ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) 2022 INSPECTION



Site Number	Location		Name		Hwy	km		
PH033-2 Judah Hill					744:04	58.761		
Legal Description			UTM Co-ordinates					
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Previous Inspection:		6-July-2021 24-May-2022	11	4		44 44		
Current Inspection: Road WAADT:			20	Year:		2021		
Inspected By:		Tyler Clay, TEL						
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Report Attachments:		Photographs						
		✓ Plans ✓ Maintenance Items						
Primary Site Issue:		plastic pipe to water dise	Failure of joints on band-coupled 450 mm diameter corrugated plastic pipe down-drain installed at km 58.9. Erosion on slope due to water discharging from failed couplings. Cracking and pavement distress on downslope shoulder of road.					
Dimensions:		middle of th	Cracking and pavement distress extend from shoulder to the middle of the south-bound lane, along approximately 120 m length of road north of the down drain.					
Maintenance:		The highway was closed from May 2013 until December 2013 due to the occurrence of the Sunshine Landslide. The connection between the culvert under the road and the down-drain was reconnected and wrapped with polyethylene in 2010 and other failed couplings were wrapped with a polyethylene sleeve.						
Observations:			Description			sened?		
Pavement Distress		to 65 mm). Longitudina occasional t of road not cracks exter the middle of change from is worse, u showing the shoulder ne	Longitudinal cracking, settlement, and occasional transverse cracks along 120 m length of road north of the trunk drain. Longitudinal cracks extend from the downslope shoulder into the middle of the south-bound lane but no major change from 2021. Dip near SI10-10 in the SBL is worse, up to 50 mm. Stone columns are showing the ACP and there is cracking in the shoulder near SI10-11. (Photos 6 and 8)					
Slope Movement		had no visib No change of slope incl	Vegetated backslope slide scarp near km 58.9 had no visible changes. (Photo 5) No change noted in the slope below the vicinity of slope inclinometer SI10-10. (Photo 7)					
✓ Erosion		the east dito Slide site shoulder in	he worse areas of the extensive ditch erosion in he east ditch between this site and the Sunshine lide site that was undermining the road houlder in several areas has been filled with bock riprap. (Photo 1)			•		

		Ditch erosion is occurring within the ditch upslope from the trunk inlet up to 2 m wide and 0.6 m deep. Erosion is ongoing beneath the trunk culvert on the west side of the highway but there has not been major expansion the last few years. (Photos 2). Gully south of the trunk drain was well vegetated and appeared unchanged. (Photo 4). Erosion rills from runoff were noted on the west side of the road near km 58.85.				
C Seepage						
Bridge/Culvert Distress		The inlet to the drain remains open. Trunk condition appeared unchanged. (Photo 3)				
C Other						
Instrumentation:						
SI98-6i	Inclinometer installed at the toe of the slope, north of the drain. Showed a rate of movement of 4.5 mm/yr over 0.4 m to 3.4 m depth and a rate of movement of 5.3 mm/yr over 0.4 m to 9.5 m depth since the fall of 2021 readings. The last three datasets have shown a trend of steady to increasing movement rates within these two zones. Prior to this cyclic or seasonal displacement trends were observed.					
SI98-7i	Inclinometer installed at the toe of the slope, north of the drain. Showed a rate of movement of 2.2 mm/yr over 3.3 m to 4.5 m since the fall of 2021 readings. Historically, only small creep movements have been noted in this instrument.					
SI10-10 and SI10-11	 Installed at road shoulder in area of cracking either side of km 59. SI10-10 showed a rate of movement of 7.1 mm/yr over 1.0 m to 8.3 m depth since the fall of 2021 readings. SI10-10 recorded the highest rate of movement since initialization within the upper 2 m, representative of surficial slide movement within the fill. SI10-11 showed a rate of movement of 4.7 mm/yr over 2.0 m to 5.0 m depth since the fall of 2021 readings for a total cumulative movement of 67 mm. Last year the instrument had the highest recorded movement rate since installation (11.9 mm/yr). 					
PN98-6 PN10-10 PN10-11	Pneumatic piezometer PN98-6 showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.04 m since the fall of 2021 readings. PN10-10 and PN10-11 showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.09 m and 0.05 m, respectively, since the fall of 2021 readings. Groundwater depth at PN98-6 has historically been between 7 m to 8 m depth and around 18 m depth at PN10-10 / PN10-11 with only minor variation since installation.					
PN98-7a	Instrument is damaged and requires repairs.					
Assessment:						

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Further skin failures should be expected in the steep cut slopes above the road – the maintenance burden does not appear very great at this stage.

Shallow slumps have also begun to appear downslope of the road just below the guardrail in the embankment.

The joints on the trunk down-drain should be monitored and repaired when required to prevent erosion on the slope. Given that it includes drainage all along the road from up to the Lookout slide, a larger pipe with welded joints may be required.

Cracking, settlement and pavement distress on the downslope shoulder and southbound lane indicate the onset of future slope stability problems that could affect the use of the southbound lane of the highway. The slip surface of the slides varies from 8.3 m to 5 m at SI10-10 and SI10-11, respectively. If the trend of increasing measured movement rate at SI10-10 and/or pavement damage worsens the risk level should be increased and a temporary detour construction towards the upslope will likely be required.

To reduce maintenance effort along this section of the road it is understood that AT is converting the ACP to a gravel surface between KM 58.480 to KM 59.540. As part of this work ditch erosion design repairs have also been provided by Thurber between approximately KM 58.5 KM to KM 59.525. Ditch erosion repair designs consist of adding Class 1M riprap to ditch areas already filled with rock, regrading and adding Class 1M over geotextile, TRM with synthetic ditch barriers, and adding riprap bowls. This work is anticipated to be complete by end of October 2022.

Recommendations:	Cost
Ditch erosion damage should be repaired as per Thurber recommendations.	Maintenance
Flatten/re-grade upslope sideslope around drain inlet, remove debris and re- armour with Class 1M rip rap.	Maintenance
As a short-term fix, repair remaining damaged band couplings on down-drain.	Maintenance
Replace corrugated plastic down drain with welded HDPE pipe with appropriate flow capacity as a longer-term fix. Repair connection to culvert under road.	\$ 250,000
LONG TERM: A highway re-alignment into the backslope could be considered to deal with the slide movements that are affecting the shoulder of the highway. This could buy some time before the slides affect the highway again in the future.	\$300,000
A more permanent, but more expensive, solution would be a pile wall.	\$3,000,000
Closure: It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions. Don Proudfoot, P.Eng. Principal Senior Geotechnical Engineer	al services will be
Tyler Clay, P.Eng. Geological Engineer	



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