



### Release

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#### **FLOODWAY AUTHORITY UNVEILS 2009 ACCESS TO EARTH INITIATIVE**

#### **Loading Service Expanded to Five Days**

Again this year, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) will be providing an opportunity for the public to obtain earth (clay fill) from the floodway project as part of the 2009 Access to Earth Initiative.

“For the fourth year in a row, we are inviting the public to obtain clay fill from the floodway as part of this popular program,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the Manitoba Floodway Authority. “We are also pleased to announce that, based on feedback we have received from the public, we are expanding the loading service to five days.”

Two earth depot locations will be established (see attached map). Weather permitting, each depot will be open Tuesday to Sunday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, between the specific dates below:

#### **St. Mary’s Road Bridge Depot**

Site access just south of the St. Mary’s Road Bridge that crosses the floodway

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Dunning Road Depot**

Site access off Dunning Road at PTH 202

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Last year, a number of improvements were made to the program including an earlier opening date, extending the program from two to three months, and increasing the number of days that a loader was available to four days. This year’s program will further increase the number of days that a loader is available from four to five days from Wednesday to Sunday. The depots will be closed on Mondays.

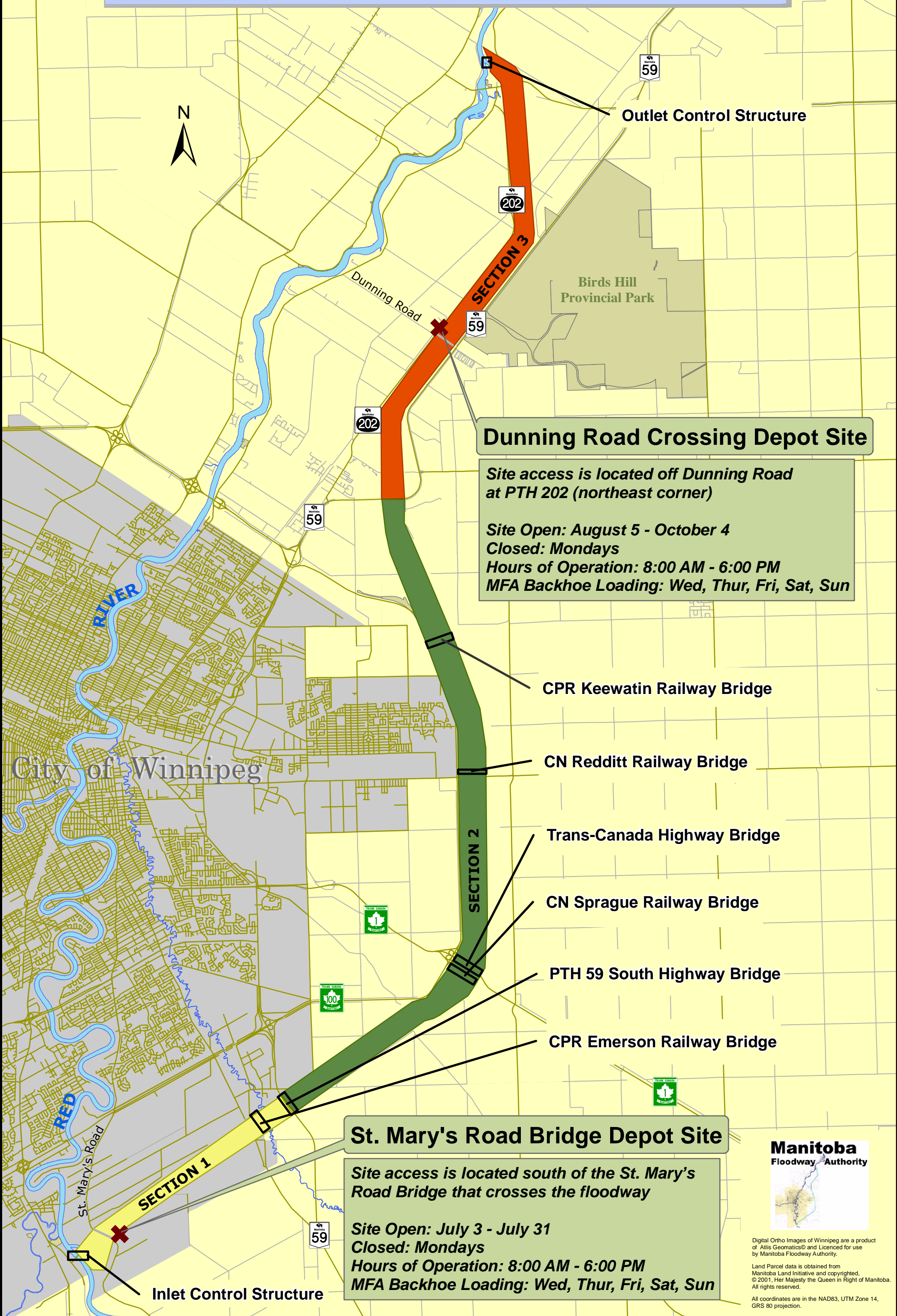
As in previous years, MFA is providing the earth at no charge but the public is responsible for all transportation costs. **The public is reminded that the earth available is clay fill and not topsoil.**

All those interested in obtaining earth require an ACCESS PASS which can be obtained by completing a **Confirmation of Registration and Waiver Form** and registering with the MFA. To obtain the form, please visit the MFA website at [www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca](http://www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca) or contact the MFA at 945-4900 or toll-free 1-866-356-6355. Over the last three summers, approximately 100,000 cubic metres of earth has been obtained by the public through the Access to Earth Initiative.

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# The Red River Floodway Expansion Project 2009 Access to Earth Initiative



Outlet Control Structure

## Dunning Road Crossing Depot Site

Site access is located off Dunning Road at PTH 202 (northeast corner)

Site Open: August 5 - October 4  
 Closed: Mondays  
 Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 MFA Backhoe Loading: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun

CPR Keewatin Railway Bridge

CN Redditt Railway Bridge

Trans-Canada Highway Bridge

CN Sprague Railway Bridge

PTH 59 South Highway Bridge

CPR Emerson Railway Bridge

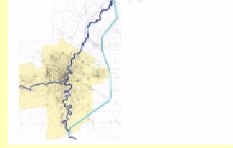
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All coordinates are in the NAD83, UTM Zone 14, GRS 80 projection.