

Smoky River at Grande Cache BF76474

Alberta Transportation
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Background

- Original structure built in 1967

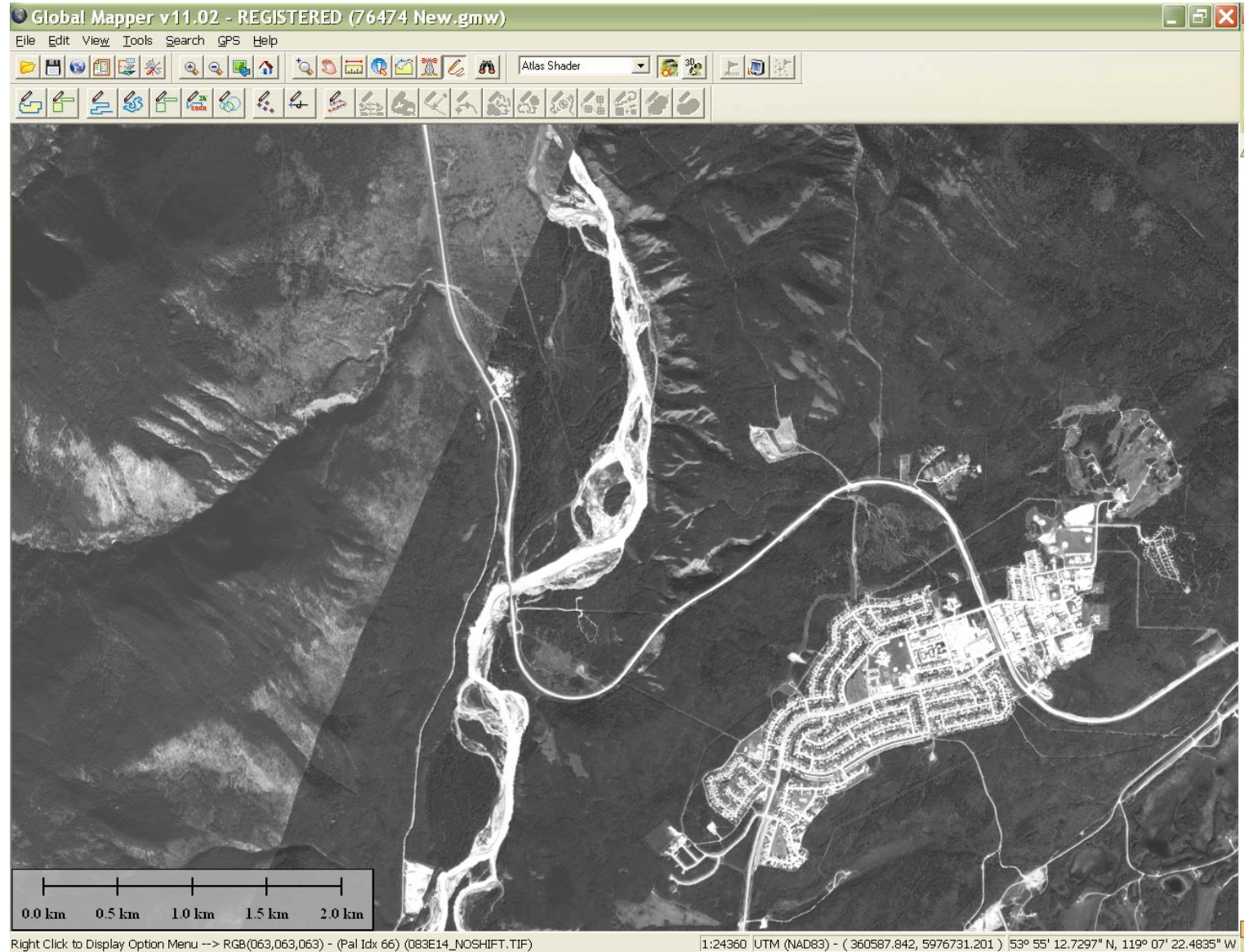


- Looking Upstream

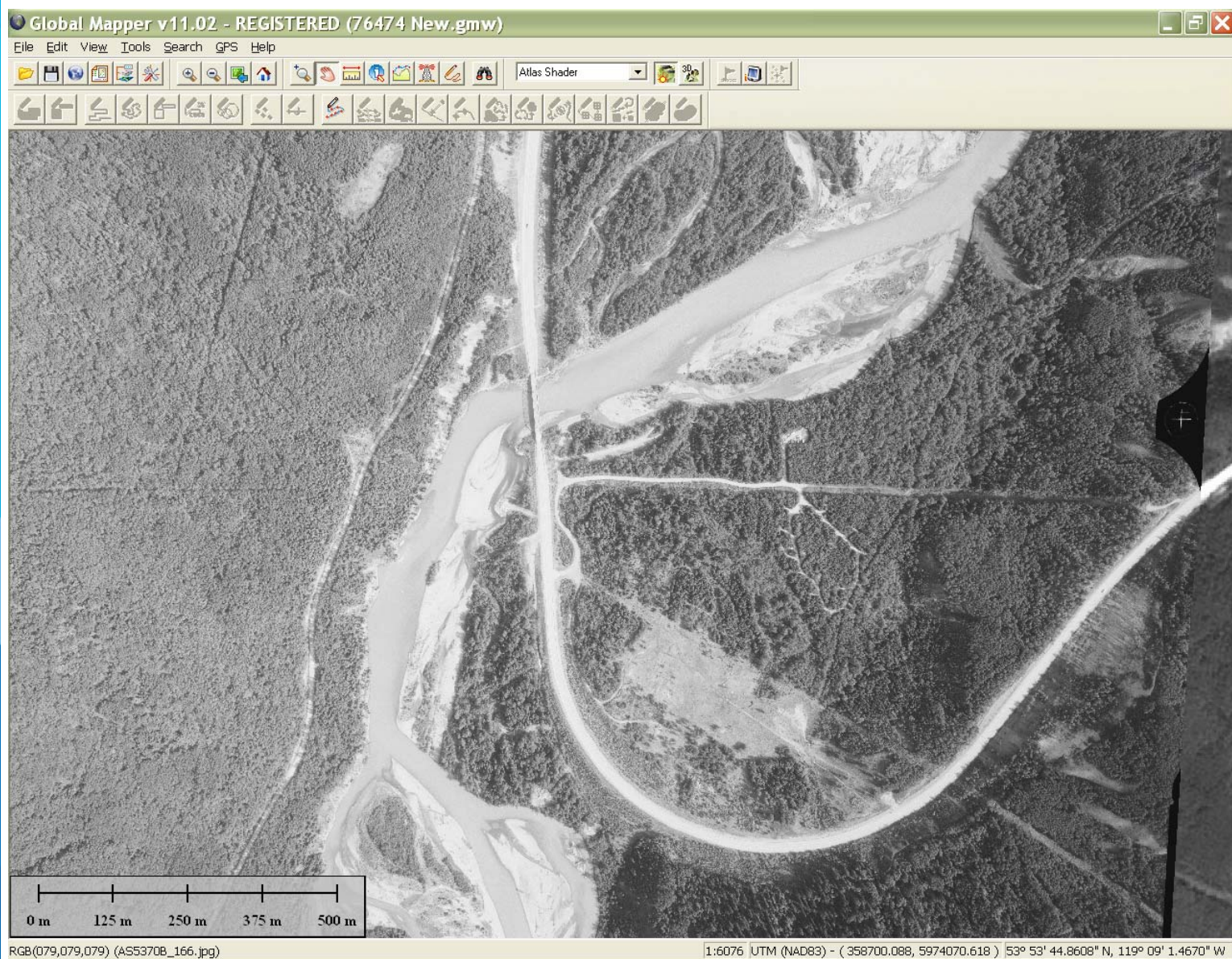
- Looking South



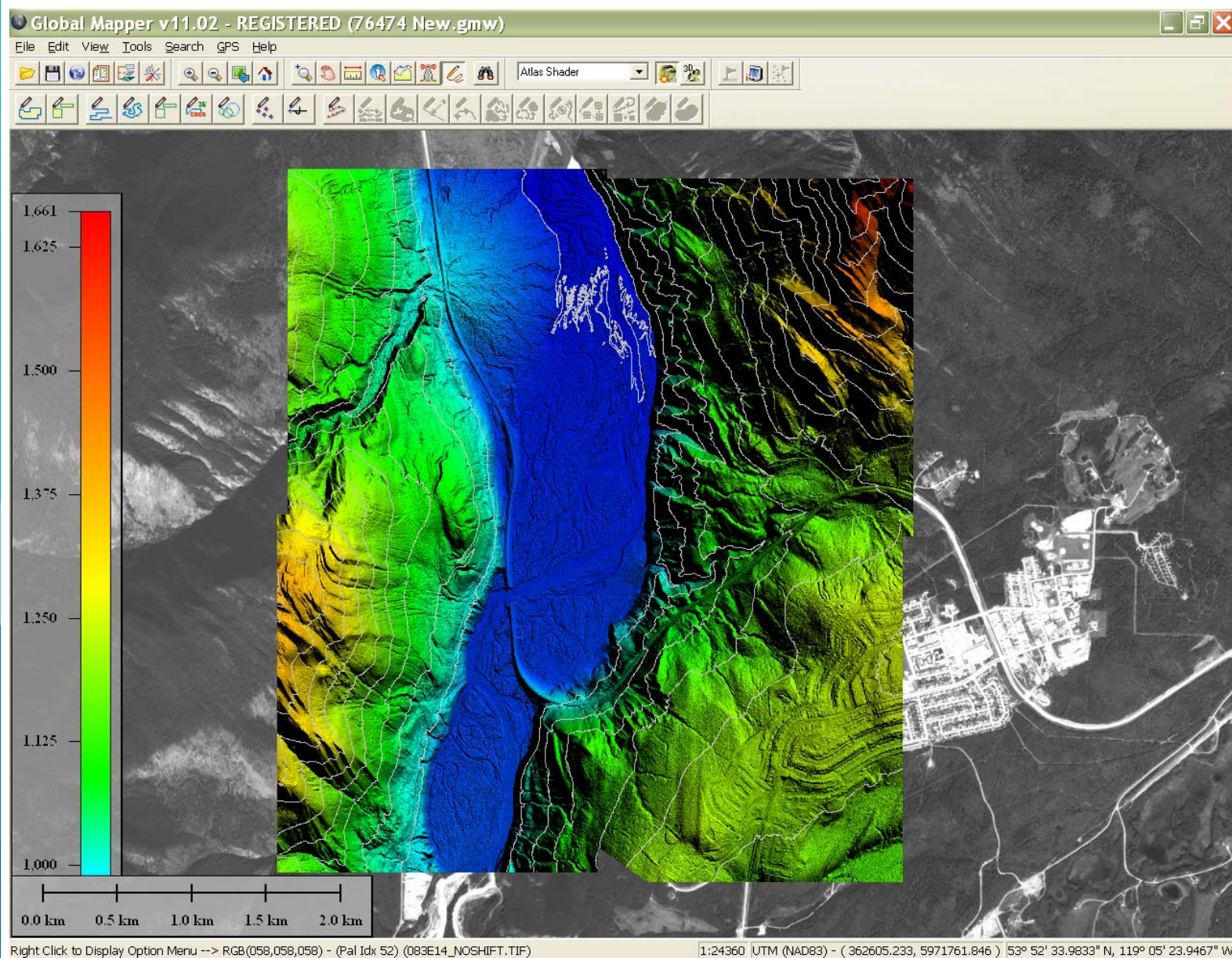
Satellite Photo



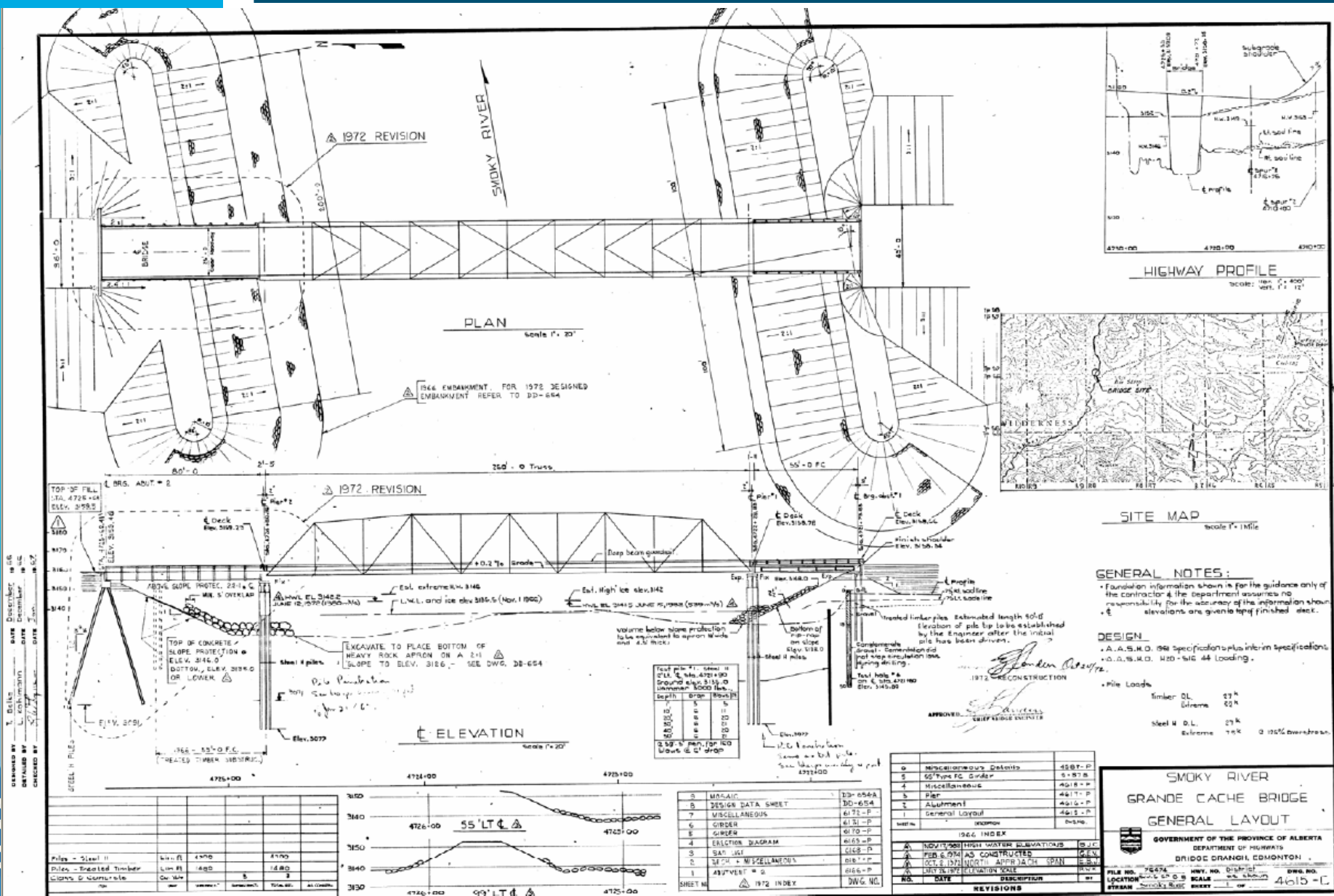
Airphoto (2006)



LiDAR w/ 50m Contours



Old General Layout



Information Collection Phase

- Scenario: You are asked to participate in a FPS as a bridge planner with the freedom to develop a new roadway corridor and/or bridge crossing
 - what background information would you need?
 - what are some of the site constraints?
 - what are some of the design considerations?

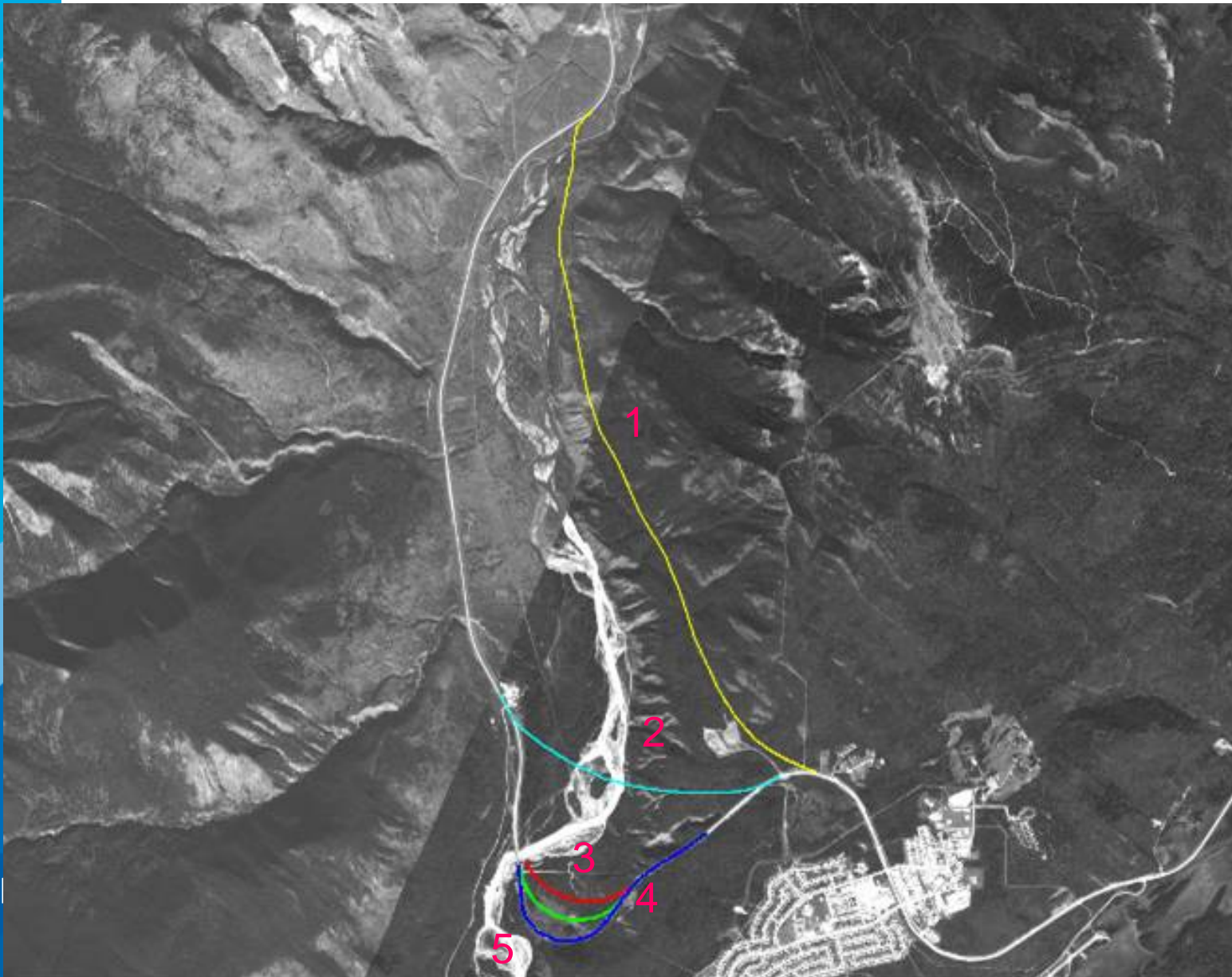
Information Collection Phase

- Site history
 - File review, BIMs, highwater events, WSC Gauges, maintenance, rehabs, collisions, drift, ice, geotechnical, RPWs, banktracking, pier scour
- Roadway Geometrics
 - Horizontal, vertical, xsection, existing designation, AADT, pavement, urban vs rural
- Land Use
 - Landowners, industry (well sites, logging), utilities, existing RoW, historical resources, railways, access management
- Environmental
 - wildlife, vegetation, fish, watercourse classification (RAP), AEW, SRD, well sites, contamination
- GIS Data
 - Maps, airphotos, LiDAR, RoW
- Other....

New Design Considerations

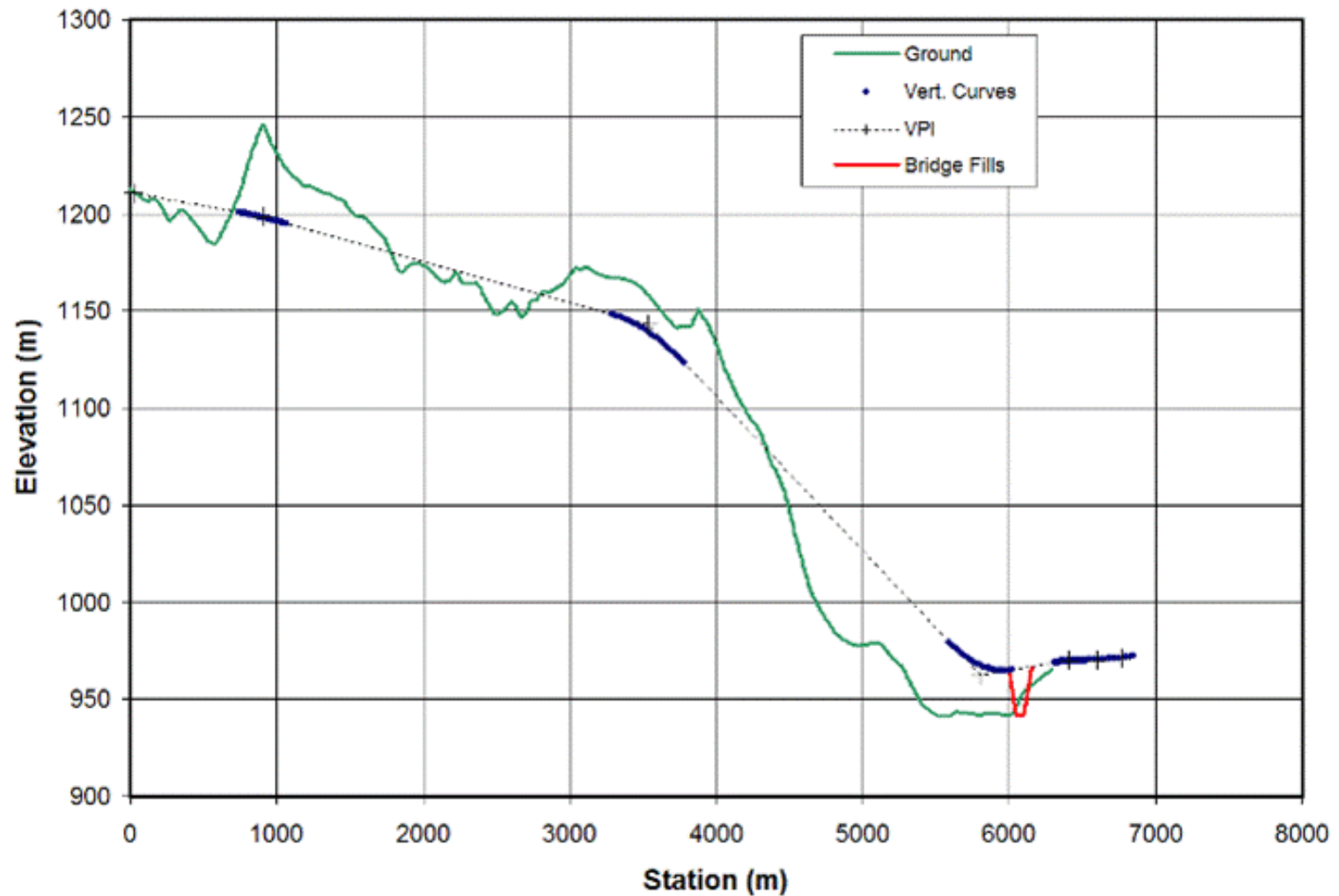
- Roadway Geometrics
 - Proposed highway designations (traffic growth rate)
 - Vertical/horizontal standards (k, G, R)
 - XSection (lane widths, shoulders, clearzones, future overlays)
 - Site distances (intersection, bridge rail)
 - Access management
- Bridge Considerations
 - shy distances, desirable 1% gradient, max. resultant of 4%, deck drainage, skew, freeboard, no spirals/curves on bridges, structural (girders, piers, abutments, deck)
- Hydrotechnical
 - Design highwater, velocity, constriction, freeboard, drift, ice, headslopes, protection works, good crossing locations (stability, width)
- Constructability
 - Grading (cut/fill balance, high cuts/fills), geotechnical, piers, RAP, fish
- Stakeholder impacts
 - aboriginals, landowners, industry, municipalities, political
- Cost (initial and lifecycle)

FPS Alignments Considered

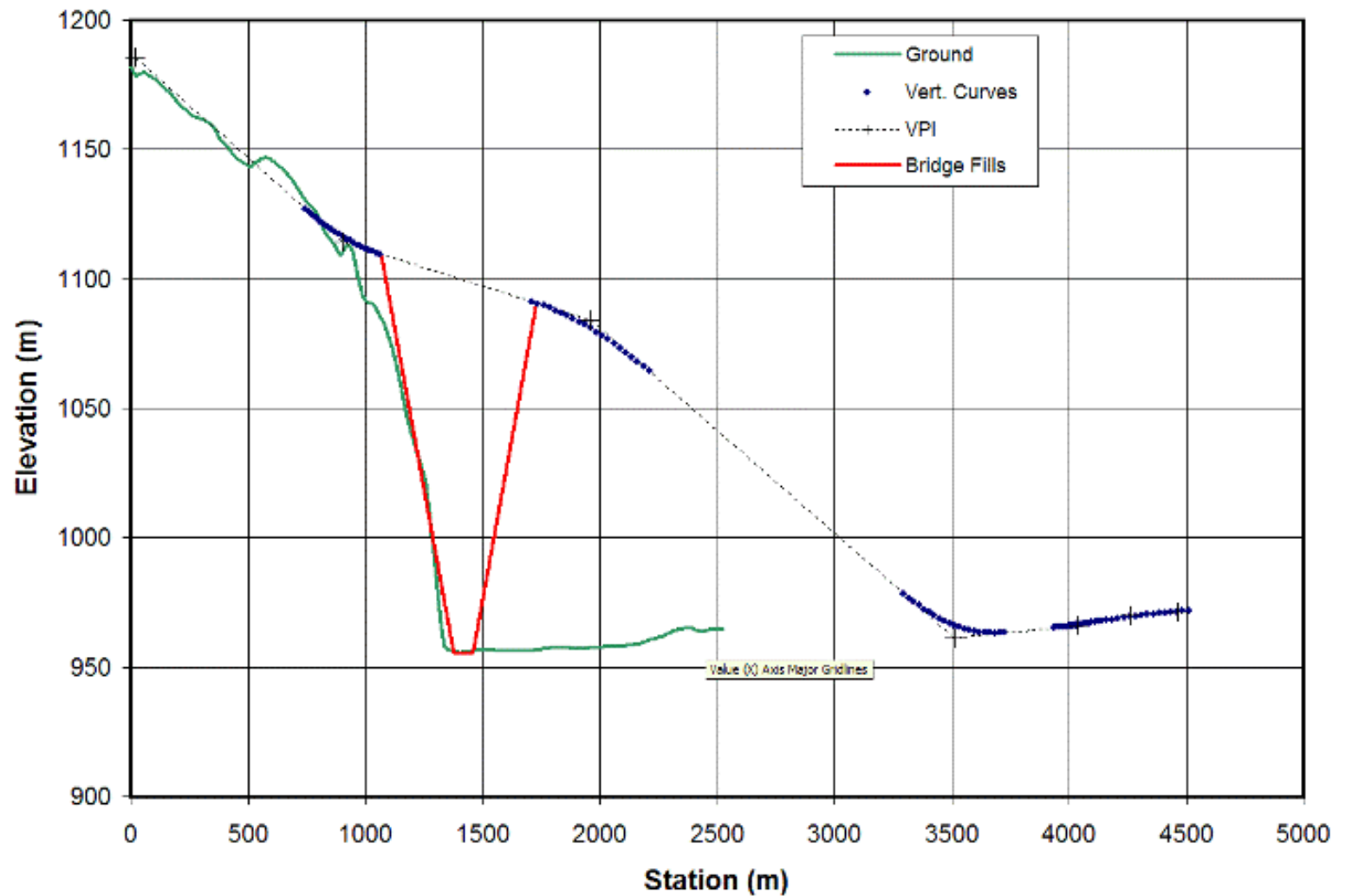


Alternative 1

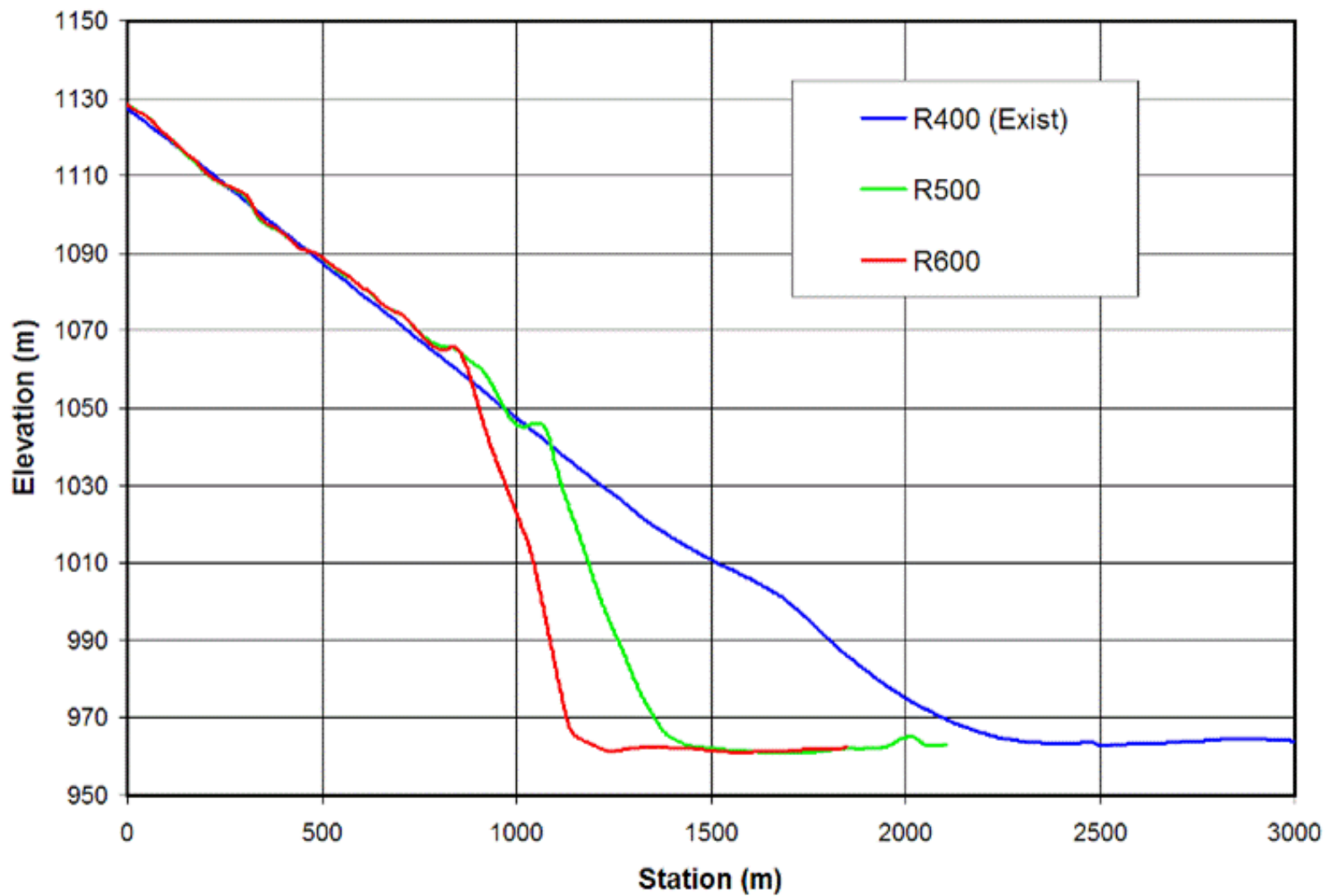
- Multiple profiles developed for each alignment



Alternative 2



Alignments 3 (R600), 4 (R500), 5(R400)



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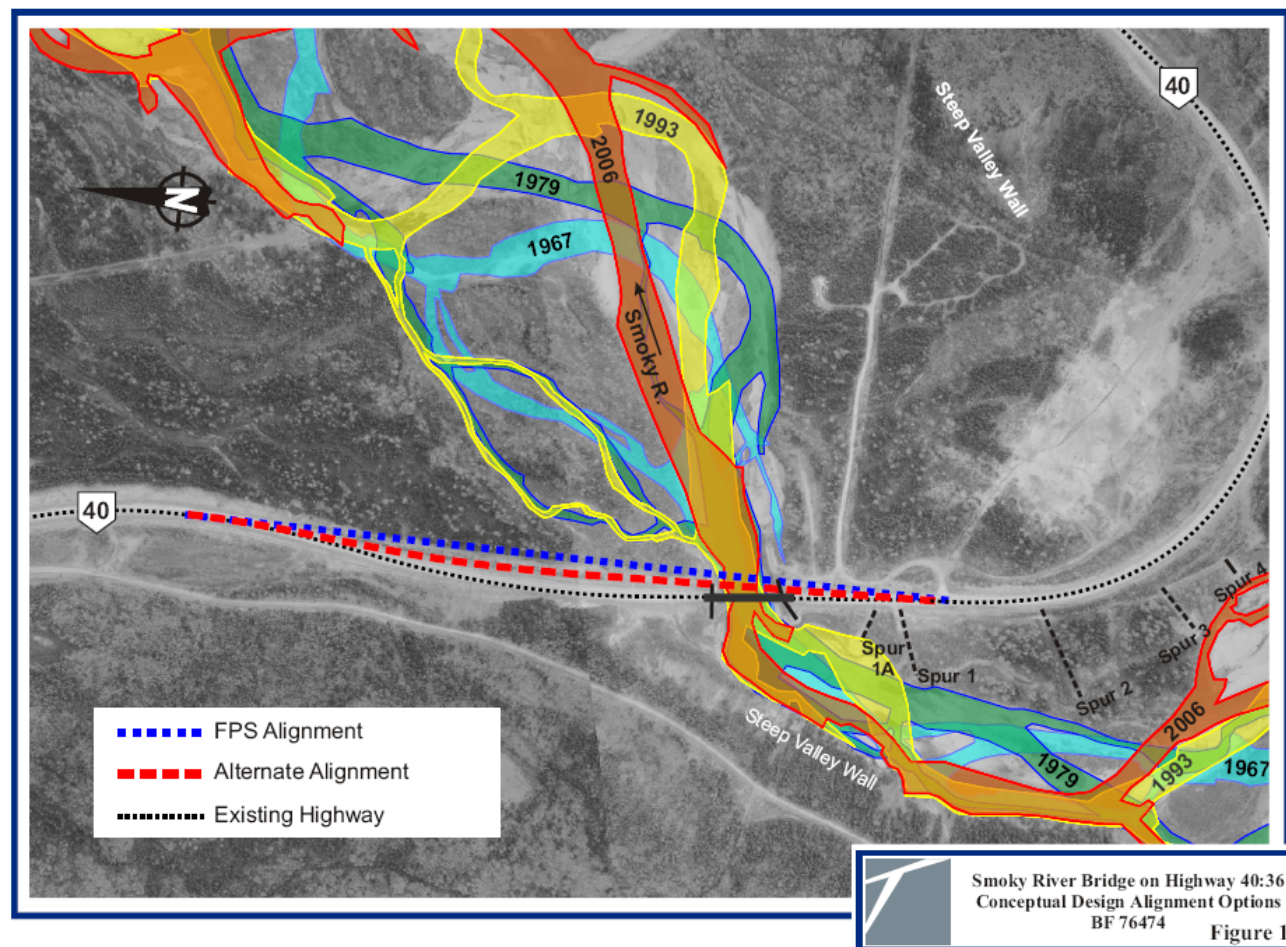
- What are some of the pros/cons for each alignment?
- Other alignments that look feasible?

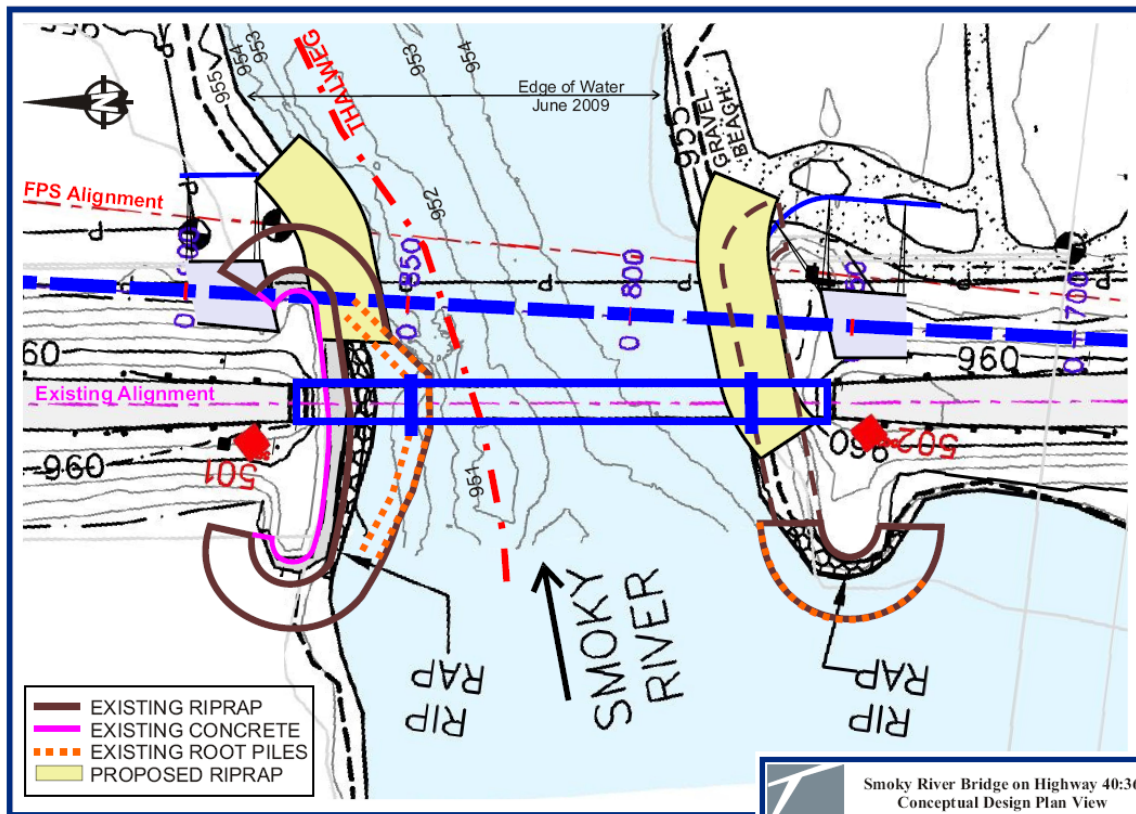
FPS Alignments Considered

- Grading volumes, balance of cut/fill (borrow/waste)
- Geotechnical (depth of cut/fills, instabilities)
- Bridge height, length, skew
- River crossing location (width, stability)
- Road network in the area (potential for upgrading)
- Costs

Conceptual Bridge Planning

- Refinement of FPS
- Examination of site constraints in detail
- Optimization

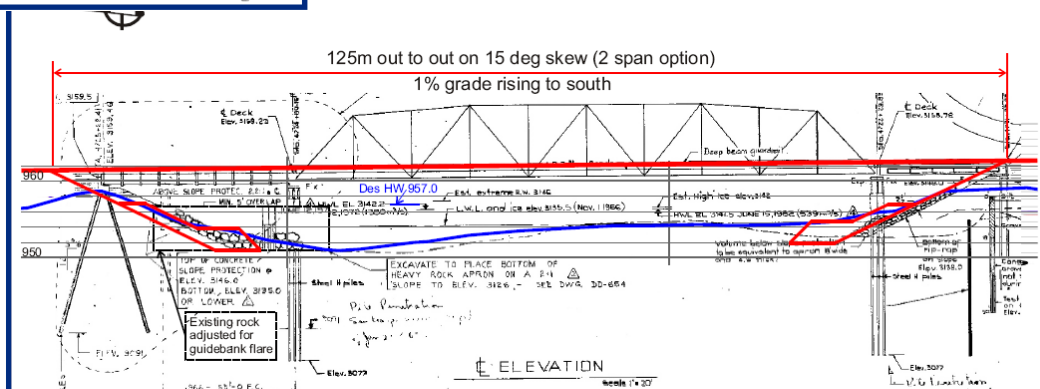




Smoky River Bridge on Highway 40:36
Conceptual Design Plan View
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**-Level of Detail for
Conceptual Plan**

-Prior to formal DDs

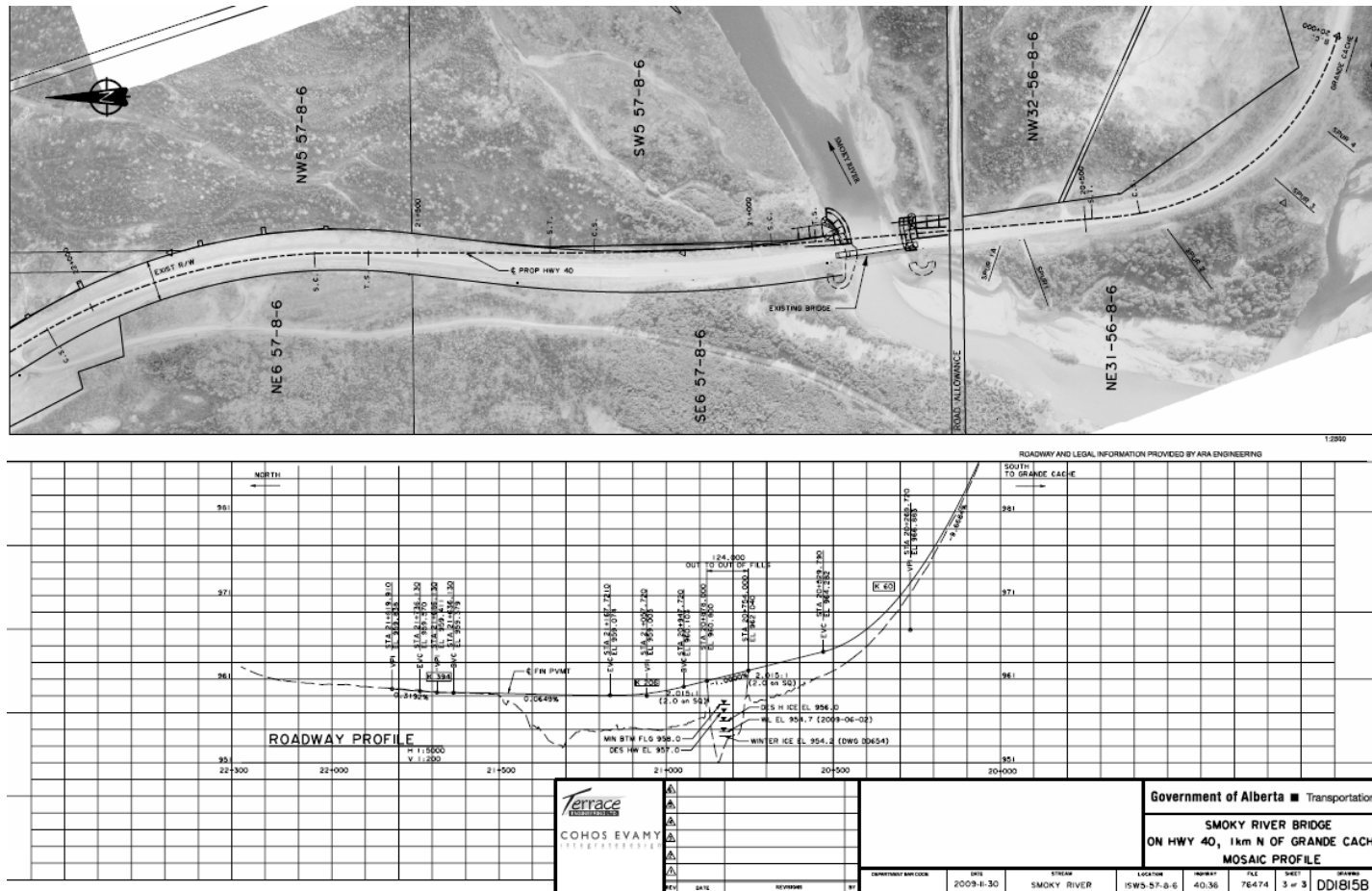


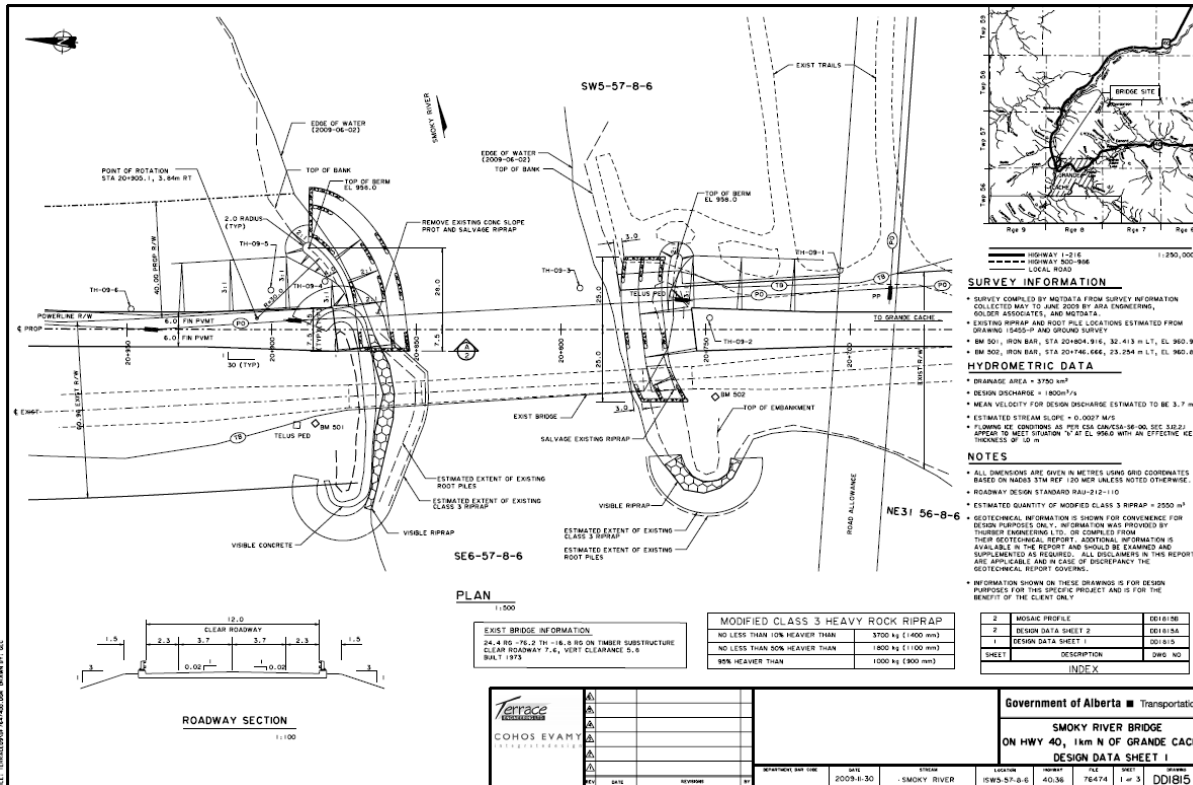
Proposed Waterway Opening
superimposed on Dwg 4615-P

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Conceptual Design Elevation View
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DD Development

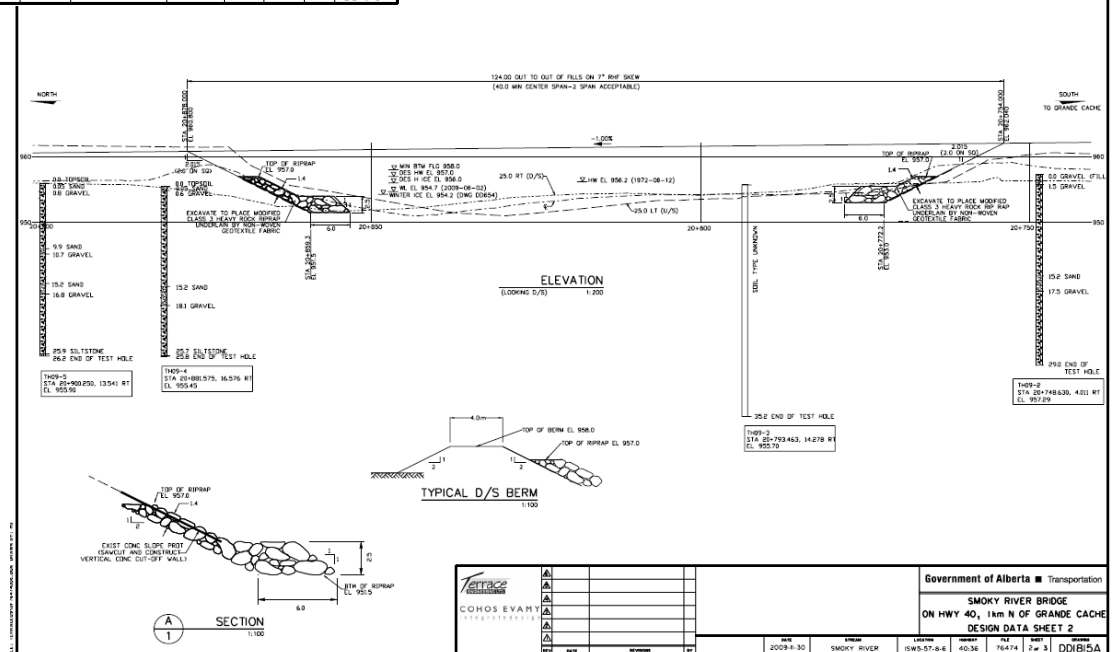
- Confirmation of Plan with Site Conditions
 - Site visit, survey data





- Number of sheets may vary, depending on site/complexity

- Structure/pier details typically not shown



Summary

- Difference in scale/level of detail/effort of work from FPS to Concept to DDs
- Optimization
- Most value in planning phase
- Finalize before structural design (rework – time/\$)
- Collaboration with others (structural, roadway, geotechnical, environment)
- Applicable to grade separations/interchanges (with further considerations)