

SITE NUMBER AND NAME: NC083 – West of Wildhay River	HIGHWAY AND KM: 40:30, km 37.368	PREVIOUS INSPECTION: May 30, 2023	CURRENT INSPECTION: June 11, 2024
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE-08-53-27-W5	NAD83 COORDINATES: UTM11U 5935069N, 437757E		RISK ASSESSMENT: PF: 11 CF: 5 Total: 55
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT): 1,690 (2023)		CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA): 508	

SUMMARY OF INSTRUMENTATION: Three slope inclinometers and three vibrating wire piezometers functional	INSPECTED BY: Stantec: Leslie Cho, Sonja Pharand TEC: Kristin Tappenden, Kathleen Davis
LAST READING DATE: May 13, 2024	
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. SBL milled and filled in summer 2023.	


ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICEABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO
Pavement Distress	X		Cracking over both lanes at intersection with gravel pit access road. Pavement breaks with rutting around entrance to gravel pit.	X	
Slope Movement	X		Semi-circular crack along SBL from BH17-02 to BH17-03. SBL cracking extends southeast past the culvert.		X
Erosion	X		Erosion at Hwy 40 centerline (C/L) culvert outlet. Severe erosion near timber stockpile. Erosion at the east corner of the entrance to the gravel access road.		X
Seepage	X		Seepage on south slope near culvert and at vehicle tracks. Seepage at Hwy 40 C/L culvert inlet.		X
Bridge/Culvert Distress		X			

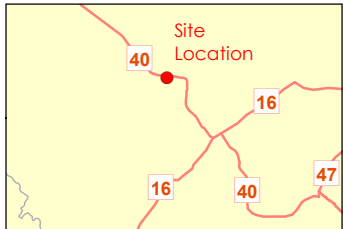
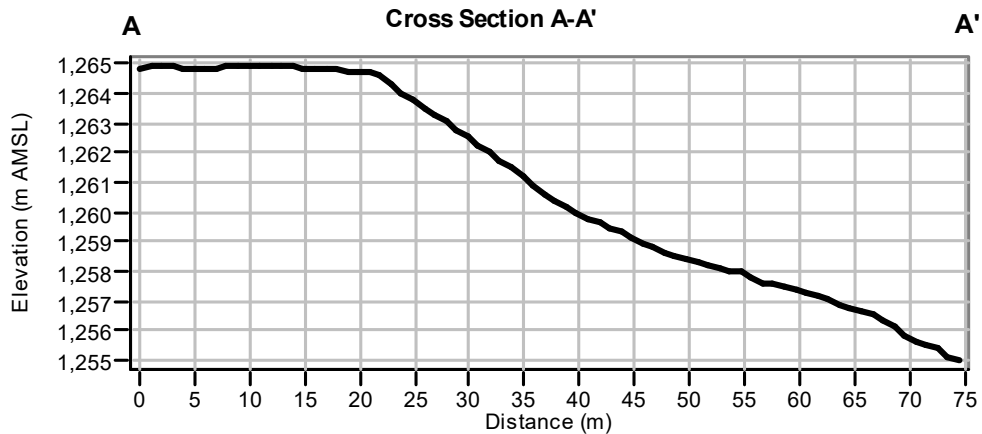
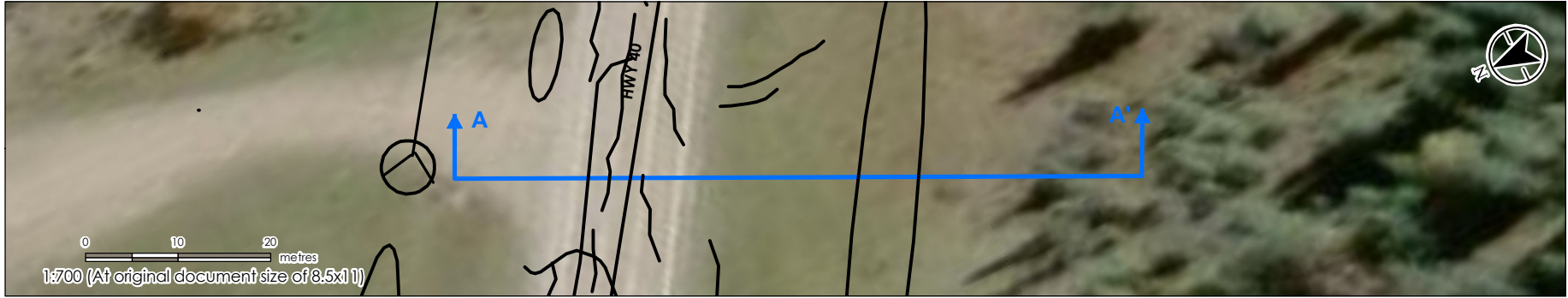
COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant changes to site conditions were observed. • Pavement cracks not covered by the milling and filling in the south bound lane appeared to have worsened in comparison to the previous inspection and consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Semi-circular crack across all 3 lanes at the entrance to the gravel pit access road (Photos 1 and 11). – Semi-circular crack along SBL between BH17-02 and BH17-03 – 50 mm high crack along SBL shoulder northwest of BH17-03, extending past the C/L culvert crossing. – 20 mm wide pavement crack along the alignment of the C/L culvert, reflecting through pavement patch (Photo 5). • Both culverts at the site appear to be in good condition. An erosion channel about 400 mm wide and deep was observed at the C/L culvert outlet, which is blocked by vegetation (Photos 6 and 7).

- An erosion channel was observed at the entrance to the gravel access road, where it followed the highway and entered the east ditch where it had eroded. The edge of pavement at this location was also broken over several meters (Photo 4).
- The south slope appeared to have a “hummocky” appearance and was soft and spongy to traverse (Photos 8, 9, 10 and 12).
- Erosion features with ponded water were observed near the timber stockpile, in a similar condition to the previous site inspection (Photo 10).
- Seepage was observed at the south slope in the previously observed vehicle tracks, as well as in a newly observed set of tracks northwest of BH17-02 (Photo 8).
- All three SIs at the site continues to show movement with movement rates ranging from 1 mm/year to 13 mm/year. 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.
- A French drain along the north ditch from west of the gravel access road extending for about 250 m with a depth of 3 m could be considered for stabilizing this section of the highway. The high-level cost of construction is \$200,000 to \$300,000 excluding engineering.
- 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 or drainage blanket underneath the embankment to reduce pore pressure build-up.
- The site should continue to be inspected annually.
- Instrumentation monitoring should continue semi-annually.

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- Approximate Culvert Location
- Previous Observation
- Cross Section Location

- Notes**
- Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11 N
 - Base features: Geogratis, ©Department of Natural Resources Canada. All rights reserved.
 - Imagery: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



Project Location: 12331 5222
 SE 8-53-27 WSM Prepared by SP on 2024-08-25
 Yellowhead County, Alberta Quality Review by LC on 2024-08-25
 Independent Review by XL on 2023-08-25

Client/Project: Transportation and Economic Corridors
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Figure No. 2

Title: Ground Profile of Section A-A'

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2024 Site Inspection Photos at NC083



Photo 1: Pavement cracking in SBL near BH17-02. Looking southeast.



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

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Photo 3: Pavement cracking in SBL between BH17-02 and BH17-03. SBL milled and filled. Looking southeast.



Photo 4: Minor erosion at edge of pavement at east corner of entrance to gravel pit. Looking southeast.

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Photo 5: Pavement crack along C/L culvert alignment. Looking northeast.



Photo 6: North ditch at C/L culvert inlet. Looking southwest.

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Photo 7: Vegetation blocking C/L culvert outlet. Looking northeast.



Photo 8: Seepage in vehicle track northwest from BH17-02. Looking southeast.

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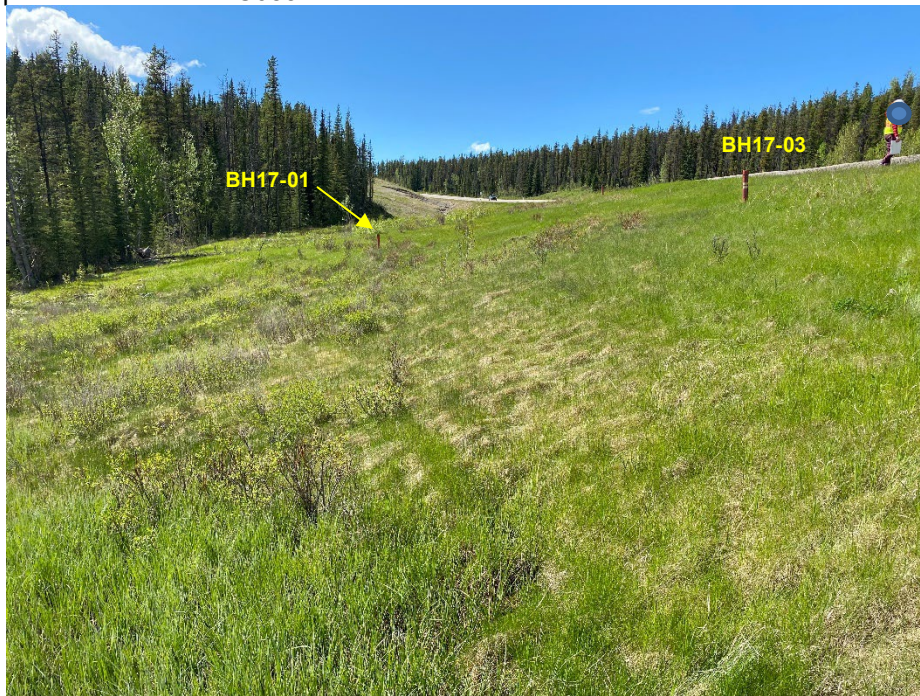


Photo 9: Overall view of south slope. Looking northwest.



Photo 10: Erosion and ponded water in tree clearing area. Looking southeast.

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Photo 11: Site overview photo, taken by drone. Looking northeast.

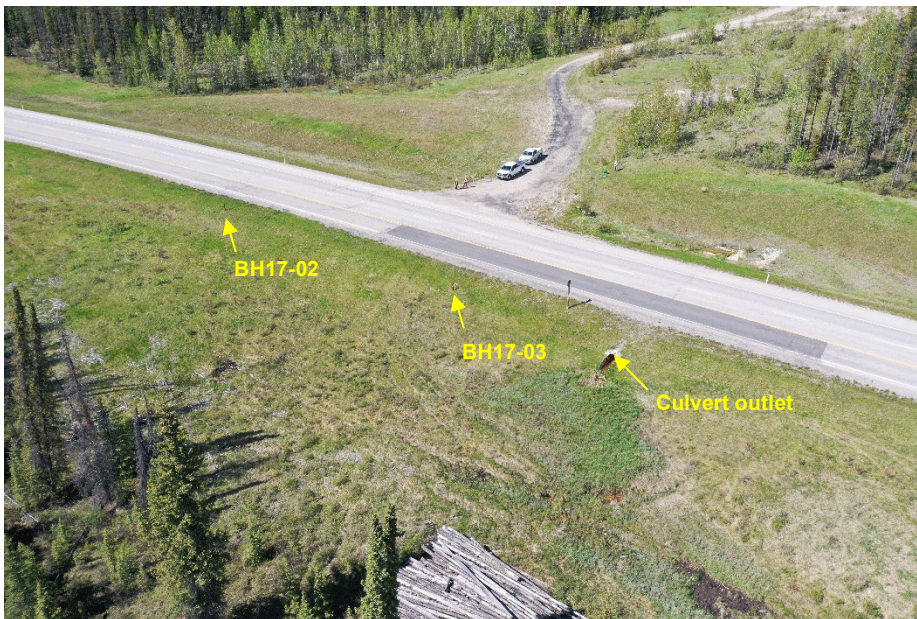


Photo 12: Site overview photo, taken by drone. Looking north.