



**FOUNDATION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

**For**

**FLEMING CREEK BRIDGES EBL AND WBL ON HIGHWAY 401  
MTO WEST REGION 59 STRUCTURE REHABILITATIONS  
SITE 5-114-1 AND 5-114-2, CONTRACT 7  
GWP 3084-11-00  
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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Foundation Engineering Services for the present project involve the detail foundation investigation and design for the rehabilitation of 59 structures in MTO West Region along Highways 4, 6, 401, 402 and 403. Ten (10) Group Work Projects (GWP's) are contemplated to be completed between 2014 and 2020.

This technical memorandum summarizes the factual results of geotechnical data based on the review and compilation of existing subsurface information from relevant reports in the MTO GEOCRETS Library for the Fleming Creek Bridges EBL (Eastbound Lanes) and WBL (Westbound Lanes). The Foundation Engineering recommendations from the existing bridge foundation reports are summarized with reference to the "Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code" (CHBDC) and follow in general the "Guidelines for Professional Engineers providing Geotechnical Engineering Services".

From the Minutes of Meeting Report, dated July 24, 2014, it is understood that rehabilitation of the bridge structure is anticipated and that the rehabilitation will be completed in two stages to maintain one lane of traffic.

The purpose of the Technical Memorandum is to summarize the subsurface and groundwater conditions and foundation recommendations based on available reports at the bridge location for the design project team's reference.

The elevations in this report are expressed in meters, unless otherwise indicated.

### **2. PROJECT SITE BACKGROUND AND GEOLOGY**

The Fleming Creek Bridges on Highway 401 are located approximately 1.5 km northwest of Rodney in the Geographic Township of Aldborough, Elgin County, Ontario. A key plan is shown in Figure 1.



The existing bridges are single span reinforced concrete rigid frame structures; each carrying two lanes of traffic. The Fleming Creek is flowing from southwest to northeast direction at the site location.

Physiographically the site is located in Bothwell Sand Plains region, which is the delta of the Thames River in glacial Lake Warren. Soils consist of a shallow surface layer of sand underlain by lacustrine clay in this area. The topography is generally level with occasional knolls and ridges of sand and gravel. Most of the land at and near the site is in pasture or woods indicating a region of low grade soil. The bedrock underlying the Highway 401 alignment throughout the Geographical Township of Aldborough East mostly comprises of shale with limestone bands of the Hamilton Formation.

### **3. SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

The following foundation report and drawing, appended in Appendix A, were available for review and provided information for the bridge structure, subsoil information and original foundation recommendations.

1. Report on Foundation Investigation, Proposed Crossing Highway 401 and Fleming Creek, Township of Aldborough, District No. 2, Bridge No. 12, WP 289-59 by H.G. Acres & Company Limited Consulting Engineers for Ontario Department of Highways, dated July, 1960, GEOCRETS NO. 40112-002. (Reference 1).
2. General Arrangement, Fleming Creek Bridge (Aldborough Township, District No. 12), The King's Highway 401 Line "A", District No. 2, Co. Elgin, Township of Aldborough, Lot C or I, Con. VI, TWP 110-114-1-A, W.P 289-59, Bridge Office Toronto, Department of Highways, Ontario, dated February 17, 1965 (revision date).

### **4. SITE RECONNAISSANCE**

As part of the current foundation engineering assessment study, a site reconnaissance of the Fleming Creek EBL and WBL structures was carried out on October 20, 2013. A photographic record of the site visit is attached in Appendix B.



The site photographs present current visual conditions of the abutments of the WBL and EBL structures including the appearance of the structure, visual slope stability and soil erosion/scour features.

The exposed ground in front of the east and west abutment walls of the Fleming Creek EBL and WBL structures was affected by scouring (Photographs 1 and 3 to 5). The adjacent slopes of the bridge structures were vegetated. However, some rock protection was placed on the top of the east median slope ground (Photograph 2). Surficial cracks of the abutment and retaining walls were observed.

The weep drains in the abutment and retaining walls were open and wet. The creek was relatively dry with water only covering a portion of the creek bed. At the time of site reconnaissance, the depth of the water was about 0.1 m deep, where encountered.

## **5. PREVIOUS FIELD INVESTIGATION AND SUMMARIZED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

The site is located in Highway 401 Geographic Township of Aldborough, Elgin County Ontario. The general subsurface conditions presented in this section are based on the Foundation Report, GEOCRE 40I12-002 dated July, 1960.

The purpose of the original Foundation Investigation (Reference 1) was to explore the subsurface and the groundwater conditions at the site location where a bridge was proposed to carry the Highway 401 over the Fleming Creek. At the time, it was proposed that the Fleming Creek be diverted in order to reduce the bridge skew angle to 25 degrees. It was indicated that the proposed bridge approach embankments would be built to an average height of 3.0 m (10 ft.) above the existing ground surface.

The foundation investigation comprised six boreholes and one dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT), which was carried out between March 22 and 26, and between July 5 and 7, 1960. The boreholes were drilled to 12.4 to 30.5 m and the cone penetration test was penetrated to 5.2 m.



The F.E Johnston Drilling Company Limited was retained to perform the soil drilling and field sampling. The six boreholes were drilled using a Penndrill power auger drill machine. Clay samples were obtained with a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter thin-walled tubes and sandy or extremely stiff soil was sampled by a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter split-spoon sampler.

Boreholes 870-1, 870-4, 870-5 and 870-7 were drilled accompanied with cone penetration test (hole no. 870-2) at the EBL bridge abutment and approach locations. Boreholes 870-3 and 870-6 were drilled at the WBL bridge abutment locations.

The subsurface encountered at the EBL and WBL site locations was quite uniform. Generally, clay till was encountered from surface to the termination depth of the boreholes.

## **5.1 SUBSURFACE CONDITION**

### **5.1 Sand**

A local deposit of sand was encountered surficially, elevation 209.1, in borehole 870-7 and extended to 0.9 m, elevation of 208.2.

### **5.2 Clay Till**

Clay till was encountered surficially in boreholes 870-1 and 870-3 to 870-6, elevation 208.5 to 213.5 and below sand in borehole 870-7 at 0.9 m, elevation 208.2. The clay till extended to 12.4 to 30.5 m, elevation 178.0 to 198.1, where boreholes were terminated.

Generally, to a depth of 3.0 m, the clay till encountered was found to be uniform. The clay till was in very stiff consistency. The field vane, whose limit corresponded to soil shear strength of 119.7 kPa (1.25 tsf), was unable to fail the clay till in shear. The average natural undrained shear strength determined from laboratory shear test was generally greater than 134.1 kPa (1.4 tsf) to a depth of at least 12.2 m (40 ft.). In borehole 870-7, medium sand seams were encountered within this upper clay till layer. N values recorded ranged from 10 (borehole 870-7) to 37.



Below 3.0 m, very stiff to hard clay till was encountered. N values ranged from 17 to 85. Laboratory undrained shear strengths obtained for clay till ranged from 100.5 to 216.4 kPa (1.05 to 2.26 tsf) and laboratory remoulded undrained shear strength obtained for clay till ranged from 78.5 to 129.3 kPa (0.82 to 1.35 tsf) with a range of sensitivity between 1.1 and 2.2. The Atterberg liquid limits ranged from 30.1 to 33.3 and plastic limits 15.6 to 17.4 for the selected clay till samples. The plasticity index ranged from 14.5 to 15.9. Moisture content determinations ranged from 17.0 to 19.6%.

Three consolidation tests were carried out and the clay appeared to be normally consolidated or lightly overconsolidated. Because the degrees of curvature of the compressibility curves were small and the graphical prediction of the preconsolidation pressures was consequently difficult, the conclusion of the consolidation state of the samples was doubted. No consolidation tests were carried out on samples obtained from above elevation 210.3 (690 ft.) because the soil obtained was extremely stiff and incompressible.

### **5.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater was observed in boreholes 870-1 and 870-6 at 0.8 m (2.5 ft.) and 1.5 m (5.0 ft.), elevation 207.7 (681.5 ft.) and 207.0 (679.2 ft.).

In the vicinity of the creek the groundwater level was the same as the water level in the creek. At the time of the site reconnaissance the water level was about 0.1 m deep, where encountered. The creek water level is subject to seasonal fluctuations and rainfall patterns.



## 6. FOUNDATION

### 6.1 Previous Foundation Recommendations

#### 6.1.1 Bearing Capacity

The foundation report (Reference 1) recommended based on stiffness and incompressibility of the encountered clay till soil, the most practical type of footing for this bridge was spread footing. It recommended the safety factor against ultimate failure equal to 3. It recommended the bearing capacity factor of  $N_c$  equal to 6.0, and average value of undrained shear strength equal to 134.1 kPa (1.4 tsf). The report indicated that it was justifiable to use a constant  $N_c$  value when considering footings of different widths and depths because a conservative shear strength value was recommended.

Further, the report recommended a total allowable bearing pressure ( $q_a$ ) of 287.3 kPa (3.0 tsf) and 306.4 kPa (3.2 tsf) for centrally-loaded footings located at 0.9 and 1.8 m, respectively. For centrally-loaded footings which are subjected to horizontal forces, the allowable total bearing pressures must be reduced by the factor  $1/(1+1.4)$  or 0.4.

The report recommended for eccentrically-loaded footings that the the width of the footing should be reduced for purposes of calculation to an effective width which is equal to twice the shortest distance from the edge of the footing to point of intersection of the resultant applied force and the base of footing.

#### 6.1.2 Embankment

Based on report, the maximum bearing pressure of the embankment on the foundation was approximately 76.6 kPa (0.8 tsf) and the average of undrained shear strength of the subsoil was greater than 134.1 kPa (1.4 tsf). The report indicated that the natural soil would be able to support 3.6 m (12 ft.) high embankments. It was expected that the ultimate settlement would be less than 92 mm (0.3 ft.).



### 6.1.3 Settlements

It was expected the settlement of the abutments would be influenced by the direct loads of the bridge and by the loads of approach embankments. It was considered that the areas on which the bridge loads would be applied were small and these stresses would dissipate quickly with depth below the footings although the stresses transferred to the soil at the bases of the bridge abutments would be much larger than those due to the embankments. In order to predict the possible settlement of the bridge footings, it was assumed that the bridge abutments would settle the same amount as a strip loading which has a width equal to that of approach embankments and applied a pressure of 143.6 kPa (1.5 tsf) to the subsoil. No consideration was taken of the 25 degrees skew of the bridge, and because the expected foundation settlements are small.

An apparent elastic modulus,  $E$ , of 19,152 kPa (200 tsf) and a depth of compressible subsoil of 30.5 m (100 ft.) were assumed to estimate elastic settlements. The following settlements were estimated:

Elastic Settlement	30.5 mm (0.1 ft.)
Consolidation Settlement	61.0 mm (0.2 ft.)
Total Ultimate Settlement	91.4 mm (0.3 ft.)

It was expected that most part of the elastic settlement would happen during the period of construction of the bridge and embankment and that 50% of the total ultimate settlement would occur within 10 years.

Based on the General Arrangement drawing (Reference 2), the footings were to be founded at about elevation 204.1 (669.5 ft.). The original ground at the approaches was to be increased by 3.7 m. It was shown that the adjacent slopes would be graded at 2H:1V slopes. Further, the drawing provided a site plan that showed the intended flow diversion of the Fleming Creek. The new bed of the creek was proposed to be at elevation 206.2 (676.5 ft.).



## 6.2 Assessment of Foundation Parameters

Based on the previous investigation and subsurface conditions encountered, the following table summarizes the foundation design parameters that were recommended in the previous report and the updated geotechnical reaction at SLS and factored geotechnical resistance at ULS are provided.

### FOUNDATION DESIGN PARAMETERS

Foundation Type	Elevation of Footings (m)	Previous Working Stress Values (tsf) <sup>1</sup>	Previous Equivalent Limit State Design Values		Limit State Design Values Updated to current industry practices <sup>2</sup>	
			SLS Geotechnical Reaction (kPa)	ULS Geotechnical Resistance Factored (kPa)	SLS Geotechnical Reaction (kPa)	ULS Geotechnical Resistance Factored (kPa)
East Abutment on Spread Footing	204.1 (669.5 ft.)	2 to 3	190 to 285	285 to 425	350	525
West Abutment on Spread Footing		2 to 3	190 to 285	285 to 425	350	525

- Notes:**
1. Working stress design values. The Ultimate Limit State design values are based on the working stress. No field verifications were made.
  2. Resistance Factor = 0.5 for shallow foundation (CFEM 4<sup>th</sup> edition)  
 Assumed Factor of Safety is 3 (CFEM 4<sup>th</sup> edition)

The seismic site coefficient for the conditions at this site is 1.0 (soil profile Type 1, Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC) 2006 Edition, clause 4.4.6).

The bearing resistance for inclined loads should be reduced in accordance with the requirements of clause 6.7.4 of the CHBDC. The foundation frost penetration depth at the site is 1.2 m according to OPSD 3090.101.



## 7. DISCUSSION

From a geotechnical point of view, at the present time, foundation work for the Fleming Creek Bridge EBL and WBL structures is not expected provided that the total dead load on the bridge does not increase or decrease by more than 10%.

It is understood that rehabilitation of the bridge structures is anticipated and that rehabilitation will be completed in two stages to maintain one lane of traffic.

Further, it is suggested that the weep holes out of the abutment walls should be maintained and cleaned at a regular basis to prevent any clogging of the holes. Regular maintenance of the weep holes will keep the water flowing from behind the abutment walls and will mitigate hydrostatic pressure to build-up behind the abutment walls.



## 8. CLOSURE

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We trust this memo is sufficient for your immediate needs. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any inquiries and/or comments.

Yours very truly,

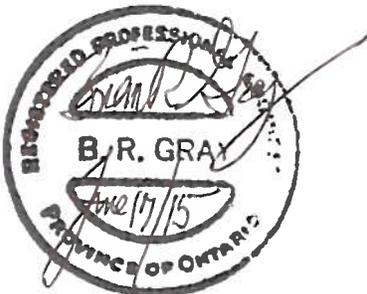
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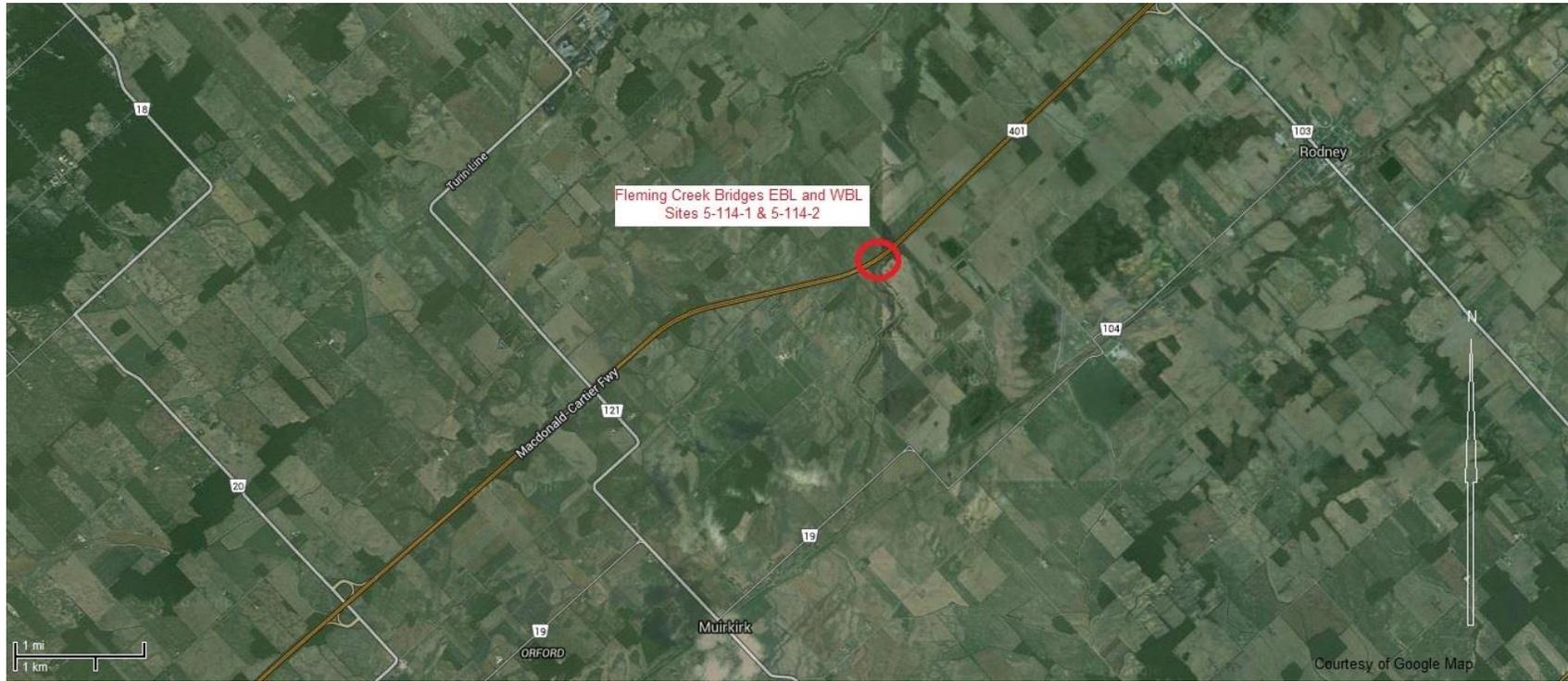
## TABLE 1

### LIST OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS REFERENCED IN REPORT

DOCUMENT	TITLE
OPSD 3090.101	Foundation Frost Depth for Southern Ontario



**Figure 1 – Key Plan**





## **APPENDIX A**

Foundation Investigation Report at Fleming Creek (GEOCREC No. 40I12-002)  
General Arrangement – Fleming Creek Bridge (Aldborough Township No. 12)

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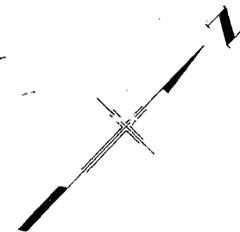
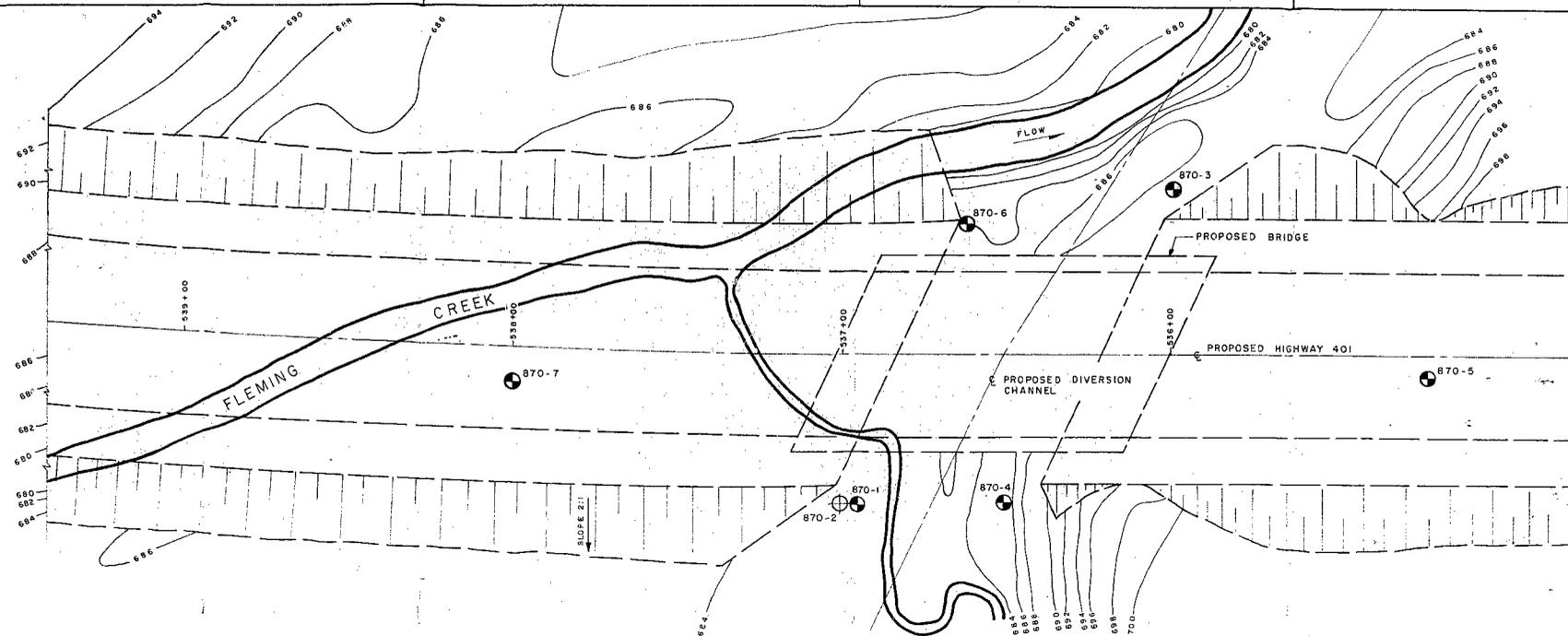
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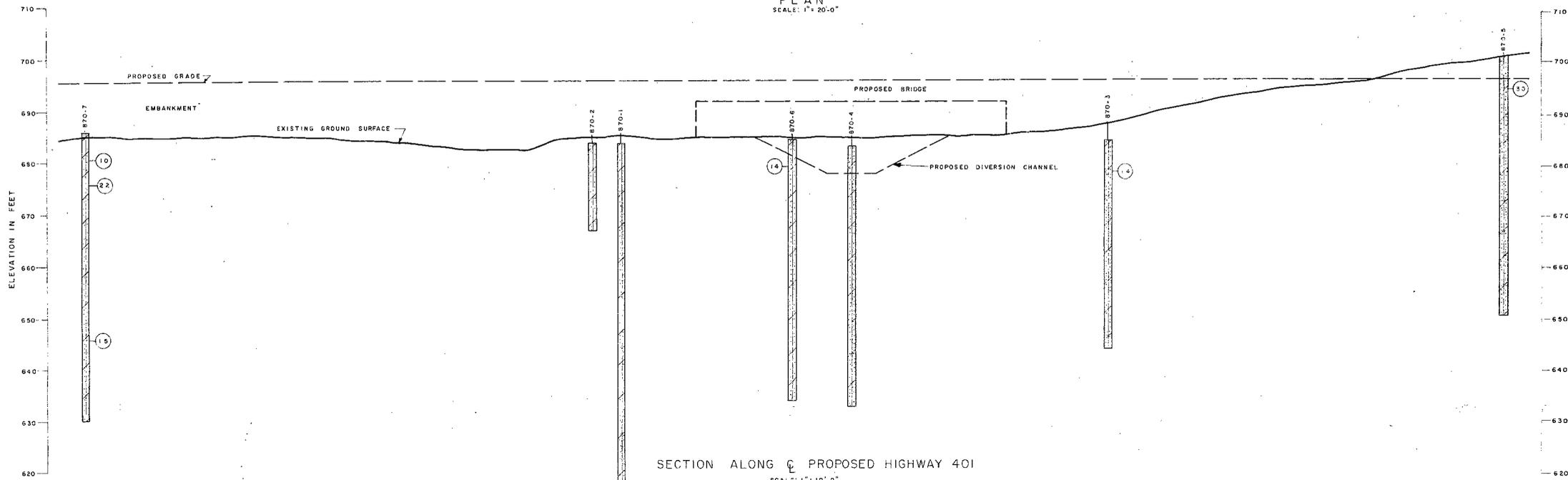
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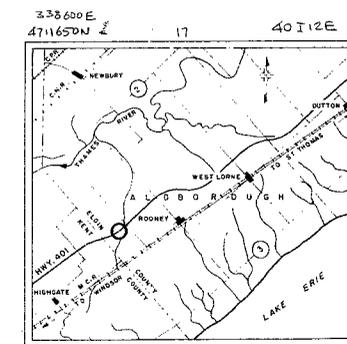
PLAN  
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"



SECTION ALONG C PROPOSED HIGHWAY 401  
SCALE: 1" = 10'-0"

LEGEND

- ORGANIC SOIL
- CLAY
- SILT
- FINE SAND
- COARSE SAND
- GRAVEL
- BEDROCK
- WATER TABLE
- EXPLORATORY DRILL HOLE
- 2-IN. DIA. PENETRATION CONE TEST HOLE



KEY PLAN  
SCALE 1IN. = 4 MI.

H. G. ACRES & COMPANY LIMITED CONSULTING ENGINEERS NIAGARA FALLS CANADA	
ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS	
WP-289-59	
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HIGHWAY 401 AND FLEMING CREEK  
TOWNSHIP OF ALDEBOROUGH, DISTRICT NO. 2  
BRIDGE NO. 12  
WP 289-59

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Introduction

The present plans for Highway 401 require the construction of a bridge to carry Highway 401 over Fleming Creek, approximately one mile northwest of Rodney, Ontario. As shown on Plate I, it has been proposed that Fleming Creek be diverted in order to reduce the bridge skew angle to 25 degrees. The bridge approach embankments will be built to an average height of 10 feet above the existing ground surface.

The F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited was retained to perform the soil drilling and field sampling, and Mr. J.A. MacLeod and Mr. P. Jorgensen of H.G. Acres & Company Limited supervised this work.

Field work commenced on March 22, and was discontinued due to wet ground on March 26. Drilling was resumed on July 5, and completed on July 7, 1960.

The results of the field and laboratory work are contained in the following report:

### Exploratory Work

The exploratory work consisted of drilling and sampling six holes and driving one penetration cone. Hole No. 870-1 was drilled to a depth of 100 feet. Holes Nos. 870-3 to 870-7 inclusive were drilled to average depths of 50 feet. The locations of all holes are shown on Plate I.

The drilling was performed by a Penndrill power auger. Samples of clay were obtained with 2-inch diameter thin-walled tubes, and a 2-inch diameter split-spoon sampler was used where sandy or extremely stiff soil was encountered.

The program of work is briefly outlined in Appendix A, and the drilling reports are given on Plates II to VIII inclusive.

### Site Conditions and Soil Properties

The site of the proposed bridge is located in a valley which has been cut into the flat countryside by the meandering Fleming Creek. The bottom of

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the valley is relatively level at elevation 684 feet while the elevation of the surrounding country is between 700 and 710 feet. The bottom of the creek-bed is at elevation 680 feet. During the initial period of field work the creek was flowing full and actually flooded above elevation 684 feet.

The soil encountered in the exploratory work is a clay till similar to that found at the sites of the following nearby projects:

WP 94-59

WP 97-59

WP 95-59

WP 99-59

The fill is described in the attached drilling reports, Plates II to VIII inclusive, and the soil stratigraphy, which is shown on Plate I, can be seen to consist of clay till to a depth of at least 100 feet.

(a) - Clay Till - To a depth of 10 feet the clay was found to be remarkably uniform. The average liquid limit is 31 per cent and the average plastic limit is 16 per cent. The natural water content varies between 17 and 20 per cent, with an average value of approximately 18 per cent.

The clay was found to be very stiff, as evidenced by the fact that the field vane was unable

to fail the soil in shear; the limit of the vane equipment corresponds to a soil shear strength of 1.25 tons per square foot. The average natural undrained shear strength determined from laboratory compression tests is generally greater than 1.4 tons per square foot to a depth of at least 40 feet below the ground surface. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized in Appendix B and these data are shown graphically on Plate XII.

The results of three consolidation tests are shown on Plates IX to XI inclusive, and these results are compared on Plate XIII. The clay appears to be normally consolidated or lightly overconsolidated, but this conclusion on the consolidation history of the samples is subject to considerable doubt because the degrees of curvature of the compressibility curves are small and the graphical prediction of the preconsolidation pressures is consequently very difficult. No consolidation tests on samples obtained from above elevation 690 feet were performed because the soil was extremely stiff and, therefore, effectively incompressible.

(b) - Groundwater Conditions - Groundwater levels were found from 2 to 5 feet below the ground

surface. In the vicinity of the creek the groundwater level was the same as the water level in the creek.

### Design Considerations

#### (a) - Bearing Capacity

Bridge Foundations - The soil at the bridge site is stiff and relatively incompressible. The most practical foundation type for the bridge is, therefore, spread footings; to calculate the allowable bearing pressures the following data were used:

Safety factor against ultimate failure equal to 3;

Average value of undrained shear strength equal to 1.40 tsf; and

Bearing capacity factor  $N_c$  equal to 6.0.

In view of the conservative value for shear strength which has been chosen, it is considered justifiable to use a constant  $N_c$  value when considering footings of different widths and depths. For centrally-loaded footings, located at depths equal to 3 and 6 feet, the allowable total bearing pressures " $q_a$ " are equal to 3.0 and 3.2 tons per square foot respectively. For centrally-loaded footings which are subjected to horizontal forces, the allowable total bearing pressure must be reduced by the factor  $\frac{1}{1 + 1.4}$ ,

where  $\alpha$  is the inclination of the resultant of the net vertical load and the horizontal load\*. These calculations are summarized on Plate XIV.

For eccentrically-loaded footings the width of the footing is reduced for purposes of calculations to an effective width which is equal to twice the shortest distance from the edge of the footing to the point of intersection of the resultant applied force and the base of the footing, as shown on Plate XIV. The allowable total bearing pressure, " $q_a$ ", given on Plate XIV, is then used as an allowable average bearing pressure over the effective width of the eccentrically loaded footing  $\bar{B}$ .

Embankment - The maximum bearing pressure of the embankment on the foundation is approximately 0.8 tons per square foot. The average undrained shear strength of the subsoil is greater than 1.4 tons per square foot and, therefore, the safety factor against ultimate foundation failure due to embankment loading is greater than 6.

(b) - Settlement - The settlement of the bridge abutments will be influenced by the direct

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\* Reference: Veiledning ved løsningsave fundamenteringsoppgaver by N. Janbu, L. Bjerrum and B. Kjaernsli. Norwegian Geotechnical Institute Publication No. 16, 1956.

loads of the bridge and by the loads of the approach embankments. Although the stresses transferred to the soil at the bases of the bridge abutments are much larger than those due to the embankments, the areas on which the bridge loads are applied are small and, therefore, these stresses quickly dissipate with depth below the footings. To make a prediction of possible settlement of the bridge footings, it has been assumed that the bridge abutments will settle the same amount as a strip loading which has a width equal to that of the approach embankments and which applies a pressure of 1.5 tons per square foot to the subsoil. This is considered to be a liberal estimate of the loading conditions. No consideration has been taken of the skewness of the bridge as it is only 25 degrees, and because the expected foundation settlements are small.

The consolidation characteristics of the clay till are shown on Plates I<sub>A</sub> to XI inclusive and are compared on Plate XIII. To estimate the elastic settlements, an apparent modulus of elasticity,  $E$ , equal to 200 tons per square foot, was chosen. The depth of compressible subsoil was assumed to be 100 feet.

The calculated settlements are as follows:

Elastic settlement .....	0.1 feet
Consolidation settlement .....	0.2 feet
Total ultimate settlement .....	0.3 feet

Most of the elastic settlement will occur during the period of construction of the bridge and embankment, and the time taken for 50 per cent of the total ultimate settlement to take place is estimated to be 10 years.

### Conclusions

(a) - On the basis of the drilling done at the site, the general soil profile consists of homogeneous clay till to a depth of at least 100 feet. The groundwater surface is located from 2 to 5 feet below the ground surface.

(b) - The soils are stiff and relatively incompressible. Their properties are summarized on Plates XII and XIII.

(c) - The 12-foot high embankments approaching the bridge can be safely supported on the natural soils at the site. The ultimate expected settlements are less than 0.3 feet.

(d) - Allowable total bearing pressures from 2 to 3 tons per square foot can be used for design of the bridge footings, depending upon the inclination of the resultant applied load. For eccentrically loaded footings, the width of the footing must be reduced for purposes of calculation as outlined previously in this report. A summary of the bearing capacity calculations is given on Plate XIV.

(e) - The maximum ultimate settlement of the bridge abutments has been estimated to be 0.3 feet and 50 per cent of this settlement is expected to take place within 10 years.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the bridge be supported on spread footings. Allowable bearing pressures are given on Plate XIV.

APPENDIX AProgram of Work

- March 23, 1960 - Penndrill arrived at the site and drilling of hole No. 870-1 was commenced.
- March 25, 1960 - Hole No. 870-1 was completed to a depth of 100 feet.
- March 26, 1960 - Hole No. 870-2 (cone penetration test) was completed to a depth of 17 feet. Site abandoned due to flooding by Fleming Creek.
- July 5, 1960 - Hole No. 870-3 was completed to a depth of 41 feet.
- July 6, 1960 - Holes Nos. 870-4 and 870-5 were completed to average depths of 50 feet. Hole No. 870-6 was started.
- July 7, 1960 - Holes Nos. 870-6 and 870-7 were completed to average depths of 53 feet.

Summary of Time

<u>Work Type</u>	<u>No. of Holes</u>	<u>Total Length Feet</u>	<u>Total Time Days</u>
Soil Drilling and Sampling	6	350	6-1/2
Cone Penetration Tests	1	17	1/2

APPENDIX BSummary of Laboratory Tests

Hole No.	Sample No.	Elevation Feet	Water Content %	Liquid Limit %	Plastic Limit %	Su <sub>n</sub> Tsf	e <sub>f</sub> %	Su <sub>r</sub> Tsf	St
870-1	2	674	18.2	-	-	1.54	20	-	--
	3	669	17.3	30.1	15.6	1.66	20	-	--
	4	654	17.9	31.3	15.8	1.43	20	1.35	1.1
	7	639	18.2	30.9	16.1	1.40	20	1.11	1.3
	9	614	18.8	31.4	16.8	1.26	20	0.97	1.3
	11	594	19.6	33.3	17.4	1.18	20	0.82	1.4
870-3	2	675	18.8	-	-	1.37	20	1.08	1.3
	4	665	18.4	-	-	1.88	20	0.87	2.2
	6	645	18.2	-	-	1.50	20	0.89	1.7
870-5	2	690	17.0	-	-	2.22	20	-	-
	3	680	17.6	-	-	2.04	20	-	-
	4	670	17.2	-	-	2.26	20	-	-
870-7	1	671	17.5	-	-	1.48	20	-	-
	2	661	18.7	-	-	1.05	20	-	-
	3	636	18.1	-	-	-	-	-	-

e<sub>f</sub> - Failure StrainSu<sub>r</sub> - Remoulded undrained shear strengthSu<sub>n</sub> - Natural undrained shear strength

St - Sensitivity

APPENDIX C

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP-289-50) HOLE No. 870-1  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 1:00 P.M. March 23, 1960  
 FINISHED 5:30 P.M. March 25, 1960

METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penn-drill 4" Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION: LATITUDE 0E.536+95 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 45' Left DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 684.0  
 INITIAL DIP 90 Degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 584.0  
 WATER TABLE 681.5

DEPTH	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST See Plate II Blows
			NO.	TYPE*	SIZE	DEPTH	RET'D	
					Inches	Feet	Inches	
0.0	Clay till	Brown and grey, moist, stiff with scattered pebbles which are partially rounded and composed of black shale and limestone	1	BO	1-7/8	5.0		6
						5.5		6
						6.0		15
						6.5	13	22
5.0	Clay till	Grey, firm, moist, very stiff and tenacious with scattered pebbles 1/16" to 1/4"	2	BO	1-7/8	10.0		6
						10.5		14
						11.0		14
						11.5	12	24
100.0		End of hole						
			3	BO	1-7/8	15.0		6
						15.5		15
						16.0		21
						16.5		25
						17.0	13	25
				BZ	1-7/8	20.0		6
						20.5		14
						21.0		19
						21.5	0	19
			4	BO	1-7/8	30.0		7
						30.5		15
						31.0		19
						31.5	15	19

SAMPLING METHOD

\* A - SPLIT TUBE  
 B - THIN WALL TUBE  
 C - PISTON SAMPLER  
 D - CORE BARREL

E - AUGER  
 F - WASH

SHIPPING CONTAINER

N - IN. F  
 O - TUBE  
 P - WATER CONTENT TIN  
 Q - GLASS JAR

R - CLOTH BAG  
 S - PLIOFILM BAG  
 Z - DISCARDED

INSPECTOR J. MacLeod

LOGGED BY J. MacLeod

APPROVED

*D.H. MacDonald*

DATE July, 1960

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP-280-59)  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario

JOB No. 870  
 HOLE No. 870-1  
 SHEET No. 2 OF 2

DEPTH	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST
			NO	TYPE	SIZE	DEPTH	RET'D	
					Inches	Feet	Inches	Blows
			5	BO	1-7/8	35.0		
		<u>Note: * Penetration Test</u>				35.5		15
						36.0		23
		This is the number of				36.5	18	30
		blows of a 140-lb.						
		weight falling 30	6	BO	1-7/8	40.0		
		inches required to				40.5		10
		advance the sampler to				41.0		18
		distance indicated.				41.5		23
						42.0	21	30
			7	BO	1-7/8	45.0		
						45.5		9
						46.0		16
						46.5		23
						47.0	14	30
			8	BO	1-7/8	55.0		
						55.5		9
						56.0		15
						56.5		23
						57.0	18	31
					BZ	1-7/8	65.0	
						65.5		6
						66.0		16
						66.5		22
						67.0	0	29
			9	BO	2.0	70.0		
						70.5		14
						71.0		24
						71.5		30
						72.0	16	35
			10	BO	2.0	80.0		
						80.5		18
						81.0		28
						81.5	16	29
			11	BO	2.0	90.0		
						90.5		15
						91.0		25
						91.5	16	40
			12	BO	2.0	100.0		
						100.5		23
						101.0		40
						101.5	16	45

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP-280-59) HOLE No. 870-2  
 SITE Township of Alborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 1

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 8:00 A.M. March 26, 1960  
 FINISHED 11:00 A.M. March 26, 1960

METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL D.H.O. Cone Penetration Test CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION: LATITUDE CH. 537400 ELEVATIONS: DATUM GSC  
 DEPARTURE 45' Left DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 684.0  
 INITIAL DIP 90 Degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 667.0  
 WATER TABLE 681.5

DEPTH	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST
			NO.	TYPE *	SIZE	DEPTH Feet	RET'D	* Blows
						0		
						1		14
						2		4
						3		4
						4		4
						5		10
		<u>Note: D.H.O. Penetration Test</u>				6		14
						7		14
		This is the number of				8		15
		blows of a 140-lb.				9		35
		weight falling 30"				10		70
		required to advance				11		81
		the cone one foot.				12		92
						13		104
						14		130
						15		165
						16		192
						17		214

SAMPLING METHOD: \* A - SPLIT TUBE, B - THIN WALL TUBE, C - PISTON SAMPLER, D - CORE BARREL, E - AUGER, F - WASH

SHIPPING CONTAINER: N - INSERT, O - TUBE, P - WATER CONTENT TIN, Q - GLASS JAR, R - CLOTH BAG, S - PLIOFILM BAG, Z - DISCARDED

INSPECTOR J. MacLeod APPROVED *D. H. MacDonald*  
 LOGGED BY J. MacLeod DATE July, 1960  
 Plate III

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59) HOLE No. 870-3  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 2:00 P.M. July 5, 19 60  
 FINISHED 5:30 P.M. July 5, 19 60

METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penndrill, 4-inch Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION: LATITUDE Ch. 536+00 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 50 feet right DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 684.8  
 INITIAL DIP 90 degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 644.1  
 WATER TABLE

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE				PENETRATION TEST See Plate II Blows
			NO.	TYPE	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	
0.0	Clay till	Brown, weathered, silty containing angular pebbles, very stiff.	1	AQ	2	5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5	15 3 6 8
7.0	Clay till	Grey, moist, containing angular pebbles, very stiff.	2	BO	2	9.0 9.5 10.0 10.5	16 5 8 12
			3	BO	2	14.0 14.5 15.0 15.5	18 5 9 14
			4	BO	2	19.0 19.5 20.0 20.5 20.75	21 4 6 11 7
			5	BO	2	29.0 29.5 30.0 30.5	18 7 11 17

SAMPLING METHOD  
 \* A — SPLIT TUBE E — AUGER  
 B — THIN WALL TUBE F — WASH  
 C — PISTON SAMPLER  
 D — CORE BARREL

SHIPPING CONTAINER  
 N — INSERT R — CLOTH BAG  
 O — TUBE S — PLIOFILM BAG  
 P — WATER CONTENT TIN Z — DISCARDED  
 G — GLASS JAR

INSPECTOR P. Jorgensen

LOGGED BY P. Jorgensen

APPROVED *D. H. MacDonald*

DATE July, 1960



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**DRILLING REPORT**

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59) HOLE No. 870-4  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 9:00 A.M. July 6, 19 60  
 FINISHED 12:00 A.M. July 6, 19 60  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penndrill, 4-inch Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION: LATITUDE Ch. 536+51 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 45 feet left DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 685.1  
 INITIAL DIP 90 degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 634.5  
 WATER TABLE

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST See Plate II Blows
			NO	TYPE *	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	RET'D Inches	
0.0	Clay till	Brown-grey, weathered, containing angular pebbles, very stiff.	1	BO	2	4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 5.75	18	5 6 10 6
7.5	Clay till	Grey, containing angular pebbles, very stiff	2	BO	2	9.0 9.5 10.0 10.5 10.75	21	5 8 15 10
			3	BO	2	19.0 19.5 20.0 20.6	18	5 9 17
			4	BO	2	29.0 29.5 30.0 30.1	13	5 24 7

SAMPLING METHOD  
 \* A - SPLIT TUBE  
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 C - PISTON SAMPLER  
 D - CORE BARREL

E - AUGER  
 F - WASH

SHIPPING CONTAINER  
 N - INSERT  
 O - TUBE  
 P - WATER CONTENT TIN  
 Q - GLASS JAR

R - CLOTH BAG  
 S - PLOFILM BAG  
 Z - DISCARDED

INSPECTOR P. Jorgensen APPROVED *D. H. Macdonald.*  
 LOGGED BY P. Jorgensen DATE July, 1960

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DRILLING REPORT

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JOB No. 870

PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59)

HOLE No. 870-4

SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario

SHEET No. 2 OF 2

DEPTH	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLC, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST	
			NO.	TYPE	SIZE	DEPTH	RET'D	Inches	Blows
Feet					Inches	Feet			
			5	BO	2	39.0			
						39.5		7	
						40.0		12	
						40.5	18	20	
			6	BO	2	49.0			
						49.5		6	
						50.0		10	
50.6		End of hole.				50.6	19	16	

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59) HOLE No. 870-5  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 1:00 P.M. July 6, 19 60  
 FINISHED 3:15 P.M. July 6, 19 60

METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penndrill, 4-inch Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION: LATITUDE Ch. 535+23 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 7 feet left DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 700.6  
 INITIAL DIP 90 degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 649.9  
 WATER TABLE

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST See Plate II
			NO	TYPE*	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	RET'D Inches	
0.0	Clay till	Brown, weathered, containing many angular pebbles, very stiff	1	AQ	2	4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5	18	5 12 16
7.0	Clay till	Grey, silty, containing angular pebbles, very stiff	2	BO	2	9.0 9.5 10.0 10.5	18	6 8 15
19.0	Clay till	Same as above, but more moist and tenacious.	3	BO	2	19.0 19.5 20.0 20.5 20.7	20	5 9 13 5
			4	BO	2	29.0 29.5 30.0 30.5 30.75	19	7 13 15 10
			5	BO	2	49.0 49.5 50.0		9 16

SAMPLING METHOD

\* A - SPLIT TUBE  
 B - THIN WALL TUBE  
 C - PISTON SAMPLER  
 D - CORE BARREL

E - AUGER  
 F - WASH

SHIPPING CONTAINER

N - INSERT  
 O - TUBE  
 P - WATER CONTENT TIN  
 Q - GLASS JAR

R - CLOTH BAG  
 S - PLIOFILM BAG  
 Z - DISCARDED

INSPECTOR P. Jorgensen  
 LOGGED BY P. Jorgensen

APPROVED *A. H. MacDonald*  
 DATE July, 1960



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**DRILLING REPORT**

CLIENT: Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT: Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59) HOLE No. 870-6  
 SITE: Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2  
 CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 4:30 P.M. July 6, 19 60  
 FINISHED 11:00 A.M. July 7, 19 60  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penndrill, 4-inch Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.  
 LOCATION: LATITUDE Ch. 536+62 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 39 feet right DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 684.2  
 INITIAL DIP 90 degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 633.2  
 WATER TABLE 679.2

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST See Plate II
			NO.	TYPE	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	RET'D Inches	
0.0	Clay till	Brown, containing loam, sand and pebbles.	1	AQ	2	4.0		
						4.5		2
						5.0		5
						5.5	3	9
7.5	Clay till	Grey, moist, and tenacious, containing angular pebbles, very stiff.	2	BO	2	9.0		
						9.5		6
						10.0		12
						10.5		16
						10.75	14	10
			3	BO	2	14.0		
						14.5		5
						15.0		12
						15.5		18
						15.75	13	10
			4	BO	2	24.0		
						24.5		5
						25.0		12
						25.5		16
						25.75	9	11

SAMPLING METHOD  
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 Q - GLASS JAR

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 S - PLIOFILM BAG  
 Z - DISCARDED

INSPECTOR P. Jorgensen  
 LOGGED BY P. Jorgensen

APPROVED *D. H. MacDonald*  
 DATE July, 1960

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CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways

JOB No. 870

PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59)

HOLE No. 870-6

SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario

SHEET No. 1 OF 2

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC	S A M P L E					PENETRATION TEST	
			NO	TYPE	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	RETD Inches	Blows	
			5	BO	2	34.0			
						34.5		7	
						35.0		13	
						35.5		19	
						35.75	12	10	
			6	BO	2	49.0			
						49.5		8	
						50.0		15	
						50.5		23	
51.0		End of hole.				51.0	14	28	

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**DRILLING REPORT**

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways JOB No. 870  
 PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59) HOLE No. 370-7  
 SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario SHEET No. 1 OF 2

CONTRACTOR: F.E. Johnston Drilling Company Limited STARTED 1:00 P.M. July 7 1960  
 FINISHED 4:30 P.M. July 7 1960

METHOD OF DRILLING: SOIL Penndrill, 4-Inch Auger CASING DIAM.  
 ROCK CORE DIAM.

LOCATION LATITUDE Ch. 538+00 ELEVATIONS: DATUM G.S.C.  
 DEPARTURE 12 feet left DRILL PLATFORM  
 BEARING GROUND SURFACE 686.0  
 INITIAL DIP 90 degrees ROCK SURFACE  
 OTHER DIPS BOTTOM OF HOLE 630.0  
 WATER TABLE

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	SAMPLE					PENETRATION TEST See Plate II Inches Blows
			NO.	TYPE*	SIZE Inches	DEPTH Feet	RET'D	
0.0	Sand	Brown sandy loam with some clay.						
3.0	Clay Till	Brown, sandy, containing bands of medium sand, wet.		AZ		4.0		
						4.5		4
						5.0		5
						5.5		5
8.0	Clay Till	Grey, moist, containing angular pebbles, very stiff		AZ		9.0		
						9.5		5
						10.0		8
						10.5	2	14
			1	BO		14.0		
						14.5		6
						15.0		11
						15.5		15
						15.75	11	11
			2	BO		24.0		
						24.5		6
						25.0		14
						25.5		16
						25.75	11	9

SAMPLING METHOD  
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 N — INSERT  
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 Z — DISCARDED

INSPECTOR P. Jorgensen  
 LOGGED BY P. Jorgensen

APPROVED *D. H. MacDonald*  
 DATE July, 1960

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PLATE VIII A

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DRILLING REPORT

CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways

JOB No. 870

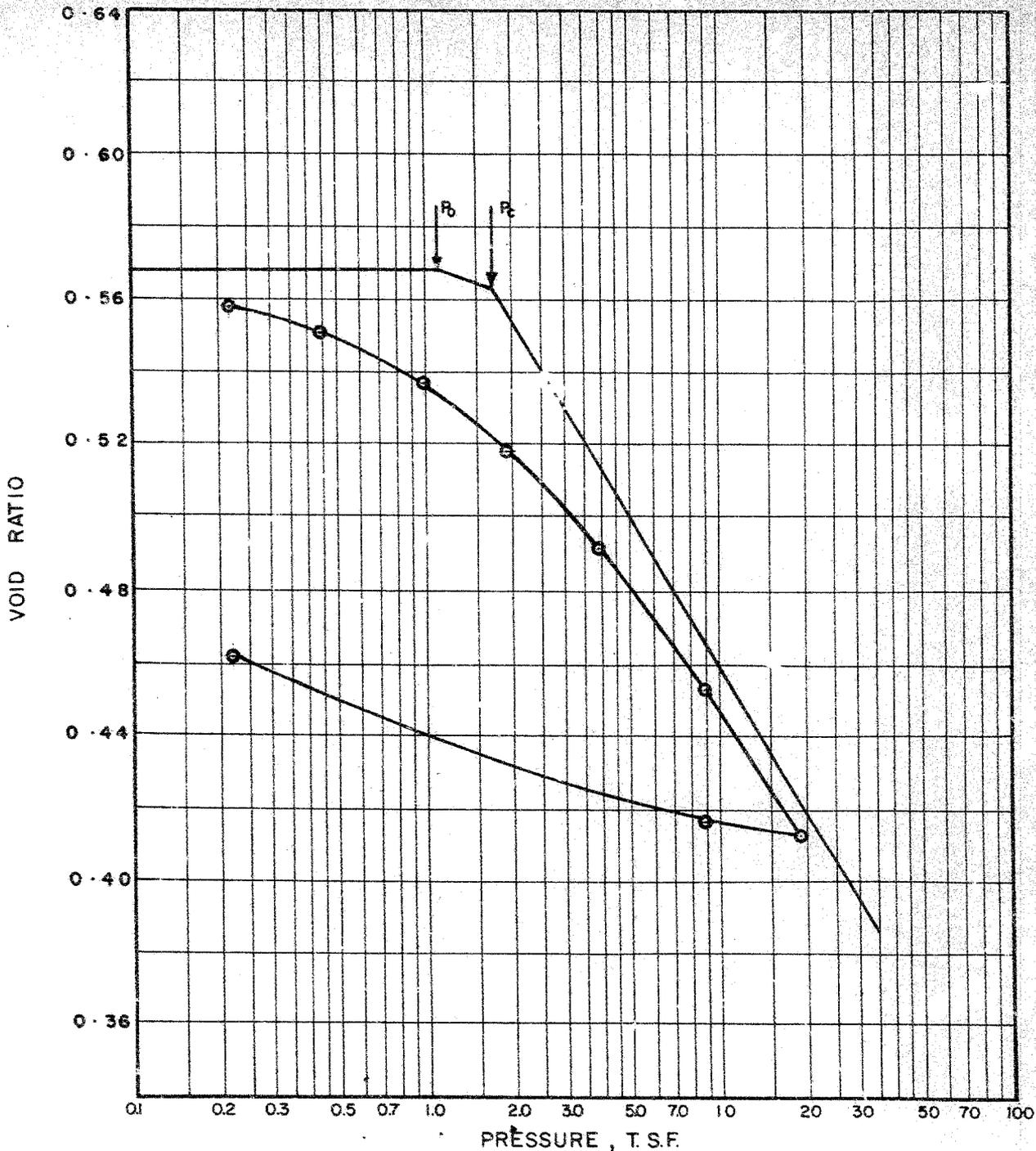
PROJECT Highway 401, Fleming Creek Bridge (WP 289-59)

HOLE No. 870-7

SITE Township of Aldborough, Lot 1, Ontario

SHEET No. 2 OF 2

DEPTH Feet	SOIL TYPE	DESCRIPTION: COLOUR, CONSISTENCY, STRUCTURE, WATER CONTENT, PLASTICITY, COMPACTNESS, WATER LOSS OR GAIN, ETC.	S A M P L E					PENETRATION TEST Blows
			NO	TYPE	SIZE Inches	PTH feet	RET'D Inches	
				BZ	2	34.0		
						34.5		8
						35.0		14
						35.5		20
						36.0	0	25
				BZ	2	39.0		
						39.5		8
						40.0		15
						40.5	0	24
				AZ	2	40.0		
						40.5		5
						41.0	5	10
			3	30	2	49.0		
						49.5		10
						50.0		15
						50.5		20
						50.75	5	16
				BZ	2	54.0		
						54.5		10
						55.0		17
						55.5		23
56.0		End of hole.				56.0	0	24



OVERBURDEN PRESSURE --  $P_0 = 1.1$  TSF  
 CONSOLIDATION PRESSURE --  $P_c = 1.7$  TSF

NATURAL WATER CONTENT = 18.50 %  
 LOADING INTERVAL - 25 MIN.

SAMPLE No. 870 - 80 - 4

TEST DATE APRIL 5, 1960

TEST No. 870 - 9 - 1

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HOLE No. 870 - 1 SAMPLE ELEV. 654'

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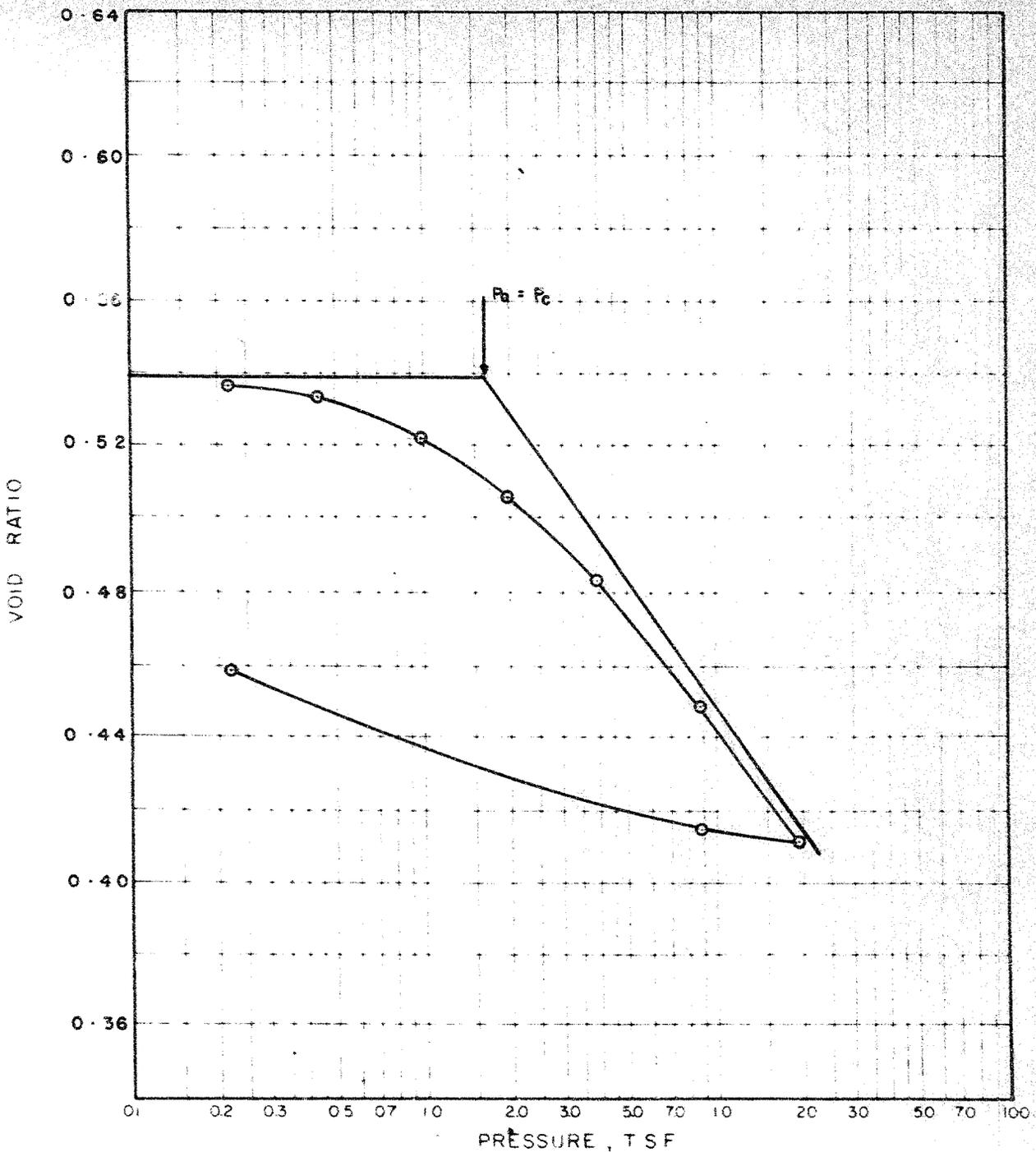
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PLATE IX



OVERBURDEN PRESSURE -  $P_0 = 1.6$  TSF  
 CONSOLIDATION PRESSURE -  $P_c = 1.6$  TSF

NATURAL WATER CONTENT = 19.10 %  
 LOADING INTERVAL - 25 MIN.

SAMPLE No 870 - B0 - 7  
 TEST No 870 - 9 - 3

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HOLE No 870-1 SAMPLE ELEV 639'

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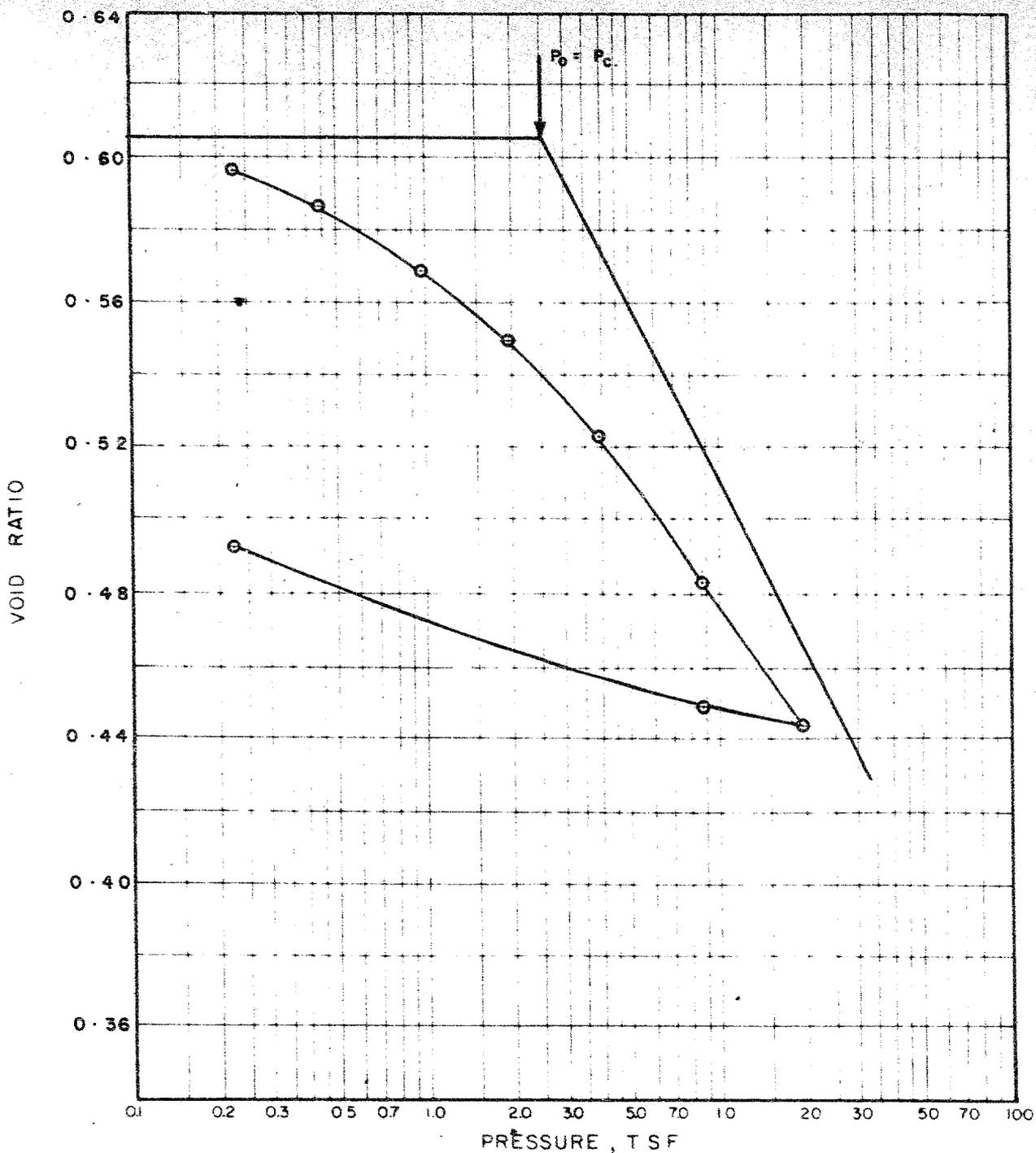
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PLATE X



OVERBURDEN PRESSURE -  $P_0 = 25$  TSF  
 CONSOLIDATION PRESSURE -  $P_c = 25$  TSF

NATURAL WATER CONTENT = 18.69 %  
 LOADING INTERVAL - 25 MIN.

SAMPLE No. 870 - B0 - 9 TEST DATE APRIL 5, 1960  
 TEST No. 870 - 9 - 2 TESTED BY R. G.

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CONSOLIDATION TEST

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HOLE No. 870-1 SAMPLE ELEV 614'

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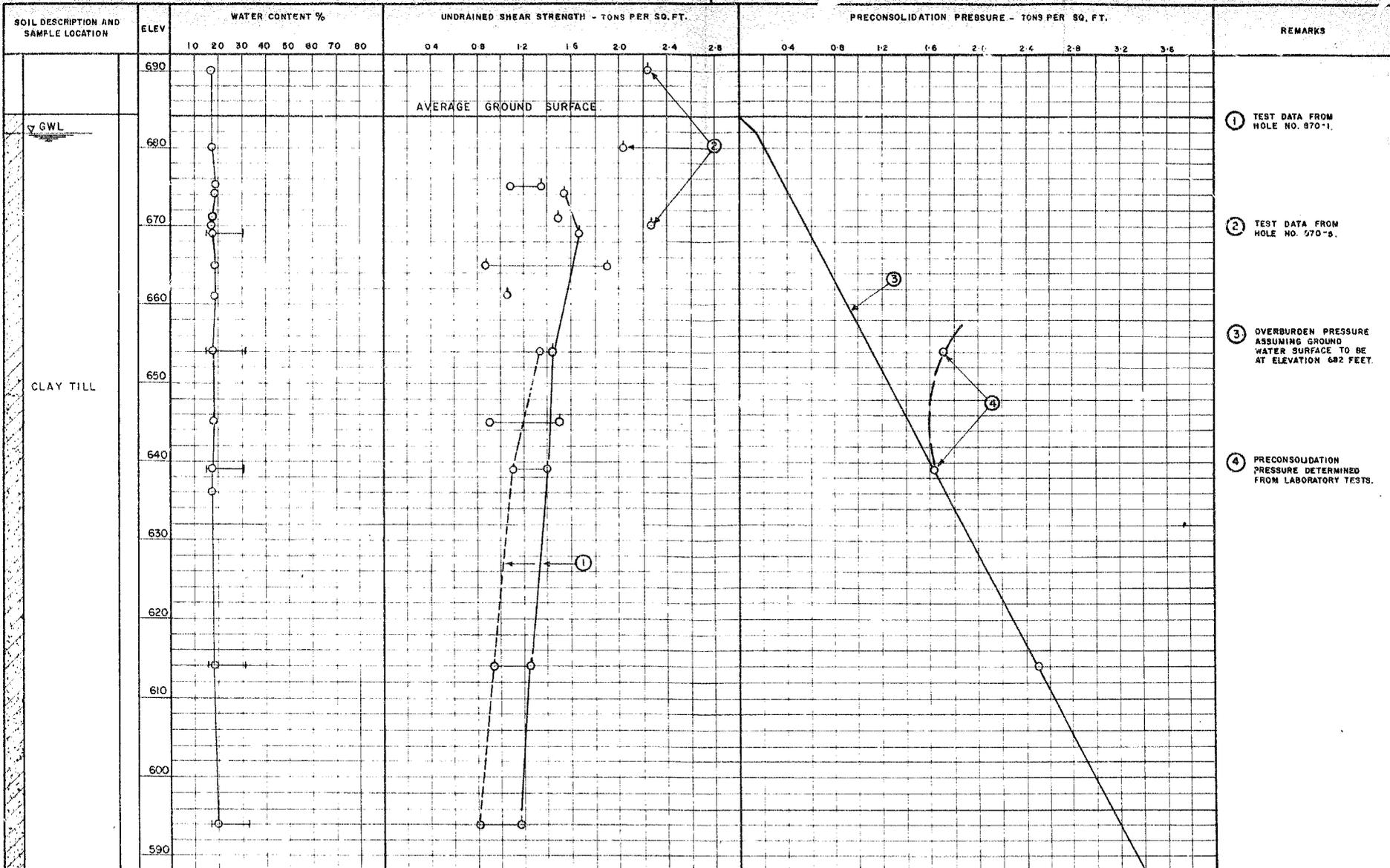
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PLATE XI



③ SOIL SAMPLE

⊙ NATURAL WATER CONTENT

— LIQUID LIMIT

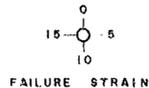
— PLASTIC LIMIT

⊙ UNDRAINED COMPRESSION TEST

△ FIELD VANE TEST

— NATURAL STRENGTH

--- REMOULDED STRENGTH



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SUMMARY OF DRILLING AND TEST RESULTS

COMPARISON OF ALL TESTS.

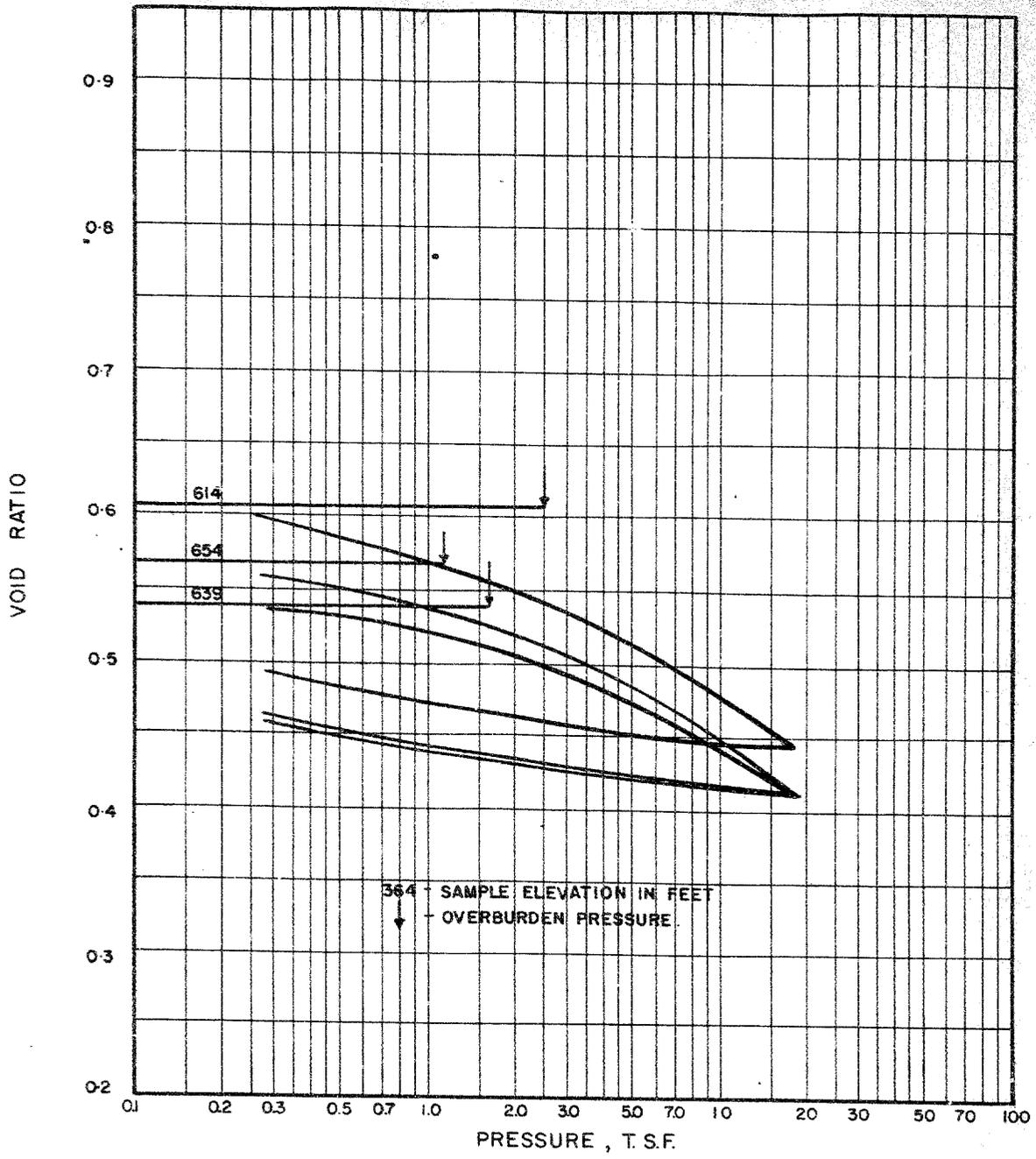
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PLATE - XII.



OVERBURDEN PRESSURE -  $P_0$  = \_\_\_\_\_ NATURAL WATER CONTENT \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONSOLIDATION PRESSURE -  $P_c$  = \_\_\_\_\_ LOADING INTERVAL \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE No. \_\_\_\_\_ TEST DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEST No. \_\_\_\_\_ TESTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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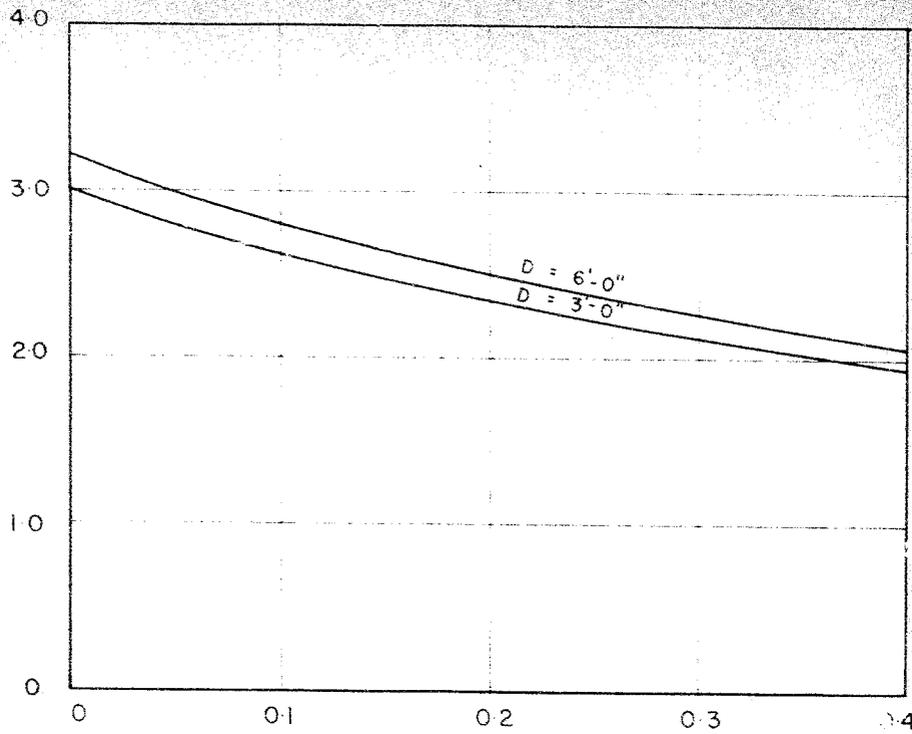
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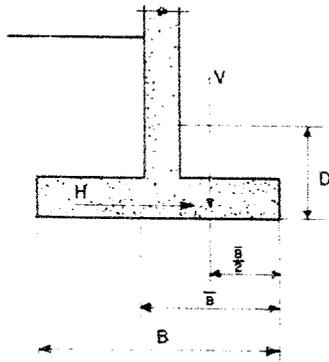
PLATE XIII

ALLOWABLE TOTAL BEARING PRESSURE,  $q_a$ , IN TSF



INCLINATION OF LOAD,  $\alpha \approx \frac{H}{V - \gamma DB}$

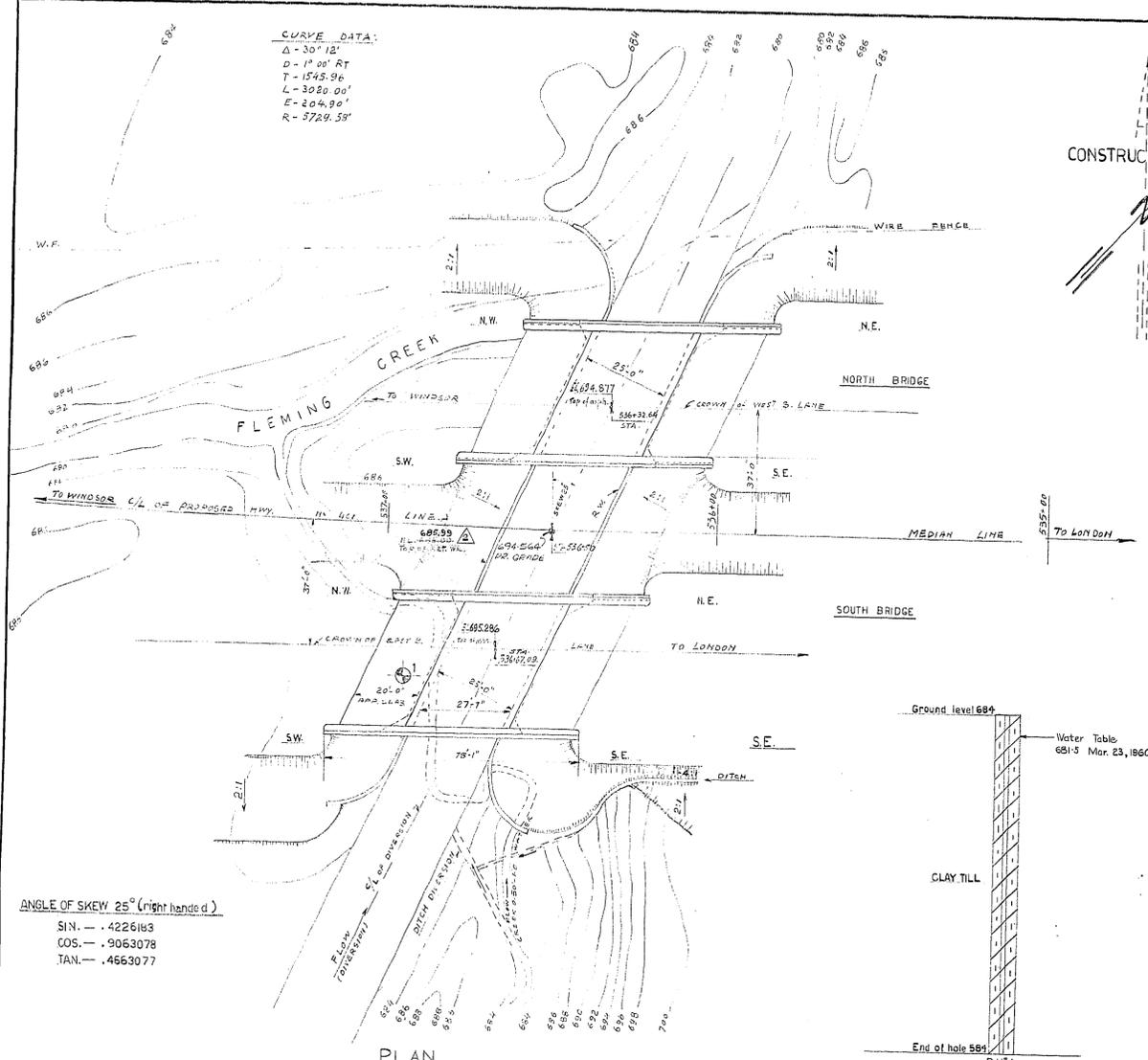
- V DENOTES TOTAL VERTICAL LOAD
- H " HORIZONTAL LOAD.
- B " WIDTH OF FOOTING
- $\bar{B}$  " EFFECTIVE WIDTH OF ECCENTRICALLY LOADED FOOTINGS
- $\gamma$  " SOIL DENSITY.
- D " DISTANCE FROM GROUND SURFACE TO BASE OF FOOTINGS.



$V = q_a \cdot \bar{B}$

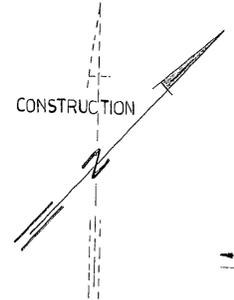
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<b>ALLOWABLE TOTAL BEARING PRESSURES FOR STRIP FOOTINGS.</b>	
APPROVED	DATE JULY 1960
<i>H. G. Acres</i> H. G. ACRES & COMPANY LIMITED	SCALE:
	JOB NO. 870.
<b>PLATE - XIV</b>	

CURVE DATA:  
Δ - 30° 18'  
D - 1700' RT  
T - 1545.94  
L - 3080.00'  
E - 204.90'  
R - 5729.59'

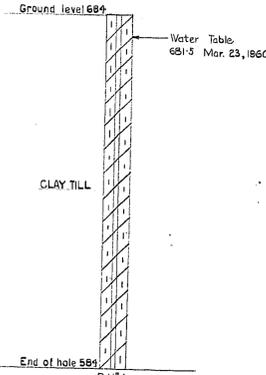


PLAN  
SCALE: 1 IN. = 20 FT.

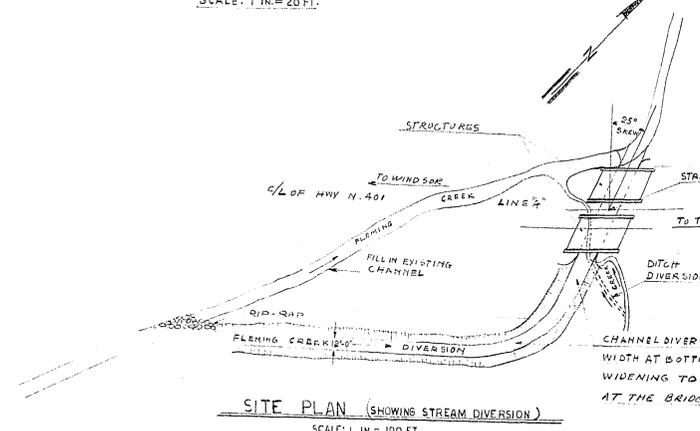
ANGLE OF SKEW 25° (right handed)  
SIN. — .4226183  
COS. — .9063078  
TAN. — .4663077



CONSTRUCTION

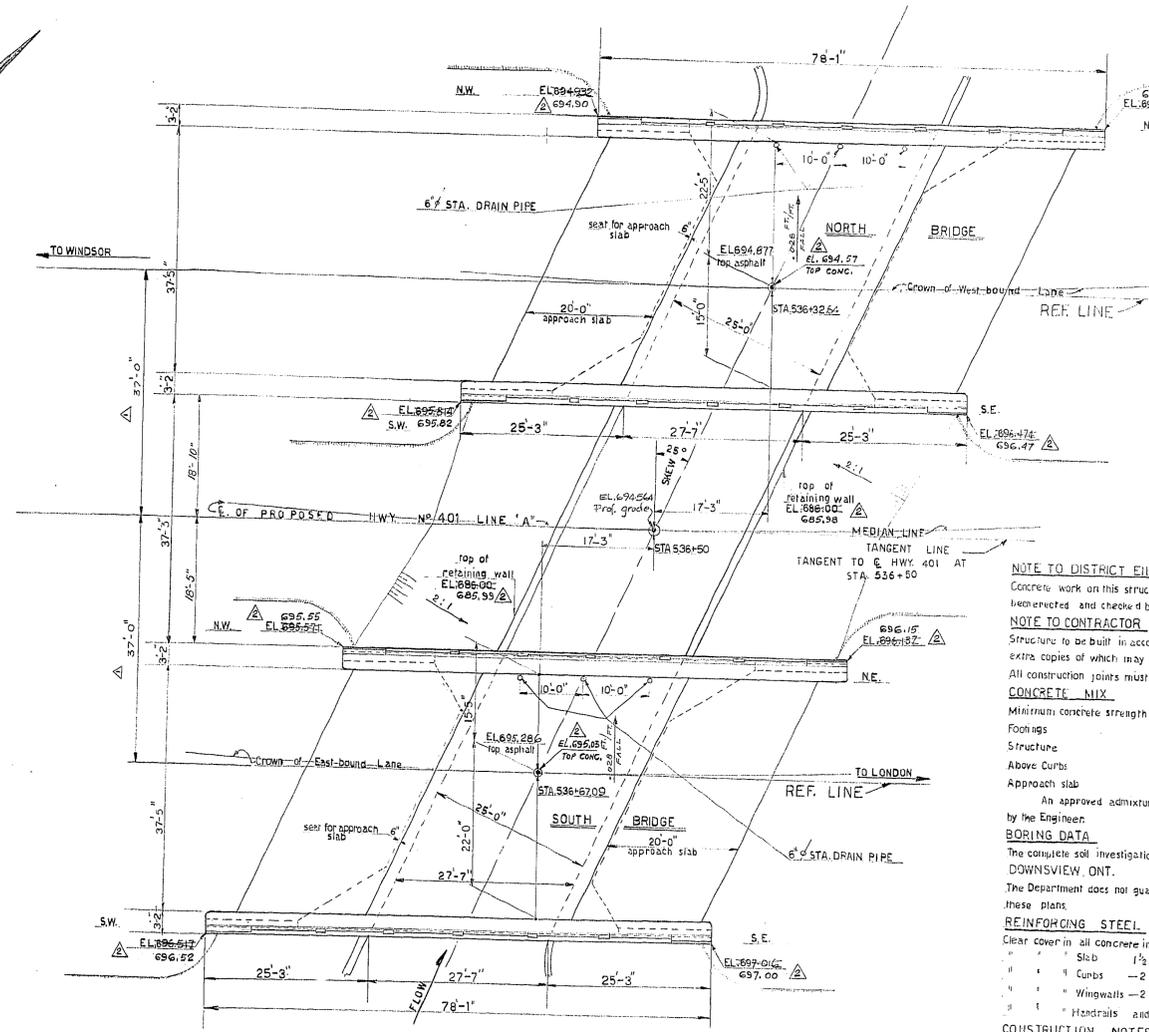


BORF HOLE No. 1  
VERTICAL SCALE 3/8 IN. = 10 FT.

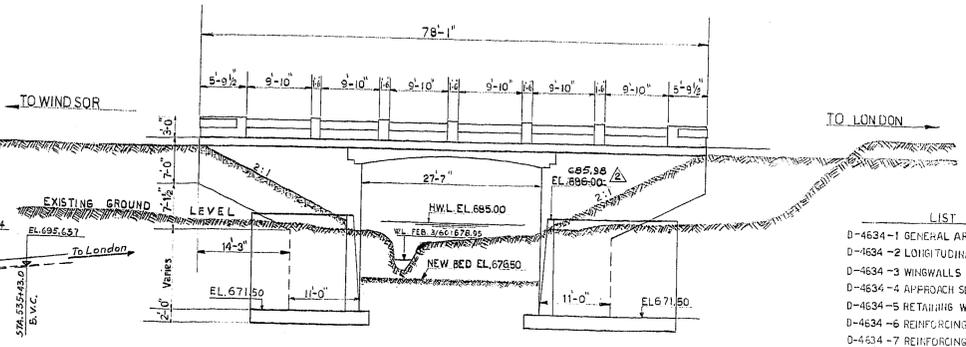


SITE PLAN (SHOWING STREAM DIVERSION)  
SCALE: 1 IN. = 100 FT.

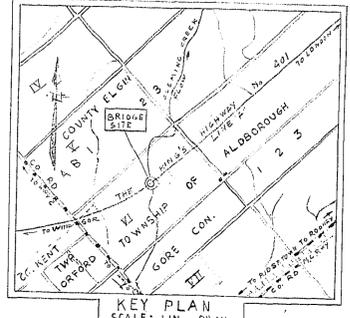
PROFILE OF HWY. 401, LINE 'A'



DECK PLAN  
SCALE: 3/32 IN. = 1 FT.



SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/32 IN. = 1 FT.



KEY PLAN  
SCALE: 1 IN. = 08 MI.

GENERAL NOTES  
NOTE TO DISTRICT ENGINEER  
Concrete work on this structure must not be commenced until monuments to fix control points have been erected and checked by the District Engineer.  
NOTE TO CONTRACTOR  
Structure to be built in accordance with Form N°9 revised March 1957 and the Special Provisions, extra copies of which may be obtained from the District Engineer.  
All construction joints must be approved by the Bridge Engineer.  
CONCRETE MIX  
Minimum concrete strength 28 days, p.s.i.  
Footings — 2500 p.s.i. - Maximum size aggregate 1 1/2 inches  
Structure — 3000 p.s.i. - " " " 3/4 " "  
Above Curbs — 3000 p.s.i. - " " " 3/4 " "  
Approach slab — 3000 p.s.i. - " " " 3/4 " "  
An approved admixture supplied by the Department will be added to all concrete as specified by the Engineer.  
BORING DATA  
The complete soil investigation report BA 1105 may be examined at the Bridge Office, DOWNSVIEW, ONT.  
The Department does not guarantee the accuracy of this report or the abridged version shown on these plans.  
REINFORCING STEEL  
Clear cover in all concrete in contact with earth - 3 inches (Footings, Abutments)  
" " Slab 1 1/2 inches at top and bottom.  
" " Curbs - 2 " "  
" " Wingwalls - 2 " "  
" " Handrails and Posts - 1 1/2 inches  
CONSTRUCTION NOTES  
Chamfer on top of curb - 2 inches  
All other exposed edges to be chamfered 1 inch

NOTE  
- Bridge roadways have been increased 5 inch to take care of horizontal curve  
- Bridge to be built parallel to reference lines, where reference lines are parallel to tangent line.

- LIST OF DRAWINGS  
D-4634-1 GENERAL ARRANGEMENT  
D-4634-2 LONGITUDINAL SECTION & FOOTING PLAN  
D-4634-3 WINGWALLS & DECK SECTIONS  
D-4634-4 APPROACH SLAB, CURB, HANDRAIL & SECTION  
D-4634-5 RETAINING WALLS & SECTION  
D-4634-6 REINFORCING STEEL SCHEDULE  
D-4634-7 REINFORCING STEEL SCHEDULE  
D-4634-8 REINFORCING STEEL SCHEDULE  
D-4634-9 REINFORCING STEEL SCHEDULE

WP 239-59  
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BRIDGE OFFICE - TORONTO  
FLEMING CREEK BRIDGE  
(ALDBOROUGH TWP. N. 12)  
THE KING'S HIGHWAY No. 401 LINE 'A'  
CO. ELSIN DIST. No. 2  
TWP. ALDBOROUGH LOT C. I CON. VI  
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT  
APPROVED: [Signature] BRIDGE ENGINEER 62092

PRINT RECORD table with columns for No., For, and Date.

REVISIONS: 1/7/65 P.K. ELEV. REVISED, DIV. D-4634-9 ADDED.  
6/4/65 J.G.S. DIMENSIONS REMOVED & ADDED.  
7/9/65 V.B. Vertical Curve Added & Elevations Revised.



## **APPENDIX B**

### Site Photographs



**Photograph 1:** Viewing east from the west side of the Fleming Creek Bridge WBL structure at the east abutment wall. Scouring effect of the exposed ground was evident. The weep holes in the abutment and retaining walls were open and wet. (October 20, 2013)



**Photograph 2:** Viewing east from the west side of the Fleming Creek Bridge WBL structure at the east median retaining wall structure. Partial vegetation and some rock protection on the slope ground were observed. The weep holes in the retaining walls were open and wet. (October 20, 2013)



**Photograph 3:** Viewing east from the west side of the Fleming Creek Bridge EBL structure at the east abutment wall. Surficial cracks were observed on the abutment wall. Scouring effect of the exposed ground was evident. The weep holes in the abutment and retaining walls were open and wet. (October 20, 2013)



**Photograph 4:** Viewing west from the east side of the Fleming Creek Bridge WBL structure at the west abutment wall. Surficial cracks were observed on the abutment wall. Scouring of the exposed ground was evident. The weep holes in the abutment and retaining walls were open and wet. (October 20, 2013)



**Photograph 5:** Viewing west from the east side of the Fleming Creek Bridge EBL structure at the west abutment wall. Slight scouring of the exposed ground was evident. The weep holes in the abutment and retaining walls were open and wet. (October 20, 2013)