway crossings and 29 bridge structures.

Stelmach wouldn't reveal the total cost of the project because the Alberta government is fielding private bids to build the road through a public-private model.

The project includes extending the southeast ring road from 17th Avenue S.E. to the east side of the existing Macleod Trail interchange. The Alberta government is contributing an undisclosed amount of funding as well.

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