

# NORTH CENTRAL REGION GRMP EDSON / STONY PLAIN Call Out Inspection



SITE NUMBER AND NAME:	LOCATION:	HIGHWAY:	KM:
Highway 22 Slide South of TWP 522	Highway 22 southbound, across from 52115 Highway 22, Entwistle, Alberta	22:30:C1	42.513
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD83 COORDINATES:		
SW-09-52-07-W5M, SE- 08-52-07-W5M	UTM11U 5927044 N, 633771 E		
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT):		CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):	
3,340 (2023)		509	

	DATE	PF	CF	TOTAL
PREVIOUS INSPECTION:	May 14, 2019	7	2	14
CURRENT INSPECTION:	June 14, 2024 11		4	44
INSPECTED BY:	Stantec: Leslie Cho and Sonja Pharand			
	TEC: Kristen Tappenden			
REPORT ATTACHMENTS:	Figure 1 – Site Plan			
	Figure 2 – Site Cross-Section			
	Site Photographs			

### PRIMARY SITE ISSUE:

Landslide resulting in differential pavement cracking in the southbound lane

# APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

20 m long by 33 m wide

## SITE BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

- Fenton, M.M., Waters, E.J., Pawley, S.M., Atkinson, N., Utting, D.J. and Mckay, K. (2013): Surficial geology of Alberta; Alberta Energy Regulator, AER/AGS Map 601.
  - Surficial geology consists of glaciolacustrine deposits comprising primarily of fine-grained, distal sediments deposited in or along the margins of glacial lakes.
- Prior, G.J., Hathway, B., Glombick, P.M., Pana, D.I., Banks, C.J., Hay, D.C., Schneider, C.L., Grobe, M., Elgr, R. and Weiss, J.A. (2013): Bedrock geology of Alberta; Alberta Energy Regulator, AER/AGS Map 600
  - Expected bedrock at the site consists of the Paskapoo Formation of the Central Plains. The Paskapoo Formation in described as non-marine, generally fine-grained, recessively weathering, grey to greenish-grey mudstone and siltstone with subordinate pale grey sandstone and minor conglomerate, mollusc coquina and coal.
- Carlson, V.A. (1970). Bedrock topography of the Wabamun Lake Map-Area, NTS 83G, Alberta, Map 057. Research Council of Alberta.
  - The top of bedrock is estimated to be at about elevation 792 m to 793 m. This corresponds to a depth to bedrock of about 5 m to 6 m.
- The landslide was first observed by the Highway Maintenance Contractor (HMC) as two areas of depression during the 2019 reconstruction of Highway 22. Subsequently, Stantec conducted the initial call-out inspection in 2019. The HMC indicated that pavement cracks were previously observed, and reoccurrence of pavement cracks was observed shortly after resurfacing this section of highway.
- No existing geotechnical information was available for review.
- Alberta Environment Water Well records show a 34 m deep water well was drilled approximately 100 m east
  of the site. The ground elevation at the water well site was approximately 5 m higher than the roadway. The
  well drilling report shows that the soil stratigraphy consisted of approximately 4 m of brown sandy clay
  overlying 3 m of sand underlain by sandstone and shale bedrock to the maximum drilled depth.
- No apparent movement is visible in the available historic Google Earth imagery. However, in the 2004 image, an approximately 50 m long localized patch can be observed on the southbound lane over the area of observed pavement cracking.



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• LiDAR data from 2014 (Hexagon Digital Reality) shows several bulges and drainages to the west of the site, within the treed area. From a high-level analysis, it appears that the bulge feature extends west all the way to the tributary from Moon Lake to the Pembina River (approximately 125 m from the edge of pavement)

ITEM		ITIONS IST	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION		NOTICEABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO	
Pavement Distress	Х		Differential, curved cracking, totaling up to 200 mm wide in the southbound lane of Highway 22 at south slide.	Х		
Slope Movement	Х		Two landslides along west slope of Highway 22. South slide is located at the end of the guardrail. North slide is a vegetated slump/depression about 40 m north of the south slide.	×		
Erosion		Х			Χ	
Seepage		Χ			Χ	
Bridge/Culvert Distress		Х			Х	
Other		Х			Х	

### **ASSESSMENT**

- Highway 22 appears to be constructed as a sidehill cut-fill based on the surrounding topography.
- The crest of the landslide appears to be within the southbound land of Highway 22, approximately 0.8 m east from the painted white line.
- Pavement cracking is apparent within the southbound lane of Highway 22, with cracks up to 10 mm wide, collectively creating a curved cracking path up to 200 mm wide and 33 m long. In 2019, no vertical difference was observed in the pavement cracking; however, a vertical difference up to about 50 mm was observed on either side of the cracks during the current inspection. The cracks start and stop at the edge of the pavement. Vegetation is growing out of the cracks toward the south end of the crack (Photos 1 & 2).
- A rough road warning sign is posted approximately at the vegetated slump (north slide) (Photo 3).
- A 150 mm diameter drain pipe was observed in 2019 near the toe of the slope within the treed area. This drain pipe was not observed during the 2024 inspection, possibly due to relatively thick grass cover.
- The west slope is generally vegetated with horsetail, which is a plant that favours moist to wet environments suggesting potentially wet embankment slope.
- The toe of the landslide appears to be just beyond the western tree/fence line. Many of the trees are leaning upslope (Photos 4 & 5).
- A vegetated slump approximately 12 m long and 0.7 m deep is located on the upper west slope, approximately 0.5 m to 1.0 m from the edge of the pavement. This slump is north from the pavement cracking (Photos 4 & 6). Little to no change was observed at the vegetated slump since 2019.
- A bulge, approximately 0.5 m high and 4 m long is present on the upper west slope to the south of the pavement cracking.
- 2014 LiDAR shows two features downslope from the pavement cracking and highway Right of Way that
  appear to be drainage channels. It is possible that subsurface water continues to flow through the old
  drainage channels leading to the softening of the foundation soils at this section of Highway 22, and resulting
  in the observed slope failure.
- A Probability Factor of 11 was assessed since there appears to be active movement, with a moderate but increasing rate of movement. Continued movement may result in partial closure of the highway, and as such a Consequence Factor of 4 was assigned.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the short term, the pavement on the highway surface could be milled and re-paved to reduce any hazards
the pavement difference and cracking may present to road users. The final paved surface should not be
higher than the current roadway surface such that no net addition of load is applied to the embankment slope.



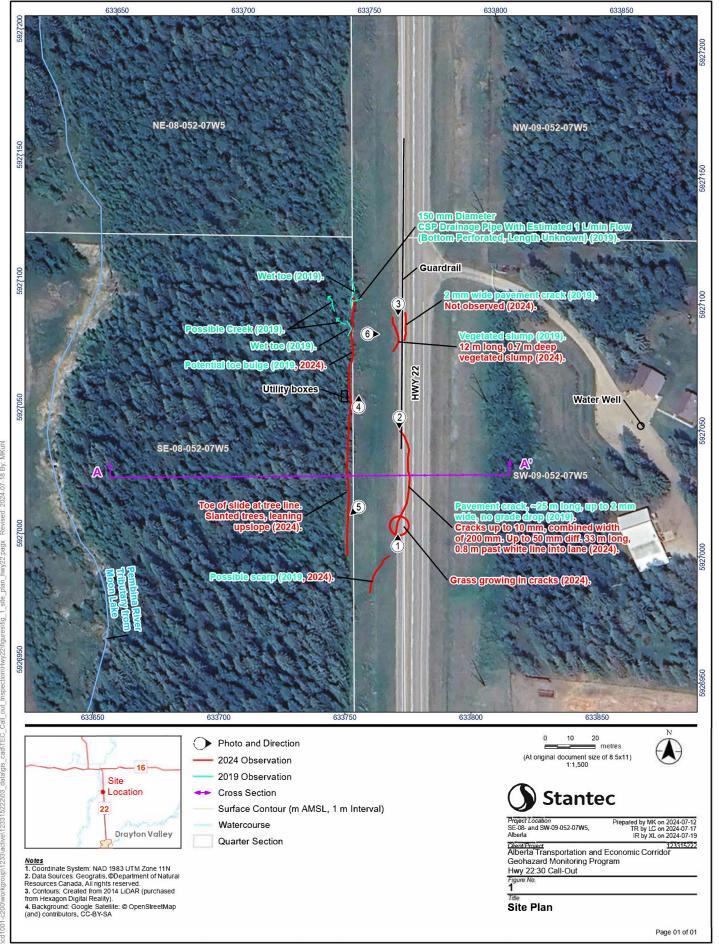
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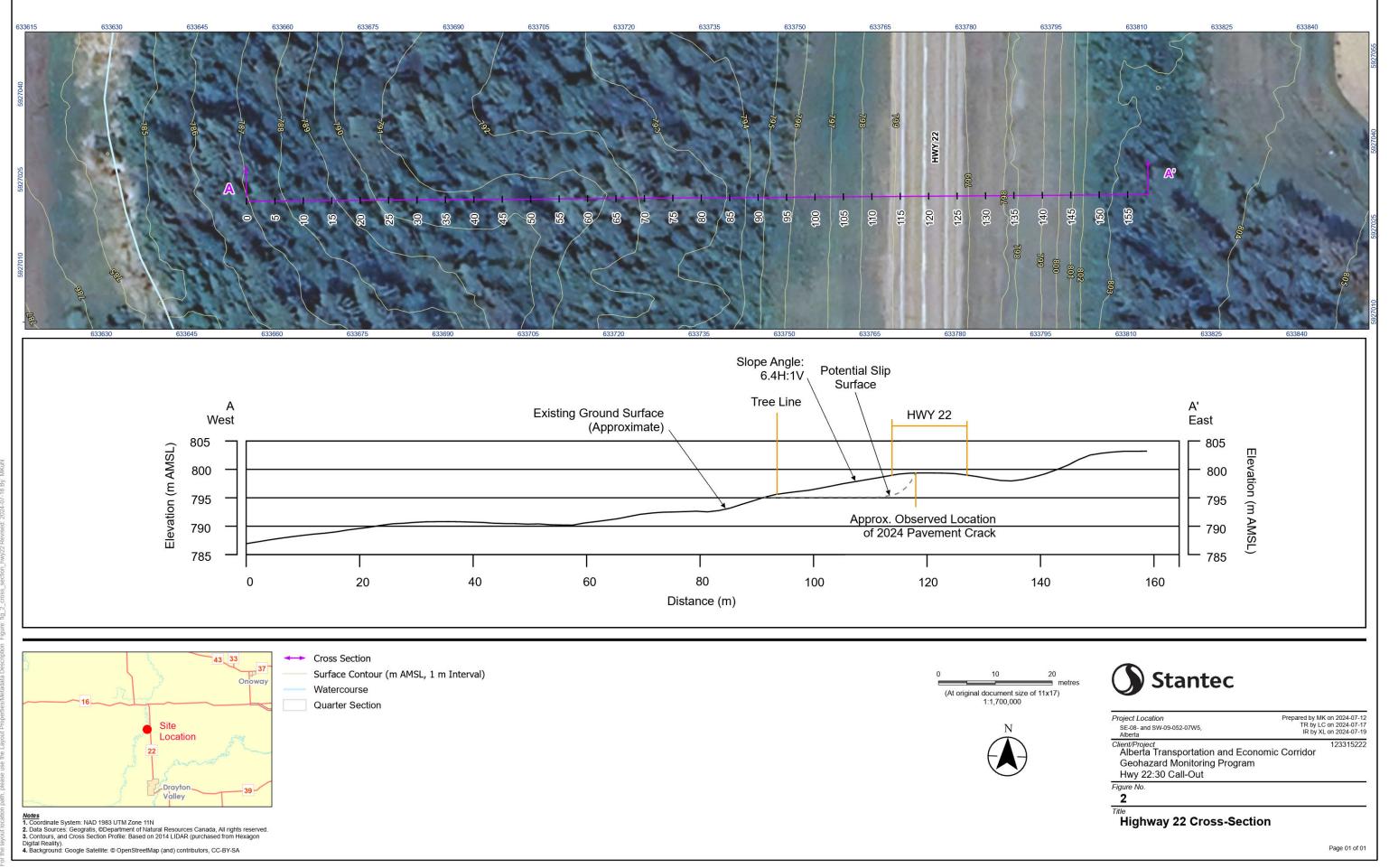


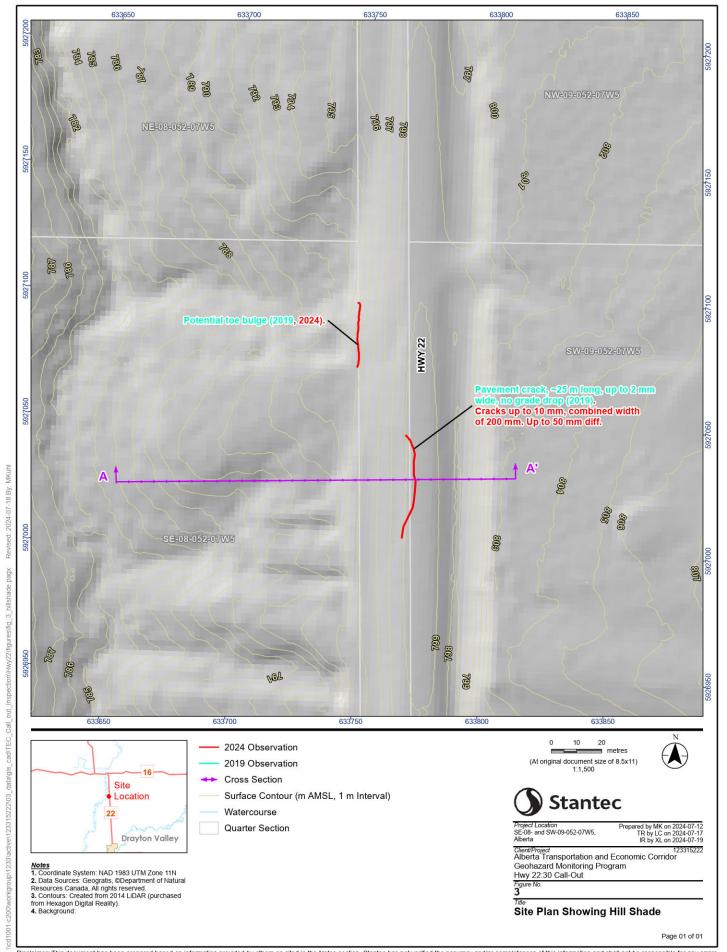
Furthermore, pavement crack sealing could be completed to prevent surface water infiltration into the embankment.

- A geotechnical investigation should be undertaken at the site prior to any long-term remediation. It is
  recommended that at least 2 slope inclinometers are installed, along with piezometers to monitor conditions
  within the slope as part of the geotechnical investigation to better characterize the landslide for remediation
  design.
- Long-term landslide remediation could consist of the following:
  - The slide material could be removed and replaced with well-draining granular fill accompanied by subdrains. Assuming just the south slide area is to be repaired, the high-level cost of construction is \$325,000 to \$425,000 including contract administration costs. The cost estimate is based on a 23 m wide x 45 m long excavation and includes repairing the southbound lane of Highway 22.
  - A pile wall could be installed on the west edge of the highway Assuming a pile wall length of 45 m, the high-level cost for the above is \$1.0 million to \$1.3 million.
- The site did not return any records of historic resources based on a search of the Listing of Historic
  Resources. However, the remediation activities are not covered by a Land Use Bulletin and therefore the
  project must be submitted to Alberta Culture for screening under the Historical Resources Act.
- Work taking place between March 15 and August 31 will also require a nest sweep prior to construction.

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2024 Call-Out Inspection Photos at Highway 22:30



**Photo 1:** Highway 22 cracking in the southbound lane, south end. Looking north.



**Photo 2:** Highway 22 cracking in the southbound lane, north end. Looking south.



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**Photo 3:** Rough road warning sign posted north from the pavement cracking. Looking south.

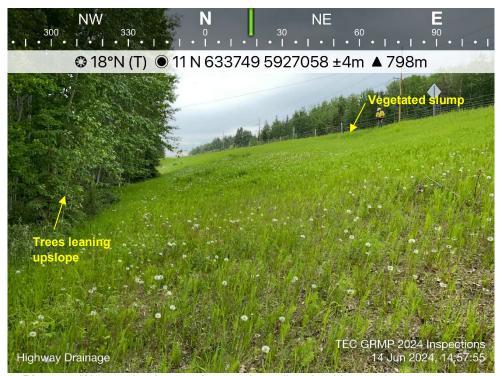


Photo 4: West embankment slope and tree line. Looking north.



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**Photo 5:** Toe of landslide just behind tree line. Fence present. Looking south.

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Photo 6: Vegetated slump, looking east towards highway from bottom end.