The Mackenzie Valley Highway will connect the Northwest Territories communities from Wrigley to the Arctic Coast.
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

• Improved intercommunity mobility, embrace social opportunities and lower the cost of living in the region.

• Replacing the existing winter road will support a more resilient transportation system in the face of climate change.

• The corridor would create new economic opportunities such as increased tourism and access for mineral and petroleum resource development.

• The Government of the Northwest Territories is working with the various land claimant organizations to advance the project.

CURRENT STATUS

• The northernmost section of the MVH, the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway, opened to traffic on November 15, 2017.

• Construction of a 14 kilometre-long access road from Norman Wells to Canyon Creek is currently underway, creating employment, training and business opportunities for local residents.

• On June 27, 2018, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories announced $140 million for construction of the Great Bear River Bridge, planning and environmental studies for the Mackenzie Valley Highway, and construction of an access road from Wrigley to Mount Gaudet.

• Six project phases have been identified:
  1. Construction of the Great Bear River Bridge
  2. Environmental and Planning Studies
  3. Wrigley to Mount Gaudet access road
  4. Canyon Creek to Tulita
  5. Tulita to the Sahtu-Dehcho boundary
  6. Sahtu-Dehcho boundary to Mount Gaudet access road

• Next steps include engaging with Indigenous governments, NWT residents, and other stakeholders, completing a business case and further planning.