# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING- SPRING 2024



Site Number	Locatio	n	Name	Hwy	km				
NC069	HWY 63	3:02 L1 32.020	South of Wandering River	63:02	Km 32				
Legal Description	n: 3-27-7	'0-17 W4	UTM Co-ordinates		•				
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Current Monitoring:       13-June-2024       Previous Monitoring       Between         Instruments Read By:       Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T and Mr. Nixson Mationg, of Thurber									
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		Instruments Rea	ad During This Site Visit						
Slope Inclinometer Sl09-4, Sl10 1 and S		Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): PN09 1m PN09 3, and PN10-1	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): VW13-11 and VW13-12	Stand Piezo N/A	lpipe meters (SP):				
Load Cell (LC): Strain Gauges: N/A N/A			SAAs: N/A	Other	s:				

	Readout Equipment Used											
Slope Inclinometers: Two RST Digital Inclinometer probes with 2 ft wheelbases and RST Pocket PC readouts	Pneumatic Piezometers: RST C108 pneumatic piezometer reader	Vibration Wire Piezometers: GEOKON GK-404 vibrating wire readout	Standpipe Piezometers:									
Load Cell:												

Notes:

- A site plan showing instrument locations is included in Appendix A.
- SIs plots with A and B directions are presented in Appendix A and summarized in Table NC069-1, attached. Where movement was recorded, the resultant (plot X) and the rate of movement plot are also included.
- Pneumatic and vibrating wire piezometer plots are included in Appendix A.
- Pneumatic Piezometer readings are summarized in Table NC069-2, attached.
- Vibrating Wire Piezometer readings are summarized in Table NC069-3, attached.

	Discussion
Zones of New Movement:	None
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	SI09-4, installed in the vicinity of the crest of the west landslide area, showed a rate of movement of 1.4 mm/yr since the spring of 2023 readings. SI10-1, installed near the northern limit of the east landslide on the highway surface, showed no discernible movement since the spring of 2023 readings. SI13-14, installed within the footprint of the toe berm constructed in 2013 to stabilize the west landslide area, showed a rate of movement of 0.5 mm/yr since the spring of 2023 readings. Overall, the SIs have shown creep rates of movement over their respective movement zones over the past several years.
	The groundwater level increased in PN09-3 by 0.23 m since the spring of 2023 readings.

	Vibrating wire piezometers VW13-11 and VW13-12 showed increases in groundwater level of 0.15 m and 0.08 m, respectively, since the spring of 2023 readings.								
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2025. Pneumatic Piezometer PN09-1 has malfunctioned for two reading cycles in a row and should be removed from future readings.								
Instrumentation Repairs:	Pneumatic piezometer PN10-1 could be repaired during the spring of 2025 readings. However, this instrument will require mechanical or hydrovac excavation to repair, as it is placed inside a steel flush mount protector. Additionally, traffic accommodation would be required to complete this instrument repair.								
Additional Comments:									

Attachments:	<ul> <li>Table NC069-1 Spring 2024 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>Table NC069-2 Spring 2024 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>Table NC069-3 Spring 2024 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>Statement of Limitations and Conditions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>APPENDIX A – NC069-1 SPRING 2024         <ul> <li>Field Inspector's report</li> <li>Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32122-NC069)</li> <li>SI Reading Plots</li> <li>Figure NC069-1 (Piezometric Elevations)</li> <li>Figure NC069-2 (Piezometric Depths)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Tarek Abdelaziz, Ph.D., P. Eng. Partner | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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 Table NC069-1 Spring 2024 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

 Date Monitored: June 13, 2024

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AND DEPTH OF MOVEMENT TO DATE (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS OF SI	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
SI09-1	October 4, 2009	9.0 over 10.2 m to 12.6 m depth in 88º direction	25.1 on May 24, 2013	Sheared at 3.0 m	June 29, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI09-4	November 19, 2009	57.7 over 10.3 m to 12.1 m depth in 331° direction	1505.1 on November 21, 2009	Operational	June 2, 2023	1.4	1.4	2.4
SI10-1	April 12, 2010	10.8 over 3.3 m to 6.4 m depth in 91° direction	7.3 on April 4, 2011	Operational	June 2, 2023	No discernible movement	N/A	-0.8
SI13-14	September 3, 2013	16.6 over 7.5 m to 10.5 m depth in 333° direction	284.3 on September 10, 2013	Operational	June 2, 2023	0.5	0.5	0.5

Drawing 32122-NC069 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



# Table NC069-2 Spring 2024 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 13, 2024

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	HIGHEST MEASURED GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	MEASURED PORE ROUNDWATER PRESSURE ELEVATION (m) (kPa)		PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELAVATION (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
PN09-1	October 4, 2009	536.80	548.80	Malfunctioning	545.40 on September 10, 2018	No reading	No reading	544.56 (June 4, 2022)	N/A
PN09-3	October 4, 2009	538.07	546.07	Active	543.27 on September 3, 2009	44.9	542.65	542.42	0.23
PN10-1	April 12, 2010	538.90	548.65	Damaged	544.37 on September 20, 2020	No reading	No reading	543.88 (June 4, 2022)	N/A

Drawing 32122-NC069 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



# Table NC069-3 Spring 2024 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 13, 2024

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW13-11 (25325)	May 6, 2013	539.51	547.74	Operational	540.66 on September 4, 2013	540.41	540.26	0.15
VW13-12 (25323)	May 6, 2013	539.04	547.69	Operational	542.89 on September 4, 2013	541.73	541.65	0.08
VW13-13 (25324)	May 6, 2013	539.59	544.88	Damaged	541.01 on August 28, 2013	No reading	538.74 (May 24, 2020)	N/A

Drawing 32122-NC069 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



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# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022163) NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS

# SPRING 2024

# APPENDIX A DATA PRESENTATION AND SITE PLANS

SITE NC069: HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR SOUTH OF WANDERING RIVER

#### ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS NORTH CENTRAL REGION - ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (NC069) SPRING 2024

Location: South of Wandering River (HWY 63:02 L1 32.020)	Readout: GK 404/SN 364, RST PN C108 Unit 4
File Number: 32122	Casing Diameter: 2.75/3.34
Probe: RST Set 8R & 5R	<b>Temp (deg C):</b> 12
Cable: RST Set 8R & 5R	Read by: NKR/NRM

#### **SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS**

SI#	GPS L	ocation	Date	Stickup	Depth from top	Azimuth of		Current	Botton	1	Probe/		
	(UTN	M 12)		(m)	of <b>casing</b> (ft)	A+ Groove		Depth F	Reading	S	Reel		
	Easting	Northing				degree	A+	A-	B+	B-	#	Size (")	Remarks
SI09-4	403599	6105301	13-Jun-24	1.00	55 to 3	322	221	-208	-517	57	5R/5R	FILL	
SI10-1	403626	6105316	13-Jun-24	0.04	60 to 2	122	-64	78	55	-66	8R/8R	FILL	
SI13-14	403566	6105294	13-Jun-24	0.76	38 to 2	329	-255	270	69	-68	5R/5R	FILL	

#### PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN#	GPS Location (UTM 12)		GPS Location (UTM 12)		GPS Location (UTM 12)		GPS Location (UTM 12) Date Reading Depth Be		Depth Below	Identification
	Easting	Northing		kPa	Ground Surface (m)	Number				
PN09-1	403622	6105274	13-Jun-24	Fluctuating, Damaged	12	032441				
PN09-3	403602	6105296	13-Jun-24	44.9	8	032440				
PN10-1	403626	6105316	13-Jun-24	Damaged	9.8	033249				

### **VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS**

VW#	GPS (UTM 12)		Date	Identification	Rea	ading	Remarks
	Easting	Northing		Number	B Unit Temp (°C)		
VW13-11	6105263	403669	13-Jun-24	25325	8796	4.8	
VW13-12	6105279	403669	13-Jun-24	25323	8625.7	5.1	

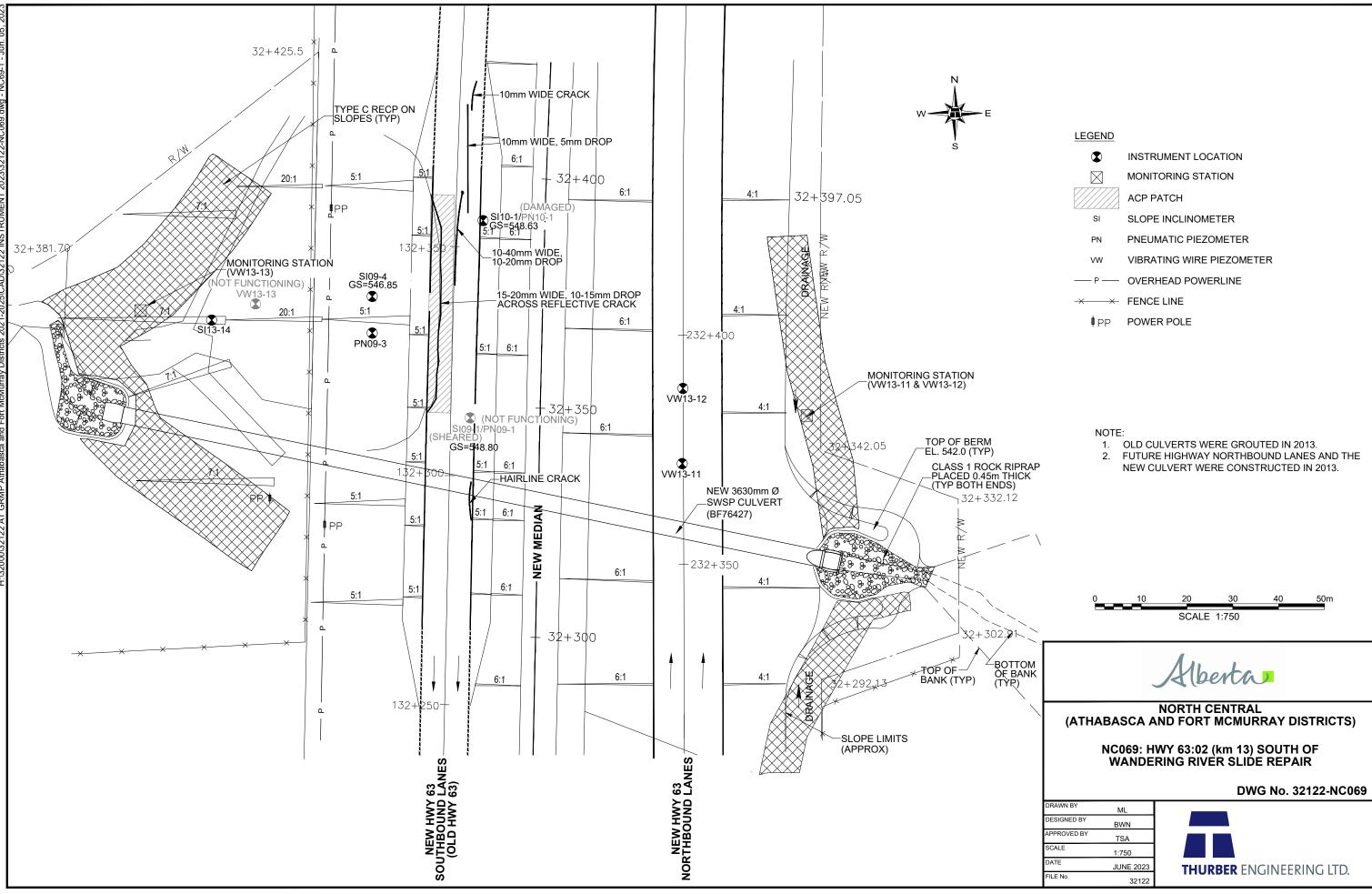
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SI09-4 was installed on November 17, 2009 to replace SI09-3. It has a red stick-up protector in the west ditch.

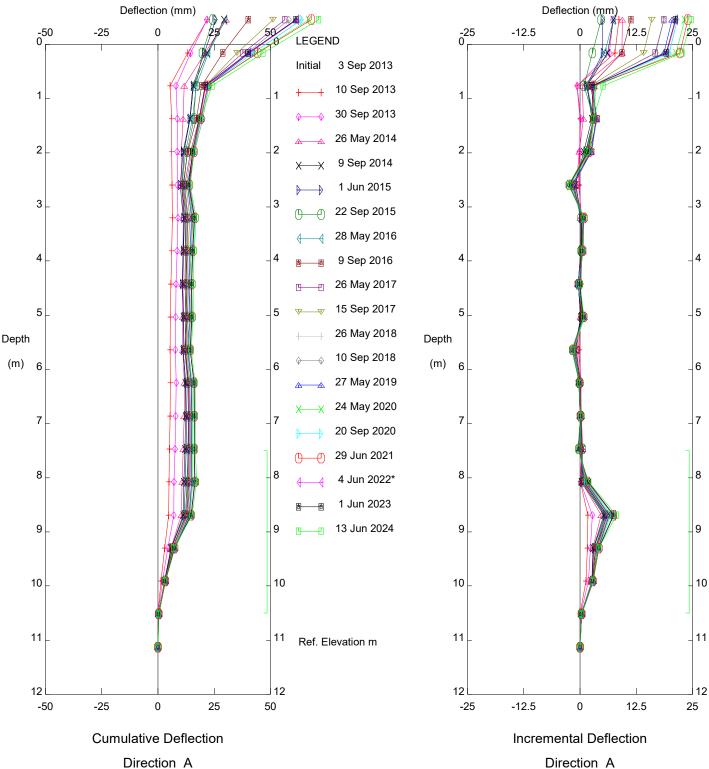
SI10-1 casing breaking apart @ 10 ft. use dummy probe/ camera for next reading.

Confirm if PN09-1 functining

PN10-1 cut off damaged, requires mechanical excavation



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	ACP PATCH
SI	SLOPE INCLINOMETER
PN	PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER
VW	VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER
—— P ——	OVERHEAD POWERLINE
- <del>x</del> <del>x</del> -	FENCE LINE
<b>₽</b> P	POWER POLE

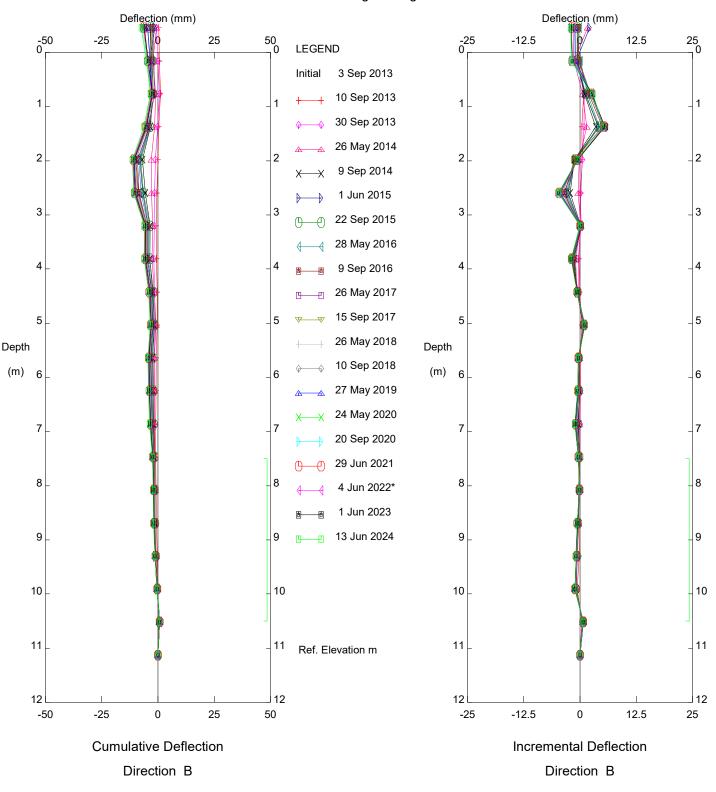


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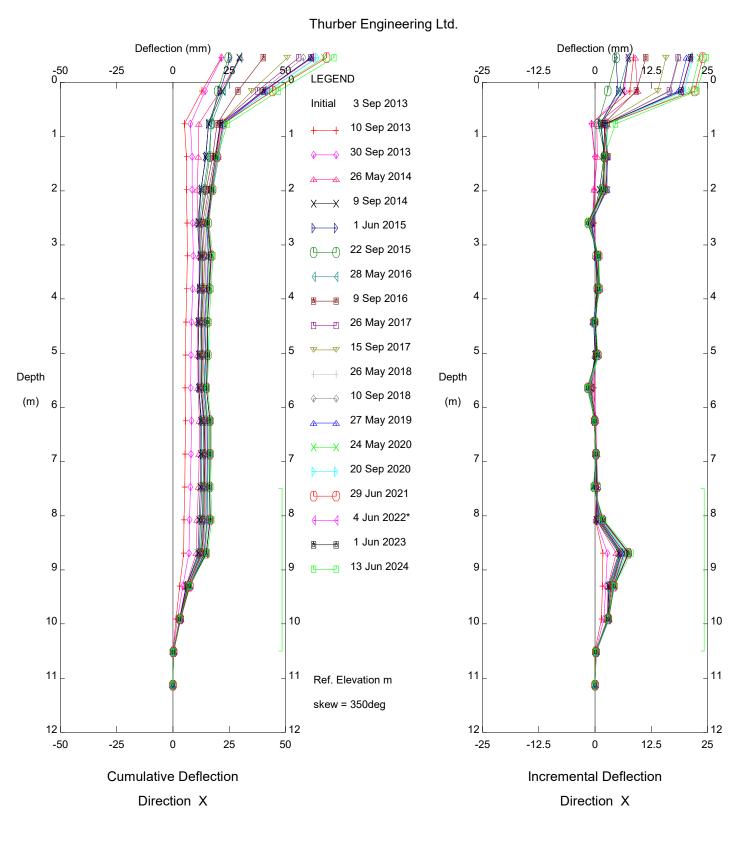


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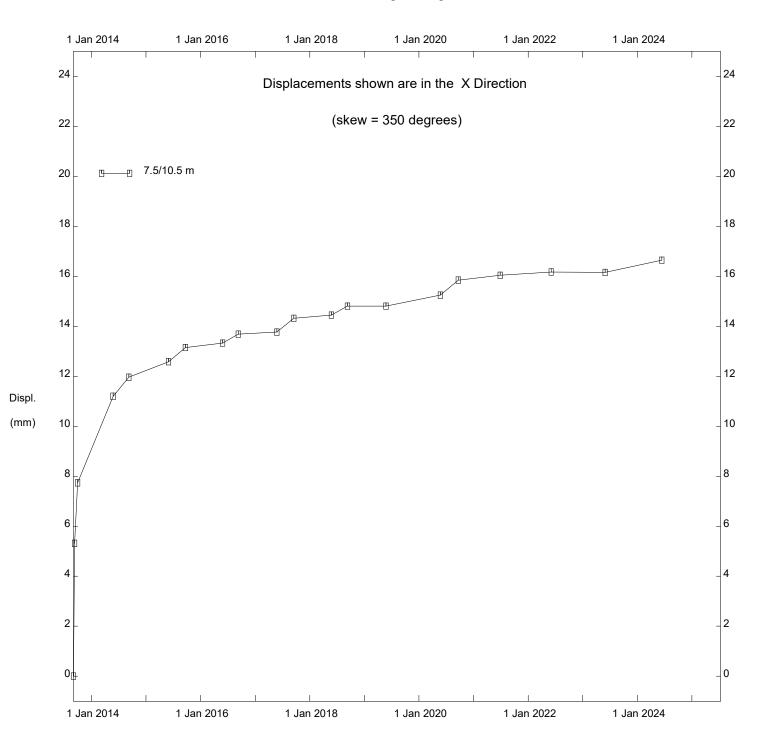


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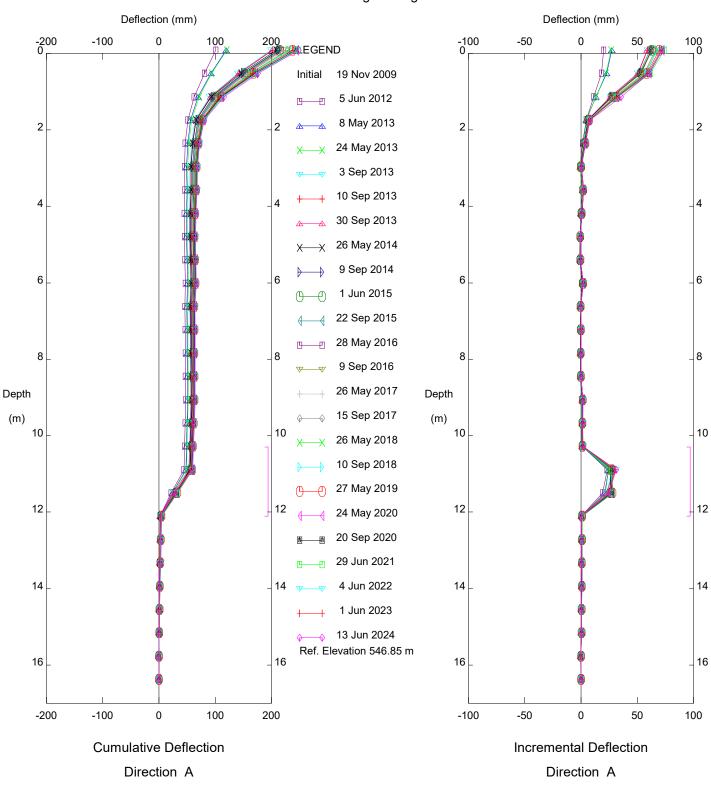
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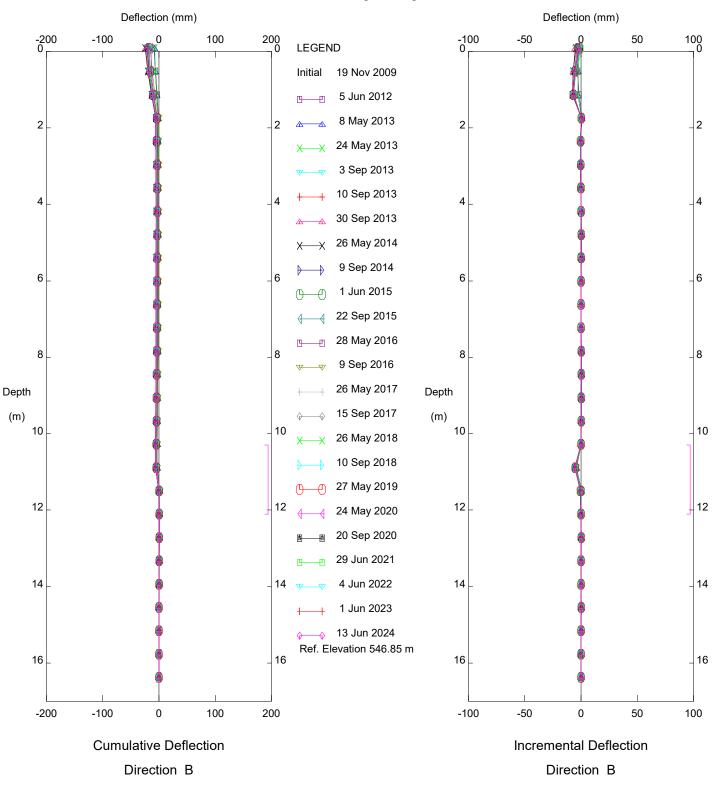
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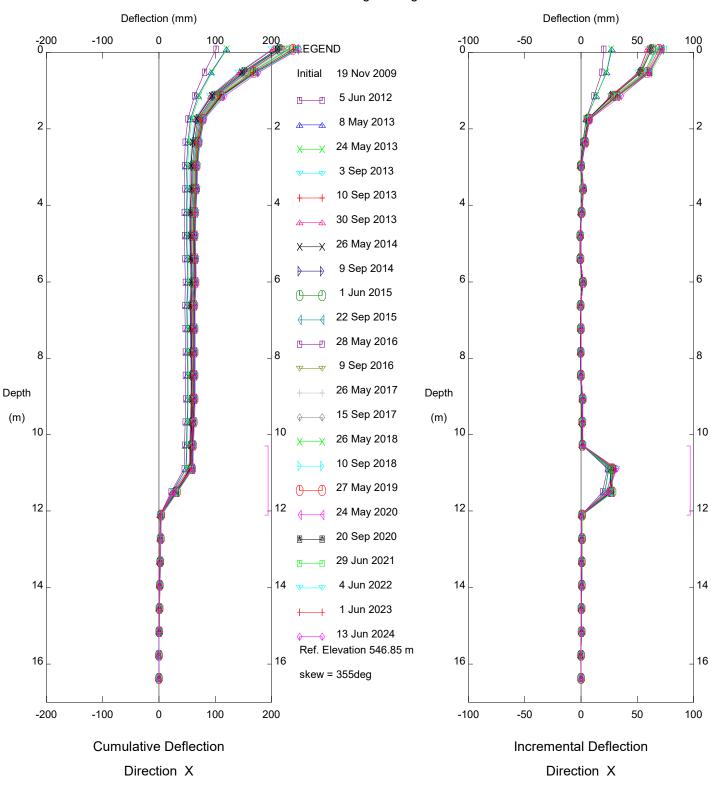
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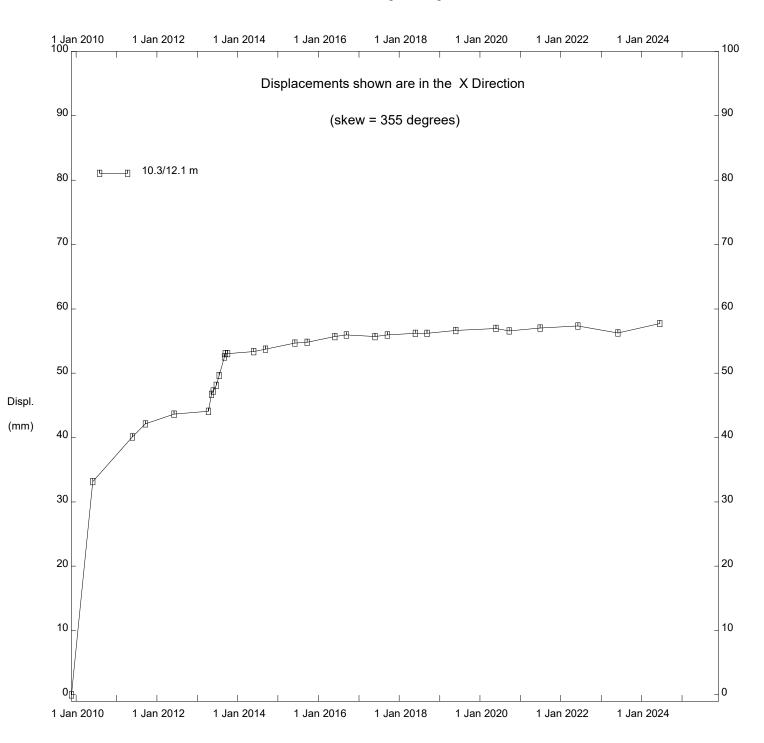




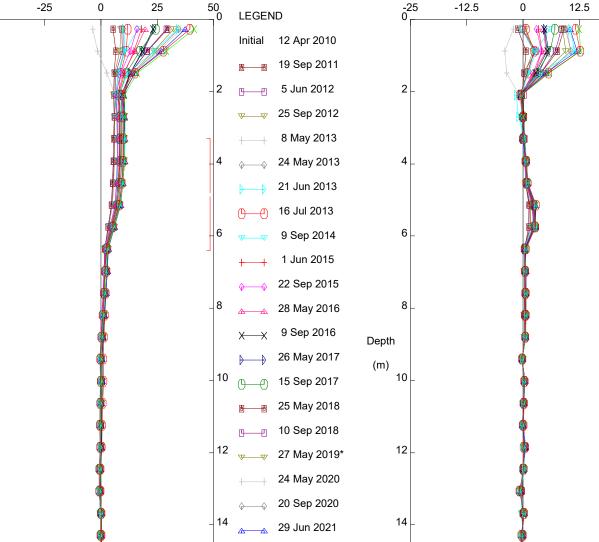




HWY 63:02 South of Wandering River, Inclinometer SI09-4



HWY 63:02 South of Wandering River, Inclinometer SI09-4



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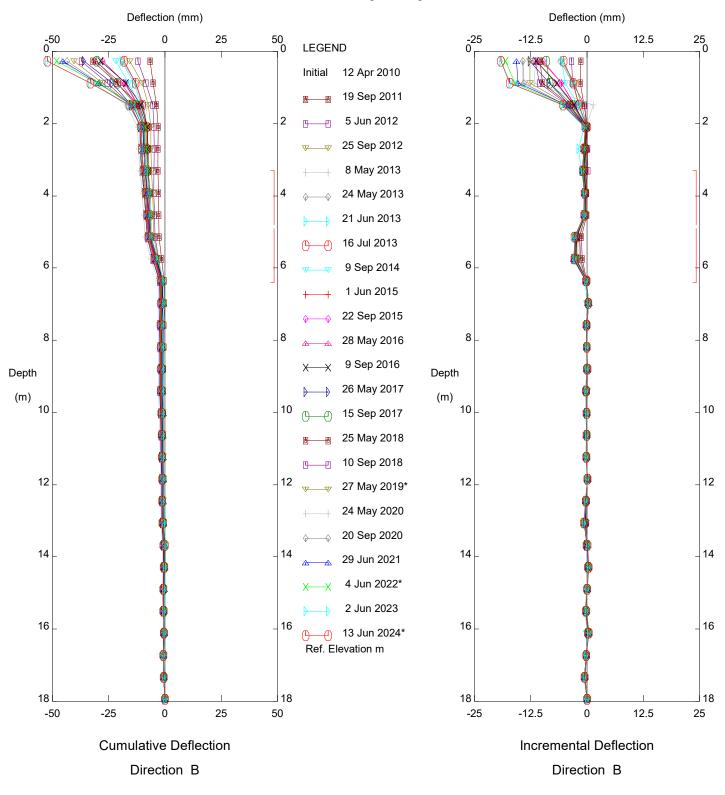
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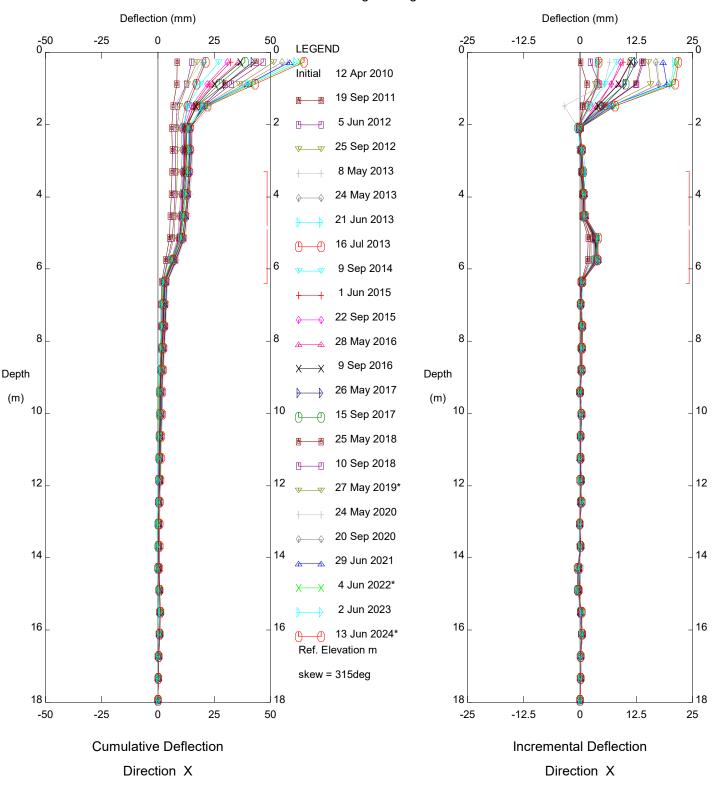


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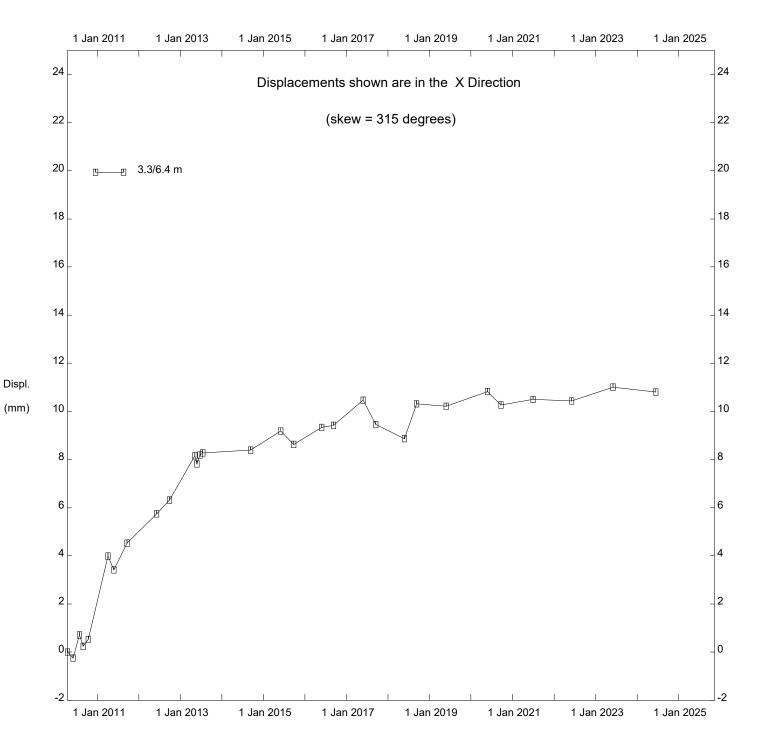


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FIGURE NC069-1 PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS FOR HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR

4-Oct-2009 27-May-201116-Jan-2013 8-Sep-2014 30-Apr-201621-Dec-201713-Aug-2019 4-Apr-2021 25-Nov-2022 17-Jul-2024 9-Mar-2026

0 1 2 3 - PN09-1 PN09-3 4 – PN10-1 -VW13-11 5 VW13-12 -VW13-13 PN09-1 not functioning during Spring 2023 Readings 6 PN10-1 damaged since Spring 2023 Readings 7 8 VW13-13 has been dry since August 29, 2013 (no longer functional as of September 2020) 9

FIGURE NC069-2 PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS FOR HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR

4-Oct-2009 27-May-201116-Jan-2013 8-Sep-2014 30-Apr-201621-Dec-201713-Aug-2019 4-Apr-2021 25-Nov-2022 17-Jul-2024 9-Mar-2026