#### SR 87 Curve Realignment Slope Stabilization Using High Strength Steel Wire Mesh





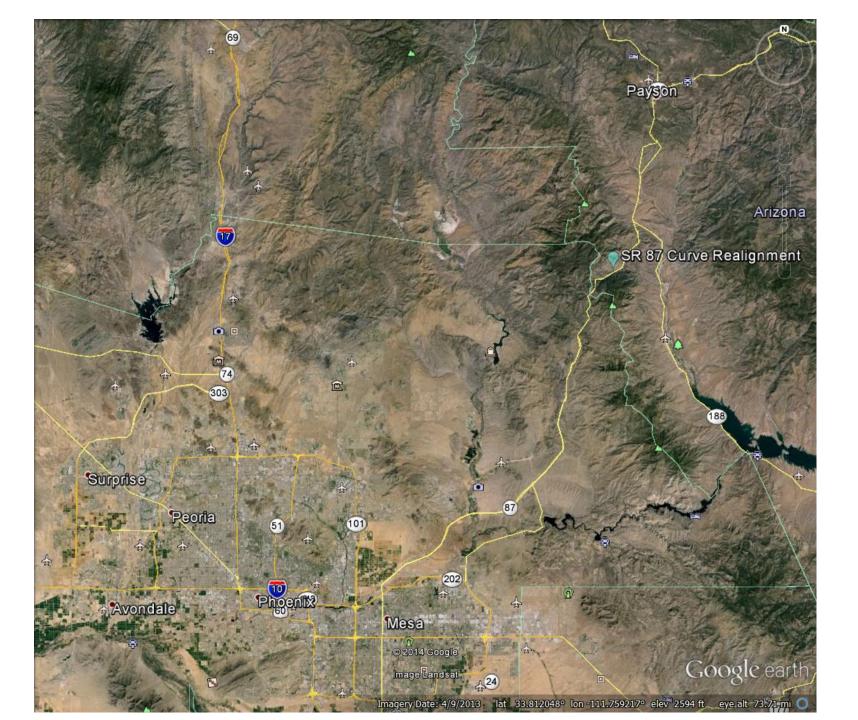


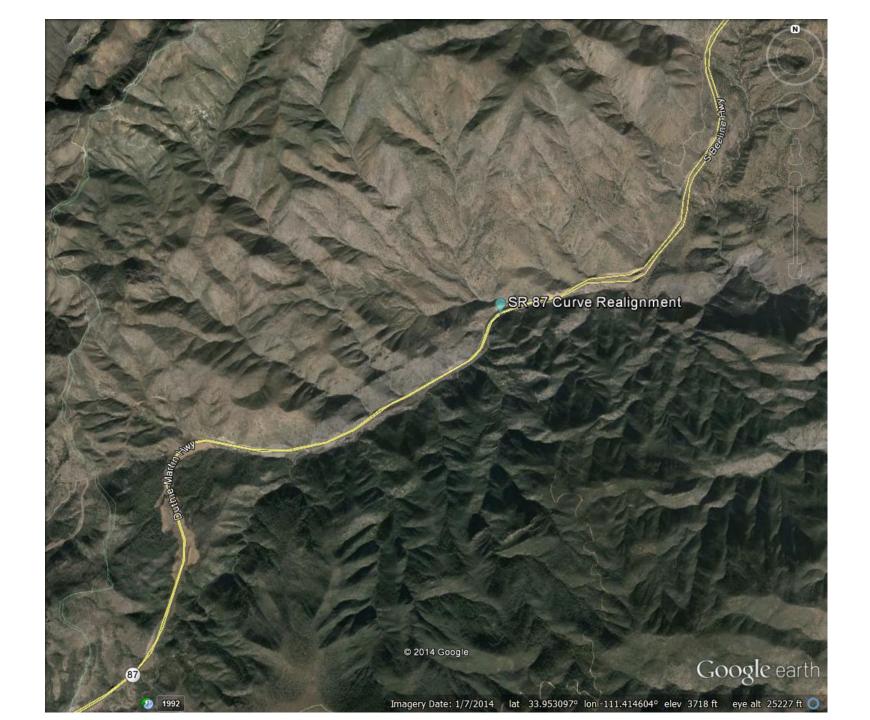
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#### **OUTLINE**

- Project location and background
- Project Instigation
- Geological setting
- Why Stabilize
- Why Mesh Slope Stabilization
- Details of the System
- Lessons Learned











#### PROJECT INSTIGATION

# Safety of the traveling public

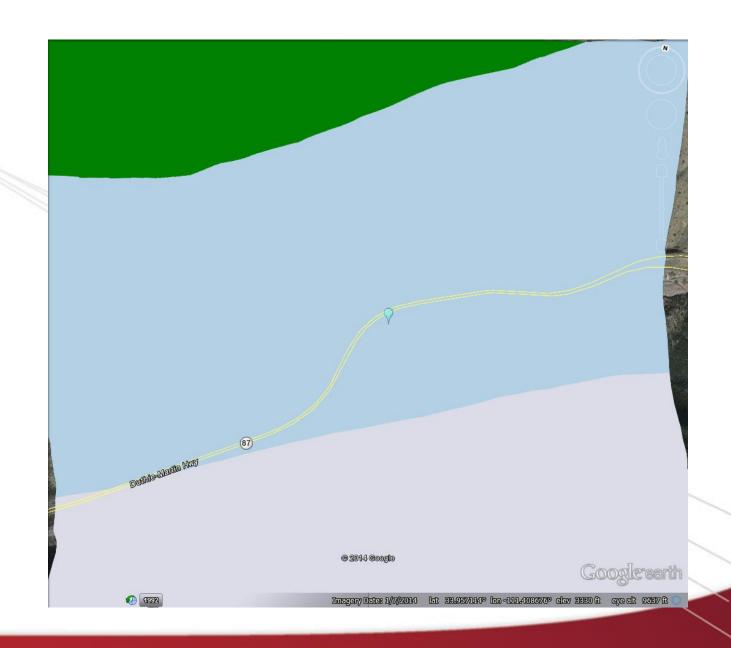
#### In 8 yr. period:

- 45 reported crashes
- 3 Incapacitating
- 4 Fatal crashes





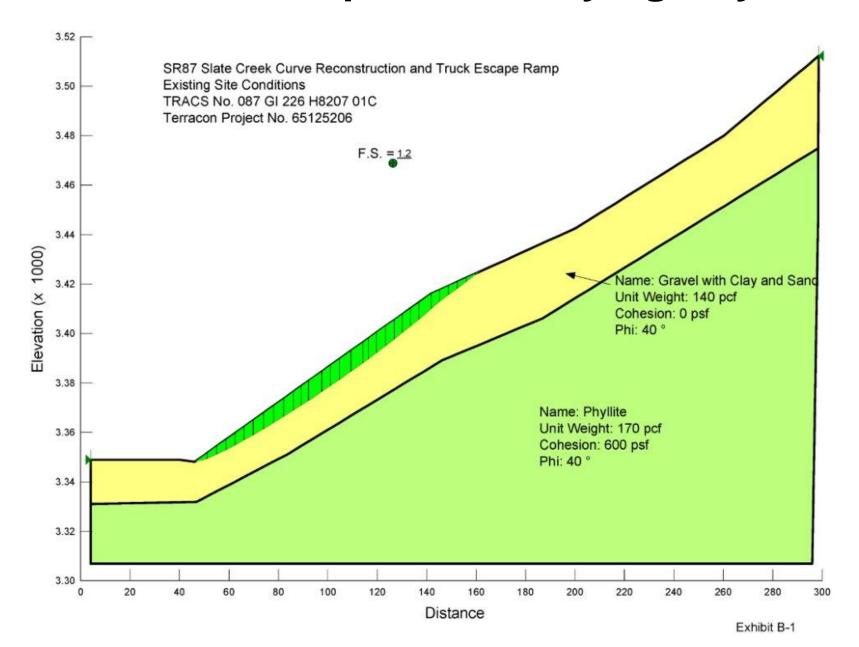
#### **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**



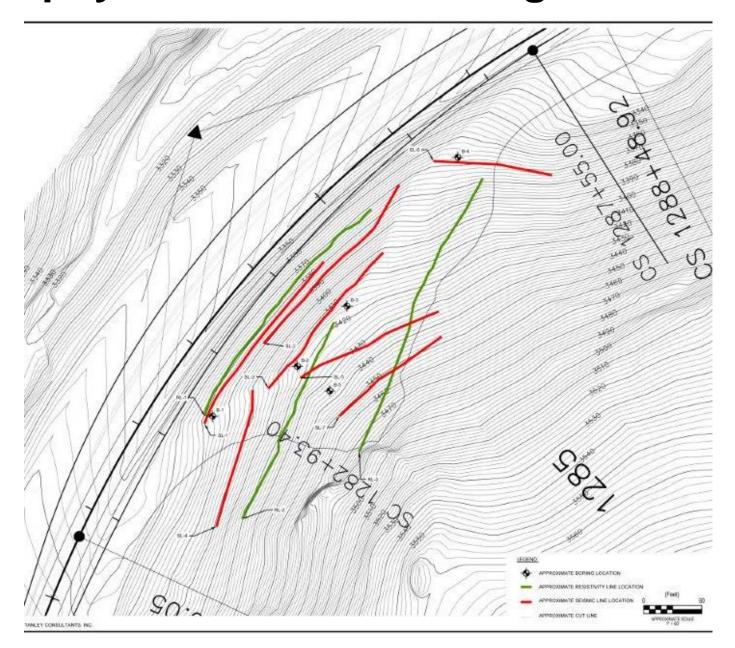




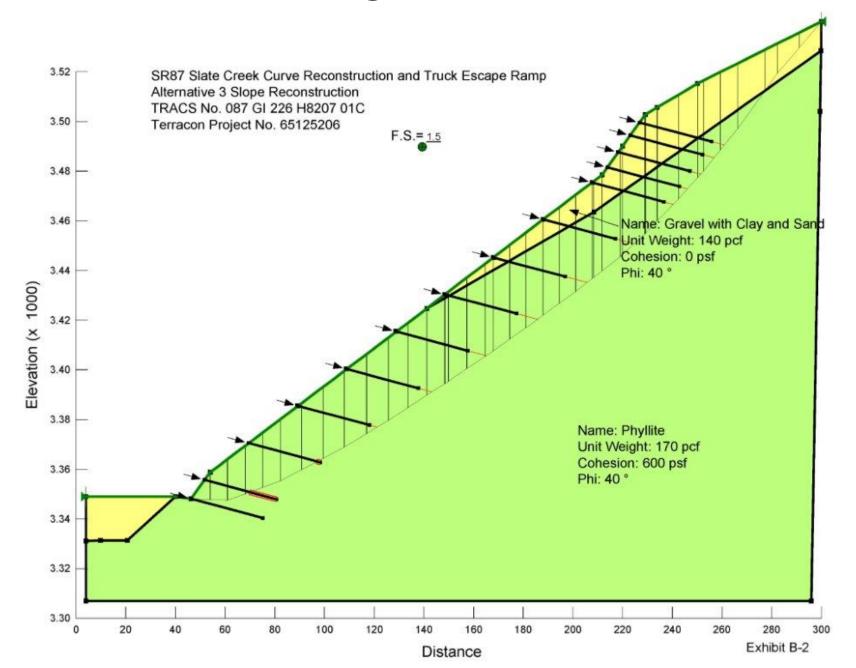
#### Paleo-Stream Deposits overlying Phyllite



### **Geophysical Line and Boring Locations**



#### WHY STABILIZE



## WHY MESH SLOPE STABILIZATION SYSTEM

- Alternative 1 Do nothing
- Alternative 2 Remove Paleo-Stream deposits down to the Phyllite bedrock. After further geophysical exploration this option is not feasible.
- Alternative 3 Mesh Slope Stabilization with steel bar anchors. Chosen due to aesthetics, cost and sustainability.



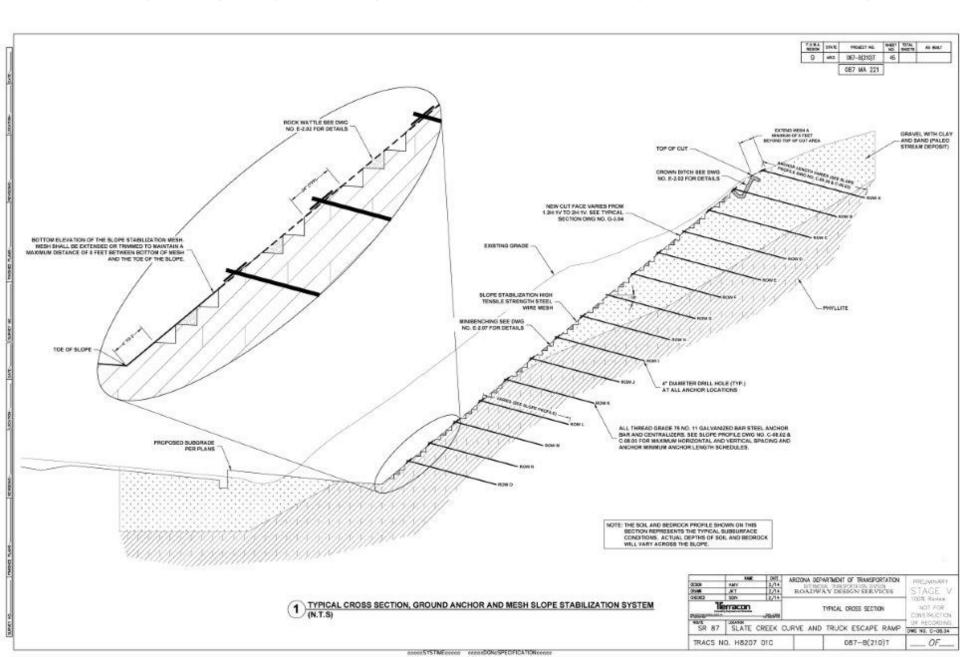
## WHY MESH SLOPE STABILIZATION SYSTEM

 Alternative 4 – 8' x 8' concrete plates anchored with steel bar anchors. Not chosen due to aesthetics and costs.

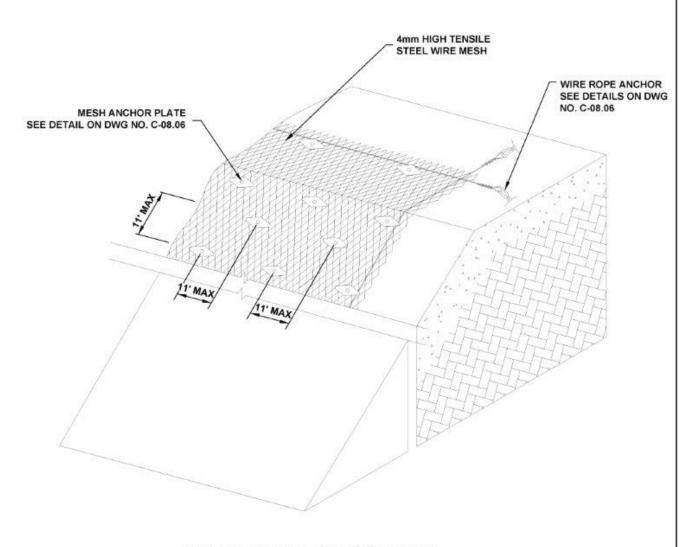
Alternative 5 – Soil Nail Walls; two tiers.
 Not chosen due to past history with soil nails in the area and cost.



#### MESH SLOPE STABILIZATION DETAILS



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TYPICAL ANCHOR ARRANGEMENT N.T.S.



# LESSONS LEARNED (reinforced)

- Performing site specific exploration is necessary.
- Geophysical exploration when calibrated with specific boring logs can be useful in difficult terrain.
- Use of new technologies can be beneficial.
- Use of new technologies is difficult to specify and remain generic for a public project.



## Questions?







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