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(GRANDE PRAIRIE DISTRICT - SOUTH) GRMP
Klohn Crippen Berger SITE INSPECTION FORM

| SITE NUMBER AND NAME: GP008 Road Surface Slumping (2.5 km North of McIntyre Mine) |  | HIGHWAY \& KM: 40:36, 16.365 and 17.139 |  | PREVIOUS INSPECTION DAT July 21, 2021 |  | INSPECTION DATE: June 14, 2022 |  |
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| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | NAD 83 COORDINATES: |  |  | RISK ASSESSMENT: |  |  |  |
|  | UTM | Northing | Easting |  |  |  |  |
| SE 15-58-08-W6M | 11 | 5986982 | 362802 | West/South Slide | PF: 8 | CF: 4 | TOTAL: 32 |
| SW 14-58-08-W6M | 11 | 5987018 | 363134 | Middle Slide | PF: 8 | CF: 4 | TOTAL: 32 |
| SW 14-58-08-W6M | 11 | 5987028 | 363196 | East/North Slide | PF: 9 | CF: 5 | TOTAL: 45 |
| NW 14-58-08-W6M | 11 | 5987195 | 363778 | ATCO Slide | PF: 8 | CF: 4 | TOTAL: 32 |
| AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT): <br> 820 (north) \& 820 (south) (Reference No. 70000788, 2021) |  |  |  | CONTRACT MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA): 504 |  |  |  |

## SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:

Operable: Three slope inclinometer (Sls) and two pneumatic piezometers (PNs) installed in 2004.

Inoperable: One PN installed in 2004.
LAST READING DATE: June 23, 2022

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PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Three slides/slope failures in a possible mine-waste fill/dump below Hwy 40:36 at the west/southern site limit: west slide cuts diagonally across highway (WP190), middle slide confined to northbound lane and shoulder (WP193), and east slide encompasses both lanes (WP192). In 2022, ATCO slide to north (WP197) added to GP008 site. ATCO slide triggered by temporary bench constructed for powerline work and affects northbound lane of highway. The site is located along the west valley slope of the Smoky River. Rockfall component of this site made into a separate site (GP053) for rockfalls only.

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: West/middle/east slides: Fill appears to be approximately 30 m high and could be an old mine-waste fill that predated highway construction. West slide at pavement surface approximately 60 m wide and 90 m long. Middle and east slides at pavement surface approximately 15 m and 140 m wide, respectively.

ATCO slide: The bench is approximately 6 m wide by 20 m long and 5 m below pavement surface with a $1 \mathrm{H}: 1 \mathrm{~V}$ backslope.

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: Ongoing patching and paving, including recent patching in 2021 at the west and ATCO slide areas.

| ITEM | CONDITION EXISTS |  | DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION | NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION |  |
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|  | YES | NO |  | YES | NO |
| Pavement Distress | X |  | Cracking in pavement surface at west, middle, and east slides, including in recent patch at west slide. Dip in pavement surface at ATCO slide. |  | X |
| Slope Movement | X |  | Four slides as described above. Cracking in recent pavement patch indicates ongoing slide movements. SI movement rates generally below $10 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{year}$. Subtle changes in slope grading near bushes at northern slide could indicate a toe bulge. |  | X |
| Erosion |  | X | None observed at time of 2022 inspection. |  | X |
| Seepage |  | X | None observed at time of 2022 inspection. |  | X |


| Culvert Distress |  | X | Culverts not inspected, but no previous distress <br> observed by KCB. | X |
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| COMMENTS |  |  |  |  |
| AT says that pavement cracks from west (WP190), middle (WP193), and east (WP192) slide zones usually reflect <br> though pavement patches very quickly. |  |  |  |  |
| Pavement cracking at middle slide is about 15 m wide. The width of the slide as indicated by pavement cracking <br> does not appear to indicate a large failure that extends far down the slope. The surface of the slope below the <br> middle slide appears to be stable with the possibility of a toe bulge approximately 10 m downslope in the bushes <br> that could also be a remnant from poor slope grading. |  |  |  |  |
| Material exposed on slope below middle slide appears to be mine-waste material and could be from a former <br> mine-waste dump that predates highway construction. There is several meters distance between the guardrail and <br> the crest of the slope which could also indicate a former mine waste structure as opposed to a highway <br> embankment fill. Mine-waste dumps are typically built-in thick lifts with minimal compaction by end dumping with <br> haul trucks. Settlements of the embankment could occur with time that might explain the movements at the <br> western site limits, as would sliding of the waste dump slopes on thin sloping layers of segregated and/or fine- <br> grained waste-dump materials that become preferential drainage paths. |  |  |  |  |

## Maintenance/Repair/Monitoring Recommendations:

- ATCO have constructed a temporary bench for powerline work on the downslope/east side of the highway embankment at WP197. The bench was constructed using a cut and sliver fill method, resulting in an over-steepened backslope and fill slope. The bench is approximately 6 m wide by 20 m long with a $1 \mathrm{H}: 1 \mathrm{~V}$ backslope. The over-steepened backslope has resulted in pavement cracking near the white line/shoulder of the northbound lane of Hwy 40:36. The stability of the slope below the bench is unknown, and it is immediately above the train tracks. AT would like to repair the ATCO slide and backfill the bench before the highway is paved. The repair could involve excavating and reconstructing the slide with geogridreinforced fill and drainage. Wolf willow observed on the highway embankment slope and along ATCO bench, which could be habitat for birds. A pre-disturbance nest sweep will be required. Estimated cost: $\$ 150,000$ to $\$ 200,000$.

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## Inspection Photographs

Photo $1 \quad$ Overview of GP008 site on Hwy 40:36. West (WP190), middle (WP193), east (WP192), and ATCO slide (WP197) areas circled in black. Photo taken June 14, 2022, with unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) facing northeast.


Photo 2 Overview of ATCO slide area (circled in black) at WP197. Photo taken June 14, 2022, with UAV facing north.


Photo 3 Cracking in pavement surface/patch of Hwy 40:36 above west slide area at WP190. Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing east.


Photo 4 Cracking in pavement surface/patch of Hwy 40:36 above middle slide area at WP193. Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing west.


Photo $5 \quad$ Cracking in pavement surface/patch of Hwy 40:36 above east slide area at WP192. Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing west.


Photo 6 Pavement surface/patch of Hwy 40:36 above ATCO slide at WP197
(downslope/south of blue highway marker). Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing northeast.


Photo 7 Temporary access bench constructed by ATCO for powerline work on downslope/east side of Hwy 40:36. Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing south.


Photo 8 Temporary access bench constructed by ATCO for powerline work on downslope/east side of Hwy 40:36. Photo taken June 14, 2022, facing east.


