

NORTH CENTRAL REGION GRMP EDSON / STONY PLAIN SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME: NC083 – West of Wildhay River	HIGHWAY AND KM: 40:30, km 37.368	PREVIOUS INSPECTION: May 26, 2020	CURRENT INSPECTION: July 15, 2021		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD83 COORDINATES:		RISK ASSESSMENT:		
SE-08-53-27-W5	UTM11U 5935069N,	437757E	PF: 10 CF: 4 Total: 40		
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT):		CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):			
1,260 (2020)		508			

SUMMARY OF INSTRUMENTATION:	INSPECTED BY:
Three slope inclinometers and three vibrating wire piezometers functional	Stantec: Leslie Cho and Carrie Murray
LAST READING DATE: July 3, 2021	AT: Bernard Ching, Rishi Adhikari, Kathleen Davis, Howard Hawley, and Dave Farr

PRIMARY SITE ISSUE:

Embankment failure due to shallow groundwater levels and weak foundation soils.

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

75 m wide. Unclear where the toe is.

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION:

Southbound lane (SBL) patched in 2016. SBL patched with 25 tonnes of asphalt in summer 2017.

ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICEABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO	1		NO
Pavement Distress	Х		Cracking over both lanes at intersection with access road. Pavement breaks with rutting around entrance to gravel pit.		Х
Slope Movement	Х		Toe bulging along south slope. Semi-circular crack along SBL from BH17-02 to BH17-03. Pavement crack with vertical displacement at shoulder of SBL northwest of BH17-03.		Х
Erosion	Х		Erosion under Hwy 40 centerline (C/L) culvert outlet.	X	
Seepage	Х		Seepage on south slope near culvert and at vehicle tracks. Seepage at Hwy 40 C/L culvert inlet.	Х	
Bridge/Culvert Distress		Х			

COMMENTS

- Pavement crack pattern appeared mostly unchanged compared to the previous inspection and consisted of:
 - 50 mm high crack along SBL shoulder northwest of BH17-03. Vehicles may be breaking hard as they
 travel across the crack as evidenced by tire marks on the pavement.
 - Semi-circular crack along SBL along between BH17-02 and BH17-03.
- A new pavement crack about 20 mm wide was observed along the alignment of the C/L culvert.
- The north ditch was dry during this inspection. This allowed for a new seepage location to be observed adjacent and west of the C/L culvert inlet. The seepage was draining into the culvert.
- Both culverts at the site appear to be in good condition.
- The south slope appeared to have a "hummocky" appearance and was soft and spongy to traverse.
- An erosion channel about 400 mm wide and deep was observed at the C/L culvert outlet.



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- Seepage was observed at the south slope in the previously observed vehicle tracks.
- All three SIs at the site continues to show movement with movement rates ranging from less than 1 mm/year
 to 10 mm/year. The rates of movement have decreased since the Fall 2020 readings, possibly due to the
 relatively dry year experienced in the area.
- Piezometric levels remain high ranging from 0.4 m to 0.8 m below ground surface.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- All pavement cracks should be sealed to reduce surface water infiltration into the landslide.
- Riprap or gravel should be placed at the C/L culvert outlet. If the erosion is left unchecked, it could lead to further channeling and embankment movement.
- It is understood that this section of the highway is planned to be widened, and that slope stabilization will be
 included with the highway widening works. Remediation options could include installing a pile wall along the
 south edge of pavement or constructing a gravel toe berm south of the highway and/or considering light
 weight fill for the highway widening work. Any remediation measures undertaken should include drainage
 measures such as trench drains, sand drains, or wick drains to reduce pore pressures.
- The site should continue to be inspected annually.
- Instrumentation monitoring should continue semi-annually.

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Photo 1: Pavement cracking at shoulder of SBL. Note tire marks just past the crack. Looking southeast.



Photo 2: Pavement cracking near BH17-02. Looking southeast.





Photo 3: Pavement crack along C/L culvert alignment. Looking southwest.



Photo 4: North ditch at C/L culvert inlet. Seepage location circled. Looking southwest.





Photo 5: Erosion at C/L culvert outlet. Looking northwest.



Photo 6: Seepage in vehicle track. 300 mm deep track. Looking down.



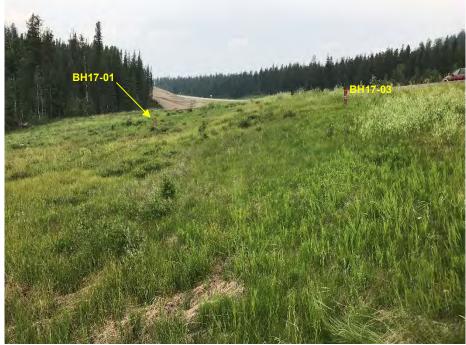
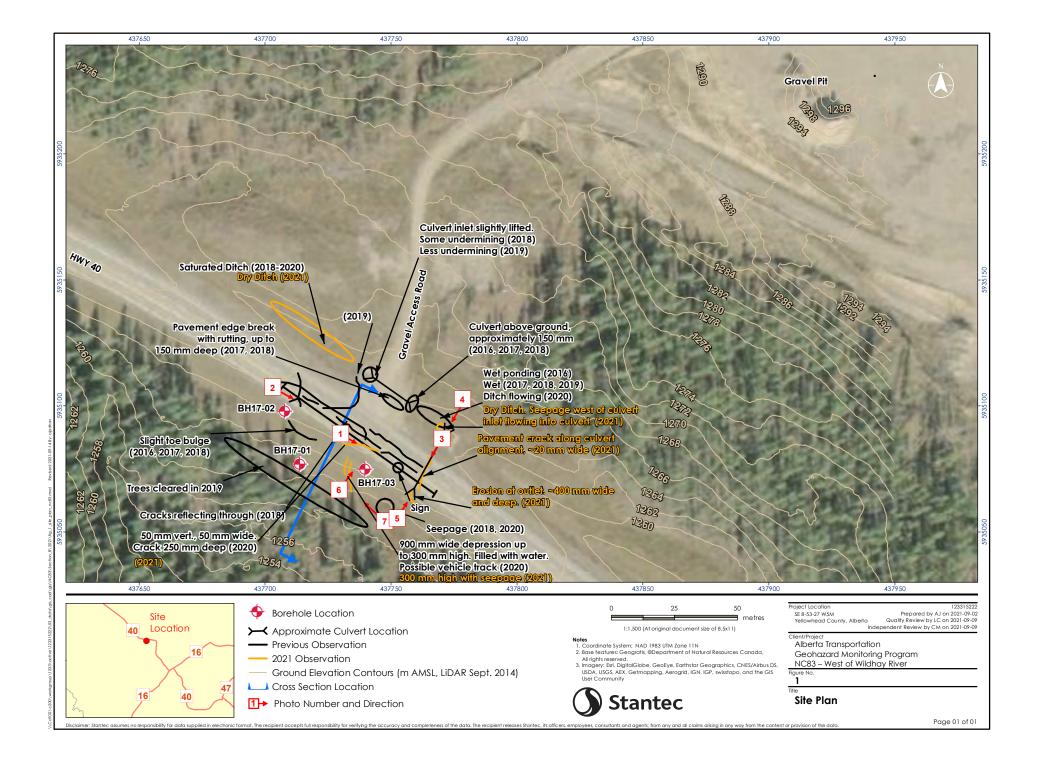
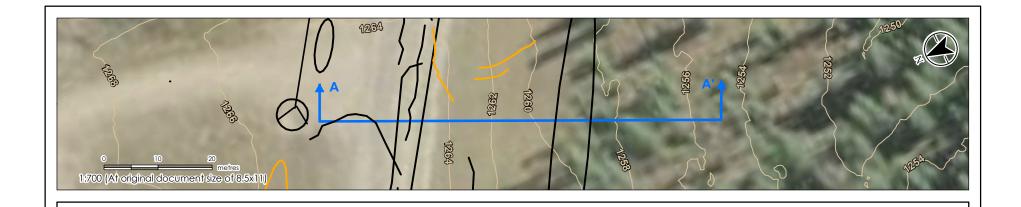
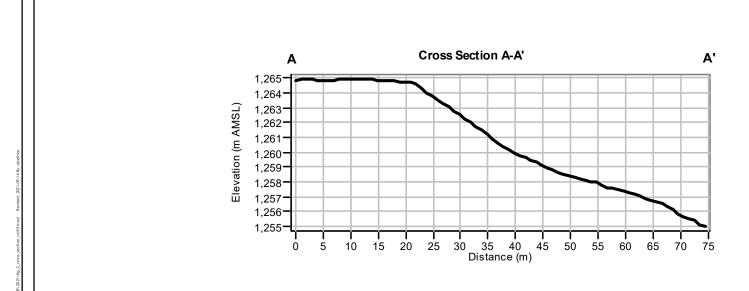
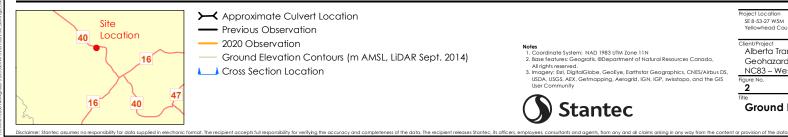


Photo 7: Overall view of south slope. Looking northwest.









Approximate Culvert Location

- Previous Observation

2020 Observation

— Ground Elevation Contours (m AMSL, LiDAR Sept. 2014)

Cross Section Location

- Notes

 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

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Ground Profile of Section A-A'

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