ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PEACE REGION - GRANDE PRAIRIE DISTRICT - NORTH **2024 INSPECTION**



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km		
PH077-1 and 77-2	West of Fairview	Sites E of Hines Creek Bridge	682:02	12.5-12.8		
Legal Description		UTM Co-ordinates (NAD 83)				
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	Date	PF	CF	Total	
Provious Inspections	May 30, 2023	12	4	48 (PH077-1)	
Previous Inspection:		9	4	36 (PH077-2)	
Current Inchestion	May 7, 2024	12	4	48 (PH077-1)	
Current Inspection:		9	4	36 (PH077-2)	
Road AADT:	330		Year:	2023	
Improceed Day	Don Proudfoot, Nic	cole Wilder (7	Thurber)		
Inspected By:	Robert Senior, Rocky Wang, Ken Szmata, (TEC)				
Report Prepared By:	Nicole Wilder, Don Proudfoot (Review)				
Report Attachments:	⊠ Photographs	s ⊠ P	lans		

Primary Site Issue:	PH077-1: Creek bank slumping caused by creek endet retrogress and has caused cracks to appear in the 150 m east of the bridge. A shallow slide in the south also exists at the east end. A newer 35 m wide slump south embankment slope and below it a large area has creek. PH077-2: Settlement and cracking in the highword landslide through the south embankment are causing culvert and pavement. Channel and ditch erost embankment have created a slide around the culv remained in similar condition since 2021. Addit slumping was observed.	embankment of the has form as slumped ay and a g distress to the form on the first way are the highest and the highest states of the highest and the highest are the highest a	ay about ent slope and in the d into the un active to the BF he north which has		
Dimensions:	PH077-1: Slide dimensions ~110 m wide along the riverbank parallel to the highway x ~30m long. Newer slump is ~ 35 m wide and ~20 m long. PH077-2: South embankment slide ~40 m wide x 75 m long extending to river which appeared somewhat grown over. North embankment slope slide ~40 m wide x ~40 m also appeared somewhat grown over. A newer 10 m long erosion gully formed upslope of the northeast v-shaped ditch.				
Date of any remediation:	PH077-2 was repaired in the fall of 2014 with a new 1.8m dia. SWSP (WSP = Consultant, In-Line = Contractor). Landslide movements occurring since construction have required strutting and patching/sealing of the culvert. In 2021, rip rap was added on one of the north v-shaped ditches, and to the upper portion of the south v-shaped ditch, where erosion was noted previously at PH077-2. It appeared that the trash rack had been cleaned out of debris in 2022.				
Maintenance:	Crack sealing, ongoing repairs to the culvert pipe at PH077-2. A thin highway overlay was placed through both sites in 2023.		Worsened? Yes No		
Observations:	Description		No		
☑ Pavement Distress	At PH077-1, a 40 m long crack and a 15m long crack (near the east end) existed in the highway and slightly starting to show through the 2023		\boxtimes		
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	overlay. A noticeable dip exists across a 45 m			
	length of the highway.			
	At PH077-2, cracks are not yet noticeable through			
	the 2023 overlay but a noticeable dip exists across			
	a 40 m length of the highway overtop the SWSP			
	culvert, with another dip existing further east. At PH077-1: Towards the east a shallow 35 m wide			
	a south embankment slide developed and the			
	backscarp is 6.2 m away from the guardrail with a			
	0.85 m high scarp. Just east of this slide, there is an			
	overgrown 15 m wide shallow side slope slide with			
	a 0.4 m high scarp, 0.6 m high toe push that is 3.6			
	m away from the guardrail.			
	The Creek has eroded the toe of the south			
	embankment, and continued creek bank slumping			
	is evident, with a 20 m wide area that slumped into			
	the creek south of the 35 m wide slide.			
☑ Slope Movement	At PH077-2: A landslide has developed through the	\boxtimes		
	south embankment and has deformed the culvert.			
	There is a 0.4 m high scarp located 4.6 m from the			
	white shoulder line which appeared more			
	overgrown in 2024. North of the highway, a 1.5 m			
	wide graben crack with a 0.2 m drop has developed			
	above the erosion near the culvert inlet, and which			
	has developed into a slide that previously			
	retrogressed back towards the highway; this was			
	unchanged in 2024. The riverbank is also locally slumping upstream and downstream of the culvert			
	outlet			
	At PH077-1, active erosion caused by the creek is			
	occurring at the toe of the slope along the creek's			
	edge.			
	At DI 1077 O the TDM couth of the highway along			
N Fassian	At PH077-2, the TRM south of the highway along the east runoff ditch where previously erosion was			
□ Erosion	observed had been repaired with rip rap lining this	\boxtimes		
	ditch and as well as placing riprap on the			
	downstream end of the gabions near the culvert			
	outlet; however, some of this riprap at the base was			
	washed away by the creek.			
⊠ Seepage	At PH077-1 the soil within the tension crack within	\boxtimes		
000pago	the 35 m wide slide was moist to wet.			
	The upstream end of the 1.8 m diameter SWSP			
	(BF75380) at PH077-2 was about 0.5 m buried with silt and debris at the drift catcher and the outlet did			
	not appear to be visibly damaged at the time of our			
	inspection but was somewhat buried in silt and had			
	some ice inside. The 2023 bridge inspection noted			
☑ Bridge/Culvert	that the vertical elbow was detaching from pipe,	\boxtimes		
	baffles were tearing and there were distortions and			
	cracks/separations within the culvert (along with low			
	ratings) that required struts and plates to be added			
	within the culvert. The report also noted that drift and silt should be removed from pipe and drift			
	catcher.			
☐ Other				
Instrumentation: None				
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Background/Assessment (Refer to Figures PH077-1, -2, -1/2):

At PH077-1, the slide roughly paralleling the creek and highway is a direct result of erosion by Hines Creek and resulting soil loss along the toe of the embankment. The slope will tend to flatten with time due to loss of cohesion in the clay fill embankment material. Therefore, the slide could also gradually enlarge into the driving lanes of the highway surface, and there are already indications of this presumably starting to occur based on the existing cracks and dips in the highway. The smaller 15 m wide and larger 35 m wide slide near the east end of this site may have also been triggered by east ditch runoff erosion, and/or having a slope that is too steep for the composition material of the embankment. Ditch or surface erosion of the slope could also contribute to more rapid slope movements.

At PH077-2, the existing bridge file management system records indicate that BF75380 at PH077-2 consists of a 1.8 m diameter SWSP having an in-service date of 2014.

PH077-2 was repaired in 2012 with a new culvert pipe installed in 2014, and there was some mention of a slide at the site at that time. The soil conditions identified from 2 test holes drilled through the highway as part of the 2012 design indicated a predominant clay fill embankment, overlying a stratified predominant clay deposit, overlying glacial clay till near creek level. The submitted As-Built drawings indicated that the new pipe was a 157 m long x 1.8 m dia. SWSP spanning beneath the highway, containing horizontal and vertical elbows, and which also contained a 1.2 m diameter vertical access manhole located 34 m downslope of the highway centerline. A drawing note described the installation methodology as "Installed SWSP by augering and jacking through the existing road fill, backfill of culvert ends and other typical details in accordance with Std Drawing S-1418-03". Another drawing note indicated "Organic, and soft/vielding materials removed from existing slope failures prior to backfilling."

The 2023 Bridge Inspection Report indicated that the vertical elbow is detaching from the pipe, several gaps exist, there is exposed fill at the circumferential seam ~93 m from the upstream end holes in the side walls due to baffles tearing off ~18 m and 16 m from the downstream end, a 23 mm crack 67 m from upstream end that was partially repaired, 5 – 30 mm gaps between plates with exposed fill between the pipe sections ~93 mm from the upstream end. Steel struts have been installed within the culvert to deal with barrel distortions.

The cracks and subsidence in the south embankment slope are evidence that a landslide has formed in the slope at this location. This is supported by 2015 reports from TEC that the culvert barrel had become distorted and separated, which indicate that the landslide is deep seated. The slide appeared somewhat grown over in 2024 and movement may have slowed.

Similarly, cracks in the north embankment slope which previously retrogressed to near the highway also suggest a landslide has developed. This is also supported by a documented crack in the culvert. This landslide was likely triggered by loss of toe support due to erosion caused by the tributary creek. Highway ditch runoff erosion (at the TRM/gabion intersections) may have also been contributing factors.

Settlement observed overtop of the culvert at Site 2, in the form of dips and cracks in the highway could be the result of embankment fill settlement but might also be an indication that the slide movement will eventually retrogress towards the highway or has already.

Recommendations:

In the short term, regular monitoring of these sites should be undertaken for enlargement. If any of the slides encroach into the shoulders of the highway, barricades should be erected and enhanced with warning signage until highway repairs are undertaken. A temporary detour upslope (to the north of the highway) may also be required depending on the extent of the highway affected.

PH077-1:

Medium to Long Term: Thurber is currently preparing the preliminary engineering report and is considering several repair options. Option 1 consists of a short highway re-alignment around the affected highway. In order to meet the existing bridge (~100 m to the west), it would not be able to be a significant detour but could work if only a small portion of the highway was affected by a slide. The eroded slope should be cut back to a flatter inclination. Riprap should also be installed along the toe of the existing south embankment to mitigate future creek erosion. Option 2 consists of a minor creek realignment, toe berm and riprap armouring. Environmental approvals (DFO, AEP) for working within the confines of Hines Creek would first need to be authorized for any realignment considerations and rock or riprap

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placement. Option 3 would involve of offloading the highway using lightweight fill and armouring the creek bank. For all these options, some grading of the embankment would be required.

Ballpark Cost \$3 to \$4 Million

Long Term: Alternatively, due to the anticipated slide depth extending down to creek level and the embankment height (~13 m), a pile wall is feasible at this site; however, this would be the more costly option. It would need to be a tied back pile wall (multiple anchors/pile), and a detour would be required to the north of the highway during construction. Perhaps other measures may be required in addition to the tied back pile wall, such as offloading a portion of the downstream embankment, and/or lightweight fill replacement of soil. A minimum length of 100 m of pile wall would be required to span the slide length at this site. Riprap should also be installed to mitigate creek erosion for this option. These options are currently being evaluating in more detail.

Ballpark Cost \$6 Million

PH077-2:

Short Term: The breaks in the joints of the culvert should be sealed by installing a thin sleeve at each joint that is welded on the upstream side and shingles in the downstream direction over the gaps, or by sealing the gaps with ethafoam on an annual basis until more permanent repairs can be completed. In 2021, it appeared that the bridge group performed some minor remedial work at this site including welding plates over gaps; however additional repairs are required.

Long Term: A potential long-term solution is a highway re-alignment to the north, done in conjunction with the re-alignment for Site 1, before meeting the existing bridge over Hines Creek. A re-alignment could allow some flattening of the south slope leading down to the creek. For this option, the top section of the culvert might need to be re-profiled to remain within the embankment fill and the inlet end of the pipe would need to be extended to allow a shift and flattening of the north embankment slope. The damaged pieces of the pipe will need to be repaired. Some shear piles might also be needed in the south slope. It is understood that TEC are also considering replacing the culvert with a shorter pipe that exits the upper part of the slope and then bringing the discharge down the slope in an armoured drop structure. The costs of the drop structure would need to be weighed against the costs of repairing/replacing the longer SWSP culvert. A second option may be to install a series of rows of piles on the south embankment and this will be evaluated further.

\$6 Million

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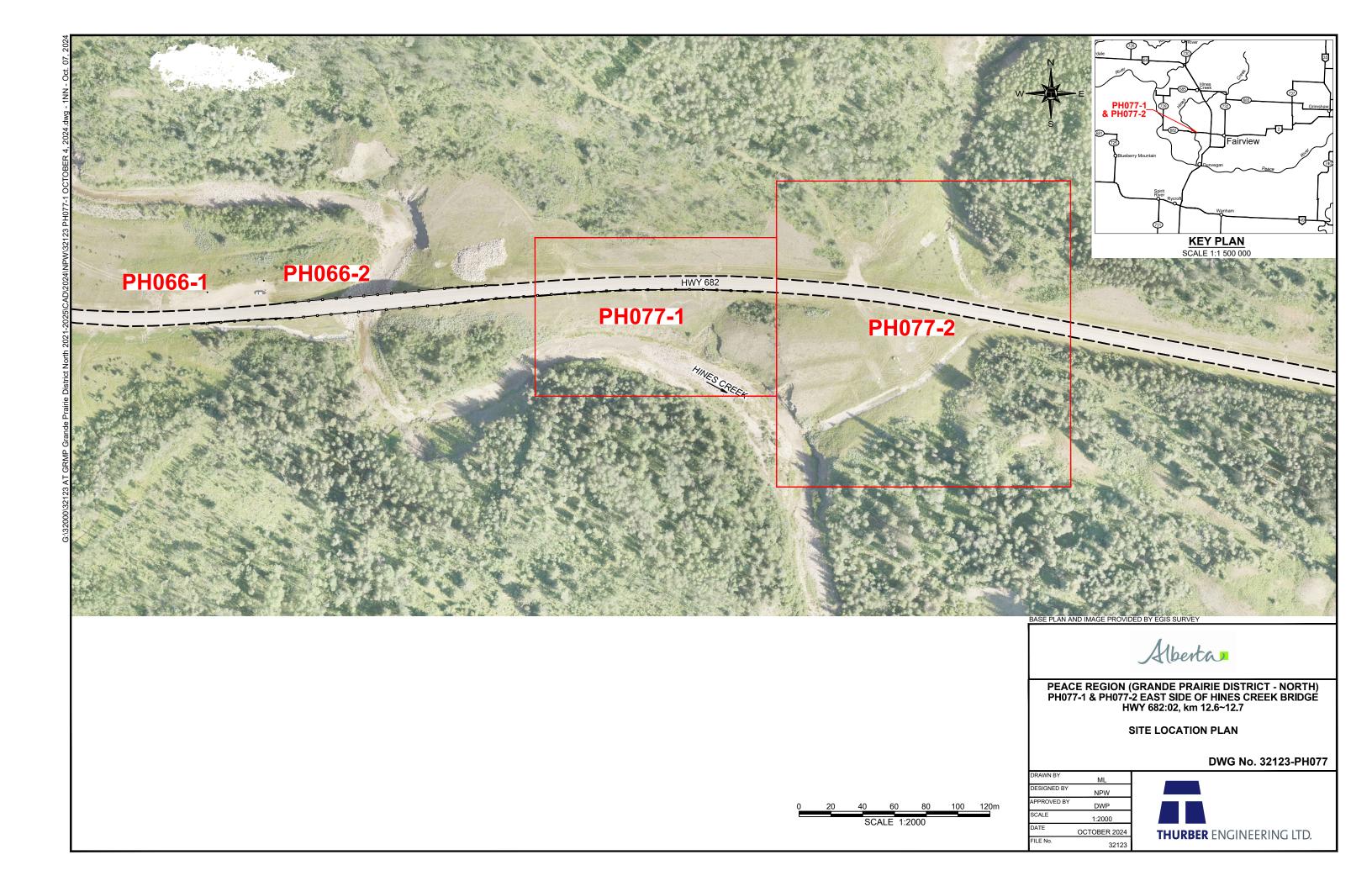
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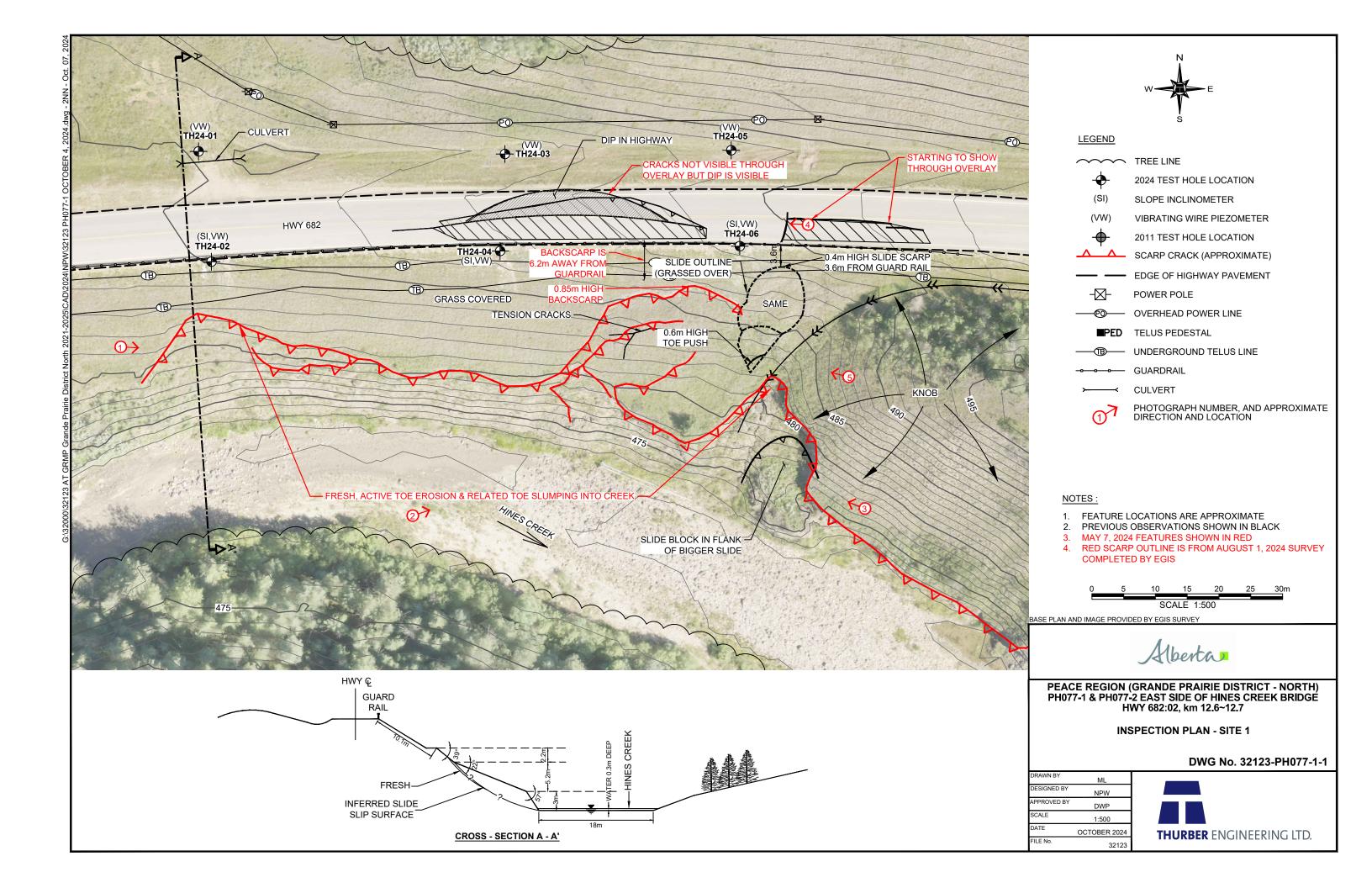
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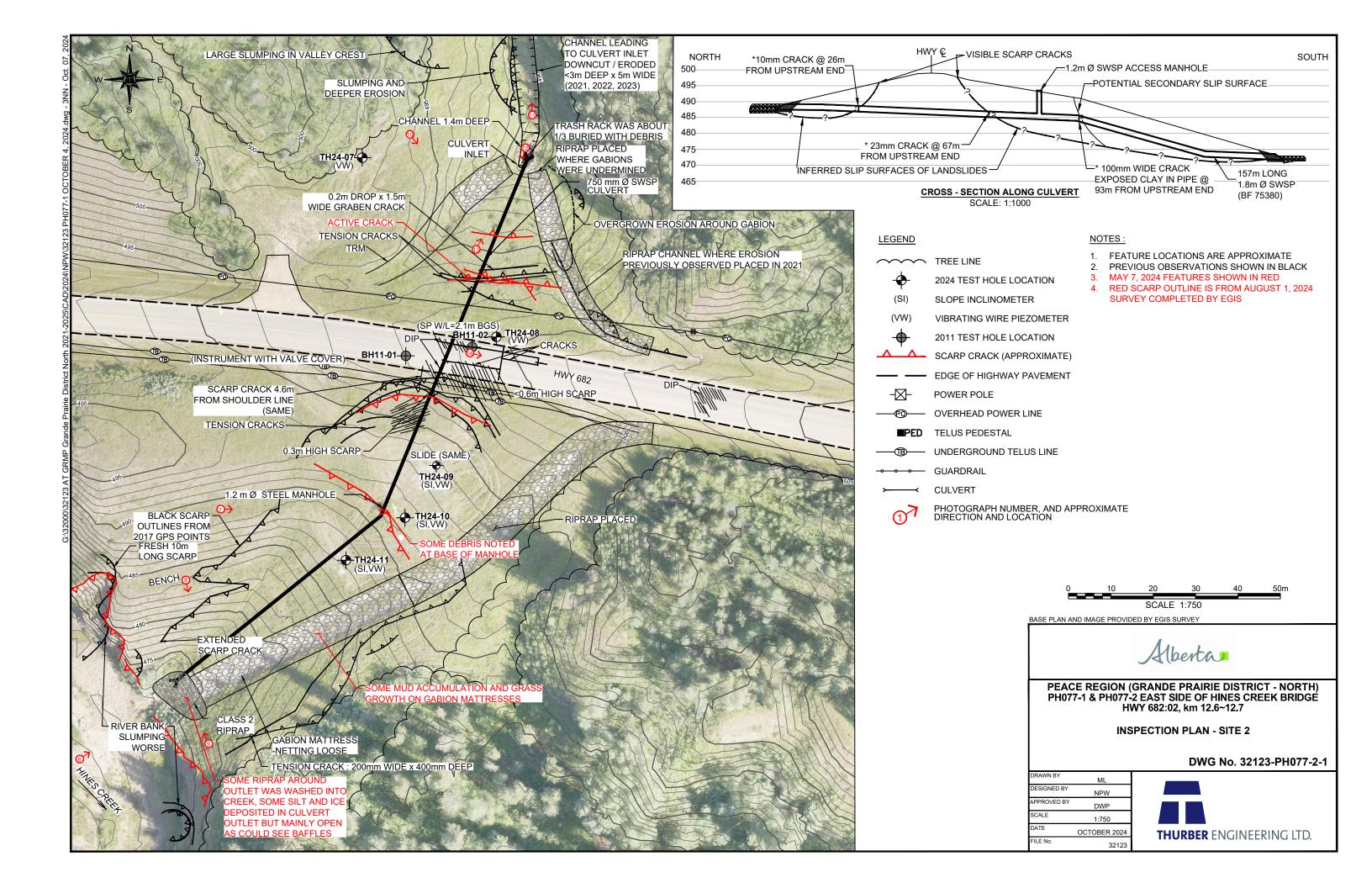








Photo 1. Looking east at Slide PH077-1 at the erosion along the north side of the Creek. Photo credit: Don Proudfoot.



Photo 2. Looking north east at PH077-1 at the erosion along the north side of the Creek from the creek bed. Photo credit: Don Proudfoot.

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Photo 3. Looking west at the fresh toe slumping above the creek at PH077-1 in the south highway embankment. Photo credit: Nicole Wilder.



Photo 4. Looking west along the highway at where crack in the highway was (before overlay) above the Slide at PH077-1 The dip is still evident. Photo credit: Nicole Wilder.

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Photo 5. Looking west at newer slump that developed west of the knob hill. Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.



Photo 6. Looking north at culvert outlet and river bank erosion and sloughing on either side.

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Photo 7. Looking east at riprap swale into the gabion mattress channel of PH077-2. Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.



Photo 8. Looking southeast at the southeast ditch drainage channel of PH077-2, Hines Creek. **Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.**

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Photo 9. Looking west at river erosion and culvert outlet area of PH077-2. Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.



Photo 10. Looking southeast at the v-shaped ditches on the north side of the highway. Photo Credit: Nicole Wilder.

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Photo 11. Looking north at eroded tributary creek channel leading into the culvert inlet north of the highway at PH077-2. Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.



Photo 12. Looking south at the culvert inlet area at PH077-2, the trash rack appeared half full of debris. Photo Credit: Don Proudfoot.

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Photo 13. Looking north at eroded tributary channel, trash rack and upstream slope instabilities north of the highway at PH077-2. Photo Credit: Nicole Wilder.



Photo 14. Looking east at the dip in the highway. Photo credit: Don Proudfoot.

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