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



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
NC106	HWY 63:08 km 27.9	Pavement Distress	63:08	27.9
Legal Description	: 7-16-83-24 W5	UTM Co-ordinates		
		11V E 455134	N 622	27955

Current Monitoring:	17-Sep-2024	Previous Monitoring	8-Jun-2024
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.	I.T and Mr. Nixson Mationg, of Thurber	ſ

	Instruments Rea	d During This Site V	/isit
Slope Inclinometers (SIs): N/A	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): N/A	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): N/A	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAAs: N/A	Others: Extensometer strings: (EXT21-1 and EXT21-2) Thermistor arrays: (THERM21-2 and THERM21-3) Thermistor arrays installed as controls: THERM21-1 (Pavement Control) THERM 21-4 (Grassed Control) Weather Station

Readout Equipment Used					
Slope Inclinometers:	Pneumatic Piezometers:	Vibration Wire Piezometers:	Standpipe Piezometers:		
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others: All readings were downloaded from a Campbell Scientific CR6 datalogger		
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	Discussion
Zones of New Movement:	N/A
	The extensioneter data that was not downloaded correctly during the spring of 2024 readings was successfully recovered during the fall of 2024 readings and is included in the figures.
	The extensometer data is summarized in Table NC106-1 below and is plotted in Figures NC106-1 and NC106-2 in Appendix A. Extensometer EXT21-1, installed towards the southern end of the Cematrix repair section, shows a current total settlement of 2.9 mm, the majority of which is occurring within the peat layer. EXT21 2, installed towards the northern end of the Cematrix repair section, shows a current total settlement of 13.5 mm, the majority of which is within the peat layer. This corresponds to an overall increase in settlement of 1.3 mm since it was previously read on October 1, 2023.
	The thermistor results from the monitoring period are summarized in Table NC106-2 and the plots are presented in Figures NC106-3 to NC106-6. The near-surface temperature nodes from each of the thermistor arrays have been compared to the ambient temperature readings, and the results are plotted in Figure NC106-7. To compare the influence of the Cematrix on temperatures at depth, the 1.1 m to 1.3 m thermistor readings from all four locations are plotted in Figure NC106-8.
	The results indicate the following:
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	(a) THERM21-1, installed south of the Cematrix repair zone, shows highly variable temperature readings within its shallowest thermistor nodes (above 1.1 m) reflecting changes in ambient air temperatures (Figure NC106-3). The thermistor nodes below 1.1 m have generally shown less fluctuations in temperatures. The nodes at 2.1 m and 3.1 m depth have recently shown significant scatter in the readings, possibly indicating issues with the sensors.
	A similar trend of fluctuating temperatures in response to changes in ambient temperature has been noted in the nodes above 1.3 m in THERM21-2 and THERM21-3, installed within the Cematrix repair section and in THERM21-4 installed within the grass covered area (Figures NC106-4 to NC106-6). The thermistor nodes below 1.3 m at all four locations has generally shown less fluctuations in temperatures.
	(b) As expected, the ground temperature tends to reduce with depth at all thermistor array locations (Figures NC106-3 to NC106-6).
	(c) The near-surface temperature nodes closely follow the trend of the ambient air temperatures. In addition, the shallow temperatures measured in the paved areas are significantly higher in the summer and colder in the winter compared to the grassed area (Figure NC106-7) as the grass, and accumulated snow in the winter, provides more insulation.
	(d) Figure NC106-8 shows that the thermistor nodes within the upper 1.3 m in the Cematrix section are less impacted by the changes in temperature when compared to the thermistor node within the upper 1.1 m of the pavement control section, reflecting the insulating properties of the Cematrix. The results from THERM21-2 and THERM21-3 have also demonstrated that the insulating properties of the Cematrix reduced the temperatures below 1.3 m depth, and fluctuation in

	temperatures between the seasons in the treated section of the highway.
Future Work:	The instruments at this site should be read again in the spring of 2025.
Instrumentation Repairs:	The thermistor junctions and connections to the datalogger should be checked to confirm if this is the source of the noise and missing readings observed during the Fall 2024 readings. If it is not the connections, the issue is likely with mechanical damage to the wires or the thermistors.
Additional Comments:	

	 Table NC106-1 Fall 2024 – HWY 63:08 km 27.9 Pavement Distress, Extensometer Instrumentation Reading Summary
	 Table NC106-2 Fall 2024 – HWY 63:08 km 27.9 Pavement Distress, Thermistor Array Instrumentation Reading Summary
	 Table NC106-3 Fall 2024 – HWY 63:08 km 27.9 Pavement Distress, Weather Station Instrumentation Reading Summary
	Statement of Limitations and Conditions
	APPENDIX A – NC106-1 FALL 2024
Attachments:	 Field Inspector's report
	 Site Plan and Cross Sections Showing Approximate
	Instrument Locations (Drawings No. 32122-NC106 1)
	 Figures NC106-1 and NC106-2 (Extensometer Data
	Plots)
	 Figures NC106-3 through NC106-6 (Individual
	Thermistor Array Plots)
	 Figure NC106-7 (Composite Plot of Shallow
	Thermistor Array Nodes and Ambient Air
	Temperature)
	 Figure NC106-8 (Composite Plot of 1.1 m – 1.3 m
	depth Thermistor Array Nodes and Ambient Air Temperature)

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

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Table NC106-1: Fall 2024 – Hwy 63:08 Km 27.9 Pavement Distress Extension Reading Summary Date Monitored: September 17, 2024 (Monitoring period from October 1, 2023 to September 17, 2024)

SETTLEMENT ZONE ⁽¹⁾	DATE	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT SETTLEMENT (mm)	PREVIOUS SETTLEMENT (mm) (OCT 1, 2023)	CHANGE IN SETTLEMENT (mm) ⁽²⁾
			EXT21-1		
Total Settlement (0 m to 5.83 m depth)			2.9	2.9	0
Settlement in Clay Till (4.83 m to 5.83 m depth)			0.2	0.5	-0.3
Settlement in Peat (1.33 m to 4.83 m depth)	May 18, 2021	Operational	1.7	1.4	0.3
Settlement in Cematrix, Clay Cap and GBC (0 m to 1.33 m depth)			1.0	1.1	-0.1
			EXT21-2		
Total Settlement (0 m to 5.76 m depth)			13.5	12.2	1.3
Settlement in Clay Till (4.76 m to 5.76 m depth)		Operational	0.8	1.0	-0.2
Settlement in Peat (1.26 m to 4.76 m depth)	May 18, 2021		9.3	8.1	1.2
Settlement in Cematrix, Clay Cap and GBC (0 to 1.26 m depth)			3.4	3.1	0.3

Drawings 32122-NC106-1 through 32122-NC106-3 in Appendix A provide sketches of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Notes: (1) Depth measured from top of granular base coarse (GBC)

(2) Negative (-) change in relative settlement indicates upward movement (heave) and positive (+) change in settlement indicates downward movement (settlement)



Table NC106-2: Fall 2024 – Hwy 63:08 Km 27.9 Pavement Distress Thermistor Array Instrumentation Reading Summary Date Monitored: September 17, 2024 (Monitoring period from June 8, 2024 to September 17, 2024)

NODE DEPTH ⁽¹⁾ (m)	DATE INITIALIZED	CURRENT STATUS	MAX TEMPERATURE OVER MONITORING PERIOD (°C)	MIN TEMPERATURE OVER MONITORING PERIOD (°C)	MEAN TEMPERATURE DURING MONITORING PERIOD (°C)
			THERM21-1 (Pavement Cont	rol)	
0.1			26.2 (July 23, 2024)	8.5 (June 8, 2024)	18.7
1.1	-		20.2 (July 24, 2024)	9.0 (June 11, 2024)	16.0
2.1	luna 6, 2021	Operational	16.2 (Aug. 12, 2024)	12.0 (June 17, 2024)	14.8
3.1	June 6, 2021	Operational	17.9 (June 11, 2024)	11.4 (July 17, 2024)	13.6
4.1			9.3 (Sep. 16, 2024)	3.7 (June 11, 2024)	7.0
5.1			7.3 (Sep. 15, 2024)	3.0 (June 12, 2024)	5.1
			THERM21-2 (Cematrix section	on)	
0.1			28.3 (July 23, 2024)	10.0 (June 9, 2024)	20.6
0.4			28.4 (July 23, 2024)	11.5 (June 9, 2024)	21.4
0.8		Operational	23.7 (July 23, 2024)	9.7 (June 10, 2024)	18.1
1.3	June 6, 2021	Operational	11.4 (Sep. 11, 2024)	5.7 (June 12, 2024)	9.6
2.3			10.3 (Sep. 15, 2024)	5.0 (June 8, 2024)	8.1
3.3			8.3 (Sep. 16, 2024)	3.9 (June 8, 2024)	6.2

Drawings 32122-NC106-1 through 32122-NC106-3 in Appendix A provide sketches of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Notes: (1) Depth measured from top of granular base coarse (GBC)



Table NC106-2 – Continued: Fall 2024 – Hwy 63:08 Km 27.9 Pavement Distress Thermistor Array Instrumentation Reading Summary Date Monitored: September 17, 2024 (Monitoring period from June 8, 2024 to September 17, 2024)

NODE DEPTH ⁽¹⁾ (m)	DATE INITIALIZED	CURRENT STATUS	MAX TEMPERATURE OVER MONITORING PERIOD (°C)	MIN TEMPERATURE OVER MONITORING PERIOD (°C)	MEAN TEMPERATURE DURING MONITORING PERIOD (°C)
			THERM21-3 (Cematrix Section)		
0.3			27.4 (July 23, 2024)	9.2 (June 9, 2024)	19.8
1.3	-		12.2 (Sep. 10, 2024)	4.9 (June 8, 2024)	11.4
2.3	huma (, 2024	Onerational	11.2 (Sep. 15, 2024)	3.6 (June 9, 2024)	10.0
3.3	June 6, 2021	June 6, 2021 Operational	7.3 (Sep. 15, 2024)	3.0 (June 8, 2024)	6.0
4.3			5.5 (Sep. 15, 2024)	4.2 (June 16, 2024)	4.9
5.3			4.8 (Sep. 16, 2024)	4.4 (July 2, 2024)	4.5
			THERM21-4 (Grassed Control)		
0.3			13.2 (Aug. 25, 2024)	0.8 (June 9, 2024)	8.5
1.3	-		(N/A) ⁽²⁾	(N/A) ⁽²⁾	(N/A) ⁽²⁾
2.3		e 6, 2021 Operational	5.1 (Sep. 15, 2024)	3.9 (Aug. 8, 2024)	3.9
3.3	June 6, 2021		4.8 (June 9, 2024)	4.2 (Sep. 11, 2024)	4.2
4.3]		5.3 (June 9, 2024)	5.0 (Sep. 15, 2024)	5.0
5.3]		5.2 (June 9, 2024)	5.0 (Sep. 15, 2024)	5.0

Drawings 32122-NC106-1 through 32122-NC106-3 in Appendix A provide sketches of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Notes: (1) Depth measured from top of GBC (THERM21-3), from ground surface (THERM21-4)

(2) THERM21-4 Node at 1.3 m below ground surface not operating since June 19, 2023



Table NC106-3: Fall 2024 – Hwy 63:08 Km 27.9 Pavement Distress Weather Station Instrumentation Reading Summary Date Monitored: September 17, 2024 (Monitoring period from June 8, 2024 to September 17, 2024)

MONITORING PERIOD	MAX TEMPERATURE (°C)	MIN TEMPERATURE (°C)	MEAN TEMPERATURE (°C)	TOTAL PRECIPITATION (mm)	MAX HOURLY WIND SPEED (m/s)	MEAN HOURLY WIND SPEED (m/s)	MEAN BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (mbar)	MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)
Jun. 8, 2024 to Sep. 17, 2024	33.3 on July 10, 2024	0.7 on June 17, 2024	16.2	166.8	16.2 on Sep. 6, 2024	5.0	935.9	74.8

Drawings 32122-NC106-1 through 32122-NC106-3 in Appendix A provide sketches of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



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FALL 2024

APPENDIX A DATA PRESENTATION AND DRAWINGS

SITE NC106: HWY 63:08 km 27.9 PAVEMENT DISTRESS

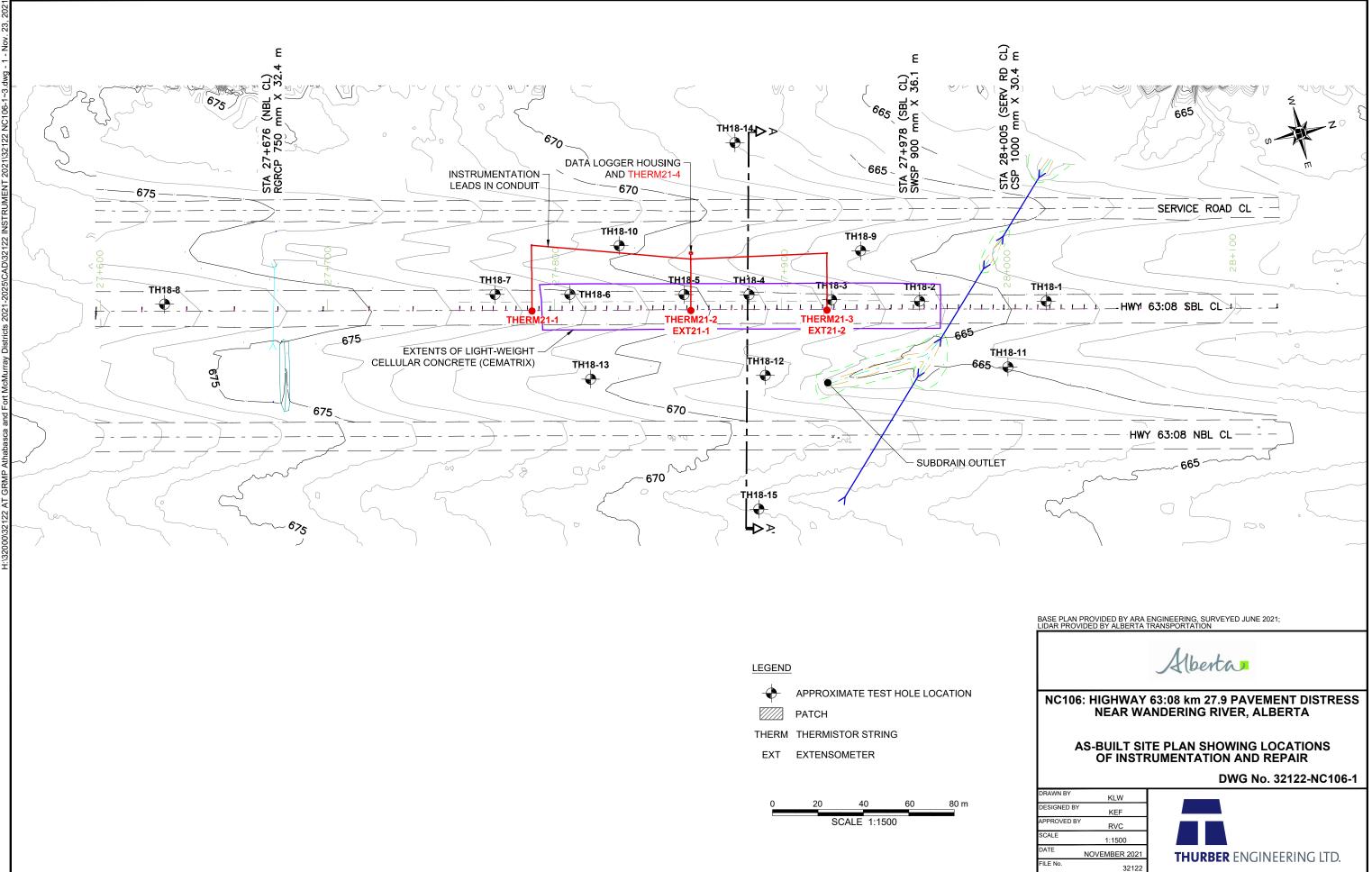
ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS NORTH CENTRAL REGION - ATHABASCA AND FORT MCMURRAY DISTRICTS INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (NC106) FALL 2024

Location: Hwy 63:08 km 27.9 Pavement Distress	Temp (deg C): 7
File Number: 32122	Read by: NKR

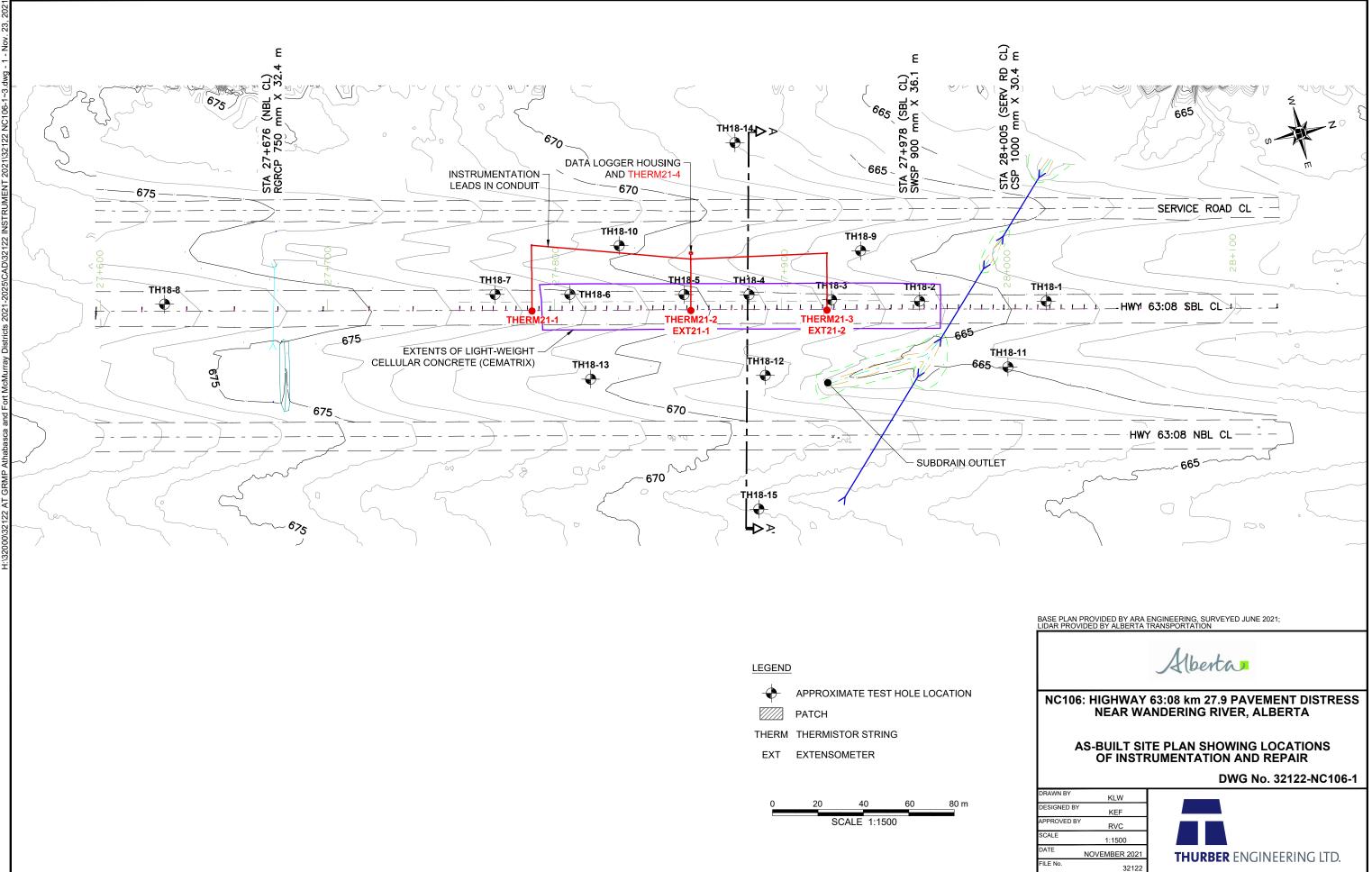
DATALOGGER STATION READINGS

Instruments	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Datalogger Serial #	Date	Remarks
	Easting (m)	Northing (m)			
Extensiometers, thermistors and weather station	455134.00	6227955.00	CR6 15875	17-Sep-24	Data downloaded

Confirm that recent dates have been downloaded for all DAT files prior to leaving site. Use "collect now" option in loggernet.				
Download data from CR6 logger - need unique key to unlock logger enclosure				
Site is between km marker 174 and 176 on southbound lane of Hwy 63				



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	PATCH
THERM	THERMISTOR STRING
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