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ST. JAMES STREET CROWNED WORST ROAD IN MANITOBA, AGAIN

Full Worst Roads campaign top ten list revealed

WINNIPEG, MB – The CAA Manitoba Worst Roads campaign wrapped up yesterday with a familiar road taking top spot: St. James Street in Winnipeg.

“If you’ve driven on St. James Street in the past few months, you know why,” says Mike Mager, President and CEO of CAA Manitoba. “Nearly 900 votes were cast for this road alone, citing complaints like traffic congestion, traffic light synchronization, pedestrian safety and of course, potholes.”

In 2012, St. James Street had also won the top dishonour of Manitoba’s Worst Road. Last year, Brandon’s Victoria Avenue took top spot in the annual campaign, and is slated for repair this spring.

“We are listening to what Manitobans are saying about our roads and we want drivers to have a safe, smooth ride wherever their day takes them. That’s why we are investing more than ever in our street in Winnipeg and highways across the province,” says Manitoba’s Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton. “We will be repaving, rebuilding and repairing roads in every corner of the province, with more than 100 projects starting this spring in Winnipeg alone.”

Ashton notes that portions of Ness Avenue (Third place), Pembina Highway (Fourth place), Highway 10 (fifth place), Victoria Avenue in Brandon (Eighth place), and Berry Street (Tenth place) will be worked on this coming construction season, with investments from both the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba. The province has also been working with the city of Winkler to resolve the traffic concern on First Avenue.

“We are pleased to see money being allocated to what Manitobans have told us are the worst roads in the province,” says Mager. “But better yet, we are glad this campaign has Manitobans talking about core infrastructure, and what needs to be done to fix it. There is a lot to do.”

Since March 25, 5,069 votes were cast for 528 roads in Manitoba. CAA Manitoba will now provide the data to all levels of government for review.

During the month-long campaign, CAA Manitoba partnered with organizations such as Green Action Centre, the Paramedic Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce to highlight how infrastructure affects active transportation, healthcare and tourism in our province.