

PEACE REGION GRANDE PRAIRIE SOUTH GRMP SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME: GP036 Rock Fall S Mcintyre Mine		HIGHWAY & KM: 40:36, 12.061		PREVIOUS INSPECTION DATE:		<u> </u>	INSPECTION DATE: July 21, 2021	
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NAD 83 COORDINATES:			RISK ASSESSMENT:				
	UTM	Northing	Easting					
NW 04-58-08-W6M	11	5984469	359856	PF: 15	CF: 4	TC	DTAL: 60	
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT):				CONTRACT MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA):				
900 (north) & 1120 (south) (Reference No. 25592)				504				

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SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:	Chris Grapel James Lyons					
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There is no instrumentation at the GP036 site	Rocky Wang (AT)					
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LAST READING DATE: N/A	Renato Macciotta					
	(KCB/UofA)					
PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Talus deposits from the rock slope constrict the west highway ditch, and falling rocks causing a traffic hazard. Buried gas line below ditch limits depth that ditch can be excavated or cleaned out.						
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: About 250 m overall length, by approximately 30 m high						
DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: Lock blocks placed adjacent to guardrail around 2010						

ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION		
	YES	NO			YES	NO
Pavement Distress		Χ				Χ
Slope Movement	Х		Debris flow near south extent of site		Χ	
Erosion	Х				Χ	
Seepage		Х				Х
Culvert Distress	Х		Centreline culvert was partially blocked		Χ	

COMMENTS

Rockfall site

- Brow of slope has dilated deteriorating rock mass, some blocks of more intact bedrock are getting undermined by erosion of weak, closely fractured and sheared rock and coal. Overburden above bedrock is also failing.
- Coal and sheared/closely-fractured rock appears to fall as gravel sized particles, but larger blocks are eventually undermined and fall as large particle.
- AT says the depth of the "channels" where weaker rock has been removed seem deeper this year. This could result in a higher incidence of rockfall in the future.
- Bench at mid-slope and talus cones on mid-slope bench could be a launch point for particles from brow rolling down talus slope and launching out onto road
- Rockfall particles up to 1.5 m x 1.0 m x 0.75 m, estimated average particle size of 0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 m



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- Rock strike on guardrail deflected guardrail and pushed it towards traffic
- Wide ditch, about 7 m wide, gets cleaned out once a year. Ditch has not been cleaned out since last year, material in ditch is about 1 year accumulation
- Centreline culvert at WP 0105 blocked with debris, some rockfall particles removed at time of site visit
- Usually 10 to 15 cu.m. gets cleaned out each year, occasional particles big enough to need a loader to remove them, fall onto the road, don't usually make it past centreline
- Some of the concrete lock blocks are deteriorating and will eventually need to be replaced

Debris Flow site

- Located at WP 0106 major event in 2005
- Other debris flow sites along this section of highway were addressed by the slope above being mined. This site has not been mined above, so it could generate additional debris flows.
- Approximately 20 cu.m. of debris in the ditch.

Maintenance Recommendations

- AT should continue to clean the ditch regularly to maintain rockfall or debris flow storage volume to reduce the potential for material reaching the highway.

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Photo 1 Overview of the GP036 site, indicating Hwy 40, railway tracks, concrete lock blocks, and decommissioned coal mine shaft entrance (indicated by red circle). Note the overburden above the brow of the rock slope is failing (yellow circle). Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing south.



Photo 2 Deflection in guardrail caused by a particle falling down the slope. Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing south. Note some lock blocks are deteriorating.



Photo 3 Rockfall debris observed in the west (southbound) ditch at WP105. Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing southwest.



Photo 4 Concrete jersey barriers installed on the west side of the guardrail, in the west (southbound) ditch. Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing north.



Photo 5 Warning sign installed near the base of the slope in the west (southbound) ditch.

Note gas line marker in ditch. Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing north.



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Photo 6 Erosion gully located at the south end of the GP036 site at debris flow location (WP 106). Photo taken July 21, 2021 facing west.

