# Van Horne Institute Oil Sands Summit 

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## SUPERLOADS

- Alberta Transportation Goals
-Safety
-Accommodate other traffic
-Protect infrastructure
-Facilitate the movement of goods


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- Problem Areas
-Narrow Highways
-High Traffic Volumes
-Natural Obstacles
-Man Made Obstacles

NARROW HIGHWAYS

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12 ft lane +6 ft shoulder $=36 \mathrm{ft}$ roadway

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12 ft lane +3 ft shoulder $=30 \mathrm{ft}$ roadway

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12 ft lane +9 ft shoulder $=42 \mathrm{ft}$ roadway

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- Northbound traffic on Hwy 63
- Peaks on Sunday and Monday afternoons and evenings.
-Friday afternoon volumes are no different than remainder of the week.
-Four lanes would not assist in moving wide loads on Sunday or Monday evenings.
-Possible window on Sunday mornings.


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- Southbound on Hwy 63
-Peaks on Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings.
-Four lanes would eliminate conflict with southbound traffic on Thursdays and Fridays.

NATURAL OBSTACLES

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## HIGH LOAD CORRIDOR

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- The high load corridor is a network of highways where the utility lines have been permanently raised to accommodate loads up to 9.0 metres in height.
- The initial cost of the corridor is covered by the department but is recovered in the form of user fees.
- A portion of the corridor is fee exempt as industry had paid the initial cost.


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- High load corridor also includes the construction of pullouts and staging areas.
- Two Hills
- Lamont


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