

## SOUTHERN REGION GEOHAZARD RISK ASSESMENT SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAM S017 Mount Baldy Rock		PREVIOUS INSPECTION DATE May 1, 2018	May 7, 2019
LEGAL DESCRIPTION NE 32-23-8-W5	NAD 83 COORDINATES UTM Northing Easting 11 5652484 634210	RISK ASSESMENT PF: 12 CF: 3	TOTAL: 36
Average Annual Daily Traf 2600 (north), 2580 (south)	,	Contractor Maintenance Area (CMA): 28	

SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:	INSPECTED BY:					
	Chris Gräpel (KCB)					
None	Chris Morgan (KCB)					
None	Renato Macciotta (KCB)					
	Alex Frotten (AT)					
	Roger Skirrow (ÁT)					
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LAST READING DATE: N/A	, ,					
PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Rockfalls from back slope. Site has a narrow ditch and potential rockfall source upslope.						
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Slope height approximately 15 m, with 3 to 4 m of soil at brow of slope.						
DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: Wire mesh and HTCB installed in 2016.						

ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO
Pavement Distress		Χ			X
Slope Movement	Х		Back slope rockfall of massive limestone. Rock blocks falling into ditch	Х	
Erosion	Х		Erosion of soil above rock face contributes to rockfall	Х	
Seepage		Х			Х
Culvert Distress		Х			Х

## **COMMENTS**

Active site with small rockfalls at the time of inspection. Visit site every two years.

Large debris piles in mesh gaps. The slope is less steep at the gaps in the mesh due to weathered rock and therefore were left open for animal access up the slope. Blocks are falling along the open sections.

Rocks up to  $1.7 \text{ m} \times 1.2 \text{ m} \times 0.8 \text{ m} (1.6 \text{ m}^3)$  have fallen into the ditch.

Mesh is working well. Some areas of damaged mesh were noted at the base of the mesh due to large falling rocks. Large rockfalls are damaging the mesh joint with the lower cable, creating loose sections. The mesh should be repaired to prevent rolling because of potential to roll onto the highway. Loose sections of mesh may be more prone to tearing.

Existing ditch is narrow and flat, allowing some debris to roll onto the highway. Ditch should be cleaned of debris regularly. Maintenance contractor reports that ditches are typically cleaned every 3 to 5 years.



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Sections of the rock face are sheared and unstable. Structural features dip out of slope, allowing blocks to detach and slide towards the highway (Photo 2). Potential for larger blocks to block a lane.

There is exposed soil at the brow of the slope. Crest anchors for the mesh are at risk of being undermined in places.

Recommendations for this site are:

## Short-Term

- Rock debris should be cleaned from ditches this year; and
- Reattach the mesh to the base cable so that it functions effectively.

Fallen material could be used to create a small berm behind the HTCB at the mesh gaps, to reduce potential for rockfall material from rolling under the HTCB and onto the highway.

Photo 1 Rock slope height is approximately 15 m. Loose material at the brow of the slope erodes and contributes to the rockfall. Photo taken facing east on May 7, 2019.



Photo 2 Wire mesh and HTCB installed in 2016. Photo was taken facing south on May 7, 2019.



Photo 3 Rock debris in ditch up to 1.7 m x 1.2 m x 0.8 m in size. Photo was taken facing north on May 7, 2019.



Photo 4 Some tears noted in the wire mesh where attached to the cable at the base. Photo was taken on May 7, 2019.

