## **ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** PEACE REGION - PEACE RIVER/HIGH LEVEL **2017 INSPECTION**



Date: June 1, 2017

Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
PH 76	~5 km W. Cleardale	Culvert Slide	64:02	30.15
Legal Description	on	UTM Co-ordinates (NAD 83)		
SW6-85-10-W6		11V N 6246803	E 340894	

	Date	PF	CF	Total
Previous Inspection:	June 1, 2016	11	4	44
Current Inspection:	June 1, 2017	2	4	8 (Construction Complete in July, 2017)
Road AADT:	460		Year:	2016
Inspected By:	Don Proudfoot, Barry Meays (Thurber); Ed Szmata, Ken Szmata, Rocky Wang (AT)			
Report Attachments:			Maintenance Items	

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D.:	A slide took place in May, 2015 on the south			
Primary Site Issue:	shoulder, embankment, and ditch, adjacent to the east side of a			
	2.3 m high x 2.1m span SPE bridge culvert.	.1 1	07 11.	
<b>B</b>	Slide dimensions ~22 m long along the embar			
Dimensions:	along the highway (with an additional 14m long crack along the south			
	shoulder extending overtop of and further west of			
	South embankment slide and ditch were repaired in 2016/17, by			
	excavating the slide, and re-building the embankment with 6-80			
Data of any remodiation.	gravel, and riprap re-placement around the culvert outlet and south			
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	The north highway embankment failed at this location about 20 years			
	ago, and was repaired by excavating the failed material, placement of geotextile, and backfilling with pitrun gravel.			
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☐ Bridge/Culvert Distress	The SPE culvert (BF77806) was not damaged by the slide (in-service date 1974).	
☐ Other		
Instrumentation: None		
Background/Assessment:		

The cause of the recent approximate 8 m high south embankment slide appeared to be due to an embankment slope too steep (22° or 2.5H:1V) for the highly plastic clay composition material, in conjunction with contributing highway runoff ditch erosion along the embankment toe. The slide may have also been a somewhat progressive failure, due to gradual weakening of the clay fill by the weathering processes consisting of freeze thaw and wetting and drying cycles leading to a loss of cohesion.

The existing SPE culvert was not damaged by the south slide, as the existing sandbag armour around the inlet was intact. The slide repairs consisted of excavation and backfill extending around the edges of the outlet due to observed cracks extending west of the culvert location.

In August, 2016, a test hole was drilled on the highway, and a topographic survey was completed to provide data for the detailed design.

The south embankment slide was repaired in 2016/17 under Contract 14524, using the region's Highway Maintenance Contractor (LaPrairie). The repairs consisted of:

- 1 Subexcavating the failed slide mass down to intact clay, below ditch level;
- 2 Rebuilding the slope with imported 6-80 gravel, placed and compacted in thin horizontal lifts, benched into the intact slope surface, utilizing a gravel shear key to stabilize the slide area;
- Some of the more suitable excavated clay was used to provide a covering layer overtop the gravel as the finished slope surface to shed runoff, with the excess removed from site;
- A subdrain was installed along the base of the slide excavation surface, to drain any subsurface water that may enter the rehabilitated slide mass;
- The existing Class 1 Riprap along the runoff ditch was salvaged and re-instated and replenished with new Riprap over non-woven geotextile along a new contoured ditch beyond the new slope; and
- 6 The available topsoil was salvaged and replaced over the finished embankment surface and seeded. Erosion control soil covering was also placed over the east and west highway ditches leading into the riprap.

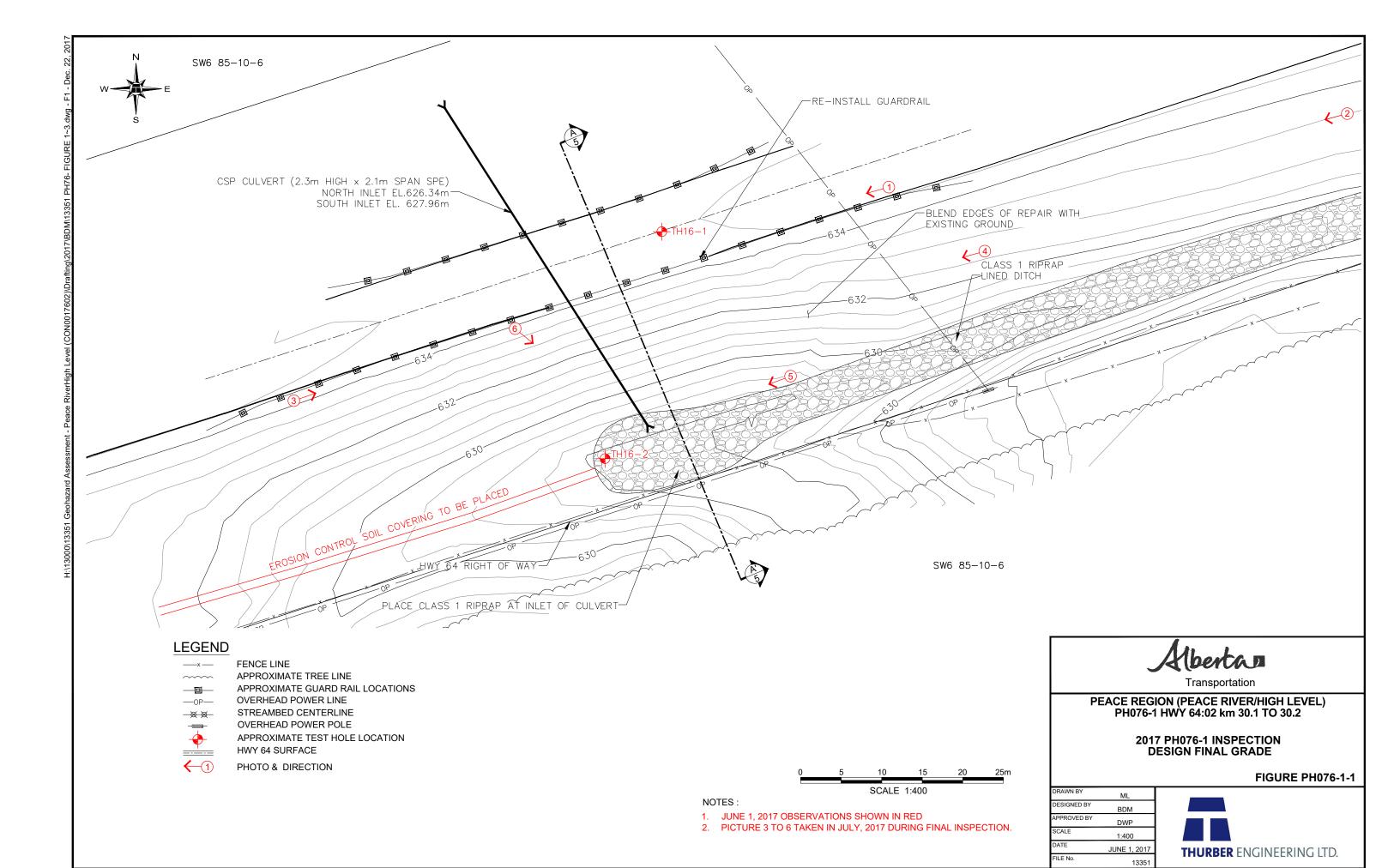
At the driveway approach east of this slide site, the maintenance contractor replaced the existing 600 mm CSP with a 900 mm CSP beneath the driveway approach sometime in 2015, with a slightly lower invert elevation, to avoid water backup at this resident's property.

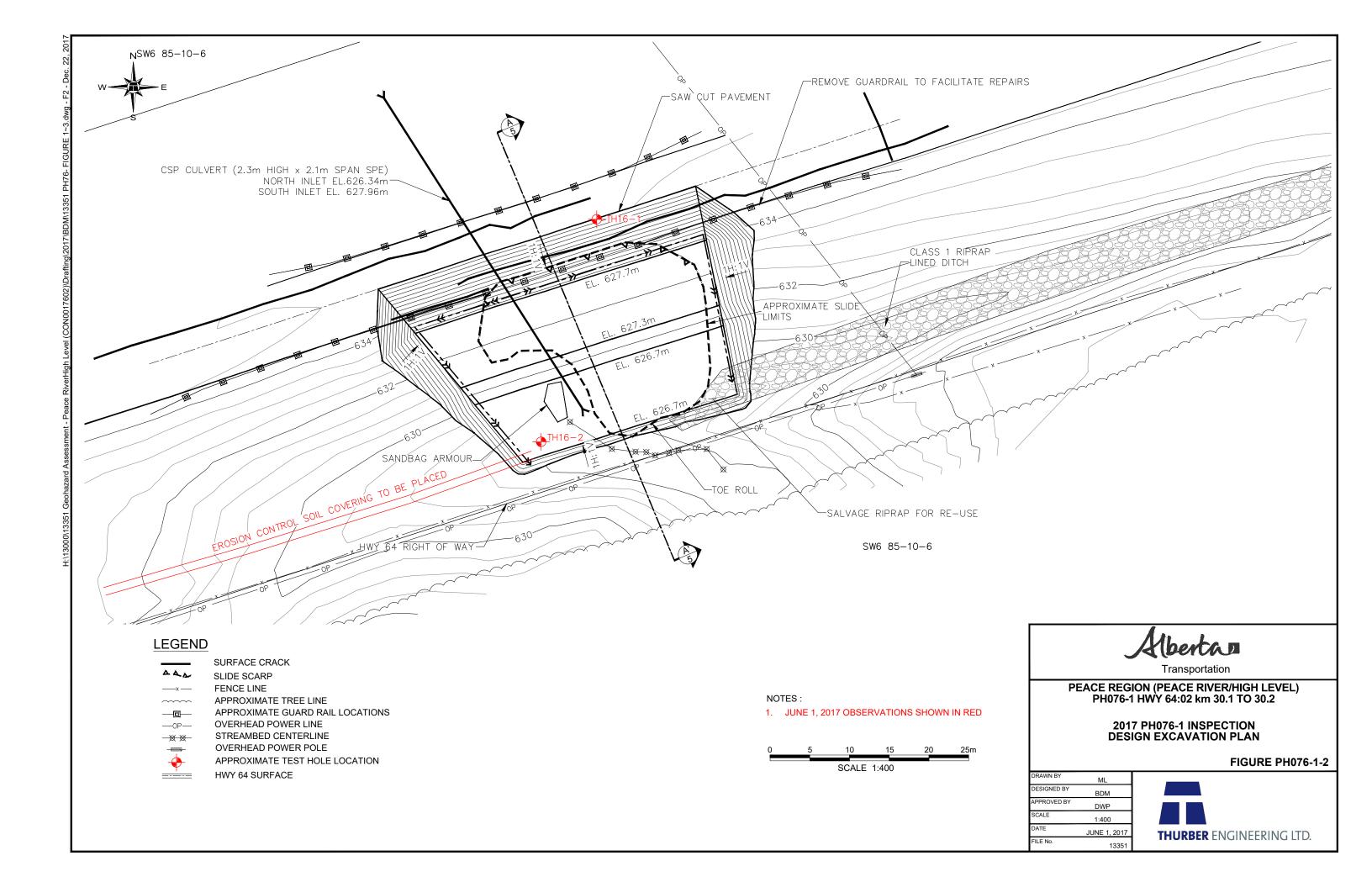
## Recommendations:

In the short term, monitor the slide and ditch repaired area for movements, settlement or erosion.

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2017 PH076-1 INSPECTION CROSS - SECTION A - A'

**FIGURE PH076-1-3** 

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	APPROVED BY	DWP
	SCALE	1:200
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Photo 1 – Looking west along the highway over the repaired slide area.



Photo 2 – Looking west along the south highway embankment slide area from the east end (construction on-going).







Photo 3 – Looking east along the repaired highway embankment (July, 2017).



Photo 4 – Looking west along the repaired south hwy embankment (July, 2017).







Photo 5 – Looking west across the freshly riprapped culvert outlet (July, 2017).



Photo 6 - Looking south over the new embankment and culvert outlet area (July, 2017).