

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
NORTH CENTRAL REGION – ATHABASCA &
FORT MCMURRAY DISTRICTS
2022 INSPECTION**



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
NC 069-1	14 km south of Wandering River	S. of Wandering River- BF 76427	63:02	32
Legal Description		UTM Co-ordinates (NAD 83)		
SW-27-70-17-W4M		12 N 6105290	E 403588	

	Date	PF	CF	Total
Previous Inspection:	June 24, 2020	8	4	32
Current Inspection:	June 07, 2022	8	4	32
Road AADT:	3910	Year:	2022	
Inspected By:	Tarek Abdelaziz, José Pineda (Thurber) Arthur Kavulok, Amy Driessen, Rishi Adhikari (TRANS)			
Report Attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photographs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Items			

Primary Site Issue:	Creep movements of east and west side slopes of Hwy 63 SBL causing pavement distress
Dimensions:	Highway 63 Southbound Lanes Landslides: East Landslide affecting about 90 m of the highway and West Landslide affecting about 50 m of the highway
Date of any remediation:	<p>West side slope embankment failed in 2009 causing damage to the existing 1910 mm dia. SPCSP culvert and development of slide cracks along the highway. Emergency repairs were completed in May 2010 and consisted of building a toe berm along the bottom of the slope and extending the culvert outlet by about 28 m (using a 2000 mm CSP). The existing culvert failed during construction (approximately 28 m from the original culvert outlet location), and was strutted over a distance of about 12 m. An 1800 diameter SWSP was auger bored below the highway to temporarily replace the existing pipe.</p> <p>In 2013, the following was carried out during the construction of highway twinning project at this location: Grouting of old culverts, pipe jacking a 3630 mm diameter SWSP culvert below highway, diversion of stream channels at the inlet and outlet of the new pipe, increasing the size of the berm downslope of the highway SBL, and grading of future highway northbound lanes. The highway was patched in the vicinity of the southern flank of the east landslide near the pipe jacking pit.</p>
History/Maintenance:	The original highway was a two-lane undivided highway. The east and west landslides developed on the east and west side slopes of the original highway. The highway was upgraded between 2014 and 2016 to a four-lane divided highway. The two lanes of the former

	<p>highway are currently the southbound lanes of the new highway.</p> <p>West Landslide: ACP overlay on the SBL of the former highway in June 2010; ACP overlay on the former highway SBL in 2014 and 2015</p> <p>East Landslide: ACP overlay on the southern limits of the NBL of former highway in 2014</p> <p>Erosion issues identified in 2014 were addressed by others: The erosion within the diversion channel at the inlet of the new pipe and along the south facing drainage channel to the north of the pipe were repaired; South facing drainage Channel: erosion control included extension of existing soil covering mat further north, armouring the southern segment of the channel using Class 1M riprap, inclusion of spring berms along the channel within the segment covered with the erosion mat; North facing Draining channel: erosion control included placement of a Class 1M riprap over existing soil covering mat, and installation of geo-ridge berms within the northern portion covered with the erosion blanket; fibre rolls installed along the crest of the east slope of the NBL above the inlet of the pipe.</p> <p>One of the erosion issues identified in 2015 was addressed by others under the contract for the highway twinning project. The erosion gully developed within the north facing drainage channel above the culvert inlet location was repaired through the extension of the riprap channel to the bottom of the slope towards the diversion channel.</p>												
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	<p>culvert; localized erosion within the ditch to the south of the culvert outlet (4 m long, 2 m wide, and 600 mm deep); severe erosion gully near the mouth of the channel within the western edge riprap (18 m long x 1.2 m wide x 1.3 m deep) was partially filled by adjacent riprap and water was flowing under this area</p> <p>Slump in the east back slope of the highway NBLs healed and was covered with vegetation</p> <p>Three sinkholes filled with water within the highway median ditch:</p> <p>3m wide x 18 m long x 0.6 m deep 3m wide x 6 m long x 0.4 m deep 2 m wide x 3 m long x 0.4 m deep</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seepage		<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridge/Culvert Distress	The 600 mm diameter culvert below the highway NBLs has sagged and water is ponding inside the pipe	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Vegetation continued to grow within the highway median, side slopes of the highway NBLs, and within south facing drainage channel to the east of the NBLs	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Instrumentation: (3SIs, 3 PNs, 2 VWs)</p> <p>West Landslide: SI13-14 showed a rate of movement of 0.1 mm/yr. SI09-4 showed a rated of movement of 0.4 mm/yr. PN09-3: Ground water levels decrease by about 0.2 m.</p> <p>East Landslide: SI09-1 was sheared off/blocked at a depth of 3 m below ground surface; this instrument was creeping during the previous visit in the spring of 2021 at 0.8 mm/yr; and SI10-1 showed no discernable movement; PN09-1: Ground water levels decreased by about 0.05 m, PN10-1: showed a groundwater level decrease of approximately 0.3 m, VW 13-11 and 13-12: Groundwater levels decreased by 0.15 m since the spring of 2021.</p> <p>Assessment (Refer to attached Figure):</p> <p>In general, the remedial measures have been effective in stabilizing the east and west landslides of the highway SBLs.</p> <p>The highway surface condition appears to have deteriorated due to the ongoing creep movements of the landslides, as evidenced by further opening of cracks and the more distinct dips on the southbound lanes. The exiting dips on the SBLs continue to create a rough ride to travellers.</p> <p>The existing shoulder crack to the north of the northern limit of the west lane of the old highway may reflect a new movement to the west of the highway; however, there is no visible evidence downslope of the highway to confirm this hypothesis, and this should be confirmed through future inspections.</p> <p>The top surface elevation of the patch placed in 2015 along the most western lane of the old highway is about 40 to 50 mm higher than the top surface elevation of the pavement surface outside the boundaries of the patched area. This has resulted in an uncomfortable ride on the highway surface and constitutes a major safety hazard to the motorists. The existing dip on the highway lanes has also aggravated the situation.</p> <p>The sink holes developed near the bottom of the new lanes west side slope are near the inlets of the old culverts and channels. It is likely that the sinkholes reflect poor subgrade preparation and backfill construction practice at these locations.</p>

The ongoing erosion along south facing ditch to the east of the highway NBLs does not appear to be as active as observed in 2020 as vegetation continues to grow in this area.

The highway east back slope slump is completely covered with vegetation and does not seem to be as active as observed in 2017.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the site be inspected every second year.

Consideration should be given to milling the 2015 ACP patch and placing a new patch on the highway SBLs. The new patch should provide a smooth ride to motorists and eliminate the safety hazard, associated with uneven pavement surfaces within the site.

The sinkholes should be backfilled with compacted gravel or clay. Prior to backfilling the sinkholes, it is recommended that the bottom and the sides of the sink holes be cleaned of loose materials and debris.

A CCTV inspection should be undertaken for the existing 600 mm diameter culvert below the highway NBL. Based on the inspection results, it may be required to either replace or line the pipe to enhance surface drainage in the highway median.

Closure

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

Yours very truly,
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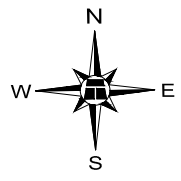
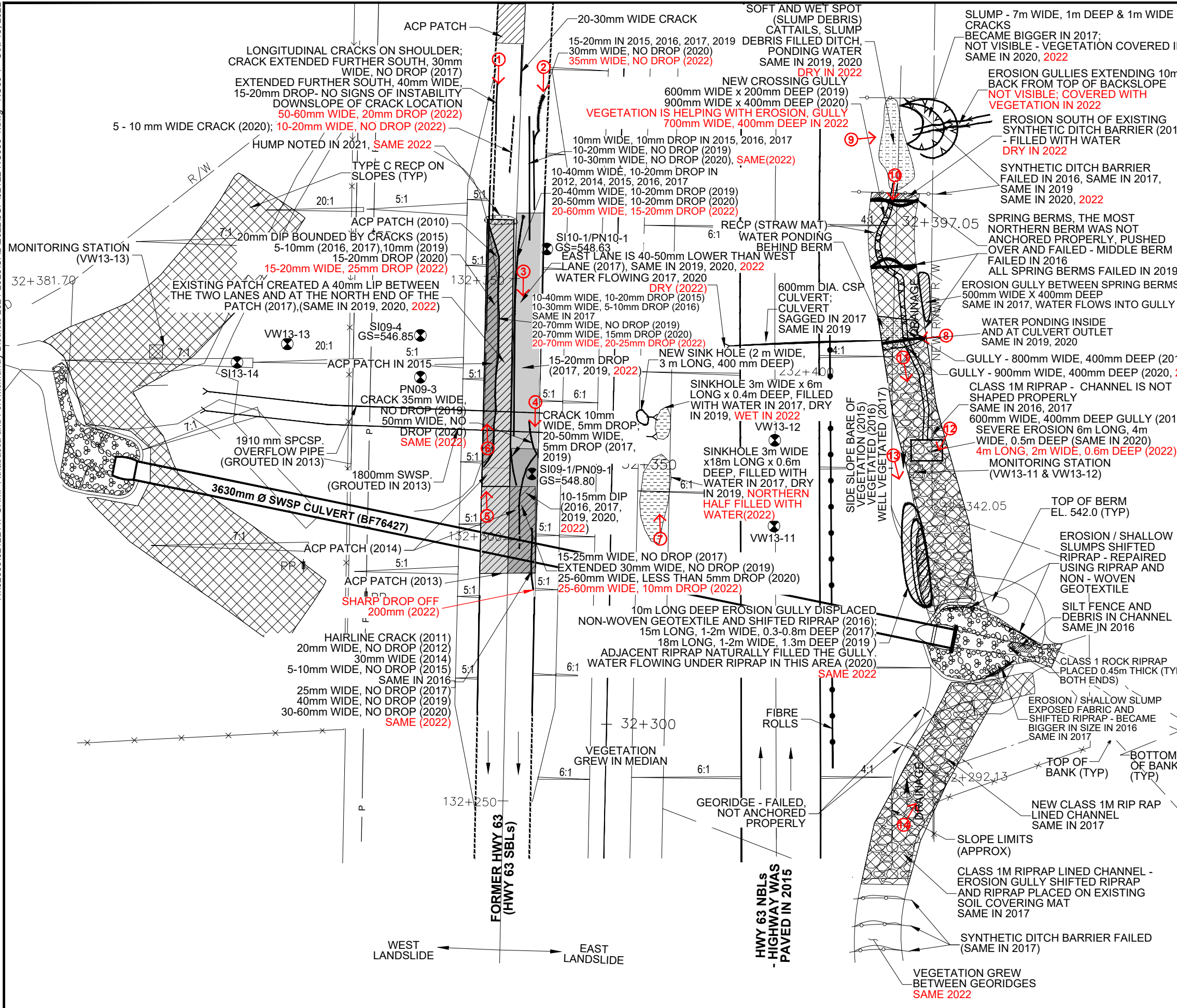
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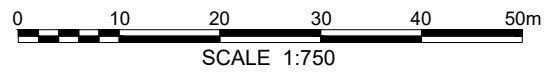


LEGEND

- INSTRUMENT LOCATION
- MONITORING STATION
- 2013 & 2014 ACP PATCH
- SI SLOPE INCLINOMETER
- PN PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER
- VW VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER
- OVERHEAD POWERLINE
- FENCE LINE
- POWER POLE
- RECP ON SLOPES
- PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER, AND APPROXIMATE LOCATION AND DIRECTION

NOTE:

1. OLD 1800 & 1910mm CULVERTS WERE GROUTED IN 2013.
2. HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND LANES AND THE NEW 3630mm DIA. CULVERT (BF76427) WERE CONSTRUCTED IN 2013.
3. JUNE 7, 2022 OBSERVATIONS SHOWN IN RED



BASE PLAN PROVIDED BY WSP.



**NORTH CENTRAL REGION
(ATHABASCA AND FORT MCMURRAY DISTRICTS)
2022 GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT
NC069-1: HWY 63:02 (km 32) - BF76427
SITE PLAN SHOWING SITE FEATURES**

DWG No. NC069-1

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DESIGNED BY	JGP
APPROVED BY	TSA
SCALE	1:750
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Photo No. 1 – General view of the highway SBLs condition (looking south); note presence of highway cracks (on former highway SBL) to the northern limit of the west landslide



Photo No. 2 – Looking south at open diagonal and longitudinal cracks on the former highway NBL surface from the north limit of the east landslide



Photo No. 3 – Looking south at an open longitudinal reflective crack within the middle section of the east landslide; not the presence of a 40 to 50 mm elevation difference between the highway lanes (2015 patch created a lip between the lanes)



Photo No. 4 – Looking south from the southern limit of the east landslide at reflective diagonal crack on the existing patch



Photo No. 5 – East landslide (looking north from the northern limit of the landslide)



Photo No. 6 – Looking north at the east landslide reflective cracks on the highway surface



Photo No. 7 – Looking north at one of the sinkholes developed in the highway median



Photo No. 8 – Looking inside the outlet of the 600 mm diameter CSP culvert installed below the NBLs; water is ponding inside the pipe



Photo No. 9 – Looking northeast at the backslope slump area observed in 2017; vegetation has grown within the slump area



Photo No. 10 – South facing channel; looking at synthetic ditch barrier; note vegetation has grown and erosion in this area is no longer visible



Photo No. 11 – Looking south at a gully approximately 900 mm wide x 400 mm deep; note vegetation is starting to cover the gully in this zone



Photo No. 12 – South facing channel: erosion along the ditch (4 m long x 2 m wide x 0.6 m deep) has not significantly grown since 2020



Photo No. 13 – Erosion gully developed on the west edge of the channel has been filled with riprap



Photo No. 14 – looking northeast along the riprap lined north facing drainage channel