# Van Horne Institute Oil Sands Summit

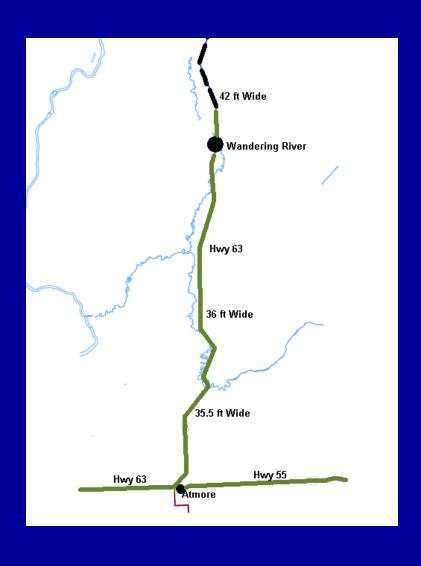
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#### SUPERLOADS

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

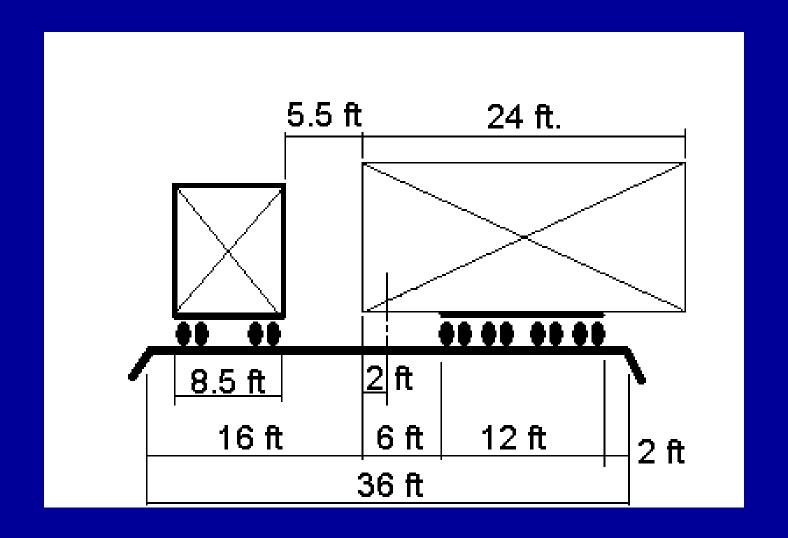
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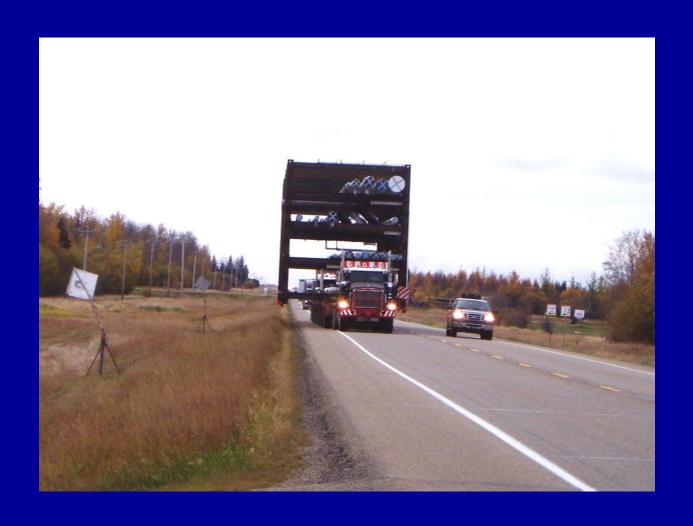
- Problem Areas
  - –Narrow Highways
  - -High Traffic Volumes
  - -Natural Obstacles
  - –Man Made Obstacles





12 ft lane + 6 ft shoulder = 36 ft roadway





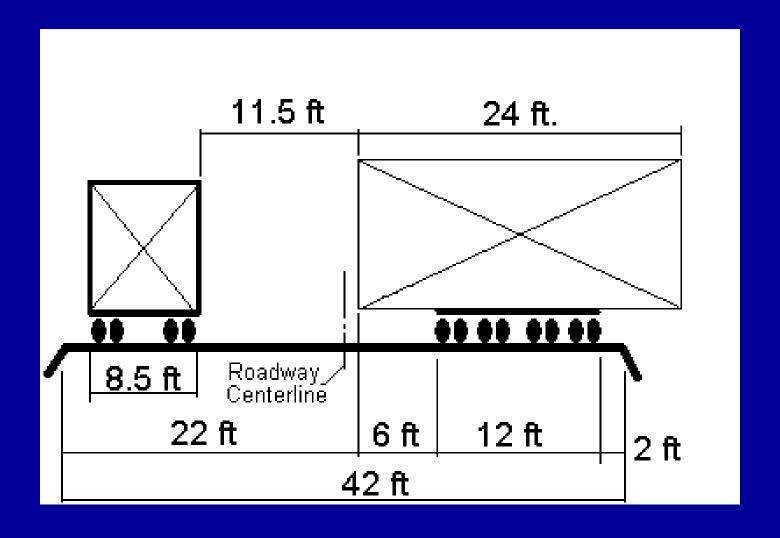


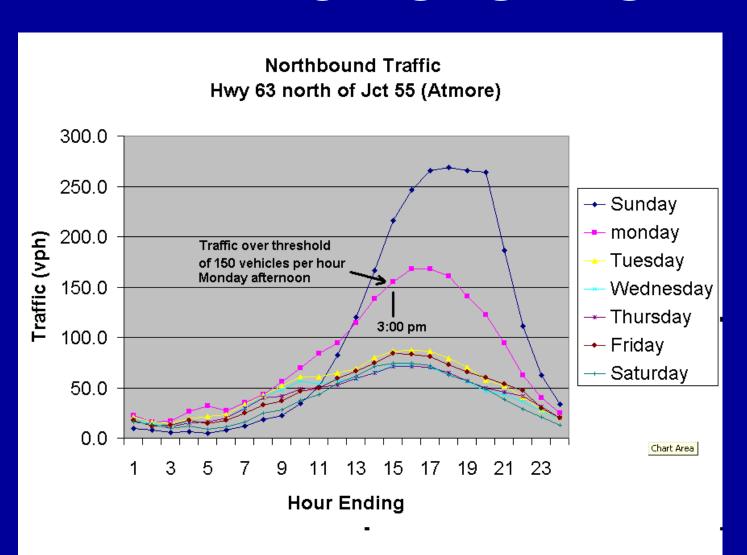


12 ft lane + 3 ft shoulder = 30 ft roadway

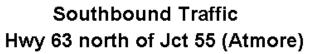


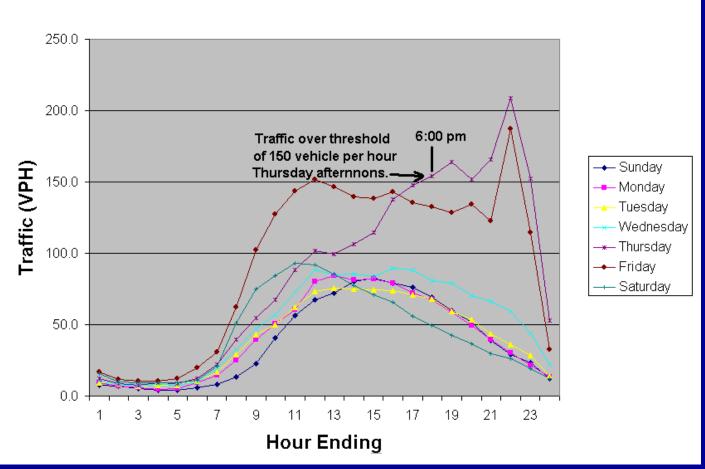
12 ft lane + 9 ft shoulder = 42 ft roadway





- 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.





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

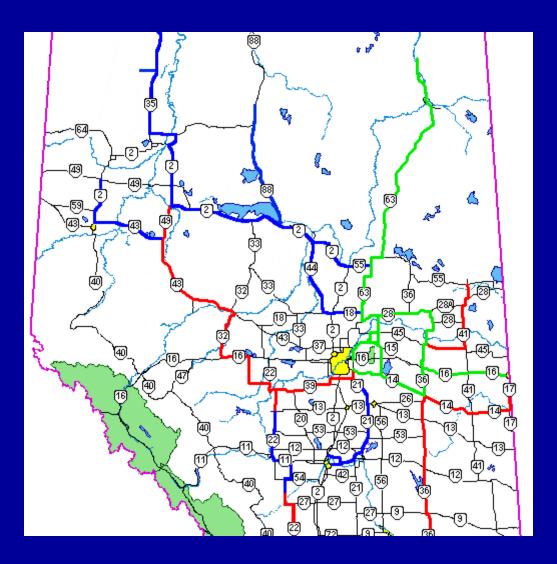






- The high load corridor is a network of highways where the utility lines have been permanently raised to accommodate loads up to 9.0 metres in height.
- The initial cost of the corridor is covered by the department but is recovered in the form of user fees.
- A portion of the corridor is fee exempt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

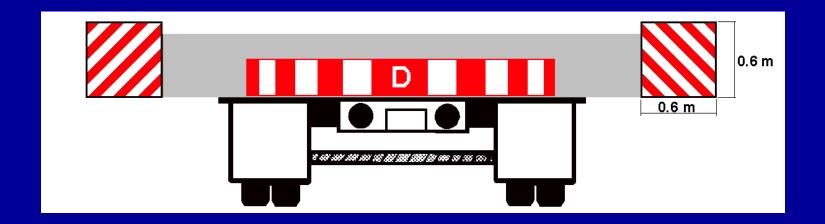




- High load corridor also includes the construction of pullouts and staging areas.
  - Two Hills
  - Lamont

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