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Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd. #500 – 2889 East 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C V5M 4T5

Attention: Priscilla Tsang, M.Eng., P.Eng.

# HIGHWAY 1 WIDENING – 264<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO WHATCOM ROAD UTILITY CROSSINGS – SEGMENT 2, MT. LEHMAN GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT FOR TENDER SUBMISSION

Dear Priscilla,

At the request of Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd. (AE), Thurber has prepared this letter summarizing our geotechnical assessment of utilities crossing Highway 1 within Segment 2, Mt. Lehman for tender submission. A description of the overall project and Thurber's scope is provided in our Geotechnical Report for Tender Submission for Segment 2, Mt. Lehman (Geotechnical Report for Tender Submission).

It is a condition of this report that Thurber's performance of its professional services is subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

## 1. BACKGROUND

Thurber summarized our previous geotechnical assessment for the 50% Detailed Design of utilities crossing Highway 1 within Segment 2 in our letter dated June 01, 2023. The project extents for Segment 2, Mt. Lehman are approximately between Sta. 2012+00 and about Sta. 2047+00. This is between the west limit of Segment 2 to about Townline Road.

AE provided plan and profiles of ten utilities within Segment 2, Mt. Lehman showing the proposed cuts and fills for the proposed highway widening and multi-use path (MUP). Four of the utilities are proposed to be relocated. A summary of the utilities is provided in Table 1 attached.

At the time of this letter, the civil design to relocate Profile 1 was ongoing. Geotechnical input for Profile 1 will be provided under a separate cover once the civil design is available. Plan view drawings of the subject utilities are appended to this letter.

# 2. GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

Our assessment included review of the proposed utility profiles and estimating the settled profile of the utility at different time periods up to 25 years after construction.



Subsurface conditions at each utility location were estimated based on current and available historic geotechnical investigation information. Further description on the subsurface conditions is included in our Geotechnical Report for Tender Submission and Factual Geotechnical Report for Segment 2.

Settlement analyses were completed using the Settle3 by Rocscience and considered the following:

- Analyses were completed based on the proposed fill thickness and utility depth as presented on the profile drawings.
- Settlement estimates are based on the projected settlement near the utility depth.
- The assumed unit weight for all new sand and gravel fill is 22 kN/m<sup>3</sup>.
- The assumed unit weight of light-weight fill (LWF) is 11 kN/m<sup>3</sup> to represent a pumice fill.
   LWF was only considered in utility Profile C.
- Settlement models did not consider unloading effects above the utilities.

Typical geotechnical parameters used in the settlement analyses are described in Section 7.2 of our Geotechnical Report for Tender Submission. Site-specific subsurface conditions near each utility were considered based on nearby test hole information.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Settlement

The results of the settlement analyses are summarized in Table 1. The estimated settlement magnitudes and patterns near the utility profiles are provided in Appendix A and Appendix B. Appendix A profiles are based on utility drawings provided at 50% Detailed Design. Appendix B profiles were updated based on draft 100% Detailed Design and draft Issued for Tender drawings, as noted on Table 1.

Estimating ground settlement to an accuracy of more than 25 mm is extremely difficult given the variability of ground conditions. Accordingly, the settlement magnitudes in Table 1 and settlement outputs in Appendix A and Appendix B should be used as a relative comparison.

# 3.2 Settlement Monitoring

AE has identified utilities that will require settlement monitoring during construction. Recommendations for settlement monitoring are provided in our Geotechnical Report for Tender

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Submission. The report also provides recommendations on a settlement monitoring framework that AE can discuss and coordinate with the utility owner.

# 3.3 New Utility Backfill

Trench backfill between pipe bedding and pavement subbase should comply with the requirements of the jurisdiction in which the utility is being constructed. Where utilities are within the Ministry's jurisdiction, we recommend trench backfill consist of Select Granular Subbase per Ministry Standard Specification (SS) 202 compacted to 100% Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density. Where utilities are within the City of Abbotsford's jurisdiction, we recommend trench backfill consist of Select Granular Subbase per MMCD 31 05 17, compacted to at least 95% Modified Proctor Maximum Dry Density.

# 4. CLOSURE

We trust this information meets your present needs. Further assessment will be carried out, as required, based on further guidance from AE based on their discussions with the utility owners. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Denny Ma, M.Eng., P.Eng. Review Engineer



Graeme McAllister, MASc., P.Eng. Geotechnical Engineer

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Attachments:

Statement of Limitations and Conditions Table 1: Summary of Settlement Analyses

Appendix A: Settlement Plots and Utility Profiles Based on 50% Detailed Design Drawings Appendix B: Settlement Plots and Utility Profiles Based on draft 100% Detailed Design

Drawings and draft Issued for Tender Drawings

Appendix C: Utility Plan View Drawings

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# Table 1: Summary of Settlement Analyses Highway 1 Widening – 264<sup>th</sup> Street to Whatcom Road Utility Crossings – Segment 2, Mt. Lehman

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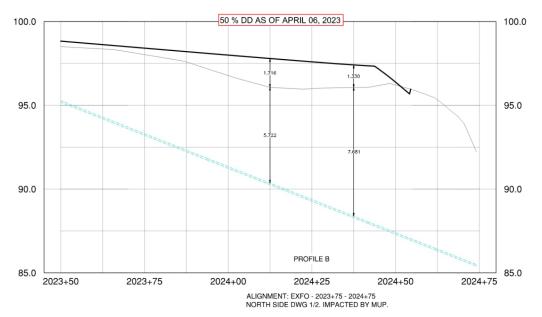
PROFILE	LOCATION	UTILITY	STAGE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN FOR SETTLEMENT ANALYSIS <sup>a</sup>	MAXIMUM SETTLEMENT ESTIMATE° (mm)	ESTIMATED SETTLEMENT PROFILE FIGURE NO.	NOTE
А	2015+00	Telus Fibre Optic (size unknown)	N/A	N/A	N/A	50% DD removed fill over MUP. No additional settlement impact from proposed widening.
В	2024+20	Telus Fibre Optic (size unknown)	50% DD	50	A1	
1	2026+43	250 PVC San w/ Steel Casing	-	-	B1 (figure not include - to be included with future memo)	Proposed new utility. Geotechnical assessment to be provided under separate cover pending relocation design for utility.
С	2027+02	114 Steel DP	Draft IFT	65	B4	LWF <sup>b</sup> for embankment construction
2	2027+02	114 Steel DP	Draft IFT	60	B4	
3	2027+89	300 DI Water w/ Steel Casing	Draft 100% DD	<25	B2 (Proposed Profile)	Proposed new utility
4	2027+93	600 DI Water w/ Steel Casing	Draft 100% DD	<25	B2 (Proposed Profile)	Proposed new utility
5	2036+35	Telus Fibre Optic (size unknown)	50% DD	40	A2	
6	2038+39	600 PVC SAN w/ Steel Casing	Draft IFT	35	B3 (Proposed Profile)	Proposed new utility
7	2038+75	600 PVC San w/ Steel Casing	50% DD	25	A3	

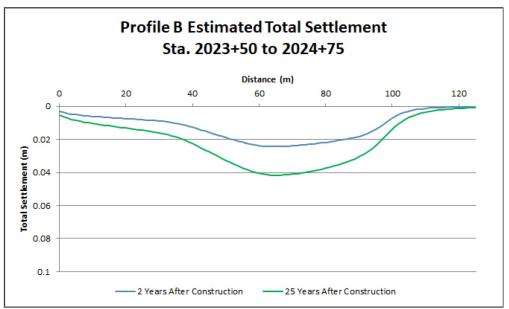
# Notes:

- a. DD = Detailed Design
- b. LWF = Light Weight Fill
- c. Estimated maximum settlement corresponds to 25 years after construction.



APPENDIX A: SETTLEMENT PLOTS AND UTILITY PROFILES BASED ON 50% DETAILED DESIGN DRAWINGS

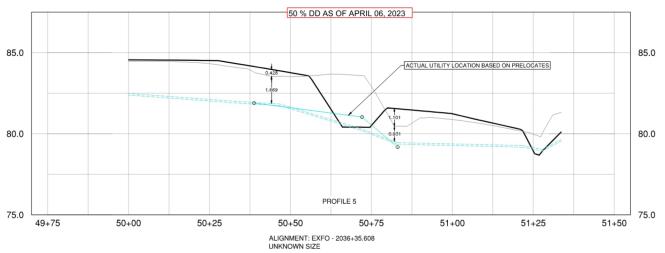


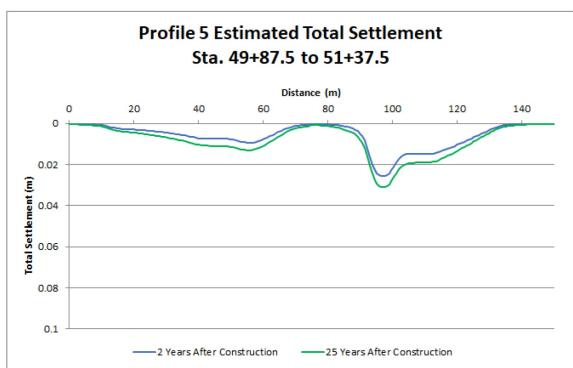


Settlement estimates are based on the projected settlement near the utility depth



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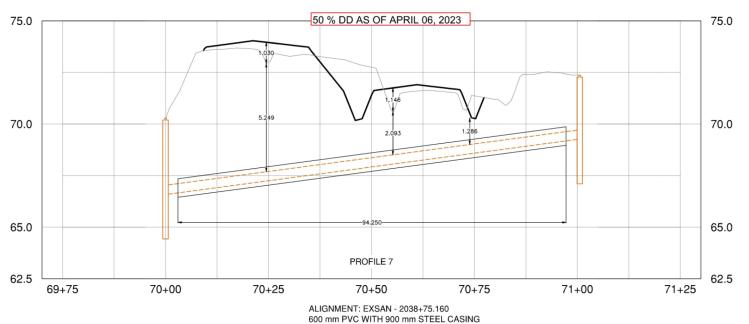


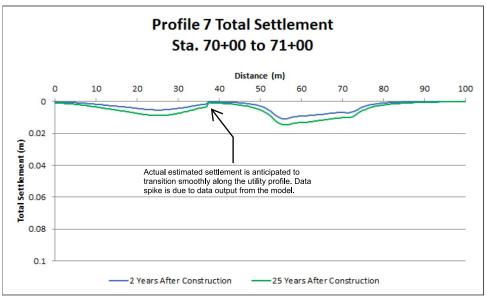
Settlement estimates are based on the projected settlement near the utility depth

Assessment doesn't consider rebound effects from fill removal.



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Settlement estimates are based on the projected settlement near the utility depth

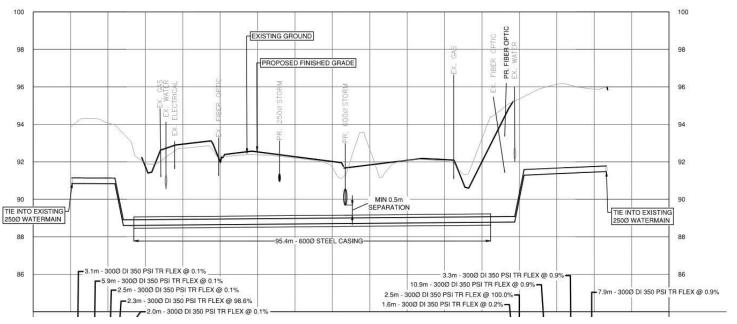
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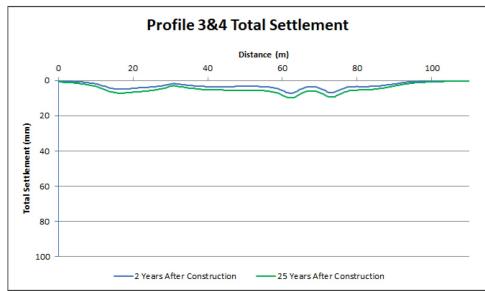


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APPENDIX B: SETTLEMENT PLOTS AND UTILITY PROFILES BASED ON 100% DETAILED DESIGN AND IFT DRAFT DRAWINGS





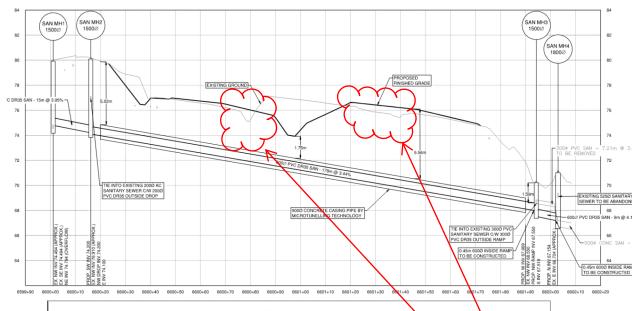
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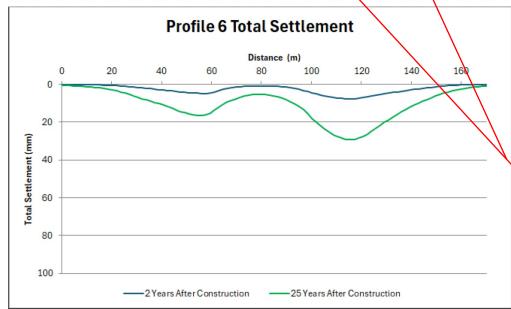
Assessment doesn't consider rebound effects from fill removal

Grade increase at south end Profile 4 not considered



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Assessment assumes fill increases >0.3 m placed to design grade at least 4 months prior to installation of sewer.

Early fill placement should extend at least 12 m east & west of sewer (24 m total centered on sewer).

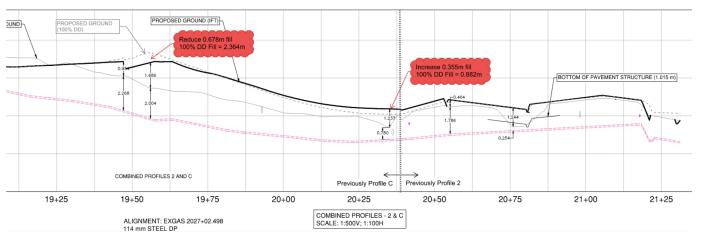
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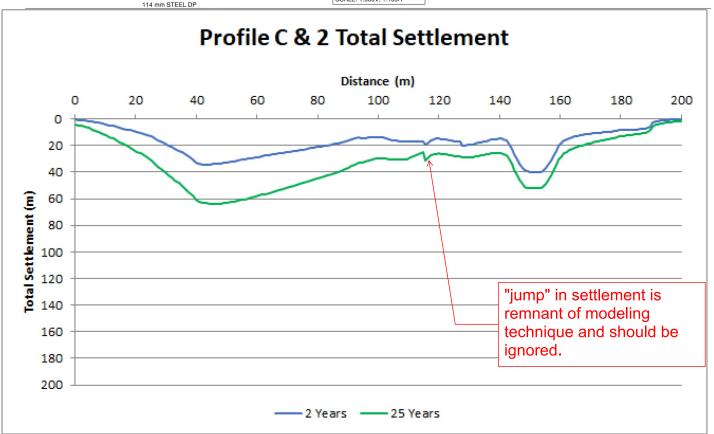
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Settlement estimates are based on the projected settlement near the utility depth

Analysis based on light-weight fill (unit weight 11 kN/m3) for Profile C embankment construction to underside of MUP gravel base course

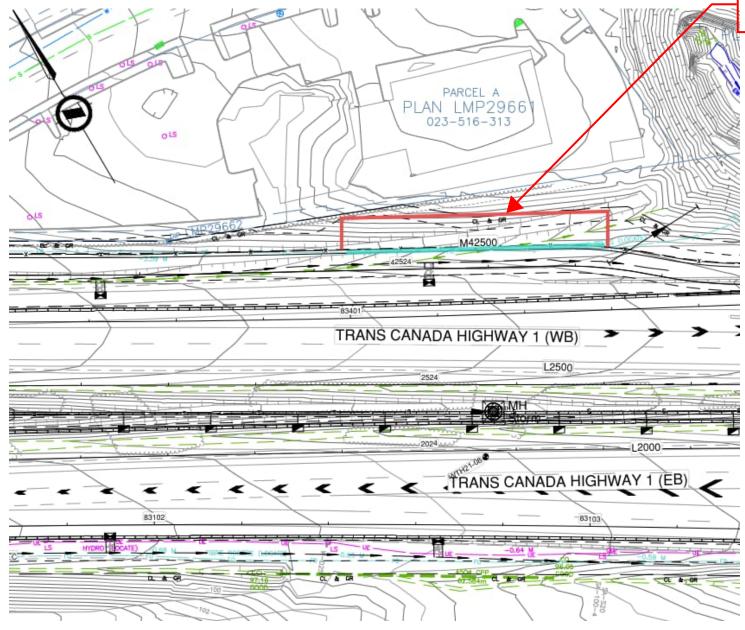


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**APPENDIX C: UTILITY PLAN VIEW DRAWINGS** 

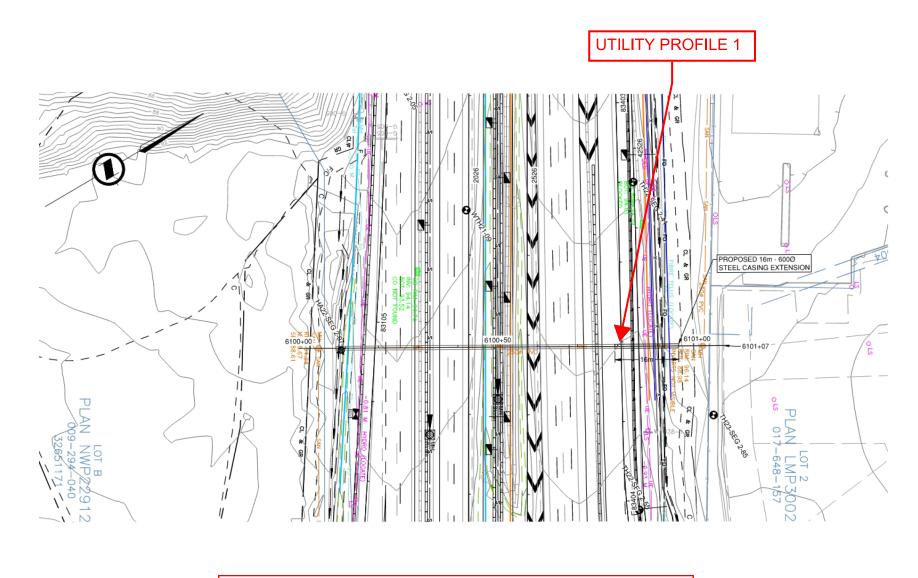
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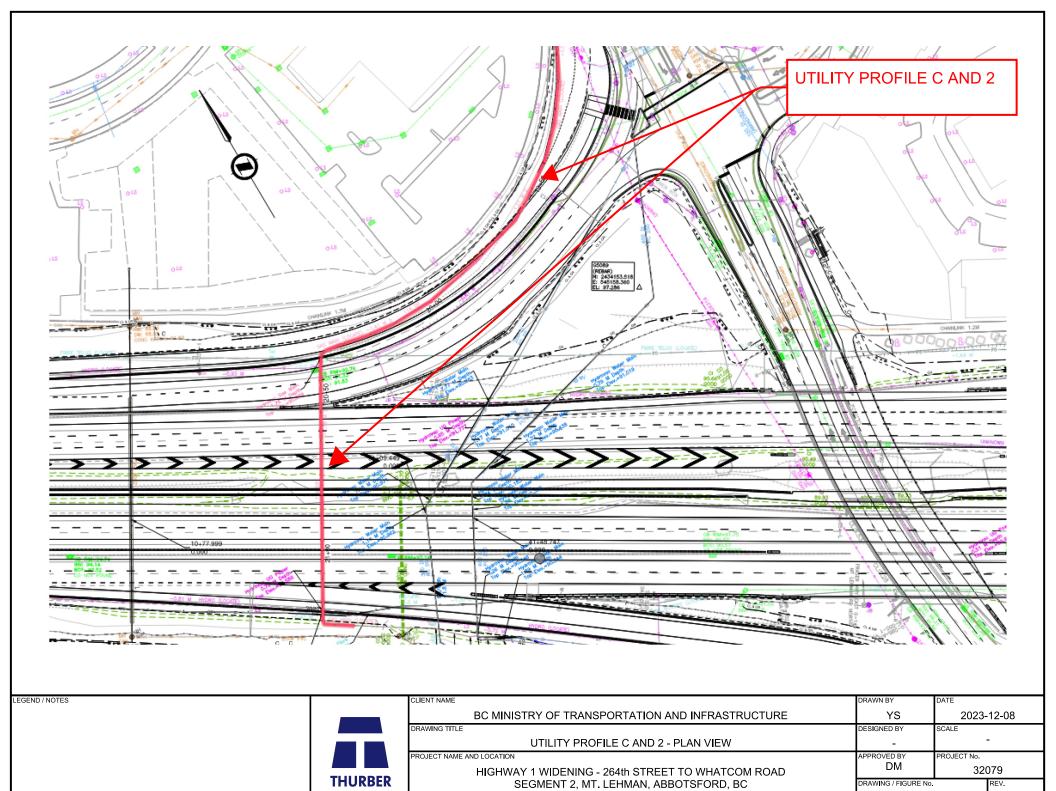


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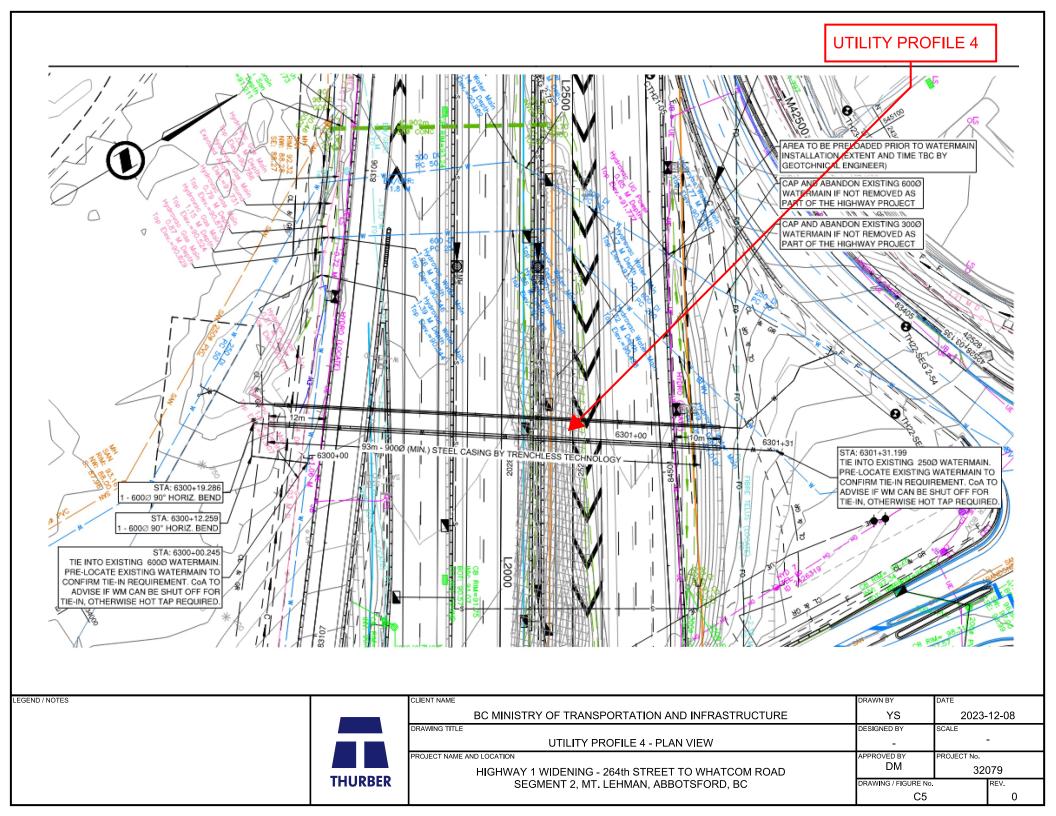
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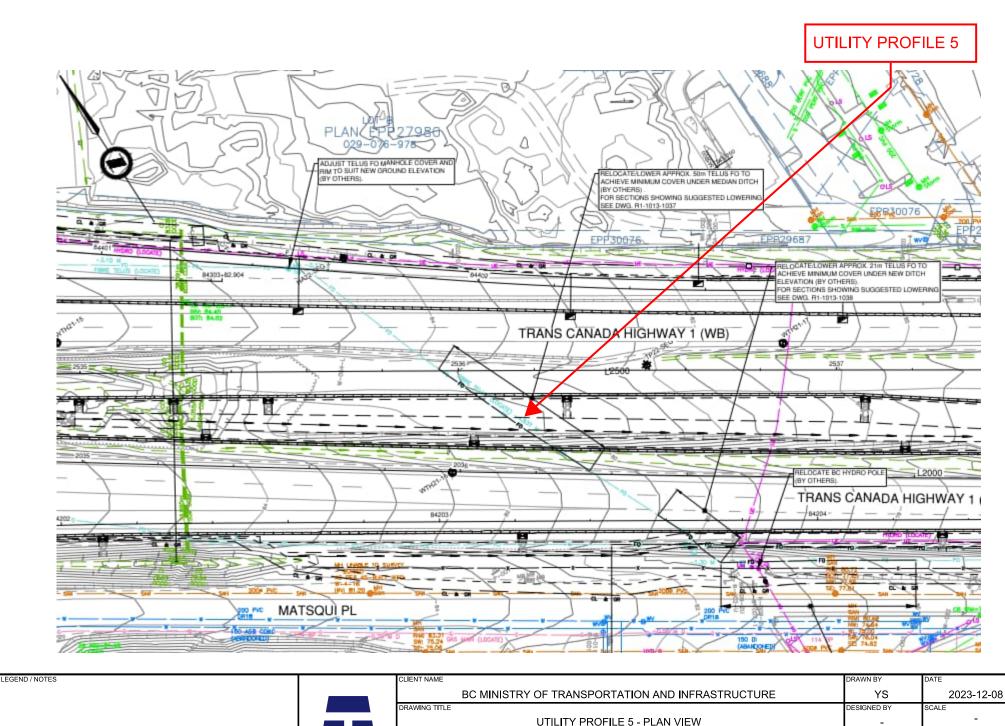


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