# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP PEACE REGION – (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING – SPRING 2025



Site Number	Location	Name Hwy			
SH016	HWY 49:12	Little Smoky River, 49:12 West Bank Instability			
Legal Description	:	UTM Co-ordinates			
10-33-74-21 W5		11U E 489600	N 6145512		

<b>Current Monitoring:</b>	06-Jun-2025	Previous Monitoring	18-Sep-2024	
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T., and Mr. Godfred Etiendem, Thurber			

	Instruments Rea	d During This Site Visit	
		Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VW): VW21-7A, VW21-7B, VW21-8A, VW21-8B, VW21-9A, VW21-9B,	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAAs: N/A	Others: N/A

Readout Equipment Used				
Slope Inclinometers:	Pneumatic Piezometers:	Vibrating Wire Piezometers: Three RST DT2055 dataloggers	Standpipe Piezometers:	
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others:	

**Note:** Dataloggers were installed in January 2023 to obtain a better understanding of seasonal or cyclical trends tied to longer term climatic triggers.

	Discussion
Zones of New Movement:	N/A
	Vibrating wire piezometers VW21-7A and VW21-7B showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.02 m and 0.06 m since the fall of 2024 readings.
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	VW21-8A and VW21-8B showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.06 m and 0.03 m, respectively since the fall of 2024 readings. However, VW21-8B registered a short term all-time high groundwater level of 483.09 m on April 24, 2025 and has generally shown an increasing water level trend since installation in July 2021.
- C	VW21-9A showed a decrease in groundwater level of 0.05 m and VW21-9B showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.17 m since the fall of 2024 readings. VW21-9B registered an all-time high groundwater level of 492.67 m on January 19, 2025. VW21-8B and VW21-9B have shown gradually increasing groundwater levels since installation.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the fall of 2025.
Instrumentation Repairs:	No instrument repairs are required at this time.
Additional Comments:	The University of Alberta assessed the fibre optic cables continuity in Fall 2023, and determined the cables were still intact. At this time, TEC is not planning to undertake another reading of the cables. A program involving

precise surveying of monitoring points installed at various locations on the bridge and bridge foundations was proposed to TEC's bridge group to assist in tracking bridge movements and timing for adjustments to the foundations. If this program is conducted, the tops of the three sheared SI's could also be monitored to gauge ground movements at those locations.

TEC implemented installation of a Geocube system at this site to track ground movements in 2024 which is being managed by another consultant.

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  - Field Inspector's report
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  - o Figure SH016-1 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Elevations)
  - Figure SH016-2 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Depths)

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Don Proudfoot, M. Eng., P. Eng. Senior Geotechnical Engineer

Attachments:

Yasir Khan, E.I.T. Geotechnical Engineer-In-Training



Table SH016-1 Spring 2025 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: Not Monitored

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	AVERAGE RATE OF MOVEMENT OVER MONITORING PERIOD (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
SI21-7	June 14, 2021	7.2 mm over 11.6 m to 13.5 m in 91° direction	25.7 in July 2021	Sheared at 13.4 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI21-8	June 14, 2021	7.5 mm over 9.3 m to 11.1 m in 86° direction	35.6 in July 2021	Sheared at 11.0 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI21-9	June 14, 2021	9.3 mm over 15.3 m to 16.5 m in 61° direction	32.0 in July 2021	Sheared at 16.5 m below top of casing	October 12, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A

Drawing 32121-SH016 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



Table SH016-2 Spring 2025 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 06, 2025

INSTRUMENT	DATE INITIALIZED	GROUND ELEVATION (m)	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEVATION* (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW21-7A	June 10, 2021	492.42	5.00	Operational	490.23 on April 17, 2024	489.70	489.72	-0.02
VW21-7B	June 20, 2021	492.42	12.00	Operational	489.67 on April 17, 2024	489.12	489.18	-0.06
VW21-8A	June 16, 2021	493.89	5.00	Operational	492.46 on July 11, 2023	491.76	491.82	-0.06
VW21-8B	June 16, 2021	493.89	14.00	Operational	483.09 on April 24, 2025	482.66	482.69	-0.03
VW21-9A	June 16, 2021	500.36	9.80	Operational	494.13 on August 25, 2023	493.51	493.56	-0.05
VW21-9B	June 16, 2021	500.36	19.04	Operational	492.67 m on January 19, 2025 492.36		492.19	0.17

Drawing 32121-SH016 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site

<sup>\*</sup> Previous groundwater elevation on September 18, 2024.



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# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022164) PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS

**SPRING 2025** 

APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION

SITE SH016: HWY 49:12, LITTLE SMOKY RIVER BRIDGE

# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (SH016) SPRING 2025

Location: HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER WEST BANK INSTABILITY Read Out:
File Number: 32121 Temp: 19
Read by: NKR

# VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

Location	Serial	GPS Location		Location	Date	Reading		Comments						
		(UT	M 11)					D Units		B Units	D Units	D I.I:4-	Temp °C	
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)			D Ollits	Temp C							
VW21-7A	133742	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							
VW21-7A	133747	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							
VW21-8A	133715	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							
VW21-8B	133476	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							
VW21-9A	133478	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							
VW21-9B	133492	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	06-Jun-25	Downloaded	Downloaded							

# INSPECTOR REPORT

- Dataloggers are connected to RST DT2055 dataloggers at their respective locations - download data at each station

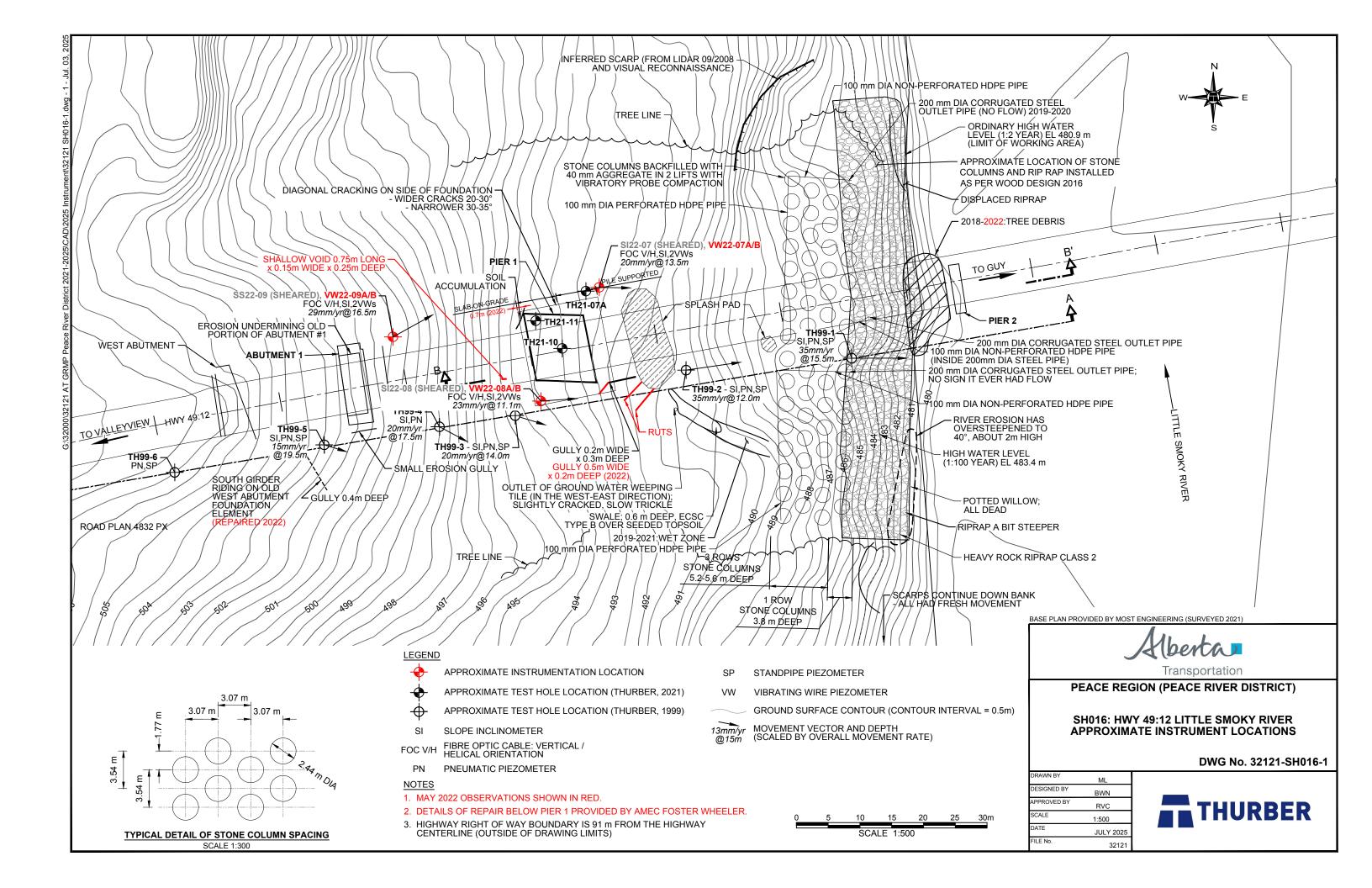
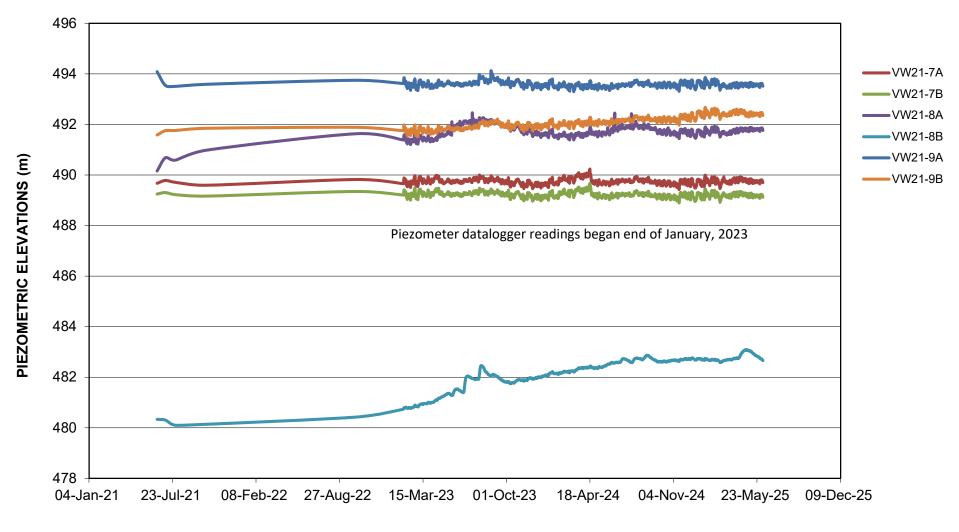
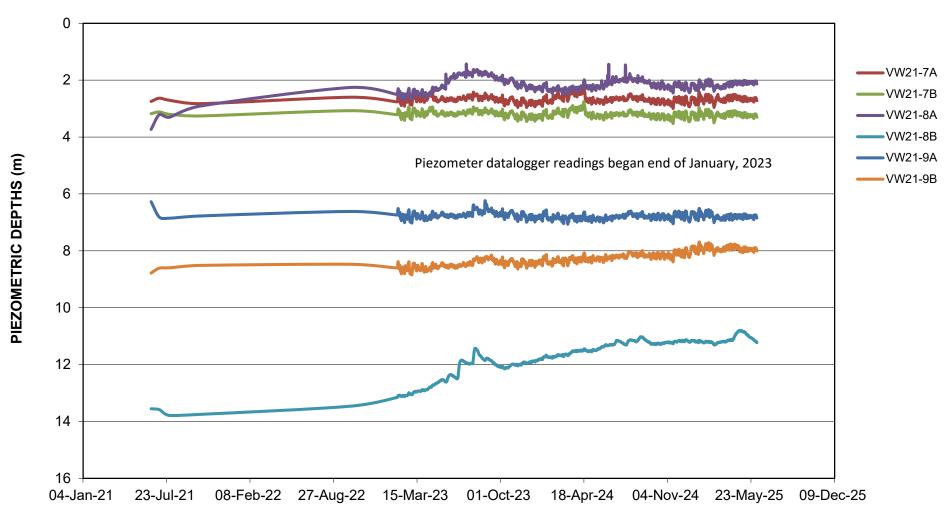


FIGURE SH016-1
HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS



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FIGURE SH016-2 HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS



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