ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PEACE REGION – HIGH LEVEL 2023 INSPECTION REPORT



Site Number	Location	Name		Hwy	km
PH086	Manning, Alberta	Pinew	ood Estates	691:02	0.06
Legal Description		UTM Co-ordinates			
NE21-091-23-W5M		11U	E 461,782	N 6,	308,097

	Date	PF	CF	Total
Previous Inspection:	4-Jun-2020	11	4	44
Current Inspection:	16-May-2023	3	3	9
Road AADT:	691:02: 612 35:06: 2610		Year:	2023
Inspected By:	Max Shannon, TEC Rocky Wang, TEC Pramaya Kannel, TEC		Don Proudfoot, Thurber Ken Froese, Thurber	
Report Attachments:		✓ Plans	☐ Maintenance Items	

Primary Site Issue:	Landslide affecting the side slope of Hwy 691		
Dimensions:	50 m length of highway, 30 m wide, ~11 m high slope Tension cracks extend about 4 m further west The active slide is about 36 m wide parallel to the highway and 20 long in the downslope direction. Tension cracks extend an additional 15 m to the east. The slope is about 11 m high at the slide location. The bare backslope of the slide is inclined at 32 degrees and the side slopes outside the slide are inclined at 28 degrees to the horizontal.		
Date of Remediation:	2021 (CON0022057): Landslide repairs consisted of excavating the slumped material, installing a shear key at the toe, and rebuilding the slopes at a flatter inclination using compacted 2-25 gravel. A new SWSP culvert was installed under Hwy 691:02.		
Maintenance:	2021: Guardrail extended further east along Hwy 691:02		
Observations:	Description	Worsened?	
Pavement Distress	2019 tension cracks became scarp in 2020; New tension crack formed at west end. Removed and repaved during 2021 repair.		
✓ Slope Movement	2019 slide mass continues to move and break up. It extended both east and west in 2020. Removed and replaced with compacted gravel during 2021 repair.		
☑ Erosion	Exposed soil of slide mass eroding. Finished slopes topsoiled, seeded, and covered with erosion control blanket. New ditch constructed by Town at toe of slope is eroding slightly.	Ŀ	
✓ Seepage			
✓ Bridge/Culvert Distress	600 mm CSP culvert outlet hanging 1.3m in 2020 and riprap apron destroyed by slide movement. Piece of 600 mm concrete culvert on west flank of slope but origin and inlet unknown. Old culverts removed or grouted and new SWSP installed during 2021 repair.		

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Other	Area at toe of slide and beyond is soft and wet. Most of this wetland filled in during 2021 repair.				
Instrumentation:					
There is no instrumentation at this site					

Assessment:

The Hwy 691 site was repaired between July and September 2021 by Martushev Logging Limited. A second slump, identified on the east sideslope of the Hwy 35 embankment during detailed design, was also included in this repair. Both slides were excavated in segments (two for Hwy 35 and three for Hwy 691) with a shear key installed below the anticipated depths of the slip surfaces. The slopes were reconstructed using Des. 2-25 gravel compacted in controlled lifts. The excavated material was used to raise the alley behind Pinewood Estates, fill in a portion of the wetland between the alley and slope below Hwy 691, and to cover over an area to the east where the Town had buried the debris from an arena fire. TEC paid compensation for the portion of the wetland disturbed and reclaimed during the work. The existing 600 mm CSP culvert was grouted, and the pieces of other culverts encountered during excavation below Hwy 691 were removed or grouted. A new 750 mm-dia. SWSP pipe was installed by boring below Hwy 691 and then extended down the new slope and daylighted near the northeast toe of the repaired slope, discharging the flow into the wetland area. The final slopes were topsoiled, seeded, and covered with erosion control blankets. At the completion of construction, Hwy 691 was repaved, and a new strong post W-beam guardrail was installed and tied into the existing guardrail along the east side of Hwy 35.

The warranty inspection was conducted by TEC on September 27, 2022. Some minor deficiencies were noted: the seed mix appeared to have more sweet clover and alfalfa than what was specified although the coverage was acceptable, there was some disturbance at the north toe of the Hwy 691 embankment where the Town had cut a shallow drainage ditch, and some gaps in straw wattles (installed by the Contractor at their initiative) led to some minor erosion.

In general, the repairs appear to have performed well at this site.

Recommendations:

This was the once-per-contract GRMP inspection for this site. Further inspection should not be required unless the Maintenance Contractor Inspector advises of a new issue.

The following is also recommended:

- The ditch constructed by the Town should be properly shaped and lined with a permanent erosion control mat (TRM) or riprap to reduce the potential for downcutting at the toe of the rebuilt slope.
- The vegetation and erosion blanket coverage should be checked routinely until there is full protection.

Closure

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

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Photo 1 – Looking north toward the slide repaired on the east side of Hwy 35.



Photo 2 – Looking east along the top of the repaired Hwy 691 slide.

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Photo 3 – Looking northwest toward Hwy 35 along the top of the repaired Hwy 691 slide.



Photo 4 – Looking east along Hwy 691 at the east end of the site where the guardrail was extended by the Maintenance Contractor.

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Photo 5 – New SWSP inlet in the east ditch of Hwy 35 on the south side of Hwy 691.



Photo 6 – Looking southeast at the repaired Hwy 691 slide.

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Photo 7 – Looking south at the outlet of the 750 mm SWSP with the wetland to the left.



Photo 8 - Looking west along the toe of the Hwy 691 embankment where the Town cut a drainage channel which ties into the culvert outlet.

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Photo 9 – Looking east along the reclaimed wetland and improved alley behind the Pinewood Estates.

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