ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP PEACE REGION – (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING - SPRING 2024



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy			
SH016	HWY 49:12	Little Smoky River,	49:12			
		West Bank Instability				
Legal Description:		UTM Co-ordinates				
10-33-74-21 W5		11U E 489600	N 6145512			

Current Monitoring:	17-May-2024	Previous Monitoring	08-Oct-2023
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.	I.T., and Mr. Nixson Mationg, Thurber	

Instruments Read During This Site Visit						
Slope Inclinometers (SIs): N/A	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): N/A	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): VW21-7ª VW21-7B, VW21-8ª VW21-8B VW21-9ª VW21-9B	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A			
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAAs: N/A	Others:			

Readout Equipment Used						
Slope Inclinometers:	Pneumatic Piezometers:	Vibration Wire Piezometers: Three RST DT2055 dataloggers	Standpipe Piezometers:			
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others:			

Note: Dataloggers were installed in January 2023 with the intention of gaining a better understanding of seasonal or cyclical trends tied to longer term climatic triggers.

Discussion					
Zones of New Movement:	None				
	Vibrating wire piezometers VW21-7A showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.01 m, while VW21-7B showed a decrease in groundwater level of 0.03 m since the fall of 2023 readings. VW21-7A and VW21-7B recorded ground water levels of 490.23 m and 489.67 m on April 17, 2024. These are the highest groundwater levels in the instruments since initialization				
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	Vibrating wires VW21-8A and VW21-9A showed decreases in groundwater levels of 0.15 m and 0.13 m, respectively, since the fall of 2023 readings. VW21-8B and VW21-9B showed increases in groundwater level of 0.60 m, and 0.17 m, respectively, since the fall of 2023 readings. VW21-9B, registered all-time high groundwater level of 492.28 m on April 18, 2024.				
	VW21-8A had initially shown a trend of slowly increasing groundwater levels since datalogger readings began in January 2023, but has appeared to have plateaued or slightly decreased since the spring of 2023 readings. VW21-8B had shown a similar trend but since July 2021 (shortly after installation) and has continued increasing to current date. The remaining piezometers have shown relatively little change in groundwater level since they were initialized. Additional readings will be required to understand the annual cycle of the piezometers. The				

	annual variation in groundwater level (based on one year's data) was relatively minimal.						
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the fall of 2024.						
Instrumentation Repairs:	No instrument repairs are required at this time.						
Additional Comments:	The University of Alberta assessed the fibre optic cables continuity in Fall 2023. If the cables are still intact, another set of readings may be arranged. A program involving precise surveying of monitoring points installed at various locations on the bridge and bridge foundations was proposed to TEC's bridge group to assist in tracking bridge movements and timing for adjustments to the foundations. If this program is conducted, the tops of the three sheared SI's could also be monitored to gauge ground movements at those locations.						
Attachments:	 Table SH016-1 Spring 2024 – HWY 49:12 Little Smoky River Bridge, Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary Table SH016-2 Spring 2024 – HWY 49:12 Little Smoky River Bridge, Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary Statement of Limitations and Conditions 						
	 APPENDIX A – SH016 SPRING 2024 Field Inspector's report Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32121 SH016-1) Figure SH016-1 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Elevations) Figure SH016-2 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Depths) 						

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

Yours very truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Don Proudfoot, M.Eng., P. Eng. Partner | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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Table SH016-1 Spring 2024 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: Not Monitored

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	AVERAGE RATE OF MOVEMENT OVER MONITORING PERIOD (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
S/21-7	June 14, 2021	7.2 mm over 11.6 m to 13.5 m in 91° direction	25.7 in July 2021	Sheared at 13.4 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
Si21-8	June 14, 2021	7.5 mm over 9.3 m to 11.1 m in 86° direction	35.6 in July 2021	Sheared at 11.0 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI21-9	June 14, 2021	9.3 mm over 15.3 m to 16.5 m in 61° direction	32.0 in July 2021	Sheared at 16.5 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A

Drawing 32121-SH016 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



Table SH016-2 Spring 2024 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 17, 2024

INSTRUMENT	DATE INITIALIZED	GROUND ELEVATION (m)	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEVATION* (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW21-7A	June 10, 2021	492.42	5.00	Operational	490.23 on April 17, 2024	489.65	489.64	0.01
VW21-7B	June 20, 2021	492.42	12.00	Operational	489.67 on April 17, 2024	489.13	489.16	-0.03
VW21-8A	June 16, 2021	493.89	5.00	Operational	492.46 on July 11, 2023	491.71	491.86	-0.15
VW21-8B	June 16, 2021	493.89	14.00	Operational	482.46 on August 2, 2023	482.39	481.79	0.60
VW21-9A	June 16, 2021	500.36	9.80	Operational	494.13 on August 25, 2023	493.46	493.59	-0.13
VW21-9B	June 16, 2021	500.36	19.04	Operational	492.28 on April 18, 2024	492.06	491.89	0.17

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^{*} Previous groundwater elevation on June 10, 2023



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ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022164) PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS

SPRING 2024

APPENDIX A DATA PRESENTATION

SITE SH016: HWY 49:12, LITTLE SMOKY RIVER BRIDGE

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (SH016) SPRING 2024

Location: HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER WEST BANK INSTABILITY

File Number: 32121

Read Out: Downloaded
Temp: 5/Rain

Read by: NKR/NRM

VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

Location	Serial	GPS Location		Location	Date	Rea	ding	Comments	
		(UTM 11)		(UTM 11)			B Units	Temp °C	
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)			D Ollits	Temp C		
VW21-7A	133742	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		
VW21-7A	133747	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		
VW27-8A	133715	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		
VW21-8B	133476	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		
VW27-9A	133478	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		
VW21-9B	133492	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	17-May-24	Downloaded	Downloaded		

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Dataloggers are connected to RST DT2055 dataloggers at their respective locations - download data at each station						

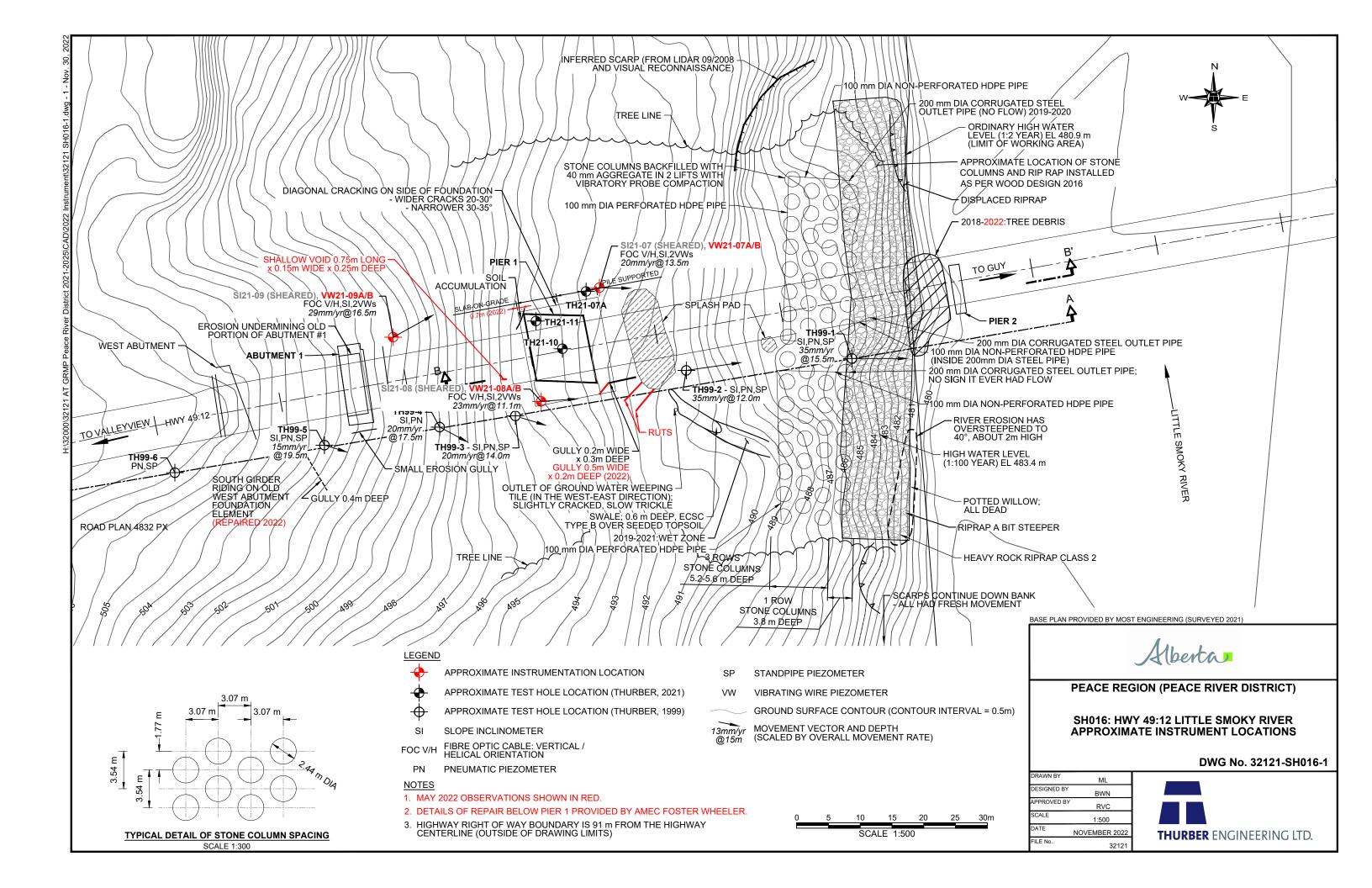
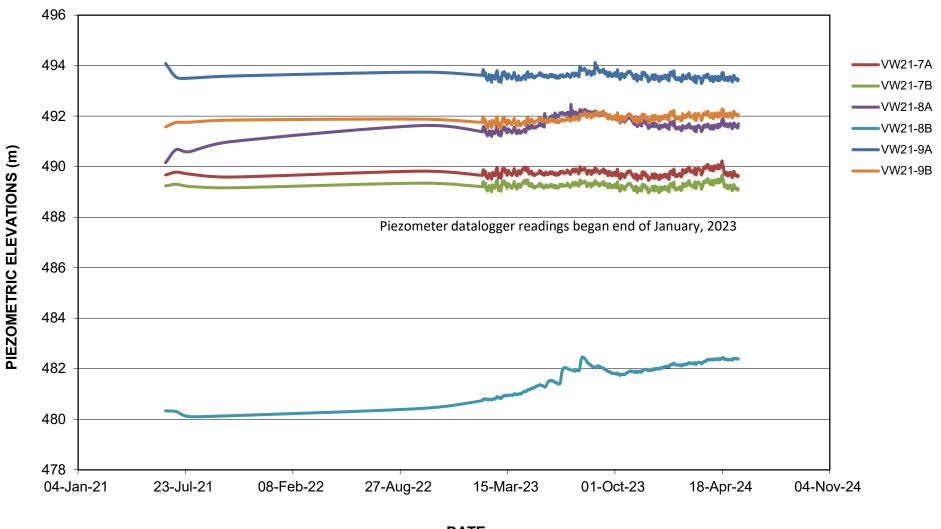


FIGURE SH016-1 **HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS**



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FIGURE SH016-2 HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS

