

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION GRMP EDSON / STONY PLAIN SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME:	HIGHWAY AND KM:	PREVIOUS INSPECTION:	CURRENT INSPECTION:	
NC044 – Cattlepass East	633:02, km 1.434	May 25, 2020	June 15, 2022	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD83 COORDINATES:		RISK ASSESSMENT:	
NW 29-53-6-W5M	UTM11U 5942545N,	642834E	PF: 9 CF: 4 Total: 36	
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT):		CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):		
410 (2021)		509		

SUMMARY OF INSTRUMENTATION:	INSPECTED BY:		
Two slope inclinometers, one pneumatic piezometer and two vibrating	Stantec: Leslie Cho, Sonja Pharand		
wire piezometers are operational at this site.	AT: Rocky Wang, Amy Driessen,		
LAST READING DATE: N/A	Kathleen Davis		

#### PRIMARY SITE ISSUE:

Slope instability due to relatively high embankment over soft ground with shallow groundwater level.

#### **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:**

170 m along the road by 75 m wide.

#### DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION:

Toe berm was constructed in 2011. Pavement overlaid in 2013, and the westbound lane was patched in 2014. The westbound lane and parts of the eastbound lane were patched in June 2017.

ITEM		ITIONS IST	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION		NOTICEABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO			NO	
Pavement Distress	Х		Cracks reflecting through overlay and patches.	X		
Slope Movement	Х		Pavement cracks are present along the highway, continued creep measured by slope inclinometers.	Х		
Erosion	Х		Erosion gully along the north ditch near west end of pavement patch.		Х	
Seepage		Х			Х	
Culvert Distress	Х		Ponded water at both ends of the culvert. Culvert inlet submerged in the north.		Х	
Other		Х			Х	

## COMMENTS

- The cracking pattern on the highway appeared mostly similar to the previous inspection as shown in Photos 1 to 4. A new crack had developed upslope from BH17-01 and SI05-7 and is shown in Photo 3.
- Potential toe bulging was observed downslope from the new crack as shown in Photo 5.
- SI17-01 shows continued movement at a rate of about 2 mm/yr between 6 m and 10 m depth. SI17-02 shows
  creep between 12 and 16 m. Ongoing movement may be due to high pore pressures at the site. A possible
  source of water infiltration into the slope is through the erosion channel on the north ditch. The ponded water
  on both ends of the culvert may also be infiltrating into the slope.
- Groundwater levels in PN05-8 and VW17-02 are within 1 m of ground surface while VW17-01 is about 3 m below ground surface.
- Standing water was observed at both ends of the culvert as shown in Photos 6 and 7. Water appeared to be flowing through the culvert. There appears to be little grade for water to drain from the culvert outlet.
- The berm was grass covered with no visible signs of distress observed.
- Erosion is ongoing in the north ditch as shown in Photo 8.



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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Short term recommendations include sealing of any cracks to reduce surface water infiltration into the slope and pavement structure. Additional pavement patches are not recommended since it is considered an additional driving force on the embankment. Mill and fill could also be completed such that the final pavement elevation is not higher than the existing elevation.
- The MCI should continue to inspect the culverts on site on a regular basis to reduce the risk of pore pressures building up in the berm and slope and to maintain functionality.
- Grading may be considered at the culvert inlet to reduce the amount of ponded water. However, grading
  works would likely occur outside of AT's right-of-way.
- The erosion gully in the north ditch should be repaired to reduce seepage of water into the slope and under the highway.
- Long-term remediation may consist of lowering the overall highway grade to reduce the driving force on the slope. The high-level cost of grade reduction is \$1.8 Million minus engineering costs. Alternatively, reconstruction of the highway using lightweight fill may also help reduce the driving force on the slope. The high-level cost for reconstruction using lightweight fill is \$6.0 Million.
- Site inspections frequency should remain at every two years with instrumentation monitoring completed annually in the spring.

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Photo 1: Pavement cracks at east limits of 2017 patch. Looking west.



Photo 2: Pavement cracks along Highway 633. Looking west.





Photo 3: Pavement cracks along Highway 633. Looking west.



Photo 4: Pavement cracks at west limits of 2017 patch. Looking east.





Photo 5: Potential bulging near SI05-7. Looking northwest.



Photo 6: Ponded water at culvert inlet in the north. Looking northeast.





Photo 7: Ponded water at culvert inlet in the south. Looking south.



Photo 8: Erosion gully along north ditch of Highway 633. Looking southwest.

