

PRELIMINARY
FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN REPORT
EBYCREST ROAD UNDERPASS
HIGHWAY 7-NEW, KITCHENER TO GUELPH
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PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the factual findings obtained from a preliminary foundation investigation conducted at the site of the proposed underpass structure to carry Ebycrest Road over Highway 7-New in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario.

The purpose of the investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the site and, based on the data obtained, to provide a borehole location plan, records of boreholes, a stratigraphic profile, laboratory test results and a written description of the subsurface conditions. A model of the subsurface conditions under the potential foundation footprint was developed from the data obtained in the course of the investigation.

The information collected in the course of the investigation and presented in this report is intended for preliminary design purposes only. Additional site investigation, field testing and engineering analysis will be required at the detail design stage. The extent of the additional investigation will depend, in part, on the final location and General Arrangement of the structure.

Thurber carried out the investigation for the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Southwestern Region (MTO) under Purchase Order Number 3006-E-0123.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

At the site, the Highway 7-New alignment runs approximately 900 m north of the existing Highway 7 and Ebycrest Road intersection. The site lies approximately 2.0 km northeast of a developed area of the City of Kitchener.

The site lies within an area of farms and agricultural lands. There are farmsteads to the east and west of Ebycrest Road, north of the existing Highway 7 alignment.

Based on the Ontario Geological Survey Special Volume 2, The Physiography of Southern Ontario, Third Edition by Chapman and Putnam, the site lies within the physiographic region known as the Waterloo Hills, characterized by ridges of sandy till and kames or kame moraines, with outwash sands occupying the intervening hollows.

3 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FIELD TESTING

The site investigation and field-testing at this site was carried out on June 12, 13 and 16, 2008. Three boreholes, 08-117, 08-118 and 08-119, were drilled approximately at the north abutment, pier and south abutment of a possible two-span structure arrangement. The depths of the boreholes ranged from 15.4 to 17.2 m. The Record of Borehole sheets for the boreholes are included in Appendix A. The approximate locations of the three boreholes are shown on the attached Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing in Appendix E.

Prior to commencing the site investigation, clearance was obtained from utility companies having plant in the area.

The boreholes were drilled using hollow stem auger equipment mounted on a CME75 truck-mounted drill rig. Samples were obtained at selected intervals using a split spoon sampler in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing (SPT) in the overburden soils.

Groundwater conditions in the open boreholes were observed throughout the drilling operations. In Borehole 08-118, drilled at the proposed pier location, a standpipe piezometer consisting of 25 mm diameter PVC pipe with a slotted screen was installed and enclosed in filter sand to permit longer term groundwater level monitoring. The location and completion details of the piezometer are shown in Table 3.1. Boreholes without piezometer installations were grouted with bentonite upon completion. The borehole completion details are also shown in Table 3.1.

The completion of the boreholes and the standpipe piezometer was carried out in accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 903 (as amended by O. Reg. 372/07).

Table 3.1 – Borehole Completion Details

Foundation Unit	Borehole Location	Piezometer Tip Depth/Elevation (m)	Completion Details
North Abutment	08-117	No Installation	Bentonite to 0.6 m then holeplug to ground surface.
Pier	08-118	16.5/313.2	Piezometer with 1.5 m slotted screen installed with sand filter to 14.6 m, holeplug to 13.9 m, cement grout to 3.7 , holeplug and cuttings to 0.9m, sand to 0.3 m, then concrete to surface.
South Abutment	08-119	No Installation	Bentonite to 2.4 m, then holeplug to surface.

A member of Thurber's technical staff supervised the drilling and sampling operations on a full time basis. The supervisor logged the boreholes and processed the recovered soil samples for transport to Thurber's laboratory for further examination and testing.

4 LABORATORY TESTING

The recovered soil samples were subjected to Visual Identification (VI) and to natural moisture content determination. The results of this testing are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. Selected samples were also subjected to gradation analysis (sieve and hydrometer) and Atterberg Limits testing where appropriate. The results of this testing program are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and on the figures contained in Appendix B.

5 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. Details of the encountered soil stratigraphy along the proposed alignment are presented in this appendix and on the "Borehole Locations and Soil Strata" drawing in Appendix E. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs. However, the factual data presented in the Record of Borehole Sheets governs any interpretation of the site conditions.

In general, the site is underlain by granular fill overlying native sand, silty clay till and sandy silt till.

5.1 Fill

Fill was encountered surficially at all three exploration locations at this site. The fill consists of brown sand and gravel presumably placed to construct the existing embankment for Ebycrest Road. The thickness of the fill was 0.6 m.

The natural moisture content ranged from 3 to 5%.

5.2 Upper Sandy Silt Till

Native brown sandy silt till containing trace to some clay, trace gravel and occasional cobbles was contacted below the fill in Boreholes 08-117 and 08-119. Thickness of the upper sandy silt till was 3.5 m and 5.7 m in Boreholes 08-117 and 08-119, respectively.

The depths to the base of the upper sandy silt till were 4.1 m and 6.3 m (Elevation 327.0 and 321.8) in Boreholes 08-117 and 08-119, respectively.

SPT 'N' values in the upper sandy silt till ranged from 11 to 49 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact to dense relative density. The natural moisture contents generally ranged from 10% to 19%.

Grain size distribution curves for three sandy silt till samples tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figure B1 of Appendix B. Atterberg Limits test results are presented on Figure B5 of Appendix B.

The results of laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	(%)
Gravel	0 to 2
Sand	38 to 41
Silt	45 to 60
Clay	2 to 12

Liquid Limit	18
Plastic Limit	11

Although not specifically identified in the boreholes, glacial tills are known to contain cobbles and boulders.

5.3 Sand

Layers of native brown sand containing trace silt and trace clay were contacted below the fill at 0.6 m depth (Elevation 329.1) in Borehole 08-118 and at 4.1 m depth (Elevation 327.0) in Borehole 08-117. Thicknesses of the sand layers were 4.5 m and 8.7 m, in Boreholes 08-117 and 08-118, respectively.

The depth to the base of the sand layer was 8.6 m and 9.3 m (Elevations 322.5 and 320.4), in Borehole 08-117 and 08-118, respectively.

A layer of sand was also contacted in Borehole 08-118 at 11.7 m depth (Elevation 318.0). Thickness of this layer was 1.5 m.

SPT 'N' values in the sand ranged from 10 to 82 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact to very dense relative density. The natural moisture contents generally ranged from 5% to 20%.

Grain size distribution curves for four samples of sand tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figure B2 Appendix B. The results of laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	(%)
Gravel	0 to 3
Sand	90 to 95
Silt & Clay	2 to 10

5.4 Silty Clay Till

Native layers of grey silty clay till containing some sand to sandy and trace gravel were contacted below the sand, at 8.6 m, 9.3 m and 6.3 m depths (Elevations 322.5, 320.4 and 321.8) in Boreholes 08-117, 08-118 and 08-119, respectively.

Thickness of the silty clay till ranged from 2.4 m to 5.4 m. The depth to the base of the silty clay till was 13.3 m (Elevation 317.9) in Borehole 08-117 and 11.7 m (Elevations 318.0 and 316.4) in Boreholes 08-118 and 08-119.

SPT 'N' values in silty clay till generally ranged from 27 to 73 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very stiff to hard consistency. The natural moisture contents generally lay in the range of 10 to 19%.

Grain size distribution curves for three silty clay till samples tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figure B3 of Appendix B. Atterberg Limits test results are presented on Figure B6 of Appendix B.

The results of laboratory tests carried are summarized below:

Soil Particles	(%)
Gravel	1 to 4
Sand	18 to 27
Silt	46 to 49
Clay	23 to 32

Liquid Limit	22 to 28
Plastic Limit	11 to 16

The above results show that the silty clay till is of low plasticity with a group symbol of CL.

Although not specifically identified in the boreholes, glacial tills are known to contain cobbles and boulders.

5.5 Lower Sandy Silt Till

Lower deposits of sandy silt till containing trace to some clay, trace to some gravel, numerous cobbles and possible boulders were contacted below the silty clay till in the three boreholes. The boreholes were terminated within the lower sandy silt till at depths ranging from 15.4 to 17.2 m (Elevations 312.7 to 313.9).

SPT 'N' values in the lower sandy silt till layers were generally higher than 100 blows per 0.175 m of penetration indicating a very dense relative density.

The natural moisture contents generally lay in the range of 5 to 17%.

Grain size distribution curves for lower sandy silty till samples tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on FigureB4 of Appendix B. The results of laboratory tests were as follows:

Soil Particles	(%)
Gravel	1 to 29
Sand	28 to 49
Silt	47 to 56
Clay	9 to 15
Silt & Clay	22

This layer contains cobbles and boulders which may account for some high SPT 'N' values and resistance to augering.

5.6 Groundwater Conditions

Water levels were observed in the boreholes during and upon completion of drilling. A standpipe piezometer was installed in Borehole 08-118 (at the proposed pier) to monitor water levels after completion of drilling. The water levels measured in the piezometer are summarized in Table 5.1, along with the measurements in the boreholes upon completion of drilling.

Table 5.1 – Water Level Measurements

Foundation Unit	Borehole	Date (2008)	Water Level (m)		Comment
			Depth	Elevation	
North Abutment	08-117	June 16	5.2	325.9	During drilling
Pier	08-118	July 23	5.8	323.9	In piezometer
		August 20	5.8	323.9	
South Abutment	08-119	-	Dry	-	Open borehole

The piezometric reading indicates that the groundwater level is near Elevation 323.9 m.

The above values are short-term readings and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level are to be expected. In particular, the groundwater level may be at a higher elevation after the spring snowmelt or after periods of heavy rainfall.

6 MISCELLANEOUS

All-Terrain Drilling of Waterloo, Ontario supplied a truck-mounted CME 75 drill rig and conducted the drilling, sampling and in-situ testing operations.

The drilling and sampling operations in the field were supervised on a full time basis by Mr. Stephane Loranger, C.E.T. of Thurber, under the direction of Mr. Alastair E. Gorman, P.Eng and Mr. Mark Farrant, P. Eng.

The coordinates for the boreholes and the ground surface elevations were obtained by Thurber Engineering Ltd. using GPS equipment.

Overall supervision of the field program was conducted by Mr. Alastair E. Gorman, P.Eng and Mr. M. Farrant, P. Eng. Interpretation of the data and preparation of the report were carried out by Mr. Alastair E. Gorman, P.Eng and Ms. R. Palomeque Reyna, P.Eng.

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PART 2: ENGINEERING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7 GENERAL

This report presents interpretation of the geotechnical data in the factual report and presents preliminary geotechnical design recommendations to assist the design team to select and design a suitable foundation system for the new structure.

Based on the Plate 7 of the E.A:

- The proposed Highway 7 will be in a cut 4.0 m to 6.0 m deep at Elevation 326.2. Cuts for ditches will be approximately 9.0 m deep.
- Ebycrest Road will be at Elevation 334.4 with approach embankments 3 m to 6 m high

The discussion and recommendations presented in this report are based on our understanding of the project and on the factual data obtained in the course of this investigation.

8 STRUCTURE FOUNDATIONS

The stratigraphy identified in the preliminary investigation consisted of granular fill overlying native compact to very dense sand, hard silty clay till and very dense sandy silt till. The groundwater measured in the piezometer is 5.8 m (Elevation 323.9) below the ground surface.

In the preparation of the preliminary geotechnical design recommendations, consideration was given to the following foundation types:

- Spread footings bearing on native soil
- Spread footings on engineered fill
- Steel H-piles driven into the very dense lower sandy silt till soils

A comparison of the foundation alternatives based on advantages and disadvantages of each is included in Appendix C.

8.1 Spread Footings on Native Soil

Spread footings bearing on native soil generally are the least expensive form of construction.

The existing fill is not considered to be suitable for the support of spread footings and the footings must be placed on the underlying undisturbed native soils.

The design of spread footings bearing on native, compact to very dense sandy silt till or sand must be in accordance with the elevations and bearing resistances given in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1 – Bearing Resistances for Spread Footings

Element	Depth (m)	Elev.	ULS _r (kPa)	SLS (kPa)
North Abutment (BH 08-117)	1.5	329.6	300	200
	4.6	326.5	450	300
Pier (BH 08-118)	1.5	328.2	300	200
	5.7	324.0	600	400
South Abutment (BH 08-119)	0.8	327.3	300	200
	3.0	325.1	450	300

The bearing resistances in Table 8.1 are for vertical, concentric loading. In the case of eccentric or inclined loading, the bearing resistance must be adjusted as shown in the CHBDC (2006) Clause 6.7.3 and Clause 6.7.4.

The geotechnical SLS resistance values given above are based on an estimated total settlement not exceeding 25 mm. This settlement is expected to be substantially complete by the end of construction. Differential settlement is not expected to exceed 20 mm across the width of the structure or between foundation elements.

Founding elevations presented in Table 8.1, are generally above the groundwater level measured in the piezometer (Elevation 323.9). However, if temporary excavations required to construct these footings extend below the water table, groundwater control will be required prior to excavation in order to construct the footing in the dry, to prevent sloughing of the sides and to prevent disturbance of the footing base due to the inflow of groundwater.

8.2 Spread Footings on Engineered Fill

Spread footings can also be founded on Granular “A” engineered fill pads. These would be most useful at the pier or in the case of perched abutments on footings.

If an engineered fill pad is used, all deleterious materials must be stripped from the footprint of the foundation to expose competent native subgrade material. Subexcavation of existing surficial fill soils will be required.

The engineered fill must bear on compact native sandy silt till or sand. The highest permitted founding elevations at which engineered fill pads may be placed, are given in Table 8.2.

Table 8.2 –Founding Elevations for Engineered Fill Pads

North Abutment (BH 08-117)	Pier (BH 08-118)	South Abutment (BH 08-119)
330.3	328.5	327.3

Typically, spread footings on pads of engineered granular fill at least 2 m thick may be designed for the following geotechnical resistances:

- Factored ULS 900 kPa
- SLS 350 kPa

These resistance values are for concentric, vertical loads only. In the case of eccentric or inclined loading, the geotechnical resistance must be calculated as illustrated in the CHBDC Clause 6.7.3 and Clause 6.7.4.

For footings designed on the basis of the geotechnical resistance values given above, total settlement under a footing is expected to not exceed 25 mm. Differential settlements are not expected to exceed 20 mm across the width of the structure or between foundation elements.

The Granular A pad must be compacted to 100% Standard proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD) at optimum moisture content of $\pm 2\%$. The geometry of the fill pad must conform to the general requirements shown in Figure 1 in Appendix D.

8.3 Steel H-Piles

The soil stratigraphy encountered at this site is considered to be suitable for the support of foundations on driven steel piles.

It is recommended that the H-piles be driven to achieve resistance in the very dense lower sandy silt till encountered at this site. Based on an HP 310 X 110 pile, a minimum embedment depth of 7.0 m is required. The preliminary information in EA Plate 7 indicates that this depth of embedment should be achievable at the abutments and pier.

The depths and elevations at which the H-piles are expected to develop the required resistance are given in Table 8.3.

Table 8.3 – Estimated Pile Tip Elevation

Foundation Unit	Anticipated Pile length below original ground (m)	Highest Pile Tip Elevation
North Abutment (BH 08-117)	15.8	315.3
Pier (BH 08-118)	15.2	314.5
South Abutment (BH 08-119)	13.6	314.5

8.3.1 Axial Resistance

For preliminary design, the vertical, axial, factored geotechnical resistance at Ultimate Limit States (ULS) and geotechnical resistance at Serviceability Limit States (SLS) for a pile section when driven into the very dense lower sandy silt till are presented in Table 8.4.

Table 8.4 – Axial Resistance of Two Pile Sections Founded on Very Dense Soils

Pile Section	Geotechnical Resistance (kN)	
	Factored ULS	SLS
HP 310 X 110	1,600	1,400
HP 360 X 132	1,800	1,600

The structural resistance of the pile must be checked by the structural designer.

Installation of the piles must be in accordance with SP 903S01 and must be controlled using the Hiley Formula and an ultimate resistance of 3,200 kN for an HP 310 X 110 pile and 3,600 kN for the HP 360 X 132 pile.

These are preliminary recommendations and may change during detail design based on the final alignment, final bridge arrangement and the results of the site investigation and field testing to be completed at that time. The analysis must also address the drivability of the piles.

Due to the possible presence of cobbles and boulders in the sandy silt till at the expected founding layer, the tips of all driven piles should be fitted with steel H-Pile driving shoes in accordance with OPSD 3000.100.

Higher geotechnical resistances may be achieved by installing the piles to greater depth. For piles extending below Elevation 312.0 (approximately) at the pier and at the abutments, a greater depth of exploration is required and must be addressed during the detail design phase.

8.3.2 Downdrag

Downdrag on the piles is not an issue at this site.

8.4 Abutment Design Considerations

From a geotechnical perspective, the conditions at this site are considered to be suitable for the design of conventional, semi-integral or integral abutments.

8.5 Frost Cover

The design depth of frost penetration for this site is 1.4 m. All footing bases and undersides of pile caps/abutment stems must be provided with at least 1.4 m of soil cover, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and extruded polystyrene (EPS) insulation. A 25 mm thickness of EPS is equivalent to 600 mm of soil cover.

8.6 Recommended Foundation

From a geotechnical perspective, and based on current information, the recommended abutment foundation consists of steel H-piles driven into the very dense native lower sandy silt till, despite the higher cost noted in Appendix C. The recommended foundation at the pier is a spread footing on very dense soil.

9 BRIDGE APPROACHES AND EMBANKMENTS

Based on the three boreholes drilled at the site, the approach embankments will be constructed over compact, non-cohesive sandy silt till and sand and may incorporate the sand and gravel fill of the existing embankment.

No long term settlement or global stability issues are anticipated for approach embankments built at this site. The 3 to 6 m high embankments likely to be constructed will be stable at side slopes of 2H:1V if constructed using SSM or granular fill.

The Highway 7 cut shown on EA Plate 7 may be at approximately 2.3 m above the groundwater table. During detail design, when the grade has been finalized, permanent drainage to keep water table below base of cut (if necessary) and slope protection requirements must be addressed. The cut slopes will be stable at slopes with a maximum inclination of 2H: 1V. MTO policy requires a mid-height bench in cut slopes higher than 6.0 m.

10 CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Based on the Recommended Alignment and the preliminary geotechnical information, potential construction concerns include, but are not necessarily limited to:

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1. Pile refusal at higher elevation.

Although there was little direct evidence of their presence during drilling, glacial till deposits inherently contain boulders. It is possible that a pile will achieve refusal at a higher elevation than anticipated due to encountering a boulder. If it is suspected that this is happening, the QVE must immediately bring it to the attention of the CA. If the CA cannot resolve the issue, it must be referred to the design team for resolution.

2. Pile fails to develop specified resistance.

If a pile has not developed the specified resistance after being driven 3 m beyond the anticipated pile tip elevation, stop driving and check the Hiley calculation and all input values. If the calculation still shows that the pile has not reached the specified resistance, the following procedure should be implemented:

- a) Stop driving in that pile group for 48 hours (minimum)
- b) After 48 hours, warm up the hammer on another pile then commence re-driving the subject pile and measure the resistance.
- c) If the pile still does not reach the specified resistance, the QVE must immediately advise the CA who, in turn, should refer the issue to the design team.

3. Destabilization of excavations

At this site, the proposed 9.0 m cuts into sand deposits for ditches, will extend 2.0 to 3.0 m below the measured groundwater level.

If excavation is carried out in cohesionless soil without prior implementation of adequate measures to control groundwater and surface water, there is a risk that the sides and or base of the excavation will be destabilized. This could lead to a risk to personnel working on site, or to a loss of bearing resistance in the soil.

Accordingly, it must be emphasized to the contractor that proper groundwater and surface water control measures must be in place prior to commencing excavation.

11 INVESTIGATION FOR DETAIL DESIGN

During the detail design phase of the project, additional site investigation and field testing will be required. The following minimum program is recommended:

1. Boreholes for structure foundations.

Additional boreholes may be required for the structure foundations, especially if the structure is built off the current Ebycrest Road alignment and thus removed from the alignment of the current investigation. Particular attention should be paid to groundwater levels and exploration off the existing road embankment is recommended.

2. Pile Design

For piles extending below Elevations 312.0 (approximately) at the pier and at the abutments, respectively, a greater depth of exploration is required and must be addressed during the detail design phase.

3. Boreholes for approaches.

A minimum of one borehole is recommended in each approach fill on Ebycrest Road.

4. Cut stability

At least one borehole is required in the mainline cut to either side of the structure. The boreholes in the cut must include piezometers for groundwater monitoring. Stability of cuts must be investigated during detail design phase.

12 CLOSURE

Engineering analysis and preparation of the report were carried out by Mr. Alastair E. Gorman, P.Eng and Ms. R. Palomeque Reyna, P.Eng.

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Appendix A

Record of Borehole Sheets

SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

CLASSIFICATION	PARTICLE SIZE	VISUAL IDENTIFICATION
Boulders	Greater than 200mm	same
Cobbles	75 to 200mm	same
Gravel	4.75 to 75mm	5 to 75mm
Sand	0.075 to 4.75mm	Not visible particles to 5mm
Silt	0.002 to 0.075mm	Non-plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye
Clay	Less than 0.002mm	Plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye

2. COARSE GRAIN SOIL DESCRIPTION (50% greater than 0.075mm)

TERMINOLOGY	PROPORTION
Trace or Occasional	Less than 10%
Some	10 to 20%
Adjective (e.g. silty or sandy)	20 to 35%
And (e.g. sand and gravel)	35 to 50%

3. TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (kPa)	APPROXIMATE SPT ⁽¹⁾ 'N' VALUE
Very Soft	12 or less	Less than 2
Soft	12 to 25	2 to 4
Firm	25 to 50	4 to 8
Stiff	50 to 100	8 to 15
Very Stiff	100 to 200	15 to 30
Hard	Greater than 200	Greater than 30

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

- 1) Laboratory Triaxial Testing
- 2) Field Insitu Vane Testing
- 3) Laboratory Vane Testing
- 4) SPT value
- 5) Pocket Penetrometer



4. TERMS DESCRIBING DENSITY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	SPT "N" VALUE
Very Loose	Less than 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very Dense	Greater than 50

5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS FOR SAMPLE TYPE	SS Split Spoon Sample	WS Wash Sample	AS Auger (Grab) Sample
	TW Thin Wall Shelby Tube Sample	TP Thin Wall Piston Sample	
	PH Sampler Advanced by Hydraulic Pressure	PM Sampler Advanced by Manual Pressure	
	WH Sampler Advanced by Self Static Weight	RC Rock Core	SC Soil Core

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{Undisturbed Shear Strength}}{\text{Remoulded Shear Strength}}$$



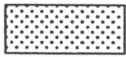


 Water Level
 Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

- (1) SPT 'N' Value Standard Penetration Test 'N' Value – refers to the number of blows from a 63.5kg hammer free falling a height of 0.76m to advance a standard 50 mm outside diameter split spoon sampler for 0.3 m depth into undisturbed ground.
- (2) DCPT Dynamic Cone Penetration Test – Continuous penetration of a 50 mm outside diameter, 60° conical steel point attached to "A" size rods driven by a 63.5 kg hammer free falling a height of 0.76 m. The resistance to cone penetration is the number of hammer blows required for each 0.3 m advance of the conical point into undisturbed ground.

UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOILS	GW	Well-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
		GP	Poorly-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
		GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures.
		GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures.
	SAND AND SANDY SOILS	SW	Well-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines.
		SP	Poorly-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines.
		SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures.
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS $W_L < 50\%$	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity.
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays. ($W_L < 30\%$).
		CI	Inorganic clays of medium plasticity, silty clays. ($30\% < W_L < 50\%$).
		OL	Organic silts and organic silty-clays of low plasticity.
	SILTS AND CLAYS $W_L > 50\%$	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts.
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays.
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts.
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS		Pt	Peat and other highly organic soils.
CLAY SHALE			
SANDSTONE			
SILTSTONE			
CLAYSTONE			
COAL			

EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

<u>ROCK WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION</u>		<u>SYMBOLS</u>	
Fresh (FR)	No visible signs of weathering.		
Fresh Jointed (FJ)	Weathering limited to the surface of major discontinuities.		CLAYSTONE
Slightly Weathered (SW)	Penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces, but only slight weathering of rock material.		SILTSTONE
Moderately Weathered (MW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass, but the rock material is not friable.		SANDSTONE
Highly Weathered (HW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass and the rock is partly friable.		COAL
Completely Weathered (CW)	Rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition, but the rock texture and structure are preserved.		Bedrock (general)

<u>DISCONTINUITY SPACING</u>		<u>STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION</u>			
Bedding	Bedding Plane Spacing	Rock Strength	Approximate Uniaxial Compressive Strength		Field Estimation of Hardness*
			(MPa)	(psi)	
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2m	Extremely Strong	Greater than 250	Greater than 36,000	Specimen can only be chipped with a geological hammer
Thickly bedded	0.6 to 2m				
Medium bedded	0.2 to 0.6m	Very Strong	100-250	15,000 to 36,000	Requires many blows of geological hammer to break
Thinly bedded	60mm to 0.2m				
Very thinly bedded	20 to 60mm	Strong	50-100	7,500 to 15,000	Requires more than one blow of geological hammer to break
Laminated	6 to 20mm				
Thinly Laminated	Less than 6mm	Medium Strong	25.0 to 50.0	3,500 to 7,500	Breaks under single blow of geological hammer.

<u>TERMS</u>					
Total Core Recovery: (TCR)	Core recovered as a percentage of total core run length.	Weak	5.0 to 25.0	750 to 3,500	Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty
Solid Core Recovery: (SCR)	Percent Ratio of solid core of full cylindrical shape recovered. Expressed with respect to the total length of core run.	Very Weak	1.0 to 5.0	150 to 750	Can be peeled by a pocket knife, crumbles under firm blows of geological pick.
Rock Quality Designation: (RQD)	Total length of sound core recovered in pieces 0.1m in length or larger as a percentage of total core run length.	Extremely Weak (Rock)	0.25 to 1.0	35 to 150	Indented by thumbnail
Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS)	Axial stress required to break the specimen				
Fracture Index: (FI)	Frequency of natural fractures per 0.3m of core run.				

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-117

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METRIC

G.W.P. 408-88-00 LOCATION N 4 816 985.40 E 229 672.22 ORIGINATED BY SA
HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY ES
DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.16 - 2008.06.16 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		20	40	60	80	100		
331.1 0.0	SAND and GRAVEL, trace silt Brown to Grey Moist (FILL)		1	AS		331							
330.5 0.6	Sandy SILT, trace gravel, trace to some clay Compact to Dense Brown to Grey Moist (TILL)		1	SS	14	330							1 39 49 11
			2	SS	17								
			3	SS	49	329							
			4	SS	23	328							2 41 45 12
327.0 4.1	SAND, medium grained, trace gravel, trace silt Very Dense Brown Moist To Wet		5	SS	80	327							
						326							
	Compact		6	SS	13	325							3 95 2 (SI+CL)
			7	SS	30	324							
322.5 8.6	Silty CLAY, some sand to sandy, trace gravel Hard Grey (TILL)		8	SS	34	322							

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Sensitivity

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10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-117

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METRIC

G.W.P. 408-88-00 LOCATION N 4 816 985.40 E 229 672.22 ORIGINATED BY SA
HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY ES
DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.16 - 2008.06.16 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
	Continued From Previous Page							SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
								○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE						
								20	40	60	80	100		
								WATER CONTENT (%)						
								PLASTIC LIMIT NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT						
								W _p — W — W _L						
								20 40 60						
317.9	Silty CLAY, some sand to sandy, trace gravel Hard Grey (TILL)		9	SS	65		321							1 22 49 28
							320							
			10	SS	73		319							
							318							
13.3	Sandy SILT, trace gravel, trace to some clay Very Dense Grey Moist (TILL)		11	SS	108		317							
							316							3 37 51 9
	occasional cobbles		12	SS	112/ .225		315							
							314							
313.9			13	SS	125		313							
17.2	END OF BOREHOLE AT 17.2m. WATER LEVEL OBSERVED AT 5.2m DURING DRILLING. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE TO 0.6m THEN HOLEPLUG TO SURFACE.						312							

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-118

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METRIC

G.W.P. 408-88-00 LOCATION N 4 816 930.09 E 229 774.81 ORIGINATED BY SLL
 HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY WM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.12 - 2008.06.13 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		20	40	60	80	100		
329.7													
0.0	SAND, some gravel, trace silt Brown Moist (FILL)												
329.1													
0.6	SAND, fine grained, trace silt, trace clay Compact Brown Moist		1	SS	10	329							
			2	SS	28	328							
			3	SS	27	327							0 92 8 (SI+CL)
			4	SS	29	326							
						325							
			5	SS	26	324							
						323							
			6	SS	82	322							0 90 10 (SI+CL)
			7	SS	43	321							
						320							
320.4													
9.3	Silty CLAY, sandy, trace gravel Hard Grey (TILL)		8	SS	66								1 27 49 23

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(%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-118

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METRIC

G.W.P. 408-88-00 LOCATION N 4 816 930.09 E 229 774.81 ORIGINATED BY SLL
 HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY WM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.12 - 2008.06.13 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		20	40	60	80	100		
	Continued From Previous Page						SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
							○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE						
							WATER CONTENT (%)						
							20	40	60	80	100		
							PLASTIC LIMIT NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT						
							W _P W W _L						
318.0	Silty CLAY, sandy, trace gravel Hard Grey (TILL)		9	SS	33								
11.7	SAND, trace silt, trace clay Very Dense Brown Wet		10	SS	51								
316.5													0 92 8 (SI+CL)
13.2	Sandy SILT, trace to some gravel, trace to some clay Very Dense Grey Moist (TILL)		11	SS	122/ .175								
	numerous cobbles and possible boulders												
	gravelly		12	SS	100/ .225								29 49 22 (SI+CL)
312.7			13	SS	114								6 36 47 11
17.1	END OF BOREHOLE AT 17.07m. BOREHOLE OPEN UPON COMPLETION. Piezometer installation consists of 25mm diameter schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen. WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH (m) ELEV. (m) 2008.07.23 5.8 323.9 2008.08.20 5.8 323.9												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-119

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METRIC

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 HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY SA
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.16 - 2008.06.16 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _P	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
							20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60					
328.1 0.0	SAND and GRAVEL, trace silt Grey to Brown Moist (FILL)		1	AS										
327.5 0.6	Sandy SILT, trace gravel, trace silt Compact Brown to Grey Moist (TILL)		1	SS	26									
			2	SS	11									
			3	SS	14									
	Moist To Wet		4	SS	33									
			5	SS	25									
			6	SS	51									
321.8 6.3	Silty CLAY, trace gravel, some sand Hard Grey (TILL)		7	SS	28									
			8	SS	27									

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Sensitivity 15 5
10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 08-119

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METRIC

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HWY 7 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY SA
DATUM Geodetic DATE 2008.06.16 - 2008.06.16 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE				
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316.4	Silty CLAY, trace gravel, some sand Hard Grey (TILL)		9	SS	34							
11.7	Sandy SILT, some clay, trace gravel Very Dense Grey Moist (TILL)		10	SS	108/ .225							
	occasional cobbles		11	SS	107/ .225							
312.7			12	SS	113/ .175							
15.4	END OF BOREHOLE AT 15.4m. BOREHOLE OPEN AND DRY TO BOTTOM UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE TO 2.4m THEN HOLEPLUG TO SURFACE.											

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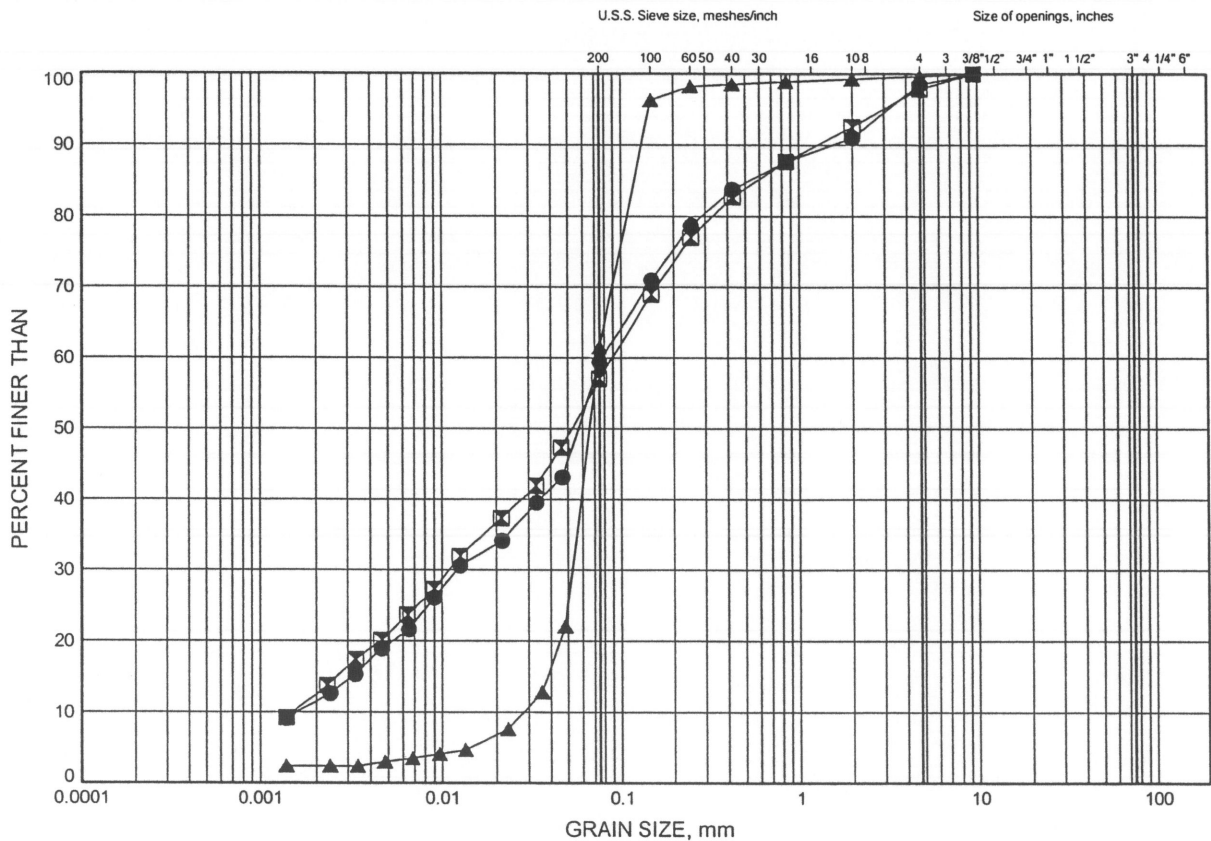
Appendix B

Laboratory Test Results

Highway 7 - New GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B1

Upper Sandy Silt Till



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	1.07	330.05
⊗	08-117	3.35	327.77
▲	08-119	3.35	324.79

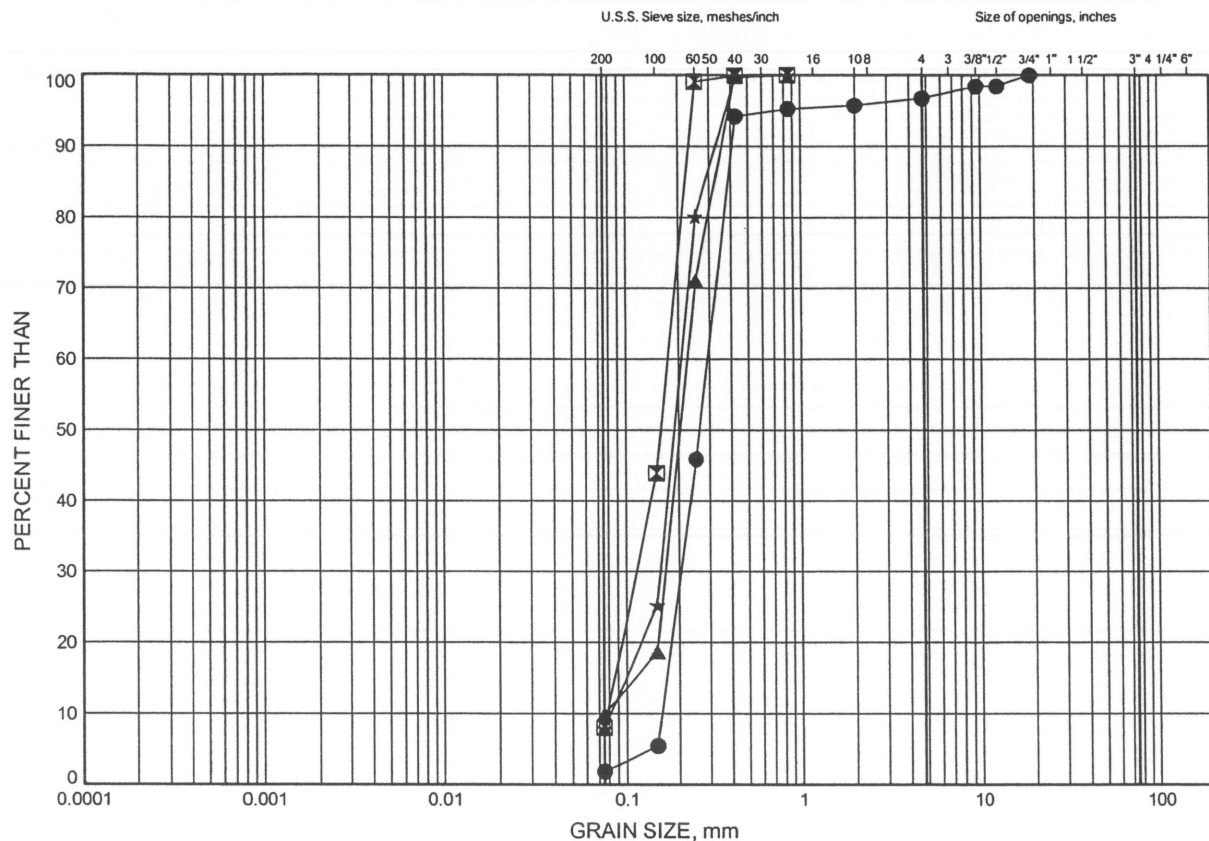


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Highway 7 - New GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B2

Sand



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	6.40	324.72
⊠	08-118	2.59	327.13
▲	08-118	6.40	323.32
☆	08-118	12.50	317.22

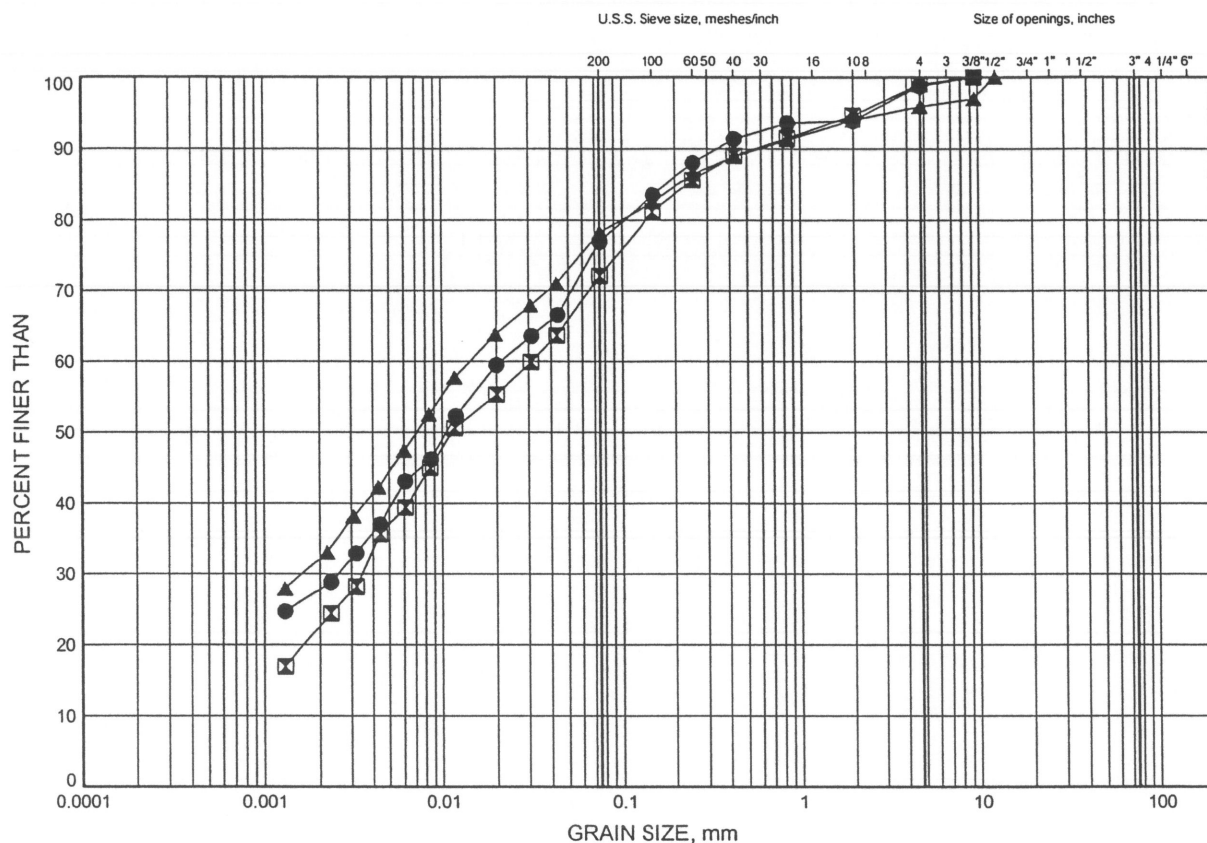


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Highway 7 - New GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B3

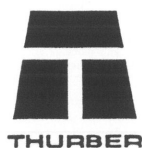
Silty Clay Till



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	10.97	320.15
☒	08-118	9.51	320.21
▲	08-119	9.45	318.69

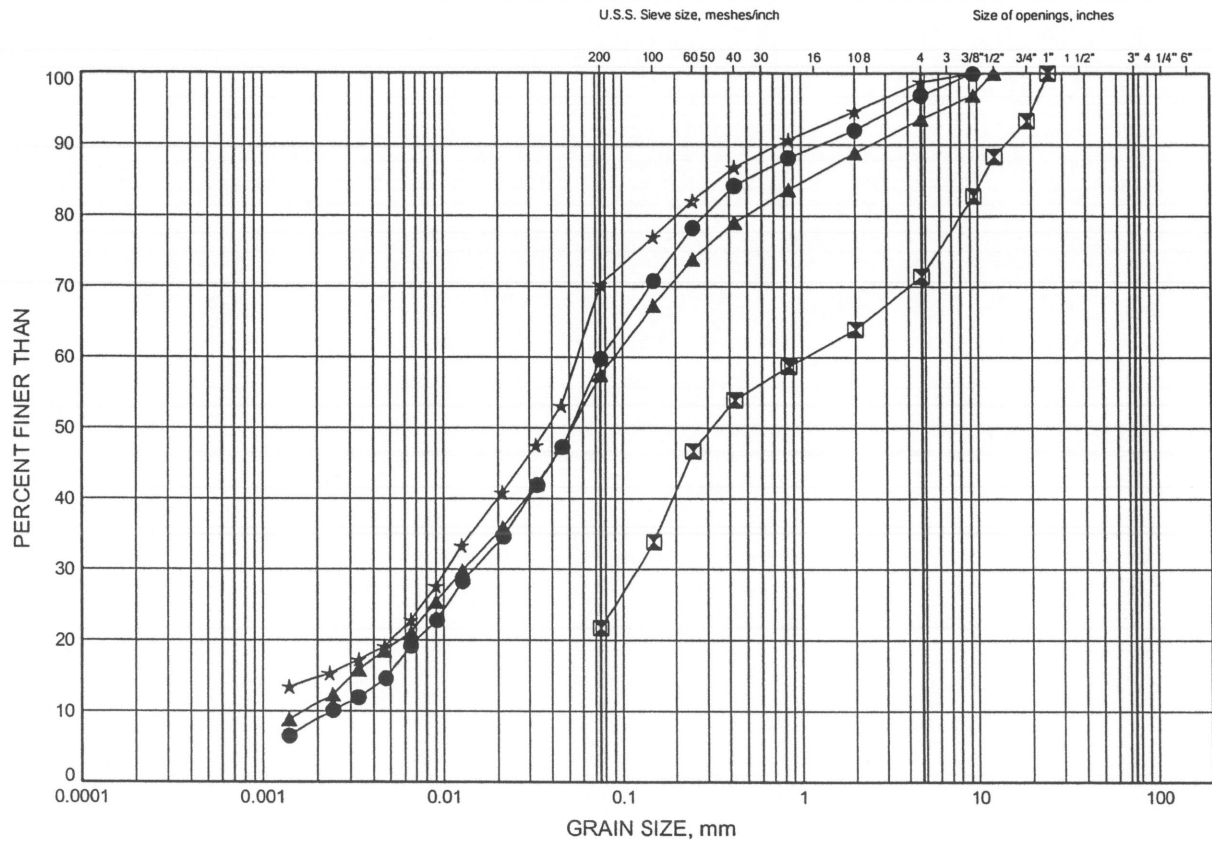


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Highway 7 - New GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B4

Lower Sandy Silt Till



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		SIZE

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	15.35	315.77
◻	08-118	15.32	314.40
▲	08-118	16.92	312.80
☆	08-119	12.38	315.76

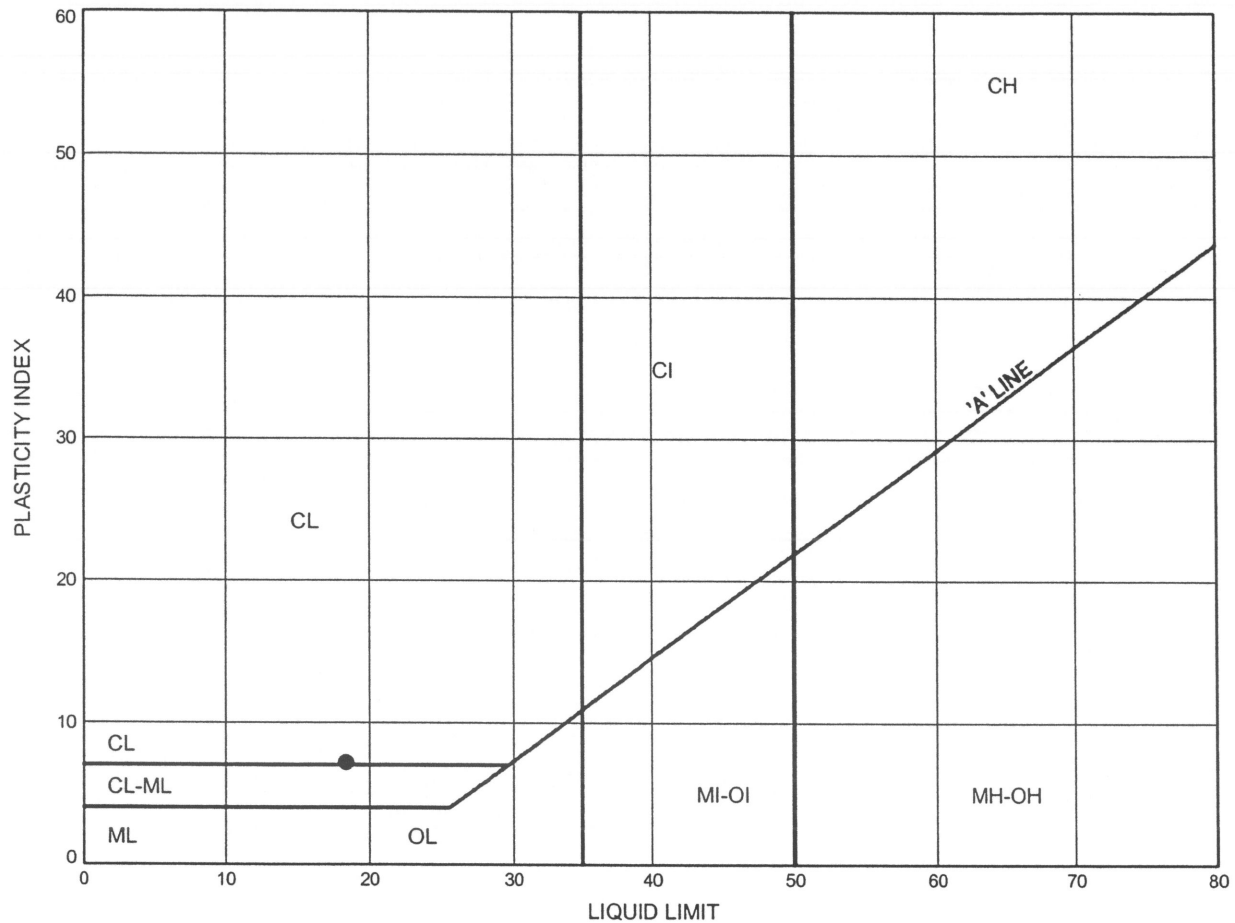


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Highway 7 - New ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS

FIGURE B5

Upper Sandy Silt Till

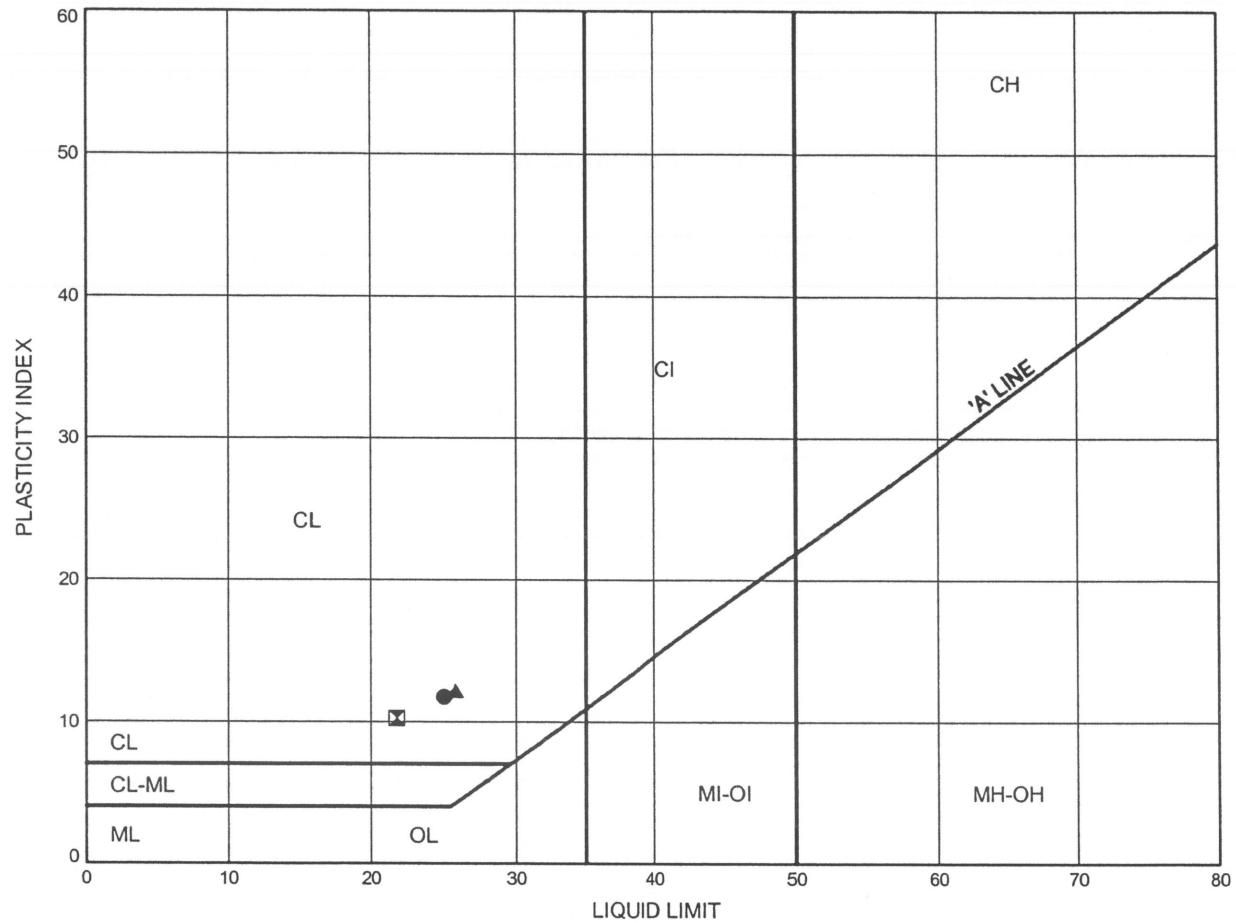


SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	3.35	327.77

Highway 7 - New ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS

FIGURE B6

Silty Clay Till



SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	08-117	10.97	320.15
⊠	08-118	9.51	320.21
▲	08-119	9.45	318.69

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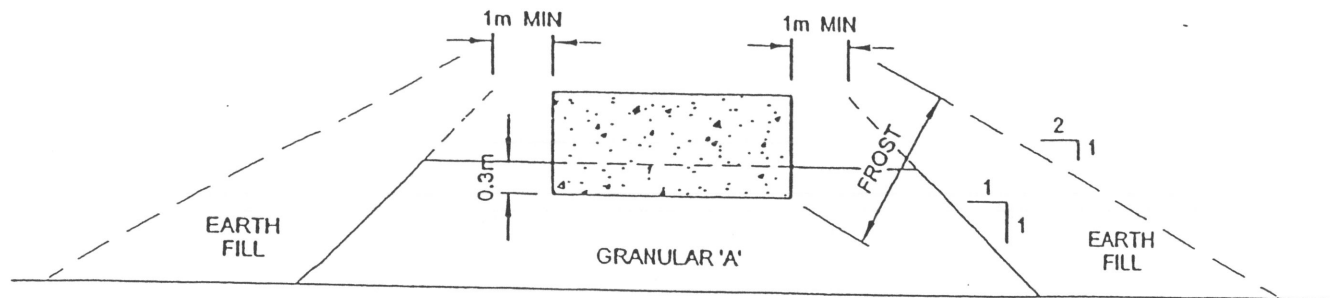
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COMPARISON OF FOUNDATION ALTERNATIVES FOR EACH FOUNDATION ELEMENT

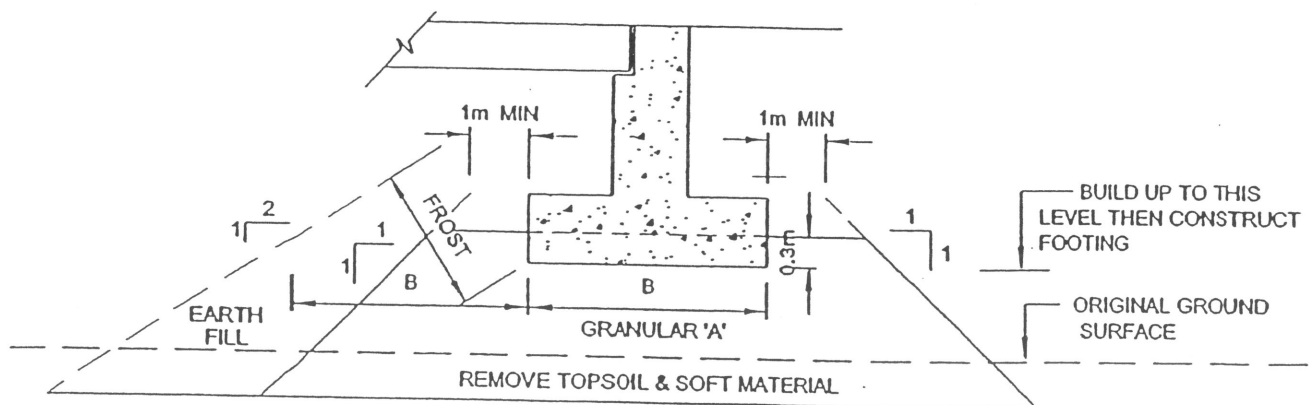
Foundation Element	Spread Footings	Spread Footings on Engineered Fill	Driven Piles
Abutments	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lower geotechnical resistance available due to founding on compact soils near the surface. ii. Dewatering may be required, depending on depth of excavation. <p>NOT RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Better geotechnical resistance than spread footings on native, but still influenced by the compact soils at the surface. ii. Dewatering may be required, depending on depth of excavation. <p>NOT RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. High geotechnical resistance may be developed by driving the piles into very dense/hard soils. ii. Comparatively short abutment stem possible iii. Permits integral abutment design <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Higher unit cost compared to footings. ii. Very dense/hard soils at shallow depth will limit length of pile and geotechnical resistance that can be developed. <p>RECOMMENDED</p>
Pier	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dewatering may be required, depending on depth of excavation. <p>RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dewatering may be required, depending on depth of excavation. <p>NOT RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. High geotechnical resistance may be developed by driving the piles into very dense/hard soils. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Higher unit cost compared to footings. ii. Very dense/hard soils at shallow depth will limit length of pile and geotechnical resistance that can be developed. <p>NOT RECOMMENDED</p>

Appendix D

Figure



CROSS-SECTION

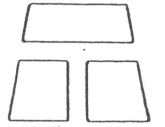


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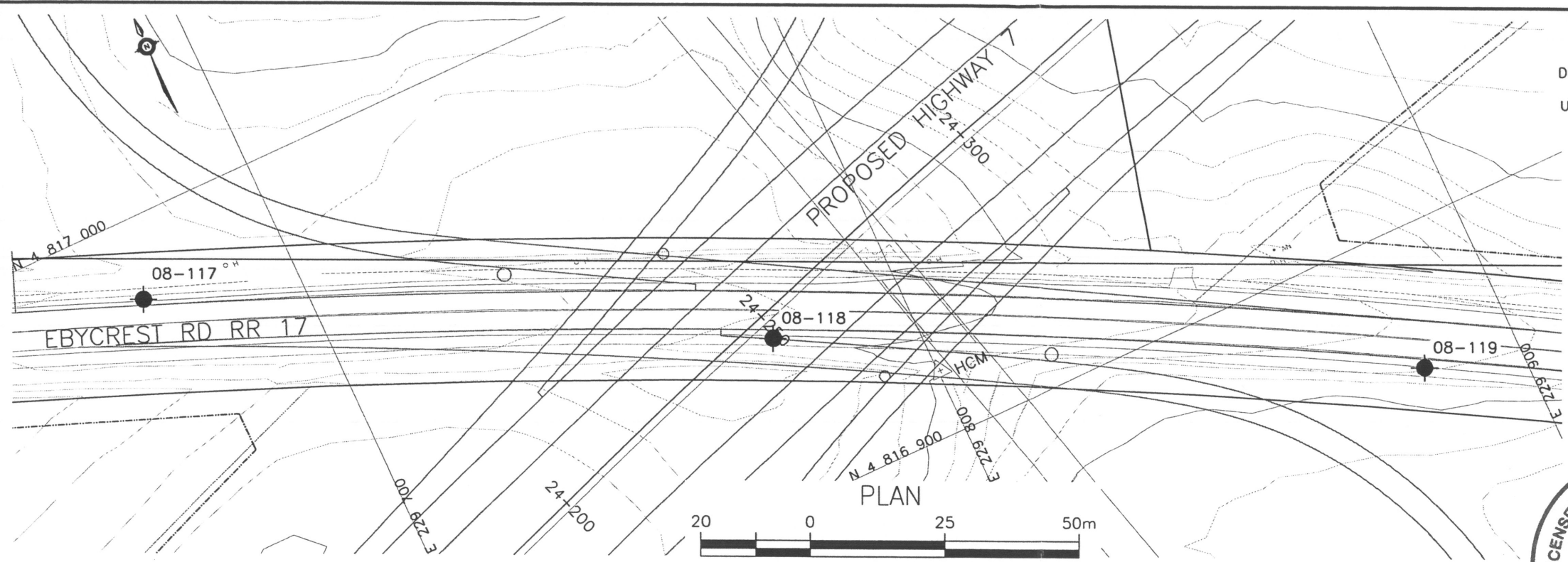
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2. PLACE GRANULAR 'A' AND EARTH FILL TO BOTTOM OF FOOTING LEVEL, COMPACTED ACCORDING TO O.P.S.S. 501.
3. CONSTRUCT CONCRETE FOOTING.
4. PLACE REMAINDER OF GRANULAR 'A' AND EARTH FILL AS REQUIRED.
5. SOURCE M.T.C. 1982.

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Appendix E

Drawing titled "Borehole Locations and Soil Strata"

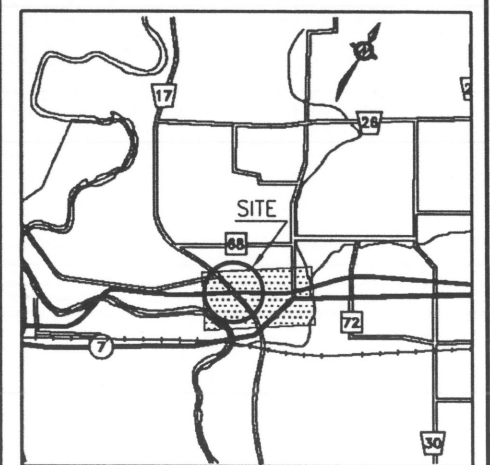
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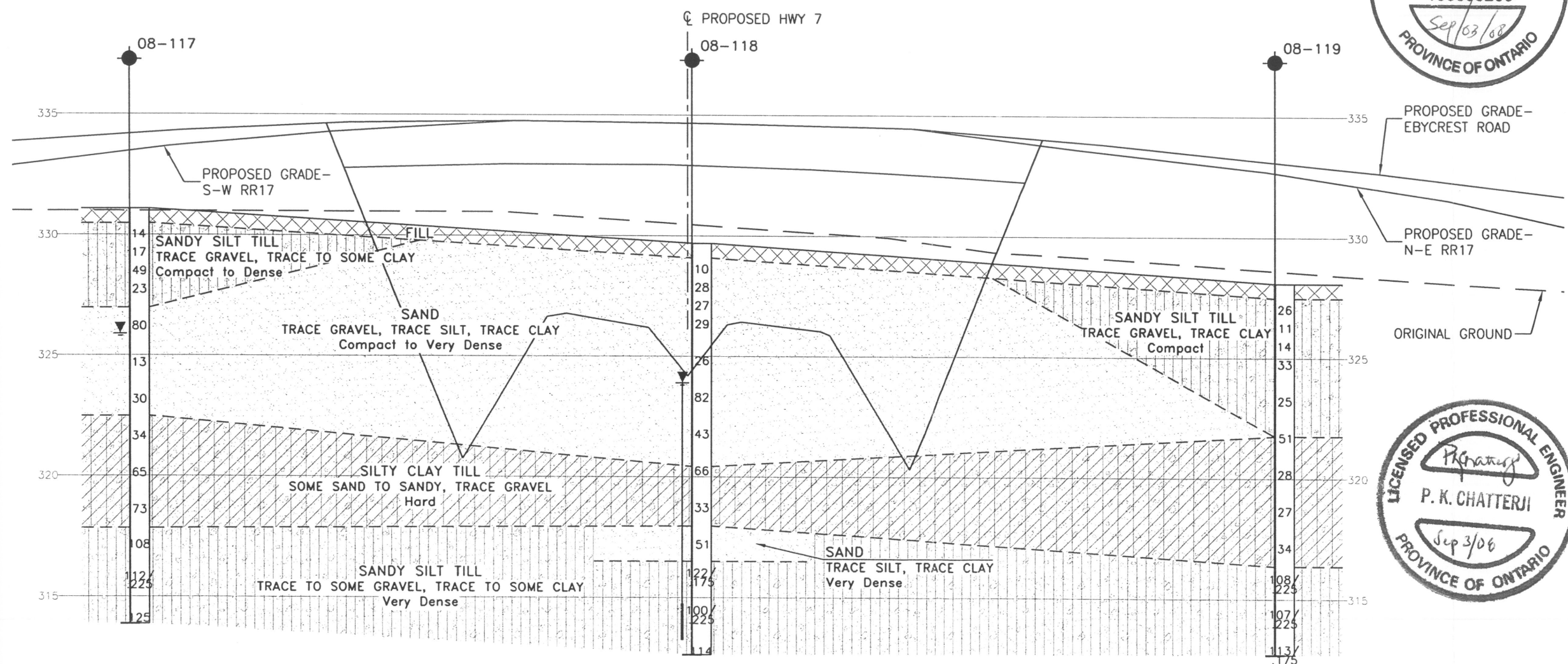
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- CONE Blows /0.3m (60' Cone, 475J/blow)
- PH Pressure, Hydraulic
- Water Level
- Head Artesian Water
- Piezometer
- 90% Rock Quality Designation (RQD)
- A/R Auger Refusal

NO	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
08-117	331.1	4 816 985.4	229 672.2
08-118	329.7	4 816 930.1	229 774.8
08-119	328.1	4 816 874.6	229 882.4

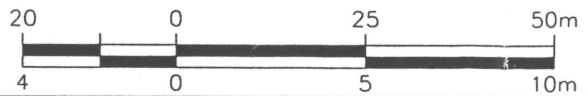
NOTES

- The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.
- This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.
- Proposed grades are from Plate 7 of the E.A. Study.

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PROFILE ALONG CL OF EBYCREST ROAD



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