

SOUTHERN REGION GRMP SITE INSPECTION FORM



SITE NUMBER AND NAME S005 Chin Coulee	HIGHWAY & KM: 36:02, 37.101	PREVIOUS INSPECTION DATE: May 31, 2017	INSPECTION DATE: May 9, 2019	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 10-36-007-17 W4M	NAD 83 COORDINATES: UTM Northing Easting 12 5495465 414771	RISK ASSESMENT: PF: 9 CF: 2 TO	TAL: 18	
AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT): 920 (north), 920 (south), Ref No. (70000182)		CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AREA (CMA): 24		

SUMMARY OF SITE INSTRUMENTATION:	INSPECTED BY:	
	Chris Gräpel (KCB)	
Two slope inclinometers and four vibrating wire piezometers, installed after the	Chris Morgan (KCB)	
2016 highway realignment	Alex Frotten (AT)	
	Roger Skirrow (AT)	
	Nicolas Ropchan (AT)	
LAST READING DATE: May 2019		

PRIMARY SITE ISSUE: Large deep seated, retrogressive, translational earth slide. Head scarp no longer affecting road surface due to highway realignment.

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Overall slope is approximately 100 m above Chin Coulee Reservoir and overall has a slope of approximately 3H:1V from head scarp to reservoir level.

DATE OF ANY REMEDIAL ACTION: Highway realignment completed in fall 2016. The highway shoulder is now located approximately 10 m north of the extents of previous asphalt cracking. Ditch constructed on south side of highway. Slide area at the top of the embankment was graded. Previously constructed masonry block wall removed.

ITEM	CONDITION EXISTS		DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	NOTICABLE CHANGE FROM LAST INSPECTION	
	YES	NO		YES	NO
Pavement Distress		Χ	None since realignment.		Х
Slope Movement	Х		Previous head scarp at road surface graded. Movement ongoing downslope.		Х
Erosion		Х			Х
Seepage	Х		Possibly due to snow melt		Х
Culvert Distress		Х			Х

COMMENTS

Visit site once every second year during annual inspections. The longer-term plan for this site is potentially to reroute the road several hundred metres to the west.

There are 10 geocubes installed at the site for slide monitoring. No visible difference was observed to the slide when compared with the 2017 inspection but the geocube data between July 2018 and April 2019 suggests general deformation in a southernly direction, possibly with an element of toe movement in a southeasterly direction. Cumulative movements during the monitoring period were estimated as between 5 mm and 34 mm, across the various instruments.



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The slide is large with multiple back scarps, reverse grabens and a large neutral zone. The size of this slide infers a deep-seated translational failure mode on a sub-horizontal weak layer. Toe of slide is below the fluctuating reservoir level, which may influence slide mobilization.

Check dams in ditches have too steep of an upstream slope and may constitute a traffic hazard if a car leaves the highway.



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Photo 1 View of S005 slide taken facing northeast from south side of Chin Coulee Reservoir on May 9, 2019.



Photo 2 New highway alignment north of slide area. Photo taken facing west on May 8, 2019.



Photo 3 Head scarp of slide, south of highway. Photo taken facing east on May 9, 2019



Photo 4 Head scarp cracking. Photo taken facing north on May 9, 2019.

