

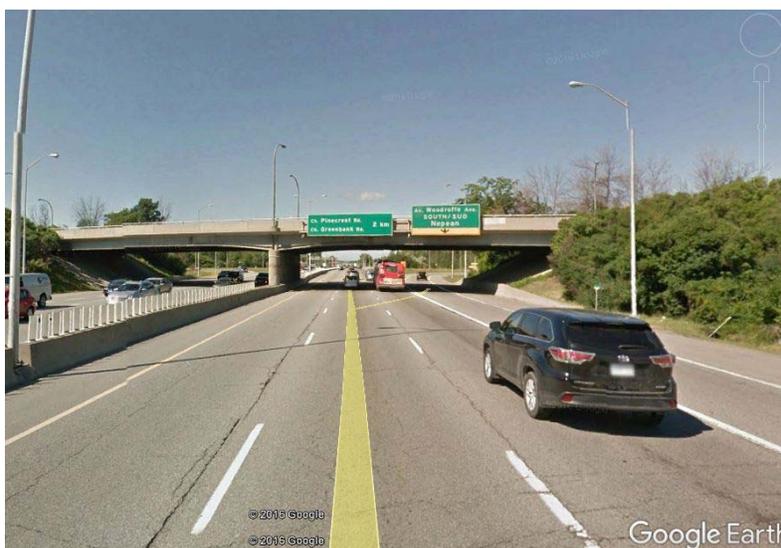


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## REPORT ON

### FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION WOODROFFE AVENUE UNDERPASS SITE NO. 3-041 HIGHWAY 417 WIDENING AND REHABILITATION FROM WEST OF HIGHWAY 416 TO EAST OF MAITLAND AVENUE G.W.P. 4124-14-00

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# **PART A**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) has been retained by MMM Group Limited (MMM) on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) to provide foundation engineering services in support of the design for the widening of the Woodroffe Avenue Underpass at Highway 417 in the City of Ottawa. The proposed work is part of the design associated with the Highway 417 widening from west of Highway 416 to east of Maitland Avenue (Assignment Number 4015-E-0017) in Ottawa, Ontario.

This report addresses the proposed widening of, and modifications to, the Woodroffe Avenue Underpass (MTO Structure Site No. 3-041) and the associated retaining walls and underpass approach embankments only. The proposed widening of the existing bridge to the east is required to accommodate a new northbound left turn lane on Woodroffe Avenue. Modifications to the foreslope retaining walls at the north and south abutments are required to accommodate the highway widening. The foreslope paving and approach fills in front of both the north and south bridge abutments will be cut back to form a “truncated toe” with a retaining wall.

The terms of reference and scope of work for the foundation investigation are outlined in the MTO’s Request for Proposal, dated May 2015, and subsequent addenda. Golder’s scope of work for foundation engineering services associated with the Woodroffe Avenue Underpass widening is contained in Table 17.8.3 of MMM’s Technical Proposal for this assignment. The work has been carried out in accordance with Golder’s Quality Control Plan for foundation engineering services for this project, dated May 2, 2016.



## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND GEOLOGY**

### **2.1 Site Description**

The Woodroffe Avenue Underpass is located within a residential area of the City of Ottawa, and is located approximately 4.5 kilometers east of the junction of Highway 416 and Highway 417. At this location, Highway 417 is a divided highway with three travel lanes in each direction separated by a concrete median. In the westbound direction, there is an off-ramp lane with a wide shoulder. In the eastbound direction, there is an on-ramp lane with a wide shoulder.

The existing Woodroffe Avenue Underpass is a two span continuous steel girder bridge. The spans are each approximately 32 m in length. The central piers are founded on spread footings on rock. The bridge abutments are supported on “perched” foundations on piles end bearing on bedrock. The front row of piles are battered towards Highway 417. The existing approach embankments are about 7 m high relative to the highway profile. The foreslopes of both the north and south abutments are constructed at about 2 Horizontal to 1 Vertical (2H:1V) grade extending down to short toe walls adjacent to the roadway shoulders.

A 200 mm diameter gas main is located about 24 m east of the bridge structure, aligned in a north-south direction.

A previous investigation was conducted for the design of the existing bridge by McRostie & Associates (McRostie) in 1958. The results of that investigation are contained in the report titled “Report on Foundation Investigation at Ottawa Queensway and Woodroffe Avenue, Bridge No. 2, to Deleuw, Cather and Company of Canada Limited” (Geocres 31G5-021). In late 1988 and early 1989, design memorandums were prepared by McCormick Rankin addressing new retaining walls to support the forward fills of the Woodroffe Avenue Underpass as part of W.P. 118-86-01. The sequence of letters and memos between McCormick Rankin and MTO are included in Geocres 31G5-189.

### **2.2 Regional Geology**

As delineated in *The Physiography of Southern Ontario*<sup>1</sup>, this section of Highway 417 lies within the minor physiographic region known as the Ottawa Valley Clay Plain, which lies within the major physiographic region of the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Lowland.

The Ottawa Valley Clay Plain region is characterized by relatively thick deposits of sensitive marine clay, silt and silty clay that were deposited within the Champlain Sea basin. These deposits, known as the Champlain Sea clay or Leda clay, overlie relatively thin, commonly reworked glacial till and glaciofluvial deposits, that in turn overlie bedrock<sup>2</sup>. This region is underlain by a series of sedimentary rocks, consisting of sandstones, dolostones, limestones and shales that are, in turn, underlain at depth by igneous and metamorphic bedrock of the Precambrian Shield.

<sup>1</sup> Chapman, L. J. and Putnam, D. F., 1984. *The Physiography of Southern Ontario*, Ontario Geological Survey. Special Volume 2, Third Edition. Accompanied by Map P.2715, Scale 1:600,000. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

<sup>2</sup> Belanger, J.R. “Urban Geology of Canada’s National Capital Area”, in *Urban Geology of Canadian Cities*, Geological Association of Canada Special Paper 42, Ed. P.F. Karrow and O.L. White, 1998.



### **3.0 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The field work for this subsurface investigation was carried out between June 15 and July 28, 2016. During that time, a total of 8 boreholes were advanced at the locations shown on Drawing 1. Borehole 16-301 was advanced adjacent to the east pier location, and Boreholes 16-302 and 16-303 were advanced adjacent to the abutments at the east toe of each of the existing embankments. Boreholes 16-304 and 16-305 were advanced through each of the existing approach embankments, and Boreholes 16-310 to 16-312 were advanced within the currently proposed 'Construction Staging Area' within the northwest quadrant of the Woodroffe Avenue interchange. The boreholes were advanced using a combination of truck and track mounted drill rigs supplied and operated by CCC Geotechnical and Environmental Drilling Ltd. of Ottawa, Ontario. The boreholes were advanced to depths of between 2.1 m and 10.2 m below present ground surface. Boreholes 16-306 to 16-309 were not drilled as part of the design.

Samples of the overburden were obtained at 0.6 m to 0.8 m intervals of depth using 50 mm outside diameter split-spoon samplers in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) procedure. In the bedrock, rotary diamond drilling techniques were used to retrieve NQ sized core. The bedrock was cored for depths of 3.6 to 5.3 metres, after practical refusal to augering had been reached. One monitoring well was installed (in Boreholes 16-310) to monitor the groundwater level at the site. The monitoring well consists of 30 mm outside diameter PVC pipe with a 1.5 m long slotted tip. The borehole was backfilled with bentonite mixed with soil cuttings. The site conditions were restored following completion of the field work.

The field work was supervised on a full time basis by members of Golder's staff who located the boreholes in the field, directed the drilling, sampling, and in situ testing operations, and logged the boreholes. The soil and bedrock samples were identified in the field, placed in labelled containers, and transported to Golder's laboratory in Ottawa for further examination and to Golder's laboratories in London and Mississauga for testing. Index and classification tests consisting of water content determinations, Atterberg Limit testing, and grain size distribution analyses were carried out on selected soil samples. Unconfined compressive strength testing was carried out on one sample of the bedrock core.

The groundwater level was measured in the monitoring well in Borehole 16-310 on August 2 and September 30, 2016.

In addition to the borehole investigation, shear wave velocity profiling at the site was completed using the Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) technique and was conducted between May 26 and 27, 2016, by personnel from the Golder's Mississauga and Ottawa offices. A series of 24 low frequency (4.5 Hz) geophones were laid out at 3 m intervals. A 9.9 kg sledge hammer and 45 kg weight drop were used as the seismic source. The source locations were offset at distances of 5, 10, 15, and 20 m off the end and collinear with the geophone array.

The borehole locations were determined by Golder relative to existing site features. The borehole elevations were surveyed by Golder using a Trimble R8 GPS unit. The borehole locations in MTM NAD83 northing and easting coordinates, ground surface elevations referenced to geodetic datum and drilled depths are summarized in the following table and are shown on Drawing 1 in Appendix A.



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Borehole Number	Borehole Location	MTM NAD83 Northing (m)	MTM NAD83 Easting (m)	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Borehole Depth (m)
BH16-301	Pier	5024851.3	362135.6	75.9	7.3
BH16-302	South Embankment Toe	5024821.6	362167.2	76.8	10.2
BH16-303	North Embankment Toe	5024888.8	362143.7	75.7	6.4
BH16-304	South Embankment Crest	5024794.4	362148.3	81.2	8.2
BH16-305	North Embankment Crest	5024885.1	362113.0	81.3	8.2
BH16-310	Staging Area	5024902.8	362037.9	75.1	3.3
BH16-311	Staging Area	5024866.7	362074.2	76.6	3.1
BH16-312	Staging Area	5024850.9	362007.2	75.3	2.1



## **4.0 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 General**

The Record of Borehole sheets and laboratory testing results from the current investigation are presented in Appendix A. The results of the laboratory testing carried out during the current investigation are presented on the Record of Boreholes sheets and on Figures 1 to 6 in Appendix B. The results of the in situ field tests (i.e. SPT 'N'-values) carried out during the previous investigation as presented on the Record of Borehole sheets.

As part of the current subsurface investigation at this site, five boreholes were advanced within or near the limits of the foundation elements for the proposed widening of the Woodroffe Avenue Bridge. Six boreholes had been previously advanced at the present bridge abutment and pier locations on behalf of the Ministry in 1958, as previously noted (Geocres No. 31G5-021). The borehole records from this previous investigation are provided for reference in Appendix C. The borehole locations from the current and previous investigations are shown on Drawing 1. The interpreted stratigraphic profile projected along the Woodroffe Avenue centreline is also shown on Drawing 1. A stratigraphic profile projected through the proposed staging area is shown on Drawing 2.

The stratigraphic boundaries shown on the Record of Borehole sheets and on the interpreted stratigraphic profile and cross-sections are inferred from observations of drilling progress and non-continuous sampling and, therefore, represent transitions between soil types rather than exact planes of geological change. The subsoil conditions will vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

In general, the subsurface conditions at the site consist of a layer of fill and/or topsoil underlain by silty clay to clayey silt and/or glacial till overlying limestone bedrock with shale interbeds.

A detailed description of the subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes is provided in the following sections. In the following discussion, emphasis is placed on the subsurface conditions indicated in the boreholes from the present investigation. The boreholes from 1958 were advanced prior to the highway construction and therefore the ground conditions shown on those logs are likely different than currently exist, particularly with respect to the composition and thickness of overburden and fill. The previous Geocres information is referenced only in regard to the bedrock surface elevation, which is in general agreement with the results from the current investigation.

### **4.2 Topsoil**

Topsoil exists at ground surface at Boreholes 16-302, 16-303, and 16-310 to 16-312, with thicknesses of about 50 to 200 mm.

### **4.3 Fill**

Asphaltic concrete exists at ground surface at Boreholes 16-301, 16-304 and 16-305, with a thickness of about 200 to 230 mm.

Fill was encountered beneath the topsoil/asphaltic concrete at all borehole locations. Fill materials are quite variable between locations, consisting of sand, gravel, silty sand, and silty clay.

The layer of fill was fully penetrated in all of the boreholes and varies from about 0.3 to 5.9 m in thickness, with the thicker portions located at the embankments. SPT 'N' values obtained within the fill generally range from about 8 to 29 blows per 0.3 m of penetration indicating a loose to compact state of packing. One higher blow count of 74 was encountered within the pavement structure fill at Borehole 16-301), reflecting a very dense state of packing.



Although not encountered in the boreholes, obstructions (e.g., cobbles and boulders) should be anticipated due to the variability of the fill materials.

Grain size distribution testing was carried out on three samples of the fill, the results of which are provided on Figure 1. The measured water content of five samples of the fill ranges from approximately 8 to 30 percent.

#### **4.4 Silty Clay to Clayey Silt**

The fill is underlain by a deposit of sensitive silty clay to clayey silt at Boreholes 16-302 to 16-305, and 16-310. The silty clay to clayey silt was fully penetrated by the all of these boreholes and varies from about 0.5 to 2.2 m in thickness.

The full thickness of the silty clay to clayey silt deposit at Boreholes 16-302, 16-304, 16-305 and the upper 1.7 m at Borehole 16-303 has been weathered to form a grey brown crust. The lowest 0.5 m of the deposit at Borehole 16-303 and the entire 0.5 m thickness encountered at Borehole 16-310 is unweathered and grey. Standard penetration tests carried out within the weathered silty clay to clayey silt gave 'N' values ranging from 2 to 26 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a generally stiff to very stiff consistency. The results of in situ vane testing at one location in the unweathered portion of the deposit gave an undrained shear strength of 46 kPa, indicating a firm consistency. The calculated sensitivity ratio based on a remoulded shear strength of 8 kPa in this deposit is about 6, indicating a sensitive material in accordance with the CFEM.

The results of Atterberg limit testing carried out on two samples of the weathered silty clay to clayey silt are summarized on Figure 2 and indicate plasticity index values generally ranging from 18 to 37 percent and liquid limit values of 34 and 59 percent, reflecting a soil of low to high plasticity. The measured water content of four samples of this deposit ranges from approximately 30 to 51 percent. Grain size distribution testing was carried out on two samples of this deposit, the results of which are provided on Figure 3.

#### **4.5 Till**

A deposit of glacial till was encountered below the fill and silty clay to clayey silt at all the borehole locations, at depths of about 0.6 to 7.6 m below the existing ground surface (or between Elevations 73 and 76 m). The till in this area generally consists a heterogeneous mixture of gravel, cobbles, and boulders in a matrix of sandy silt with trace to some clay.

The till was fully penetrated at Boreholes 16-301 to 16-303 and is about 0.3 to 3.0 m in thickness, extending to about 2.9 to 4.4 m depth below the existing ground surface (i.e., Elevations 72.8 to 72.2 m). The till was not fully penetrated in the other boreholes but was proven to extend to depths of about 2.1 to 8.2 m below the ground surface (i.e., Elevations 73.5 to 71.9 m). Standard penetration test 'N' values of 2 to 'in excess of 50' blows (at Borehole 16-310) per 0.3 m of penetration, but typically less than 15, were measured in the glacial till, indicating a very loose to compact state of packing. The higher 'N' values could reflect the presence of cobbles and boulders or the bedrock surface, rather than the state of packing of the soil matrix.

The measured water contents of ten samples of till ranged from approximately 2 to 33 percent. Grain size distribution testing was carried out on five samples of the till, the results of which are provided on Figure 4. The results confirm that the till matrix generally consists of a silty sand to sandy silt with some clay and trace amounts of gravel. The sample tested from Borehole 16-312 had a higher clay and silt content than is typical for glacial till in the Ottawa area. These samples were retrieved using a 50 mm diameter sampler and the results do not reflect the larger gravel, cobble and boulder content of the deposit.



## 4.6 Sand and Gravel

A 0.5 m thick layer of sand and gravel was encountered at the bedrock/till interface at Borehole 16-302. One standard penetration test within the sand and gravel deposit gave an SPT 'N' value in excess of 50 blows per 0.3 m of penetration. This high blow count may indicate a very dense state of packing of the sand and gravel deposit, or reflect the bedrock surface.

The measured water content of one sample of the sand and gravel was about 14 percent. Grain size distribution testing was carried out on one sample of this deposit, the result of which are provided on Figure 5.

## 4.7 Bedrock

The bedrock encountered at the bridge foundation elements at Boreholes 16-301 to 16-303, inclusive, consists of limestone with thin shale interbeds, which is consistent with the previous Geocres investigation. Photos of the bedrock core obtained during the current investigation are provided in Appendix A on Figures A1 to A6, inclusive.

The bedrock is slightly weathered to fresh and medium bedded, and was encountered at depths ranging from about 2.9 to 4.9 m below the existing ground surface (i.e., Elevations 72.8 to 71.8 m) during the current investigation. These boreholes were advanced about 3.6 to 5.3 m into the bedrock.

The bedrock was cored in Boreholes 16-301, 16-302 and 16-303 as part of the current investigation, and in Boreholes 1 through 6 as part of the previous investigation in 1958. The following table summarizes the bedrock surface depths and elevations as encountered at the boreholes advanced as part of the current and previous investigations at the site.

Borehole Location	Borehole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Depth to Bedrock Surface (m)	Bedrock Surface Elevation (m)
South Approach Embankment	16-302	76.8	4.9	71.9
	2	75.7	3.7	72.0
	16-304	81.2	> 8.2 <sup>1</sup>	< 73.0 <sup>1</sup>
	4	75.6	5.1	70.5
Pier	16-301	75.9	3.7	72.2
	6	75.5	3.4	72.1
	5	75.6	3.2	72.4
North Approach Embankment	16-303	75.7	2.9	72.8
	1	74.9	2.7	72.1
	16-305	81.3	> 8.2 <sup>1</sup>	< 73.1 <sup>1</sup>
	3	75.3	3.3	72.0
Staging Area (NW)	16-310	75.1	3.3 <sup>2</sup>	71.9 <sup>2</sup>
	16-311	76.6	3.1 <sup>2</sup>	73.5 <sup>2</sup>
	16-312	75.3	2.1 <sup>2</sup>	73.2 <sup>2</sup>

Notes 1: Bedrock was not encountered within the depth of the borehole.

2: Auger refusal on possible bedrock surface.



The limestone bedrock at the site is mapped as the Rockcliffe Formation. Thin shale interbeds were also present in the rock core. Rock Quality Designation (RQD) values measured on recovered bedrock core samples ranged from about 17 to 100 percent, but more typically above 75 percent. The RQD values for Borehole 16-301, which was advanced at the pier location, were 89 to 100 percent, indicating good to excellent quality rock. The lowest RQD values were recorded as 17 percent for the run of bedrock from 7.2 to 8.0 m depth in Borehole 16-302 (south abutment). It is however noted that the fracturing observed at this depth could be a result of poor drilling techniques/equipment (i.e., mechanical break) rather than the quality of the bedrock.

The result of one unconfined compressive strength test on a sample of the bedrock from Borehole 16-301 was 55 MPa, as shown on Figure 6, indicating a strong rock. A description of some of the terms used in the description of the bedrock samples from this site is provided on the Lithological and Geotechnical Rock Description Terminology sheet which precedes the Record of Borehole sheets included with this report.

#### **4.8 Groundwater Conditions**

A monitoring well was installed in Borehole 16-310. The water levels measured in the well are summarized in the following table:

<b>Borehole Number</b>	<b>Borehole Location</b>	<b>Screened Interval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Elevation (m)</b>
16-310	Staging Area	Silty Clay/Glacial Till	August 2, 2016	2.4	72.7
			September 30, 2016	1.7	73.4

The water level at the site is expected to fluctuate seasonally in response to changes in precipitation and snow melt, and is expected to be higher during the spring and periods of precipitation.



## 5.0 CLOSURE

The field operations were supervised by Mr. Doug Grylls and Mr. Jason Derouin. This report was prepared by Ms. Kim Lesage, P.Eng., and was reviewed by Ms. Erin O'Neill, P.Eng., a senior geotechnical engineer and Associate of Golder. Mr. Fintan Heffernan, P.Eng., a Senior Consultant with Golder and the Designated MTO Foundations Contact, conducted an independent quality control review of this report.

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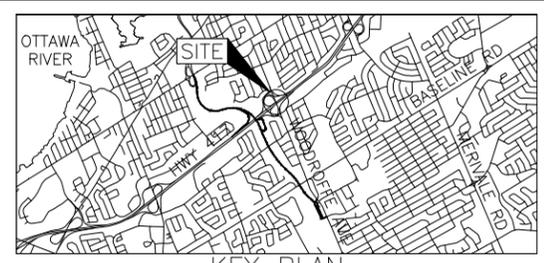
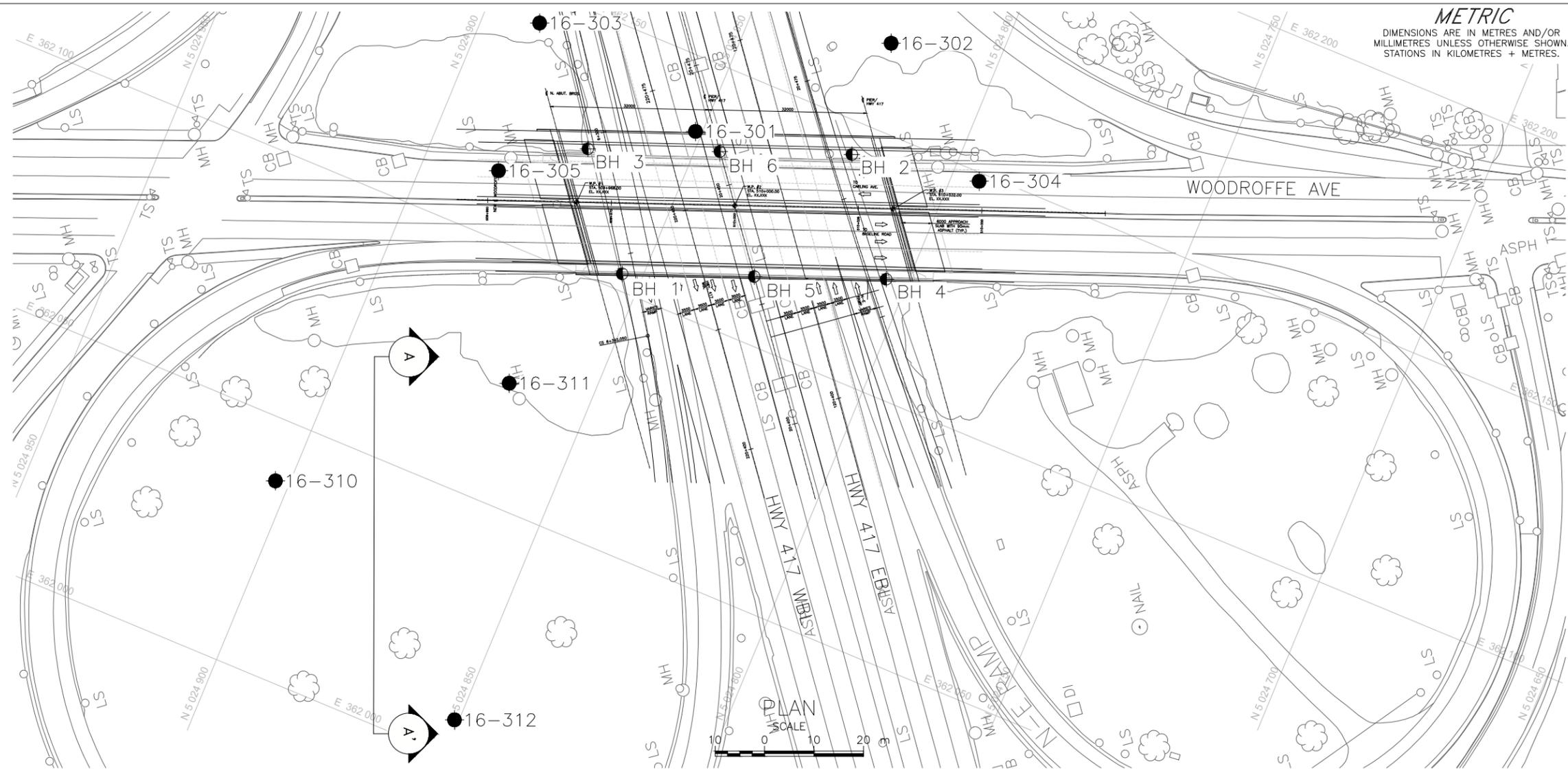
  
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16-311	76.6	5024866.7	362074.2
16-312	75.3	5024850.9	362007.2
BH-1	74.9	5024854.0	362103.4
BH-2	75.7	5024820.3	362143.4
BH-3	75.3	5024870.1	362124.0
BH-4	75.6	5024804.2	362122.8
BH-5	75.6	5024829.1	362113.1
BH-6	75.5	5024845.2	362133.7

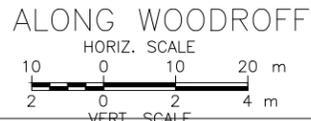
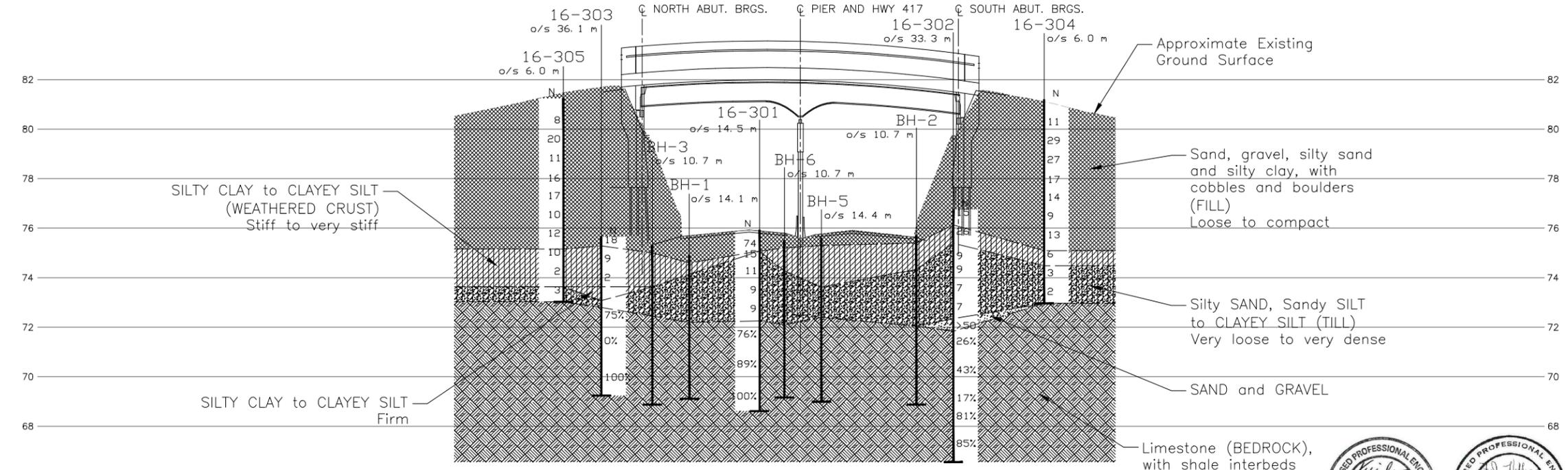
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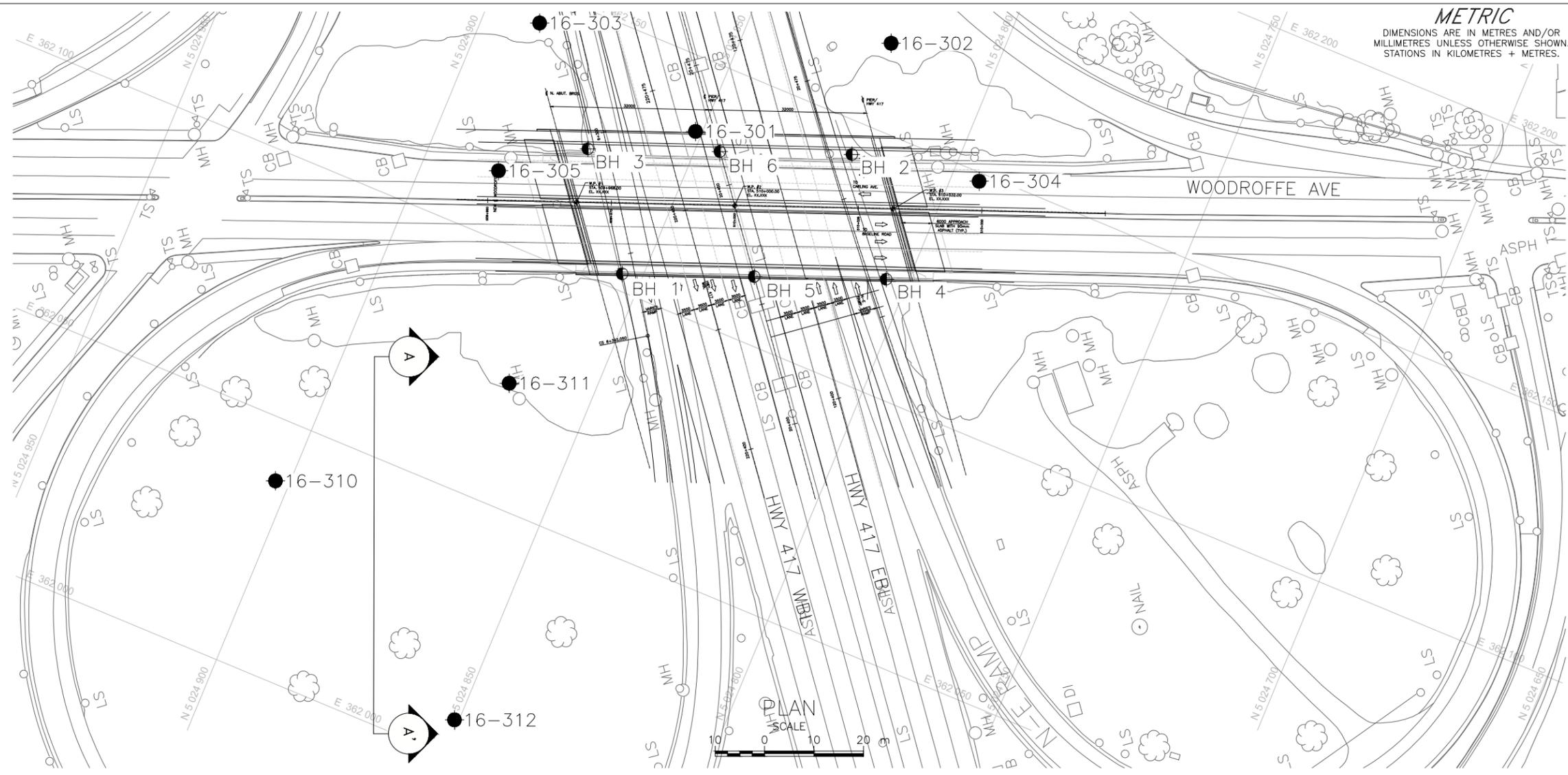
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16-311	76.6	5024866.7	362074.2
16-312	75.3	5024850.9	362007.2
BH-1	74.9	5024854.0	362103.4
BH-2	75.7	5024820.3	362143.4
BH-3	75.3	5024870.1	362124.0
BH-4	75.6	5024804.2	362122.8
BH-5	75.6	5024829.1	362113.1
BH-6	75.5	5024845.2	362133.7

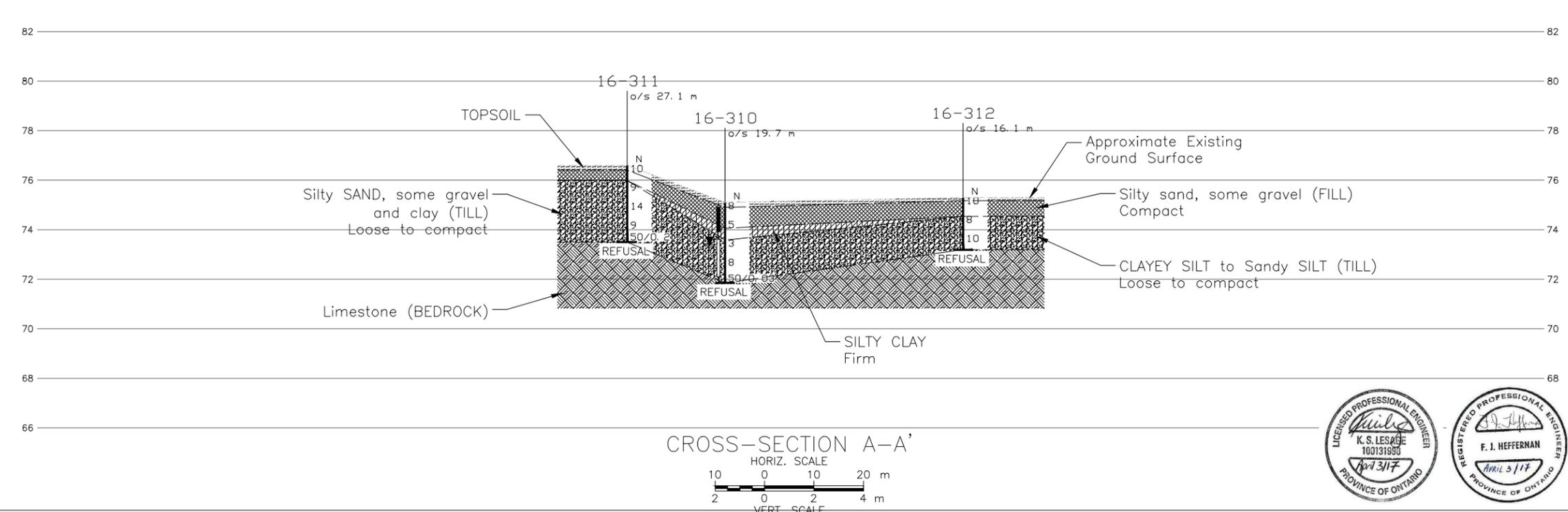
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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Borehole and Drillhole Records, Current Investigation**

**Lists of Abbreviations and Symbols**

**Lithological and Geotechnical Rock Description Terminology**

**Records of Boreholes 16-301 to 16-306 and 16-310 to 16-312**

**Bedrock Core Photographs, Figures A1 to A6**



## LIST OF SYMBOLS

Unless otherwise stated, the symbols employed in the report are as follows:

<b>I.</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>Index Properties (continued)</b>
$\pi$	3.1416	w	water content
$\ln x$ ,	natural logarithm of x	$w_l$ or LL	liquid limit
$\log_{10}$	x or log x, logarithm of x to base 10	$w_p$ or PL	plastic limit
g	acceleration due to gravity	$I_p$ or PI	plasticity index = $(w_l - w_p)$
t	time	$w_s$	shrinkage limit
FoS	factor of safety	$I_L$	liquidity index = $(w - w_p) / I_p$
		$I_C$	consistency index = $(w_l - w) / I_p$
		$e_{max}$	void ratio in loosest state
		$e_{min}$	void ratio in densest state
		$I_D$	density index = $(e_{max} - e) / (e_{max} - e_{min})$ (formerly relative density)
<b>II.</b>	<b>STRESS AND STRAIN</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>Hydraulic Properties</b>
$\gamma$	shear strain	h	hydraulic head or potential
$\Delta$	change in, e.g. in stress: $\Delta \sigma$	q	rate of flow
$\varepsilon$	linear strain	v	velocity of flow
$\varepsilon_v$	volumetric strain	i	hydraulic gradient
$\eta$	coefficient of viscosity	k	hydraulic conductivity (coefficient of permeability)
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio	j	seepage force per unit volume
$\sigma$	total stress	<b>(c)</b>	<b>Consolidation (one-dimensional)</b>
$\sigma'$	effective stress ( $\sigma' = \sigma - u$ )	$C_c$	compression index (normally consolidated range)
$\sigma'_{vo}$	initial effective overburden stress	$C_r$	recompression index (over-consolidated range)
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	principal stress (major, intermediate, minor)	$C_s$	swelling index
$\sigma_{oct}$	mean stress or octahedral stress = $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)/3$	$C_\alpha$	secondary compression index
$\tau$	shear stress	$m_v$	coefficient of volume change
u	porewater pressure	$C_v$	coefficient of consolidation (vertical direction)
E	modulus of deformation	$C_h$	coefficient of consolidation (horizontal direction)
G	shear modulus of deformation	$T_v$	time factor (vertical direction)
K	bulk modulus of compressibility	U	degree of consolidation
		$\sigma'_p$	pre-consolidation stress
<b>III.</b>	<b>SOIL PROPERTIES</b>	OCR	over-consolidation ratio = $\sigma'_p / \sigma'_{vo}$
<b>(a)</b>	<b>Index Properties</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>Shear Strength</b>
$\rho(\gamma)$	bulk density (bulk unit weight)*	$\tau_p, \tau_r$	peak and residual shear strength
$\rho_d(\gamma_d)$	dry density (dry unit weight)	$\phi'$	effective angle of internal friction
$\rho_w(\gamma_w)$	density (unit weight) of water	$\delta$	angle of interface friction
$\rho_s(\gamma_s)$	density (unit weight) of solid particles	$\mu$	coefficient of friction = $\tan \delta$
$\gamma'$	unit weight of submerged soil ( $\gamma' = \gamma - \gamma_w$ )	$c'$	effective cohesion
$D_R$	relative density (specific gravity) of solid particles ( $D_R = \rho_s / \rho_w$ ) (formerly $G_s$ )	$C_u, S_u$	undrained shear strength ( $\phi = 0$ analysis)
e	void ratio	p	mean total stress $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$
n	porosity	$p'$	mean effective stress $(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)/2$
S	degree of saturation	q	$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)/2$ or $(\sigma'_1 - \sigma'_3)/2$
		$q_u$	compressive strength $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$
		$S_t$	sensitivity

\* Density symbol is  $\rho$ . Unit weight symbol is  $\gamma$  where  $\gamma = \rho g$  (i.e. mass density multiplied by acceleration due to gravity)

**Notes:** 1  
2

$\tau = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$   
shear strength = (compressive strength)/2



## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on Records of Boreholes, on figures and in the text of the report are as follows:

### I. SAMPLE TYPE

AS	Auger sample
BS	Block sample
CS	Chunk sample
DS	Denison type sample
FS	Foil sample
RC	Rock core
SC	Soil core
SS	Split-spoon
ST	Slotted tube
TO	Thin-walled, open
TP	Thin-walled, piston
WS	Wash sample

### II. PENETRATION RESISTANCE

#### Standard Penetration Resistance (SPT), N:

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg. (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) required to drive a 50 mm (2 in.) drive open sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.)

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance; $N_d$ :

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) to drive uncased a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter, 60° cone attached to "A" size drill rods for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.).

**PH:** Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure

**PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure

**WH:** Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer

**WR:** Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and rod

#### Piezo-Cone Penetration Test (CPT)

A electronic cone penetrometer with a 60° conical tip and a project end area of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> pushed through ground at a penetration rate of 2 cm/s. Measurements of tip resistance ( $Q_t$ ), porewater pressure (PWP) and friction along a sleeve are recorded electronically at 25 mm penetration intervals.

### V. MINOR SOIL CONSTITUENTS

Per cent by Weight	Modifier	Example
0 to 5	Trace	Trace sand
5 to 12	Trace to Some (or Little)	Trace to some sand
12 to 20	Some	Some sand
20 to 30	(ey) or (y)	Sandy
over 30	And (non-cohesive (cohesionless)) or With (cohesive)	Sand and Gravel Silty Clay with sand / Clayey Silt with sand

### III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### (a) Non-Cohesive (Cohesionless) Soils

Density Index	N
Relative Density	Blows/300 mm or Blows/ft
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

#### (b) Cohesive Soils Consistency

	<u>kPa</u>	<u>C<sub>u</sub>, S<sub>u</sub></u>	<u>psf</u>
Very soft	0 to 12		0 to 250
Soft	12 to 25		250 to 500
Firm	25 to 50		500 to 1,000
Stiff	50 to 100		1,000 to 2,000
Very stiff	100 to 200		2,000 to 4,000
Hard	over 200		over 4,000

### IV. SOIL TESTS

w	water content
w <sub>p</sub>	plastic limit
w <sub>l</sub>	liquid limit
C	consolidation (oedometer) test
CHEM	chemical analysis (refer to text)
CID	consolidated isotropically drained triaxial test <sup>1</sup>
CIU	consolidated isotropically undrained triaxial test with porewater pressure measurement <sup>1</sup>
D <sub>R</sub>	relative density (specific gravity, G <sub>s</sub> )
DS	direct shear test
M	sieve analysis for particle size
MH	combined sieve and hydrometer (H) analysis
MPC	Modified Proctor compaction test
SPC	Standard Proctor compaction test
OC	organic content test
SO <sub>4</sub>	concentration of water-soluble sulphates
UC	unconfined compression test
UU	unconsolidated undrained triaxial test
V	field vane (LV-laboratory vane test)
γ	unit weight

**Note:** 1 Tests which are anisotropically consolidated prior to shear are shown as CAD, CAU.



## WEATHERINGS STATE

**Fresh:** no visible sign of weathering

**Faintly weathered:** weathering limited to the surface of major discontinuities.

**Slightly weathered:** penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces but only slight weathering of rock material.

**Moderately weathered:** weathering extends throughout the rock mass but the rock material is not friable.

**Highly weathered:** weathering extends throughout rock mass and the rock material is partly friable.

**Completely weathered:** rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition but the rock and structure are preserved.

## BEDDING THICKNESS

Description	Bedding Plane Spacing
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2 m
Thickly bedded	0.6 m to 2 m
Medium bedded	0.2 m to 0.6 m
Thinly bedded	60 mm to 0.2 m
Very thinly bedded	20 mm to 60 mm
Laminated	6 mm to 20 mm
Thinly laminated	Less than 6 mm

## JOINT OR FOLIATION SPACING

Description	Spacing
Very wide	Greater than 3 m
Wide	1 m to 3 m
Moderately close	0.3 m to 1 m
Close	50 mm to 300 mm
Very close	Less than 50 mm

## GRAIN SIZE

Term	Size*
Very Coarse Grained	Greater than 60 mm
Coarse Grained	2 mm to 60 mm
Medium Grained	60 microns to 2 mm
Fine Grained	2 microns to 60 microns
Very Fine Grained	Less than 2 microns

Note: \* Grains greater than 60 microns diameter are visible to the naked eye.

## CORE CONDITION

### Total Core Recovery (TCR)

The percentage of solid drill core recovered regardless of quality or length, measured relative to the length of the total core run.

### Solid Core Recovery (SCR)

The percentage of solid drill core, regardless of length, recovered at full diameter, measured relative to the length of the total core run.

### Rock Quality Designation (RQD)

The percentage of solid drill core, greater than 100 mm length, recovered at full diameter, measured relative to the length of the total core run. RQD varied from 0% for completely broken core to 100% for core in solid sticks.

## DISCONTINUITY DATA

### Fracture Index

A count of the number of discontinuities (physical separations) in the rock core, including both naturally occurring fractures and mechanically induced breaks caused by drilling.

### Dip with Respect to Core Axis

The angle of the discontinuity relative to the axis (length) of the core. In a vertical borehole a discontinuity with a 90° angle is horizontal.

### Description and Notes

An abbreviation description of the discontinuities, whether naturally occurring separations such as fractures, bedding planes and foliation planes or mechanically induced features caused by drilling such as ground or shattered core and mechanically separated bedding or foliation surfaces. Additional information concerning the nature of fracture surfaces and infillings are also noted.

### Abbreviations

JN Joint	PL Planar
FLT Fault	CU Curved
SH Shear	UN Undulating
VN Vein	IR Irregular
FR Fracture	K Slickensided
SY Stylolite	PO Polished
BD Bedding	SM Smooth
FO Foliation	SR Slightly Rough
CO Contact	RO Rough
AXJ Axial Joint	VR Very Rough
KV Karstic Void	
MB Mechanical Break	

**PROJECT** 1546542-1030 **RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 16-301** SHEET 1 OF 2 **METRIC**  
**W.P.** 4015-E-0017 **LOCATION** N 5024851.3; E 362135.6 **ORIGINATED BY** DG  
**DIST** Eastern **HWY** 417 **BOREHOLE TYPE** Power Auger 200 mm Diam. (Hollow Stem)/Rotary Drill, NQ Core **COMPILED BY** ZS  
**DATUM** Geodetic **DATE** June 23, 2016 **CHECKED BY** KSL

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	80	100	25	50
75.9	GROUND SURFACE																							
0.0	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE																							
75.7																								
0.2	Gravelly sand (FILL) Very dense Grey Dry		1	SS	74																			
75.3																								
75.0	Sandy gravel (FILL) Compact Grey Dry		2	SS	15																			
0.9																								
	Silty sand, some clay, trace gravel (TILL) Compact to loose Grey brown Moist		3	SS	11																			





PROJECT <u>1546542-1030</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 16-302</b>	SHEET 2 OF 3	<b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>4015-E-0017</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5024821.6 ; E 362167.2</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>DG</u>	
DIST <u>Eastern</u> HWY <u>417</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>Power Auger 200 mm Diam. (Hollow Stem)/Rotary Drill, NQ Core</u>	COMPILED BY <u>ZS</u>	
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>June 27, 2016</u>	CHECKED BY <u>KSL</u>	

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80					
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66.6		[Hatched Box]	5	RC												
10.2	END OF BOREHOLE															

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**PROJECT** 1546542-1030 **RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 16-303** SHEET 1 OF 2 **METRIC**  
**W.P.** 4015-E-0017 **LOCATION** N 5024888.8 ; E 362143.7 **ORIGINATED BY** DG  
**DIST** Eastern **HWY** 417 **BOREHOLE TYPE** Power Auger 200 mm Diam. (Hollow Stem)/Rotary Drill, NQ Core **COMPILED BY** ZS  
**DATUM** Geodetic **DATE** June 26, 2016 **CHECKED BY** KSL

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	80	100	25	50
75.7	GROUND SURFACE																							
0.0	Silty sand (TOPSOIL)																							
0.1	Brown																							
75.3	Dry		1	SS	18																			
0.4	Silty sand (FILL)																							
	Compact Brown Dry																							
	SILTY CLAY to CLAYEY SILT (WEATHERED CRUST)		2	SS	9																			
	Very stiff to stiff Grey-brown Wet																							
			3	SS	2																			1 24 42 33
73.6	SILTY CLAY to CLAYEY SILT																							
2.1	Firm Grey Wet																							
73.1	Probable TILL																							
2.6																								
72.8	Limestone (BEDROCK)																							
2.9	Bedrock cored from depths of 2.9 m to 6.4 m		1	RC	REC 100%																			RQD = 75%
	For bedrock coring details refer to Record of Drillhole 16-303																							
			2	RC	REC 88%																			RQD = 60%
			3	RC	REC 100%																			RQD = 100%
69.3																								
6.4	END OF BOREHOLE																							

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PROJECT 1546542-1030 **RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 16-304** SHEET 1 OF 1 **METRIC**  
 W.P. 4015-E-0017 LOCATION N 5024794.4 ; E 362148.3 ORIGINATED BY JD  
 DIST Eastern HWY 417 BOREHOLE TYPE Power Auger 200 mm Diam. (Hollow Stem) COMPILED BY ZS  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE July 28, 2016 CHECKED BY KSL

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	80	100	25	50
81.2	GROUND SURFACE																							
0.0	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE																							
0.2	Sandy gravel (FILL) Grey-brown Moist																							
80.6	Sand, some silt, trace clay and gravel, contains silty clay pockets (FILL) Compact Brown Moist		1	SS	11																			
			2	SS	29																			
			3	SS	27																			
			4	SS	17																			
77.4	Silty clay, some sand, some gravel (FILL) Dark grey-brown Moist		5	SS	14																			
			6	SS	9																			
75.9	Sand and silt, some clay, trace gravel, contains rootlets (FILL) Compact Dark grey-brown Moist		7	SS	13																			
75.1	SILTY CLAY to CLAY, some sand (WEATHERED CRUST) Very stiff Grey-brown Wet		8	SS	6																			
74.5	Silty SAND, some clay and gravel (TILL) Very loose Grey-brown Wet		9	SS	3																			
			10	SS	2																			
73.0	END OF BOREHOLE																							

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PROJECT <u>1546542-1030</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 16-312</b>	SHEET 1 OF 1	<b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>4015-E-0017</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5024850.9; E 362007.2</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>DG</u>	
DIST <u>Eastern</u> HWY <u>417</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>Power Auger 200 mm Diam. (Hollow Stem)</u>	COMPILED BY <u>ZS</u>	
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>June 15, 2016</u>	CHECKED BY <u>KSL</u>	

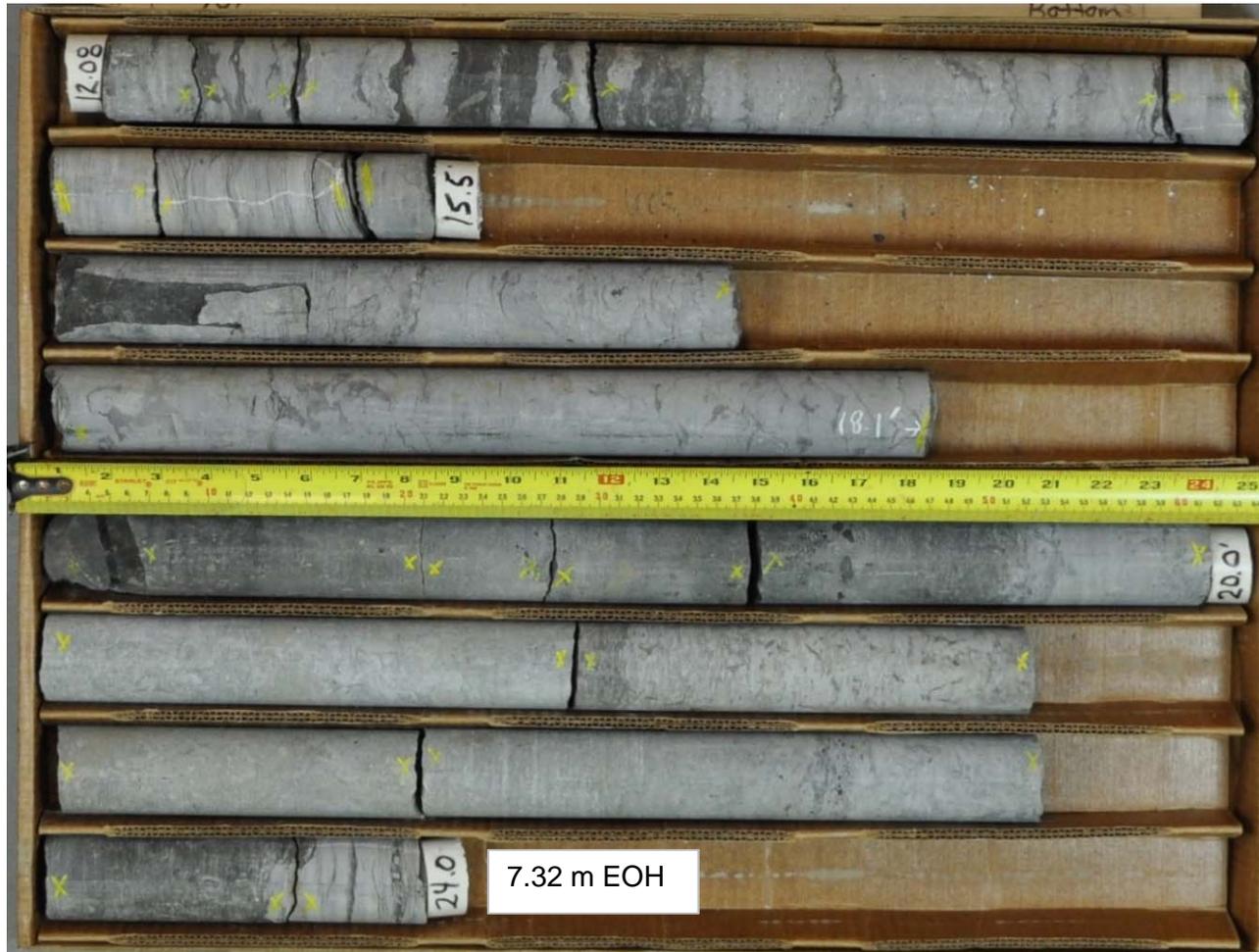
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			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100					
75.3	GROUND SURFACE																
0.0	Silty sand (TOPSOIL) Dark brown Moist		1	SS	10		75										
0.1	Silty sand, some gravel (FILL) Compact Brown Moist																
74.5	CLAYEY SILT to Sandy SILT (TILL) Loose to compact Grey Moist		2	SS	8		74										0 12 53 35
0.8																	
73.2	END OF BOREHOLE AUGER REFUSAL		3	SS	10												
2.1																	

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BH 16-301 (Dry)  
 Cored Length of 3.68 to 7.32 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

3.68 m Top of bedrock



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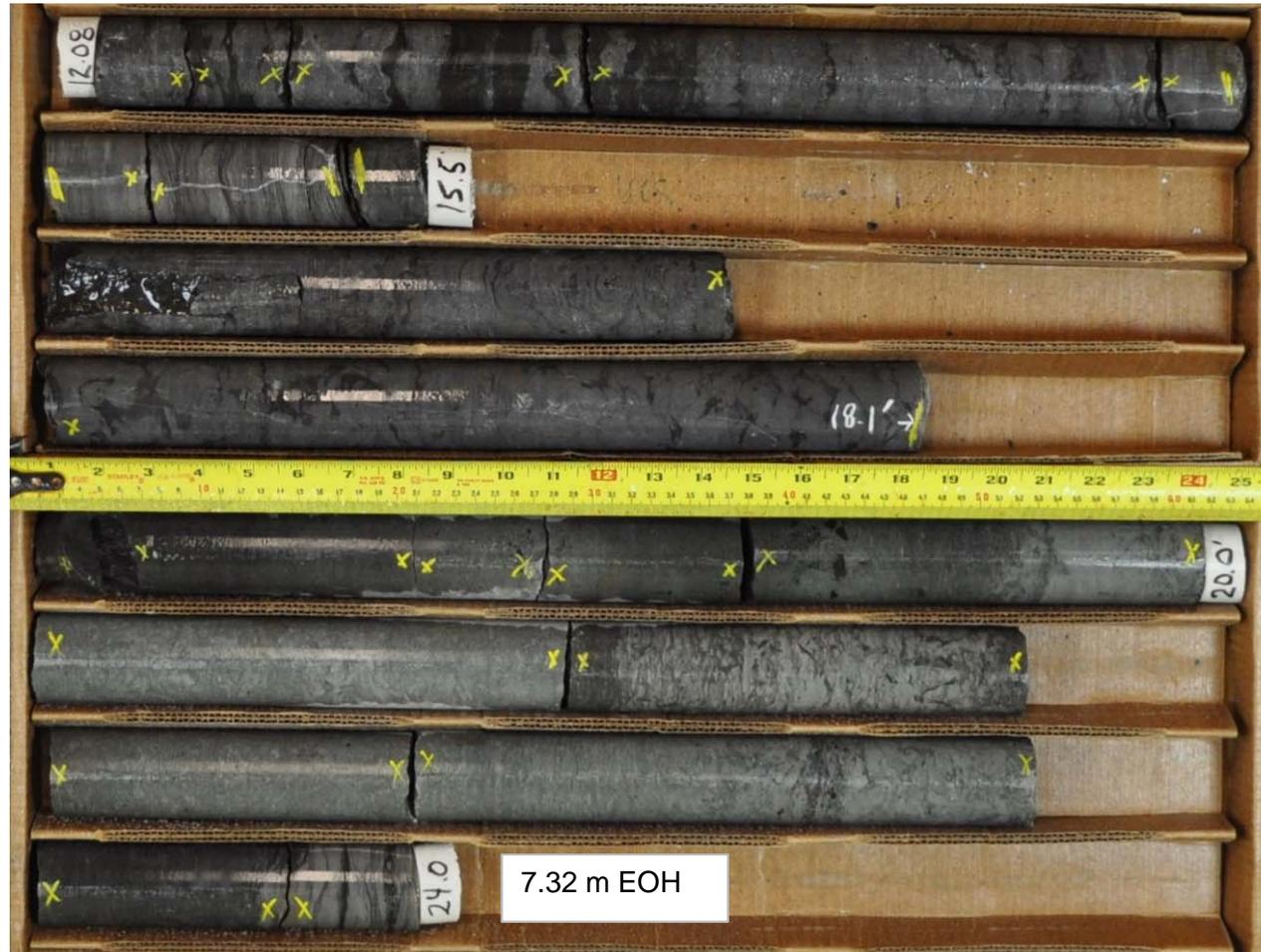
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BH 16-301 (Wet)  
 Cored Length of 3.68 to 7.32 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

3.68 m Top of bedrock



7.32 m EOH

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BH 16-302 (Dry)  
 Cored Length of 4.93 to 10.21 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

4.93 m Top of bedrock



10.21 m EOH

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BH 16-302 (Wet)  
 Cored Length of 4.93 to 10.21 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

4.93 m Top of bedrock



10.21 m EOH

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 CORE PHOTOGRAPHS**

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BH 16-303 (Dry)  
 Cored Length of 2.87 to 6.43 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

2.87 m Top of bedrock



6.43 m EOH

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BH 16-303 (Wet)  
 Cored Length of 2.87 to 6.43 metres  
 Core Box 1 to 2 of 2

2.87 m Top of bedrock



6.43 m EOH

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**BOREHOLE 16-303 (WET)  
 CORE PHOTOGRAPHS**

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# **APPENDIX B**

## **Laboratory Test Results, Current Investigation**

**Figure 1 - Grain Size Distribution Test Results – Sand and Silt (FILL)**

**Figure 2 - Plasticity Chart – Silty Clay to Clayey Silt (Weathered Crust)**

**Figure 3 - Grain Size Distribution Test Results – Silty Clay to Clayey Silt  
(Weathered Crust)**

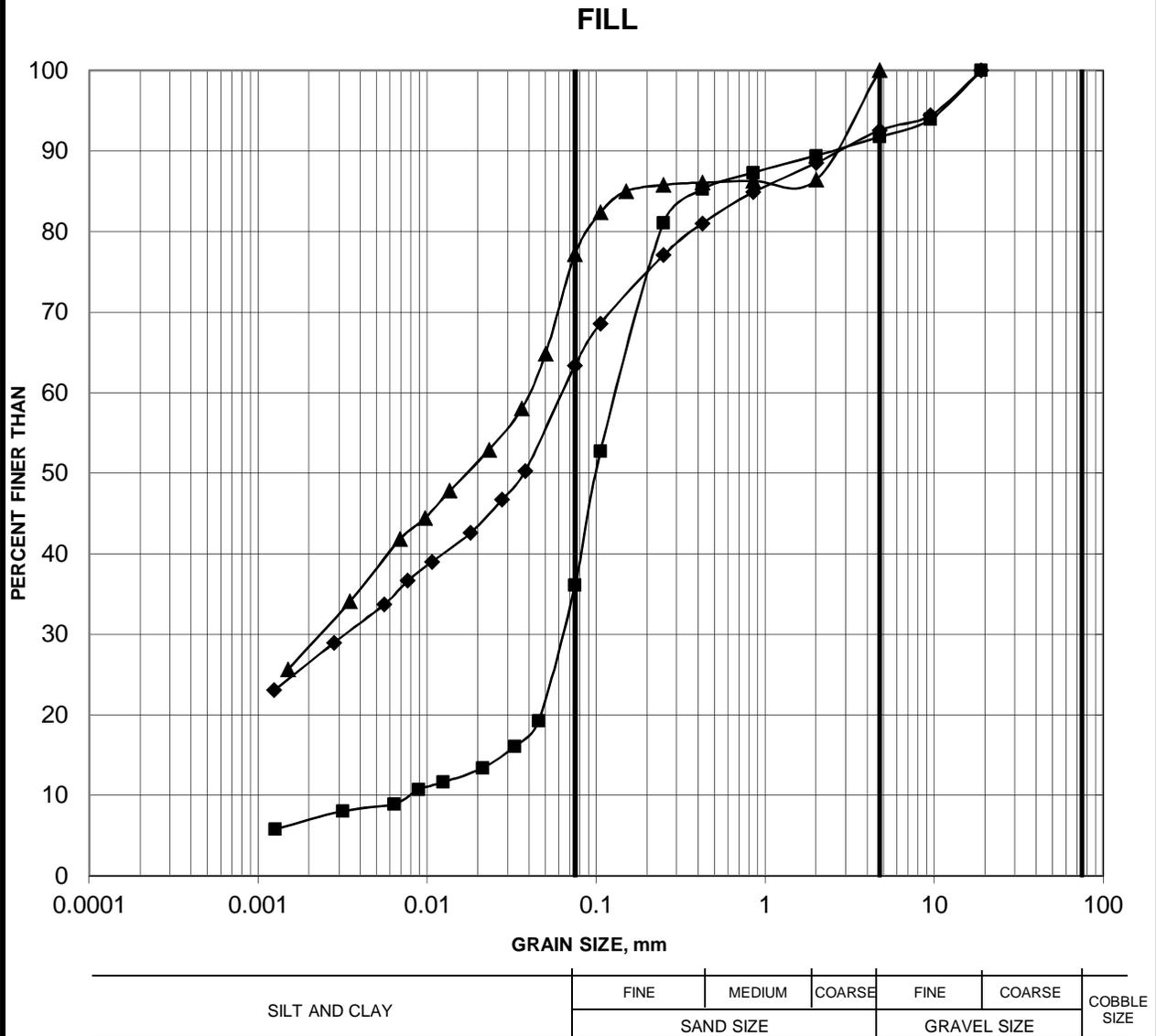
**Figure 4 - Grain Size Distribution Test Results – Till**

**Figure 5 - Grain Size Distribution Test Results – Sand and Gravel**

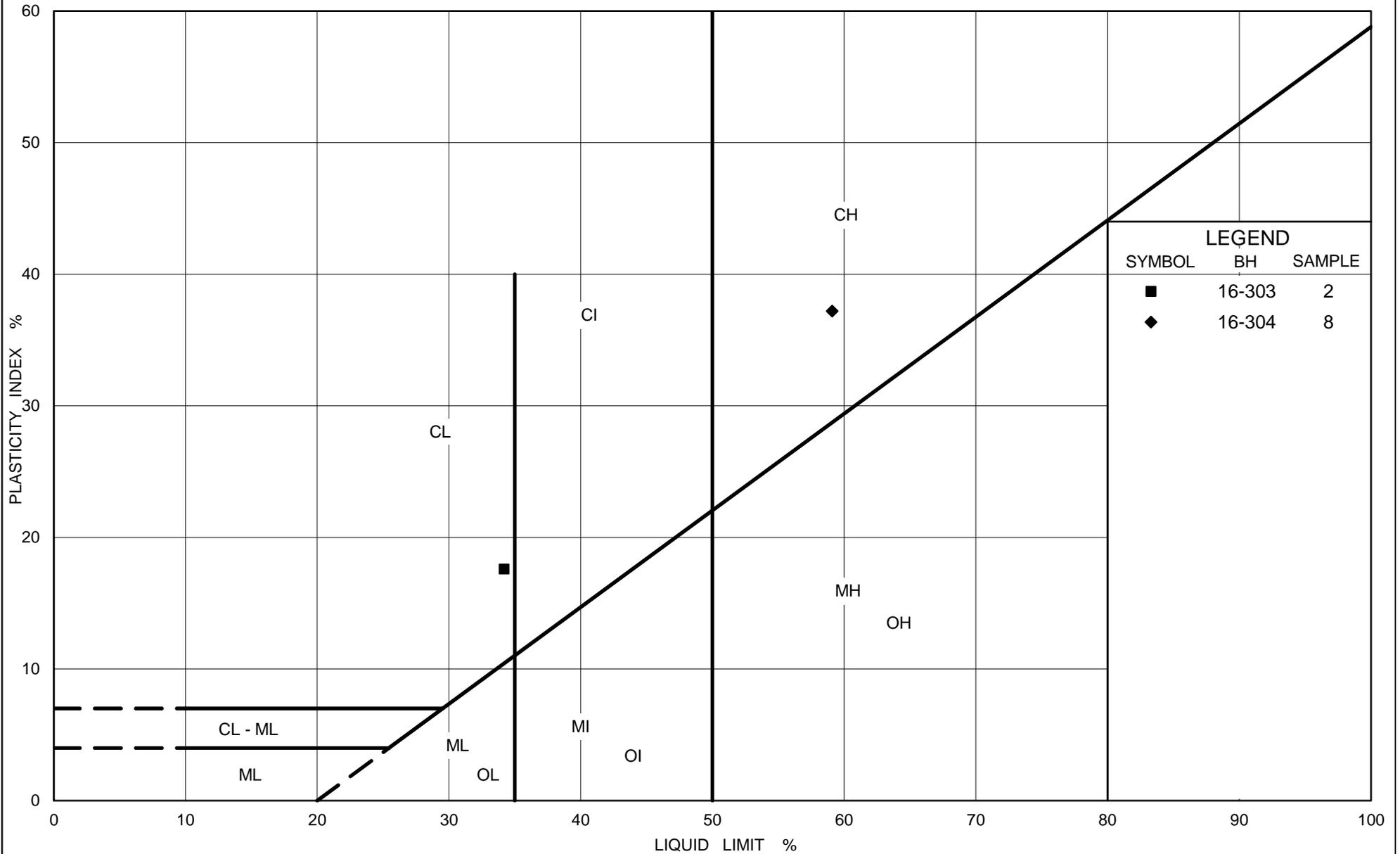
**Figure 6 - UCS Test Result – Bedrock**

# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

# FIGURE 1



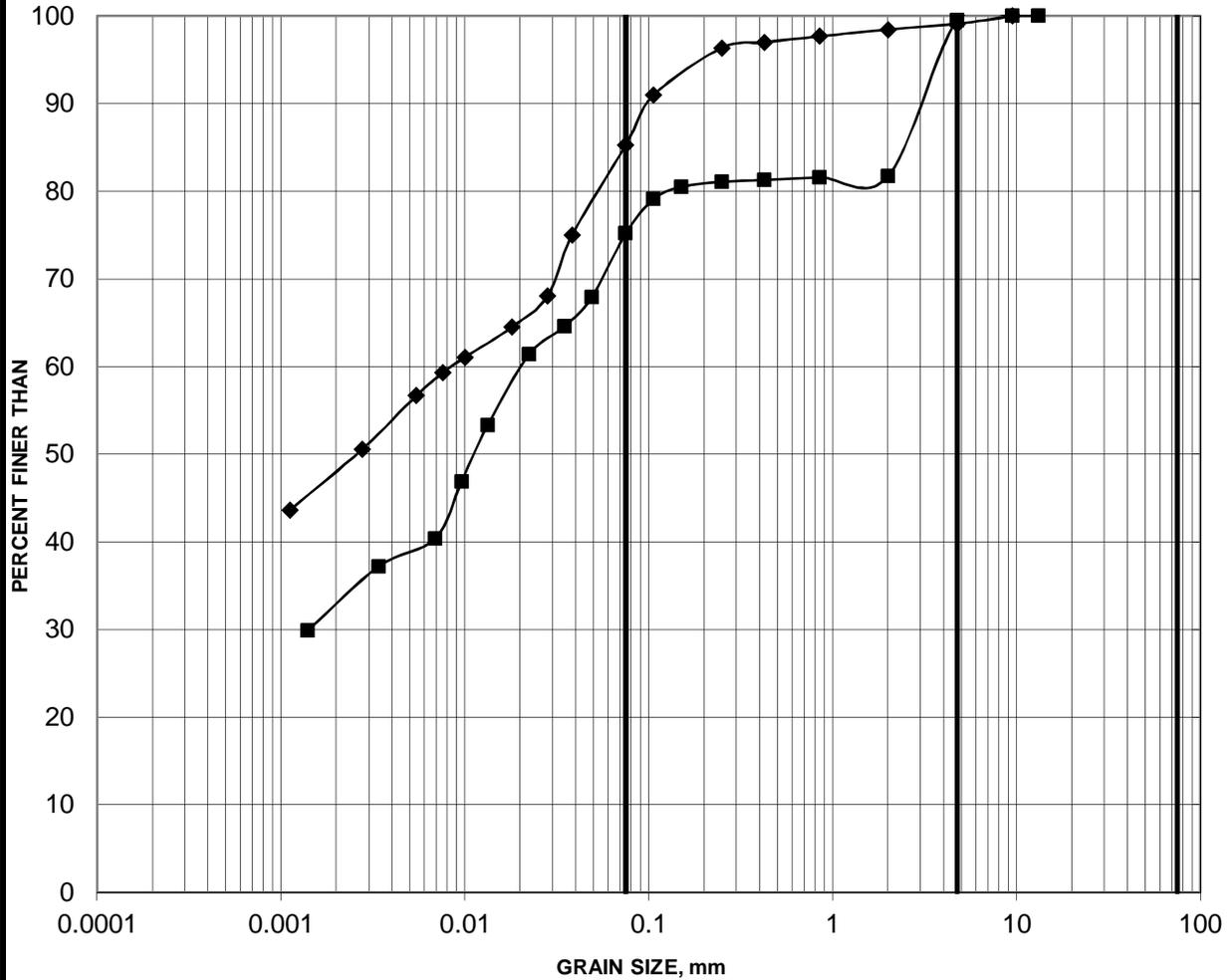
Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)
—■—	16-304	3
—◆—	16-305	5
—▲—	16-310	2A
		2.29-2.90
		3.81-4.42
		0.76-1.04



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE 3

SILTY CLAY TO CLAYEY SILT (WEATHERED CRUST)



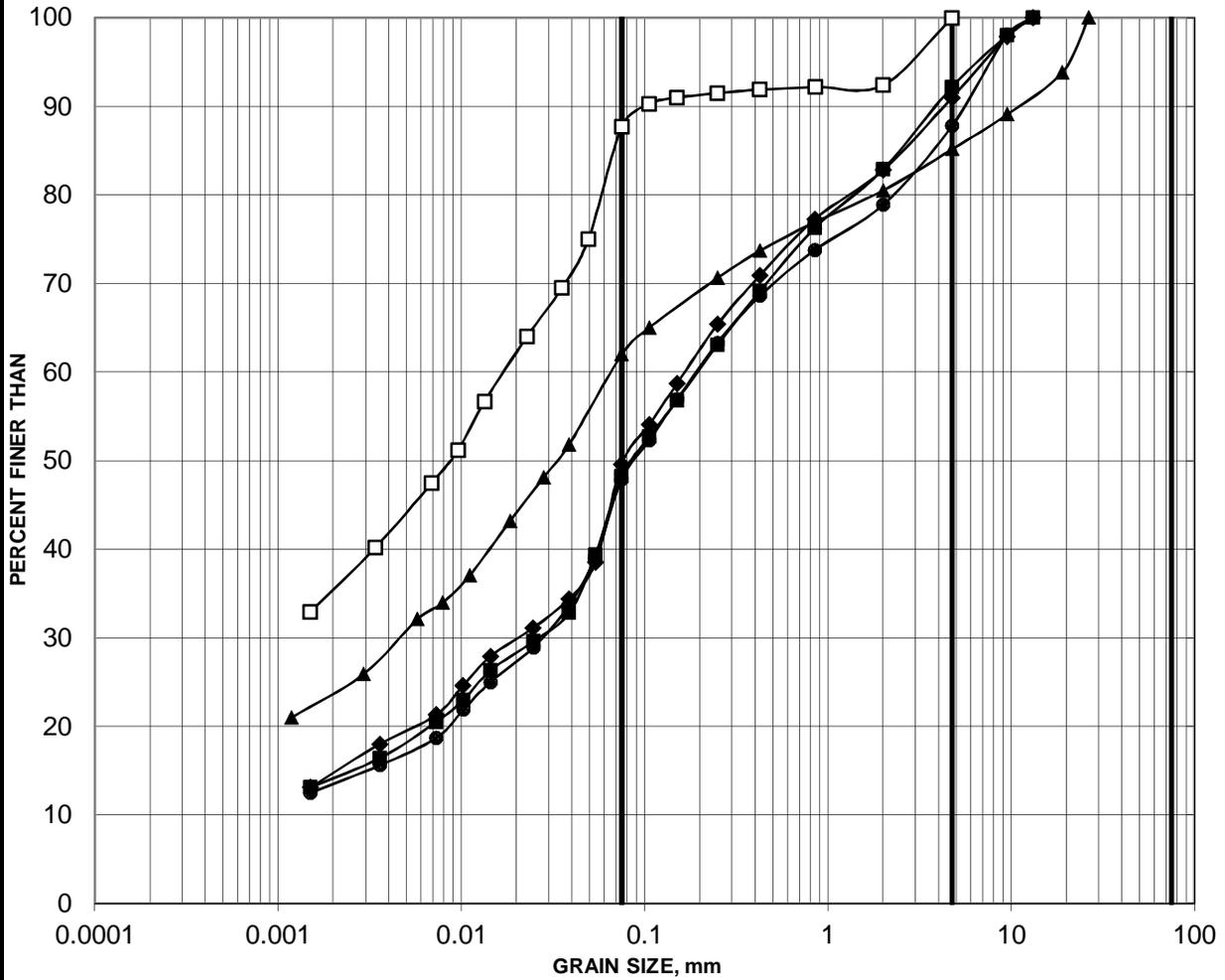
SILT AND CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)
—■— 16-303	3	1.52-2.13
—◆— 16-304	8	6.10-6.71

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE 4

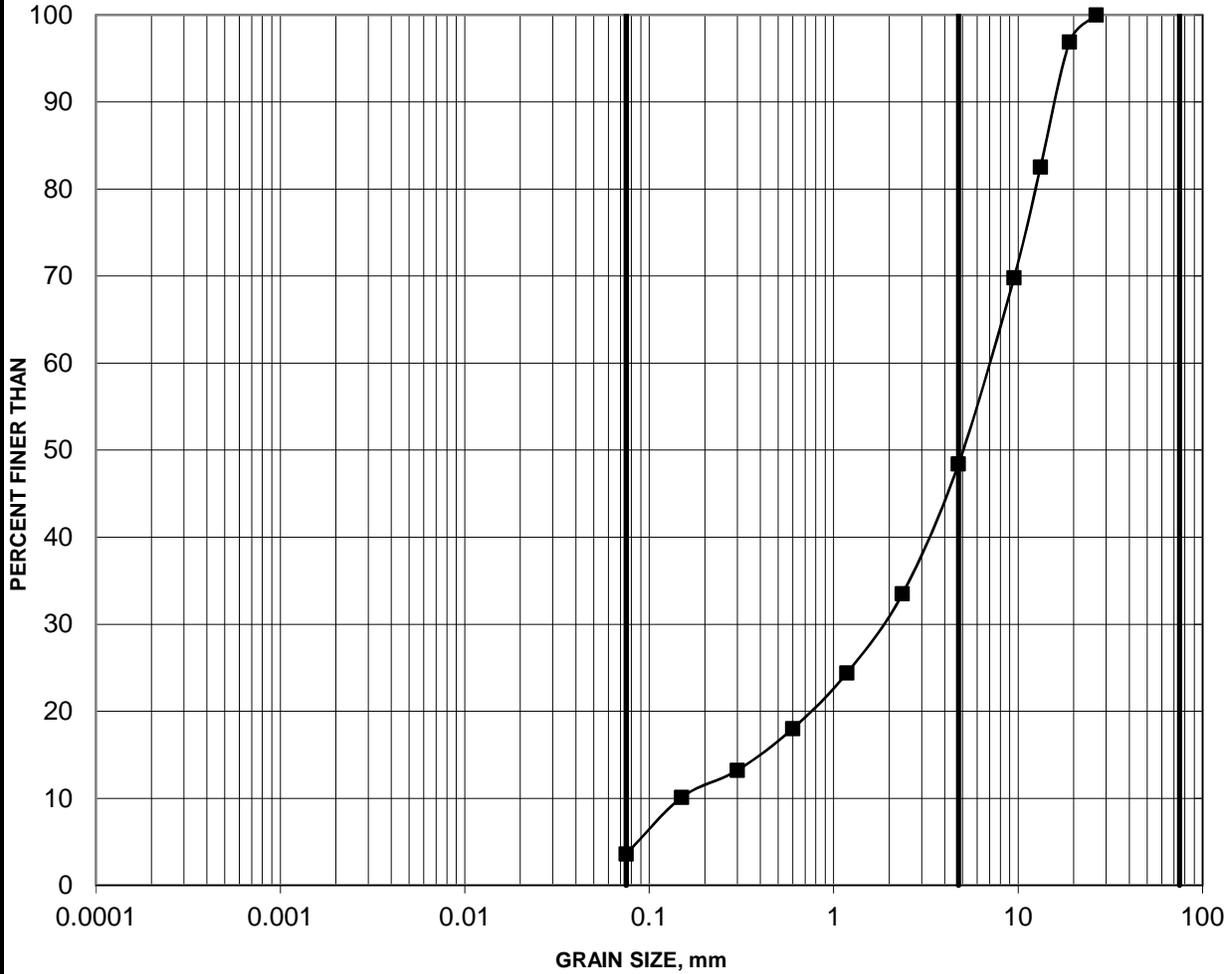
SILTY SAND TO SANDY SILT TO CLAYEY SILT (TILL)



SILT AND CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)
■	16-301	4 2.29-2.90
◆	16-302	5 3.05-3.66
▲	16-305	10 7.62-8.23
●	16-311	4 2.29-2.90
□	16-312	2 0.76-1.37

SAND AND GRAVEL

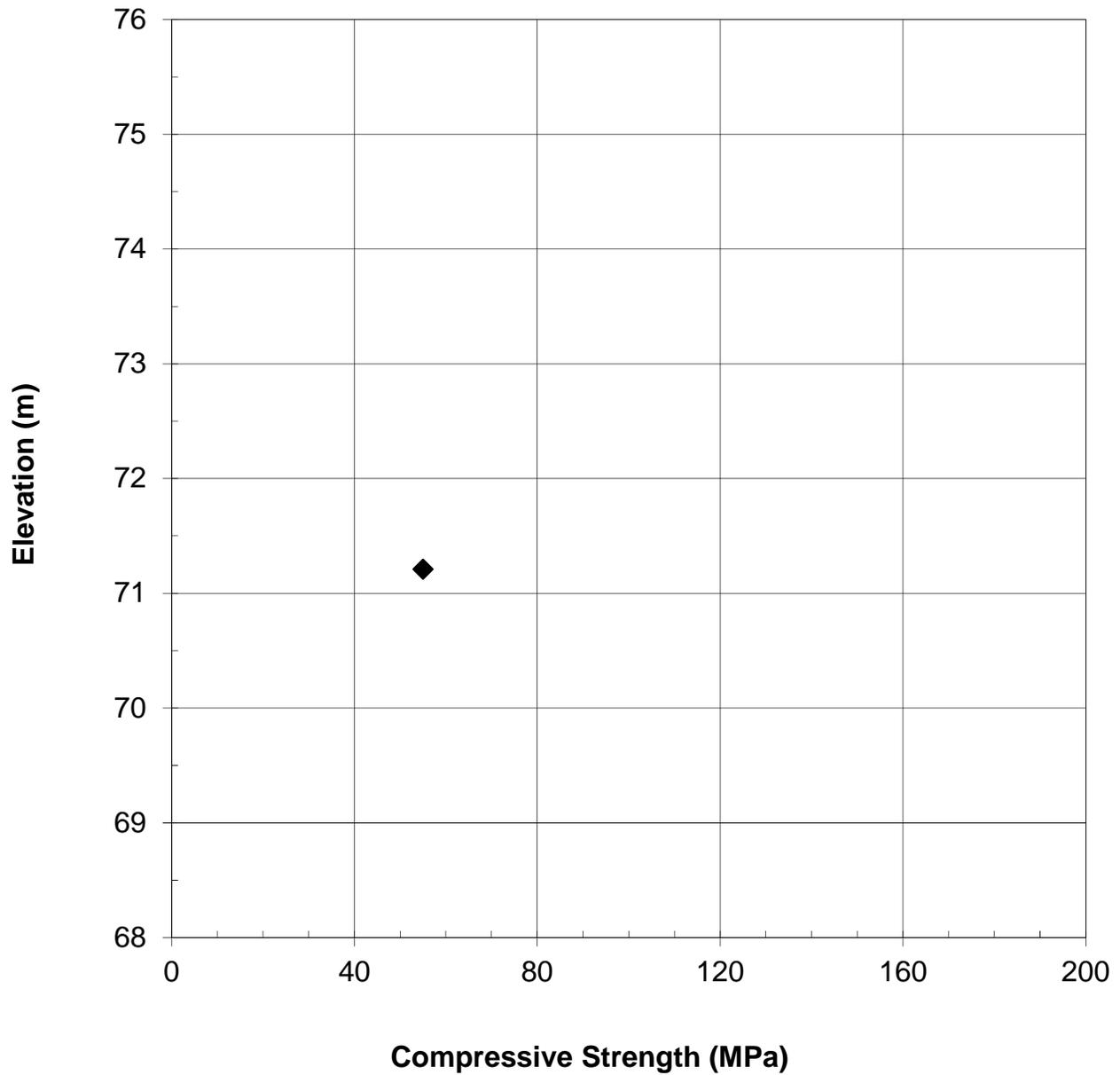


SILT AND CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)
■ 16-302	7	4.57-4.85

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH  
UNCONFINED COMPRESSION TESTS**

**FIGURE 6**



◆ 16-301



# **APPENDIX C**

## **Records of Previous Boreholes 1 to 6 (Geocres No. 31G5-021)**

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**SOIL PROFILE AND SUMMARY**  
**OF LABORATORY TESTS**

QUEENSWAY AT WOODROFFE  
 BRIDGE No. 2

ELEVATION OF GROUND SURFACE (ZERO DEPTH) 245.7 - GEOMETRIC

HOLE No. 1

REMARKS REF. B.M. No. 11-G. E.L. 252.3

DATE MAY 16 1958

UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH KIPS/FT. <sup>2</sup>	SMALL SCALE PENETROMETER KIPS/FT. <sup>2</sup>	STANDARD PENETRATION BLOWS/FT.	SAMPLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL	DEPTH IN FEET	ELEVATION	PENETRATION TEST	
							LB. HARNER	NO CASING
							INCH DROP	INCH DIA. ROD
				GROUND SURFACE			BLOWS PER FOOT	
							NO OVERNIGHT WATER	
				TOP SOIL	0	245.7		
				CLAY	1.0	244.7		
					2.5	243.2		
				LOOSE TILL	4			
		8	11					
					6.5	239.2		
				DENSE TILL	8			
		50	12					
					10	236.7		
				SHALY LIMESTONE (DRILLED)	12			
				CORE RECOVERY 25%				
				BEDDING THICKNESS 2"				
				(DRILLED)	14	231.7		
				SHALY LIMESTONE				
				CORE RECOVERY 70%				
					16	229.2		
				LIMESTONE (DRILLED)				
				CORE RECOVERY 96%				
				BEDDING THICKNESS 4"	18	226.7		
					20			
				BOTTOM OF HOLE				

% WATER CONTENT

PLATE

2







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**SOIL PROFILE AND SUMMARY**  
**OF LABORATORY TESTS**

QUEENSWAY AT WOODROFFE  
 BRIDGE No. 2

ELEVATION OF GROUND SURFACE (ZERO DEPTH) 247.8

HOLE NO. 5

REMARKS SEE PLATE 2

DATE MAY 22-25 1958

UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH KIPS/FT. <sup>2</sup>	SMALL SCALE PENETROMETER KIPS/FT. <sup>2</sup>	STANDARD PENETRATION BLOWS/FT.	SAMPLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL	DEPTH IN FEET	ELEVATION	PENETRATION TEST	
							LB. HAMMER INCH DROP	NO CASING INCH DIA. ROD
				GROUND SURFACE			BLOWS PER FOOT	
							NO OVERNIGHT WATER	
				TOP SOIL	0	247.8		
					1.5	246.8		
				VERY STIFF, FISSURED	2			
6.0	5.6	6	5-1	SILTY	4			
	5.4			BROWNISH-GRAY CLAY	4			
4.8	4.4	4	5-2		6			
	4.2				6.5	241.3		
		207	5-3	DENSE	8			
				SANDY TILL	8			
		115			10.5	237.3		
				SHALY LIMESTONE (DRILLED)	12			
				CORE RECOVERY 93%	12			
				BEDDING THICKNESS 2"	14			
					15.8	232.0		
				LIMESTONE (DRILLED)	16			
				CORE RECOVERY 91%	18			
				BEDDING THICKNESS 4"	20			
					21.2	226.1		
				BOTTOM OF HOLE	22			

% WATER CONTENT

PLATE  
6





# **APPENDIX D**

## **Results of MASW Testing**

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4 LOOP RAMP LOCATIONS ALONG HIGHWAY417, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

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This technical memorandum presents the results of four Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) tests performed for the purpose of the 2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBCC2010) Seismic Site Classification for a Highway 417 widening project located along HWY417, Ottawa, Ontario. Site 1 is located within the HWY417 southwest loop ramp just west of Richmond Road (Richmond Site - Figure 1). Site 2 is located within the HWY417 southwest loop ramp just west of Pinecrest/ Greenbank Road (Pinecrest Site - Figure 2). Site 3 is located within the HWY417 northwest loop ramp just west of Woodroffe Avenue (Woodroffe Site - Figure 3). Site 4 is located within the HWY417 northwest loop ramp just west of Maitland Avenue (Maitland Site - Figure 4).

The geophysical testing was performed by Golder personnel on May 26 and 27, 2016.



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Figure 1: MASW Location Site Map at the Richmond site (MASW Line 1 in red)

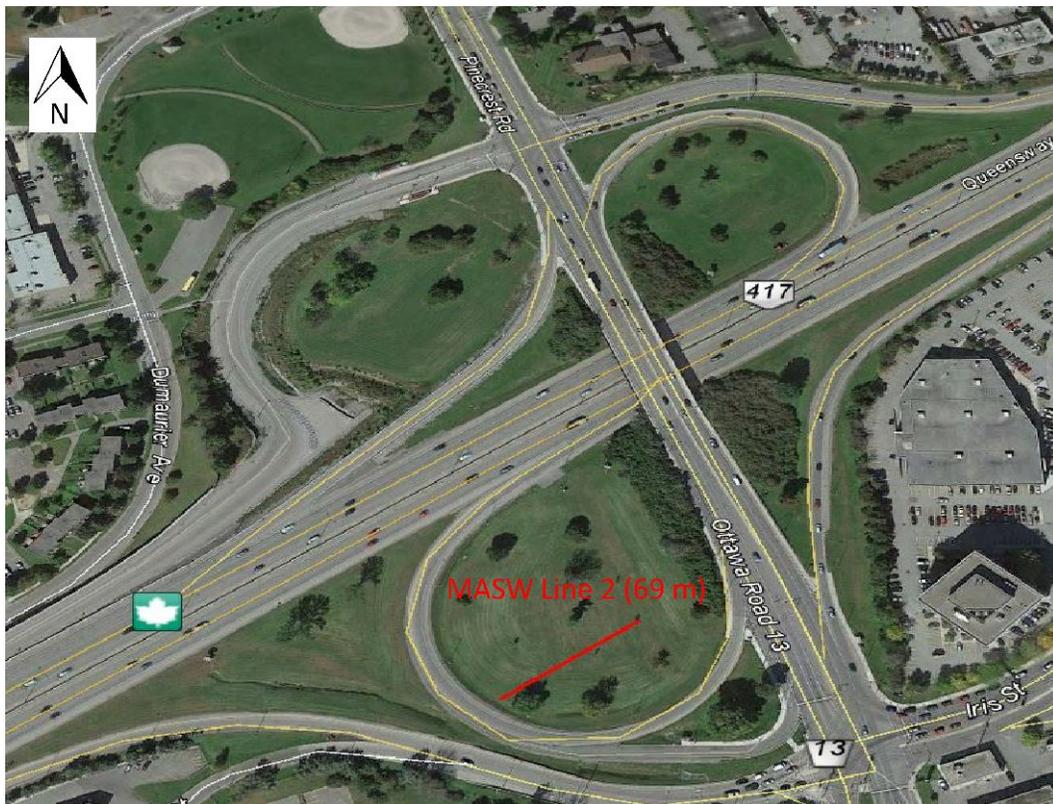


Figure 2: MASW Location Site Map at the Pinecrest site (MASW Line 2 in red)



Figure 3: MASW Location Site Map at the Woodroffe site (MASW Line 3 in red)

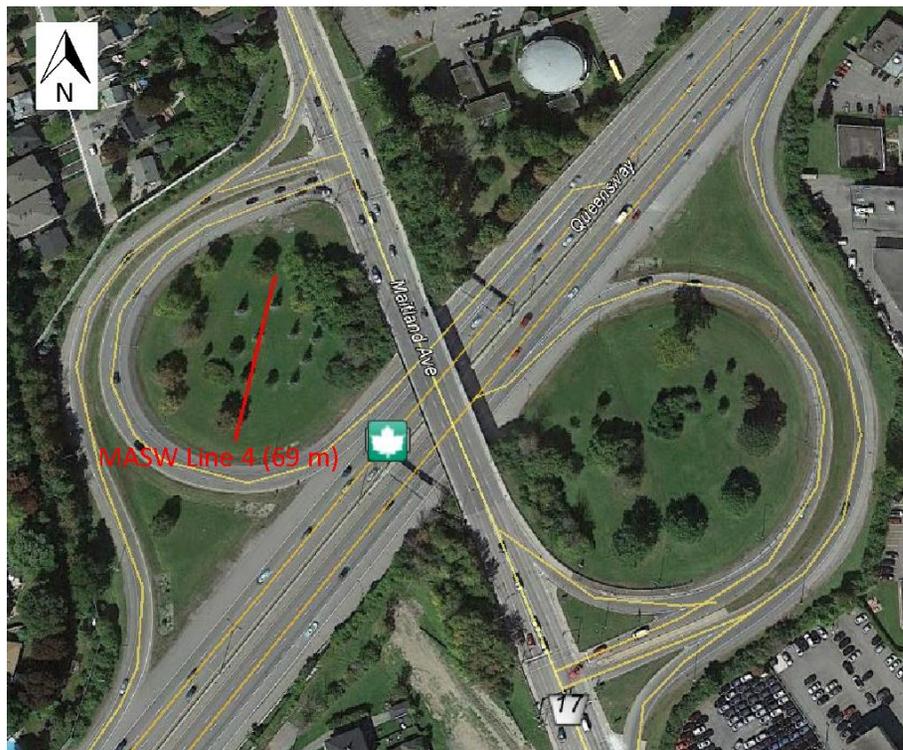


Figure 4: MASW Location Site Map at the Maitland site (MASW Line 4 in red)

## Methodology

The MASW method measures variations in surface-wave velocity with increasing distance and wavelength and can be used to infer the rock/soil types, stratigraphy and soil conditions.

A typical MASW survey requires a seismic source, to generate surface waves, and a minimum of two geophone receivers, to measure the ground response at some distance from the source. Surface waves are a special type of seismic wave whose propagation is confined to the near surface medium.

The depth of penetration of a surface wave into a medium is directly proportional to its wavelength. In a non-homogeneous medium, surface waves are dispersive, i.e., each wavelength has a characteristic velocity owing to the subsurface heterogeneities within the depth interval that particular wavelength of surface wave propagates through. The relationship between surface-wave velocity and wavelength is used to obtain the shear-wave velocity and attenuation profile of the medium with increasing depth.

The seismic source used can be either active or passive, depending on the application and location of the survey. Examples of active sources include explosives, weight-drops, sledge hammer and vibrating pads. Examples of passive sources are road traffic, micro-tremors, and water-wave action (in near-shore environments).

The geophone receivers measure the wave-train associated with the surface wave travelling from a seismic source at different distances from the source.

The participation of surface waves with different wavelengths can be determined from the wave-train by transforming the wave-train results into the frequency domain. The surface-wave velocity profile with respect to wavelength (called the 'dispersion curve') is determined by the delay in wave propagation measured between the geophone receivers. The dispersion curve is then matched to a theoretical dispersion curve using an iterative forward-modelling procedure. The result is a shear-wave velocity profile of the tested medium with depth, which can be used to estimate the dynamic shear-modulus of the medium as a function of depth.

## Field Work

The MASW field work was conducted on May 26 and 27 by personnel from the Golder Mississauga and Ottawa offices. One MASW line was collected at each of the four sites (Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4).

For each survey line a series of 24 low frequency (4.5 Hz) geophones were laid out at 3-metre intervals. Both active and passive readings were recorded along each MASW lines. For the active investigation, a seismic drop of 45 kg and a 9.9 kg sledge hammer were used as seismic sources. Active seismic records were collected with seismic sources located 5, 10, 15, and 20 metres from and collinear to the geophone array. An example of active seismic records collected for MASW Lines 1, 2 and 3 are shown in Figures 5, 6, 7 and 8, respectively below. MASW Line 4 located west of Maitland Avenue had a higher noise level due to large amount of road traffic.

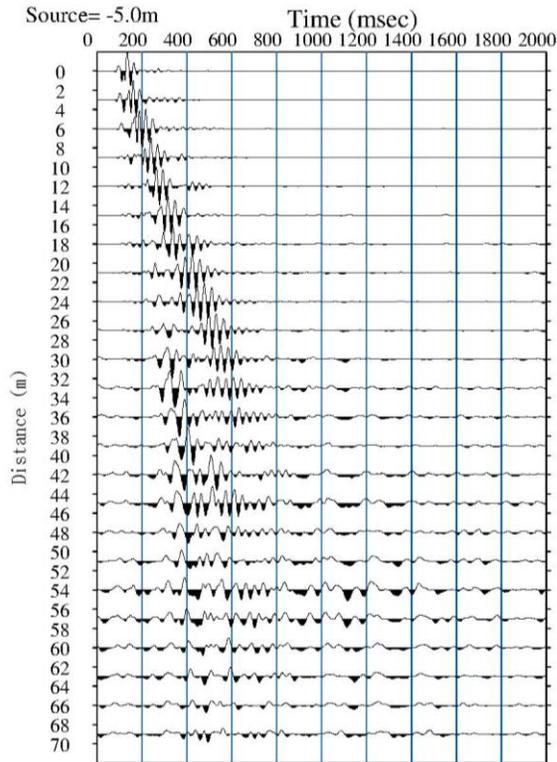


Figure 5: Typical seismic record collected along MASW Line 1

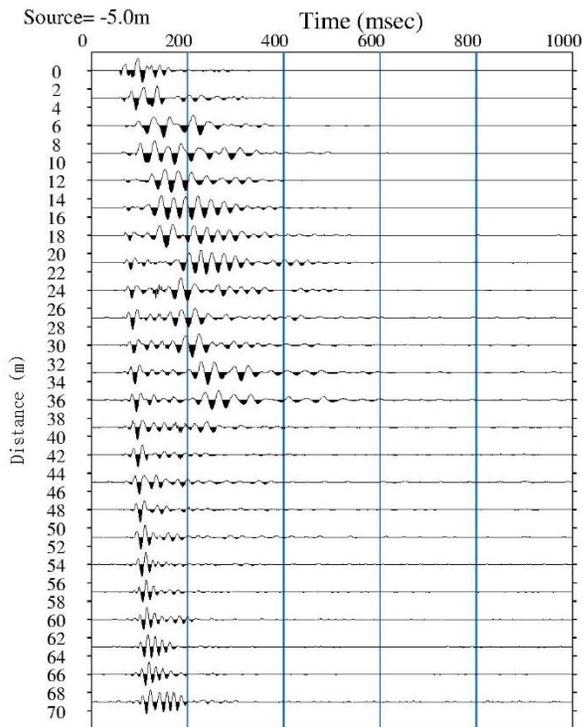


Figure 6: Typical seismic record collected along MASW Line 2

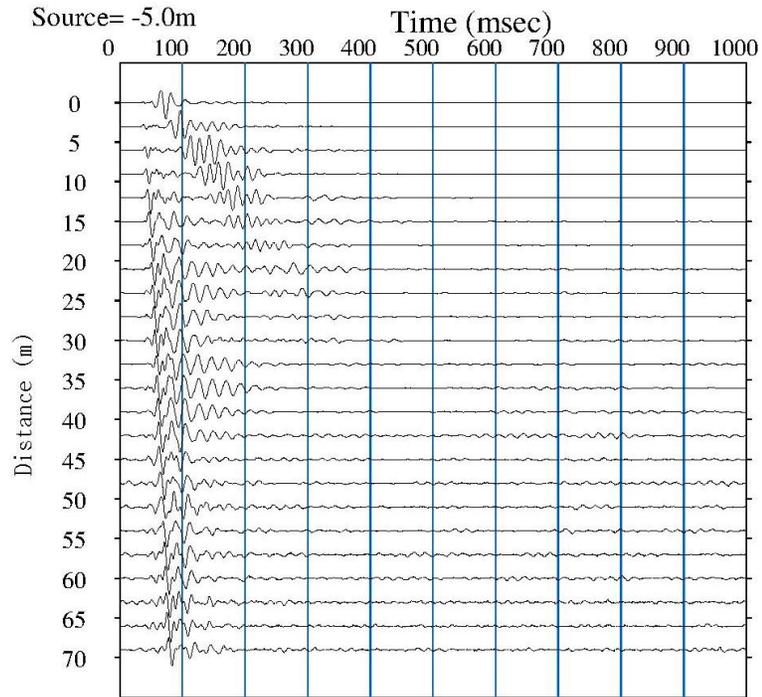


Figure 7: Typical seismic record collected along MASW Line 3

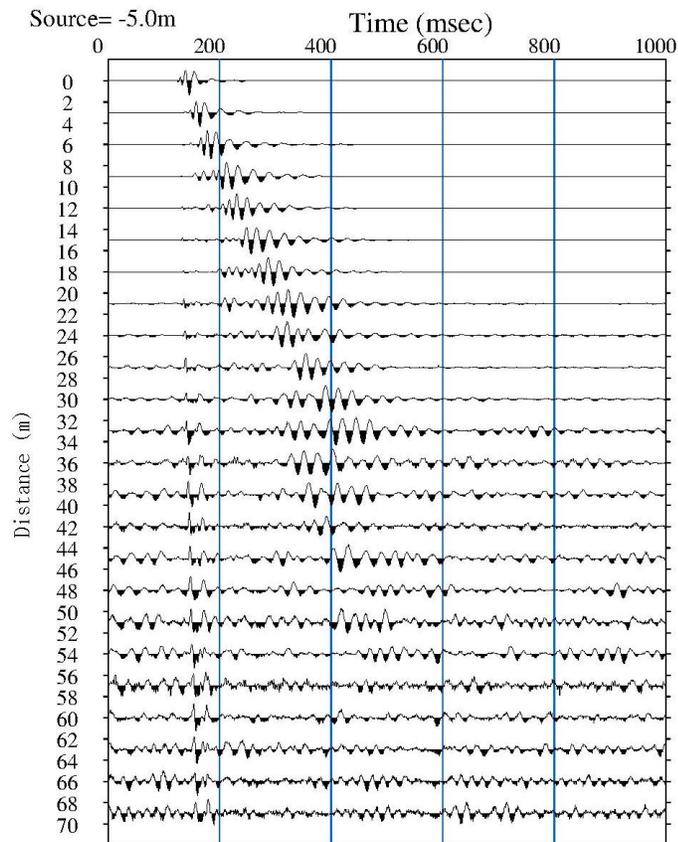


Figure 8: Typical seismic record collected along MASW Line 4

## Data Processing

Processing of the MASW test results consisted of the following main steps:

- 1) Transformation of the time domain data into the frequency domain using a Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) for each source location;
- 2) Calculation of the phase for each frequency component;
- 3) Linear regression to calculate phase velocity for each frequency component;
- 4) Filtering of the calculated phase velocities based on the Pearson correlation coefficient ( $r^2$ ) between the data and the linear regression best fit line used to calculate phase velocity;
- 5) Generation of the dispersion curve by combining calculated phase velocities for each shot location of a single MASW test; and,
- 6) Generation of the stiffness profile, through forward iterative modelling and matching of model data to the field collected dispersion curve.

Processing of the MASW data was completed using the SeisImager/SW software package (Geometrics Inc.). The calculated phase velocities for a seismic shot point were combined and the dispersion curve generated by choosing the minimum phase velocity calculated for each frequency component as shown on Figures 9, 10, 11 and 12. Shear-wave velocity profiles were generated through inverse modelling to best fit the calculated dispersion curves.

Along MASW Line 1, the active survey provided a dispersion curve with a suitable frequency range (5 to 27 Hz), providing information for both shallow and deeper depths. The minimum measured surface-wave frequency with sufficient signal-to-noise ratio to accurately measure phase velocity was approximately 5 Hz.

Along MASW Line 2, the active survey provided a dispersion curve with a suitable frequency range (30-150 Hz), providing information for both shallow and deeper depths. The minimum measured surface-wave frequency with sufficient signal-to-noise ratio to accurately measure phase velocity was approximately 30 Hz.

Along MASW Line 3, the active survey provided a dispersion curve with a suitable frequency range (35-135 Hz), providing information for both shallow and deeper depths. The minimum measured surface-wave frequency with sufficient signal-to-noise ratio to accurately measure phase velocity was approximately 35 Hz.

Along MASW Line 4, the active survey provided a dispersion curve with a suitable frequency range (17-58 Hz), providing information for both shallow and deeper depths. The minimum measured surface-wave frequency with sufficient signal-to-noise ratio to accurately measure phase velocity was approximately 17 Hz.

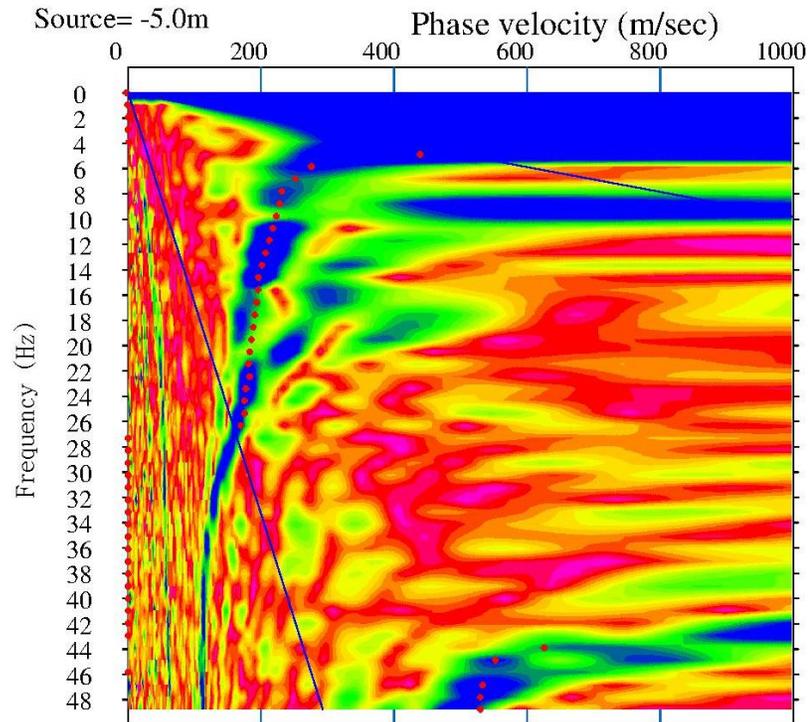


Figure 9: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along MASW Line 1 (Richmond)

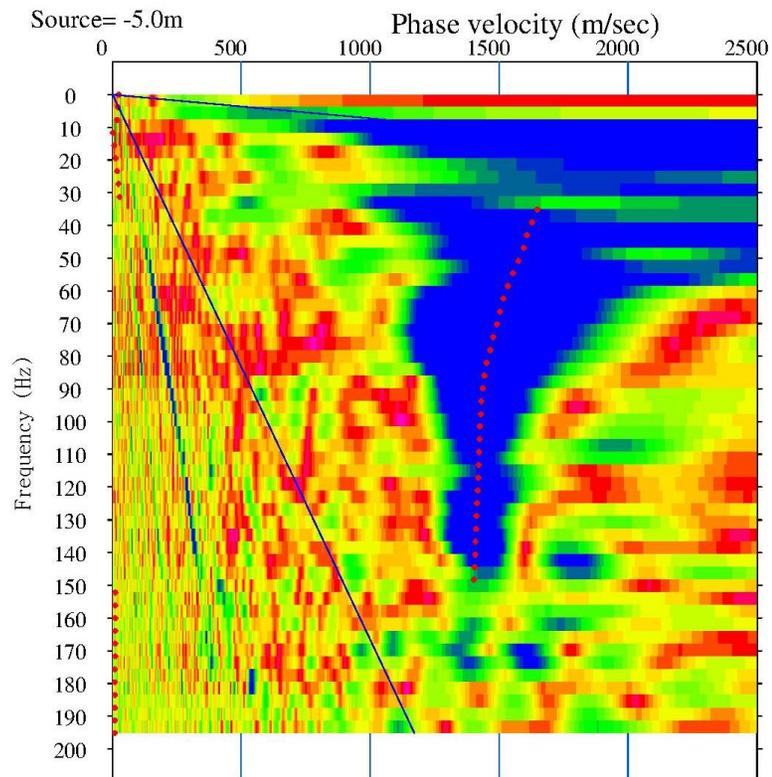


Figure 10: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along MASW Line 2 (Pinecrest).

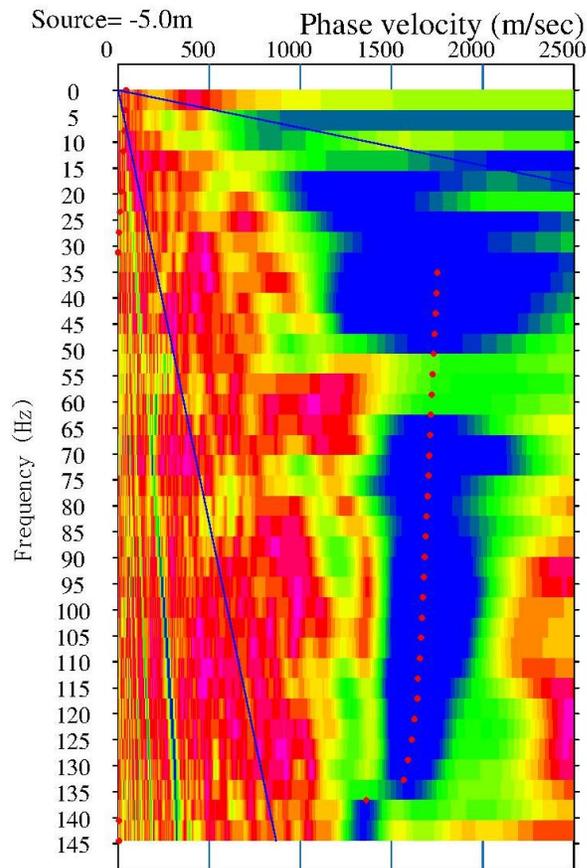


Figure 11: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along MASW Line 3 (Woodroffe).

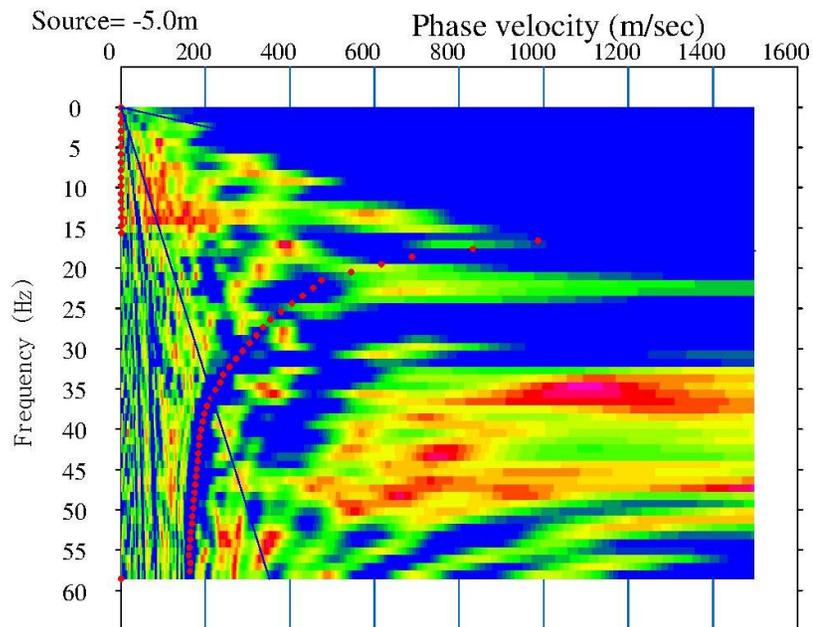


Figure 12: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along MASW Line 4 (Maitland).

## Results

The MASW test results are presented in Figure 13 (MASW Line 1 - Richmond), Figure 14 (MASW Line 2 - Pinecrest), Figure 15 (MASW Line 3 - Woodroffe) and Figure 16 (MASW Line 4 - Maitland), which present the calculated shear wave velocity profile derived from the field testing. The results along MASW Lines 1, 2, and 3 have been calculated using weight-drop located at 5 metres from the last geophone, respectively. The field collected dispersion curves are compared with the model generated dispersion curves on Figures 17, 18, 19 and 20. There is a satisfactory correlation between the field collected and model calculated dispersion curves, with a root mean squared error of less than 4% along the three MASW lines.

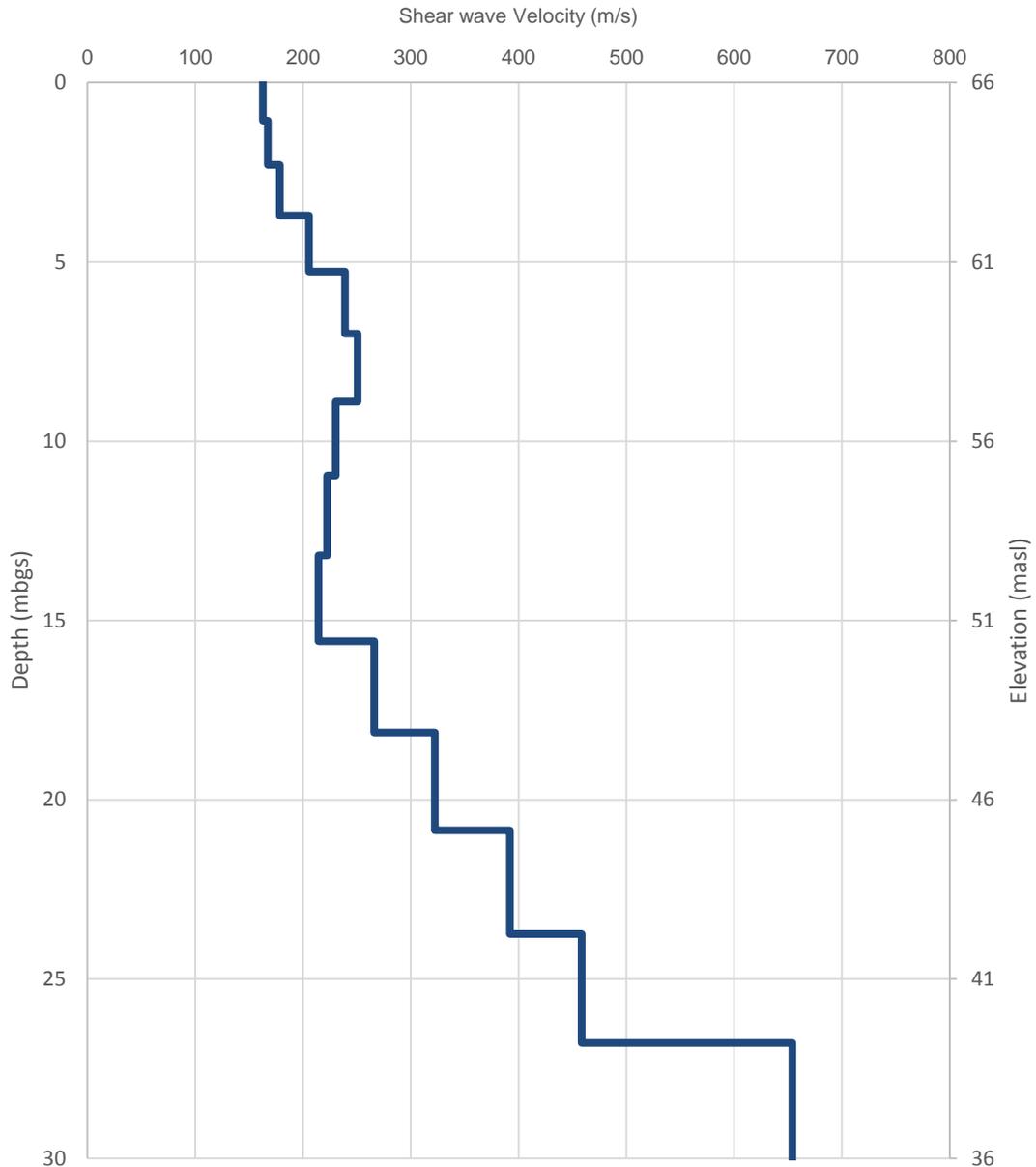


Figure 13: MASW Modelled Shear-Wave Velocity Depth profile along MASW Line 1

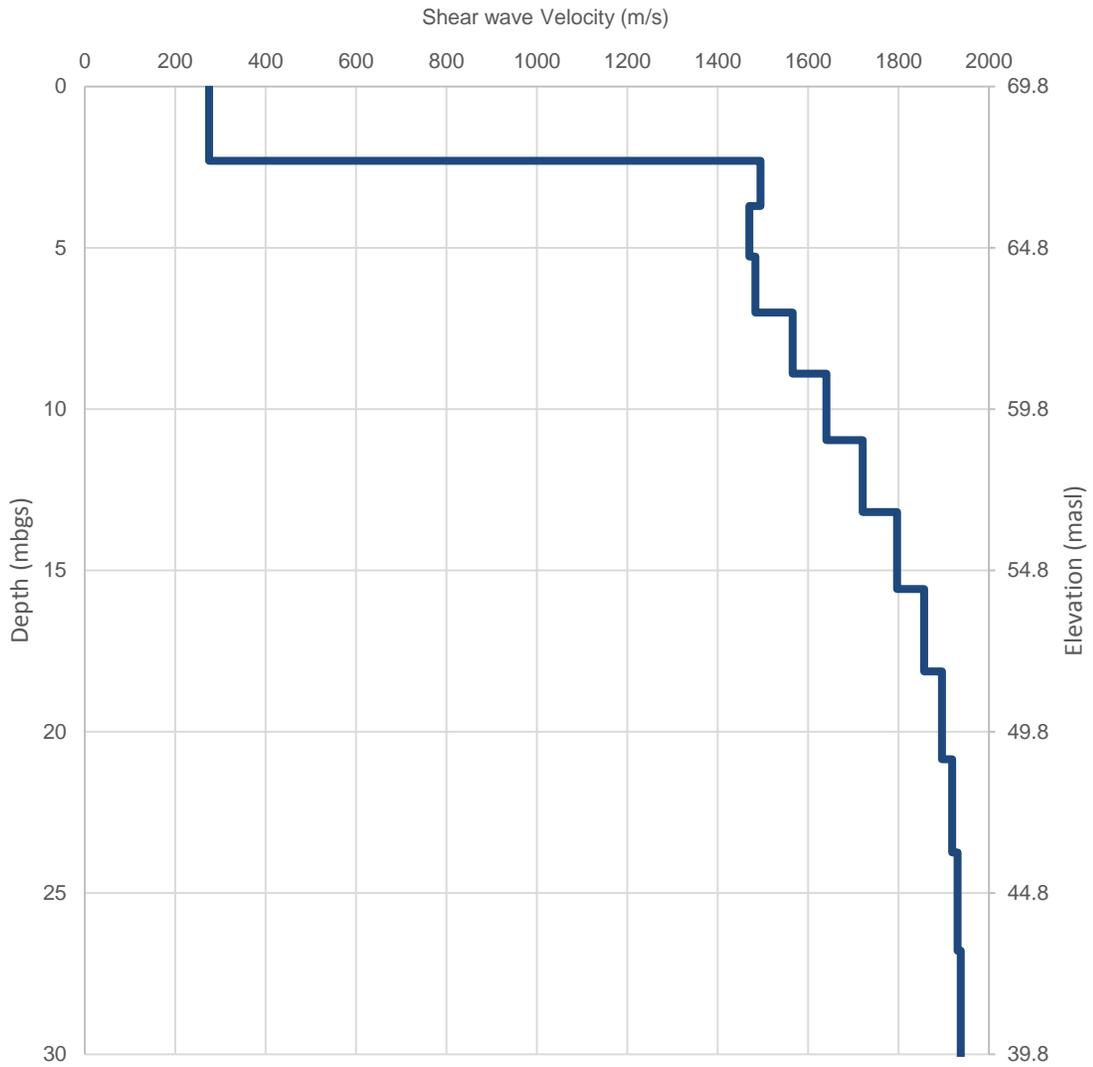


Figure 14: MASW Modelled Shear-Wave Velocity Depth profile along MASW Line 2

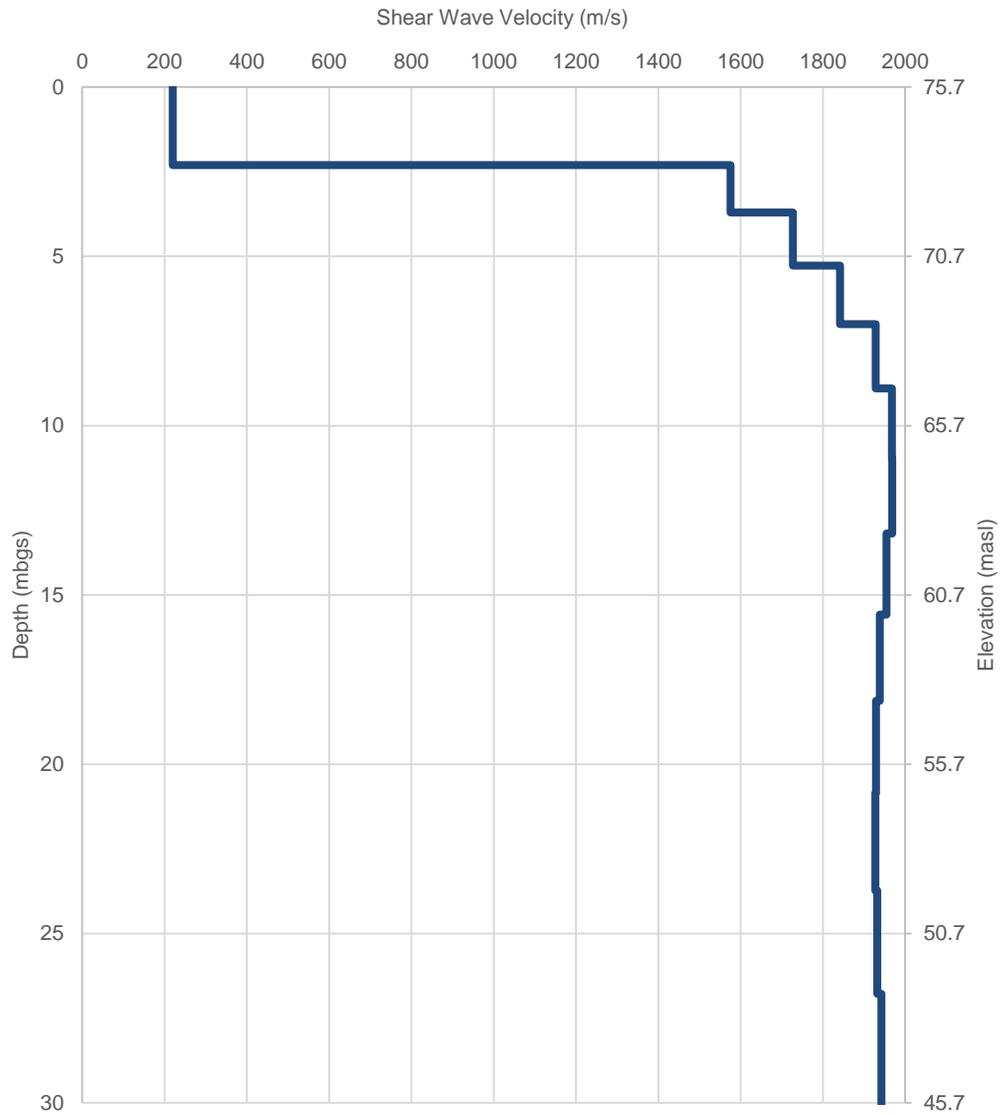


Figure 15: MASW Modelled Shear-Wave Velocity Depth profile along MASW Line 3

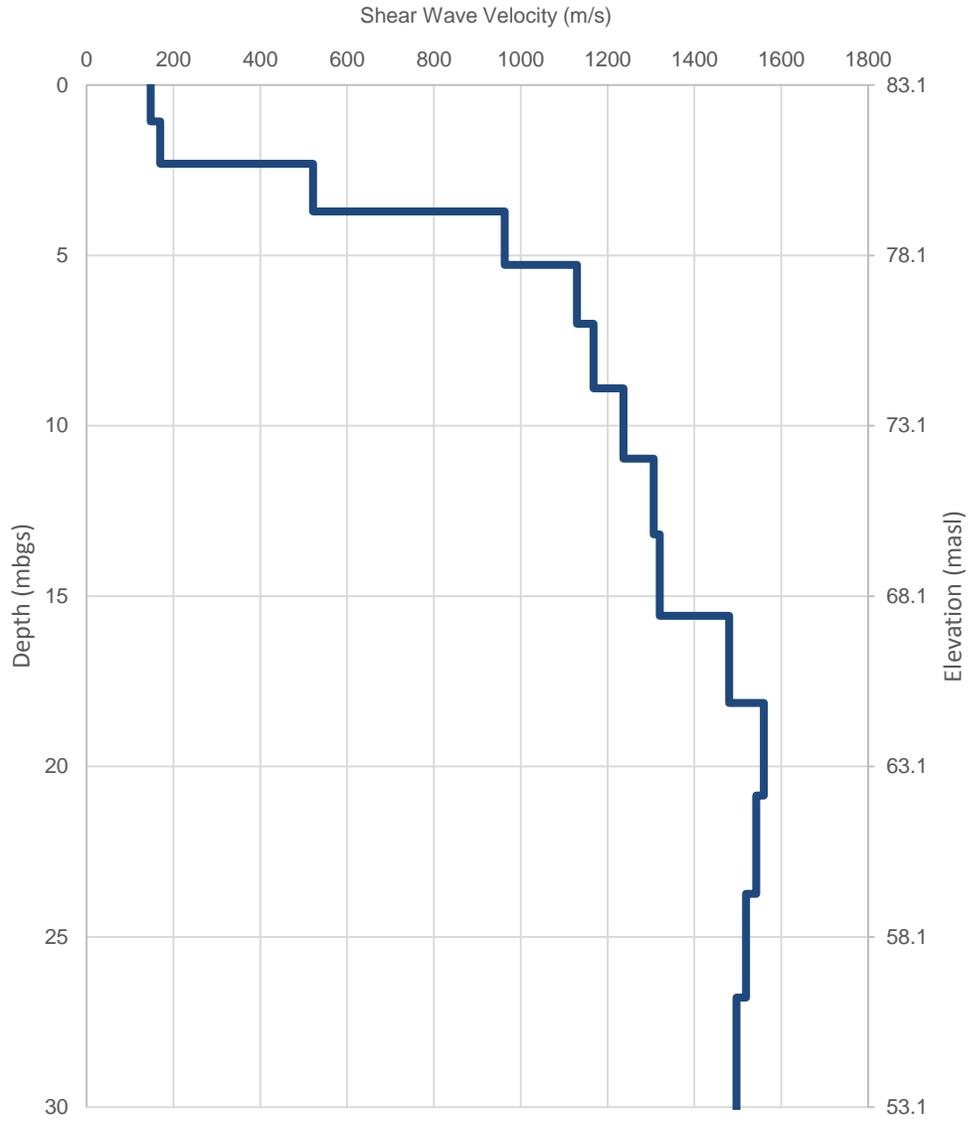


Figure 16: MASW Modelled Shear-Wave Velocity Depth profile along MASW Line 4

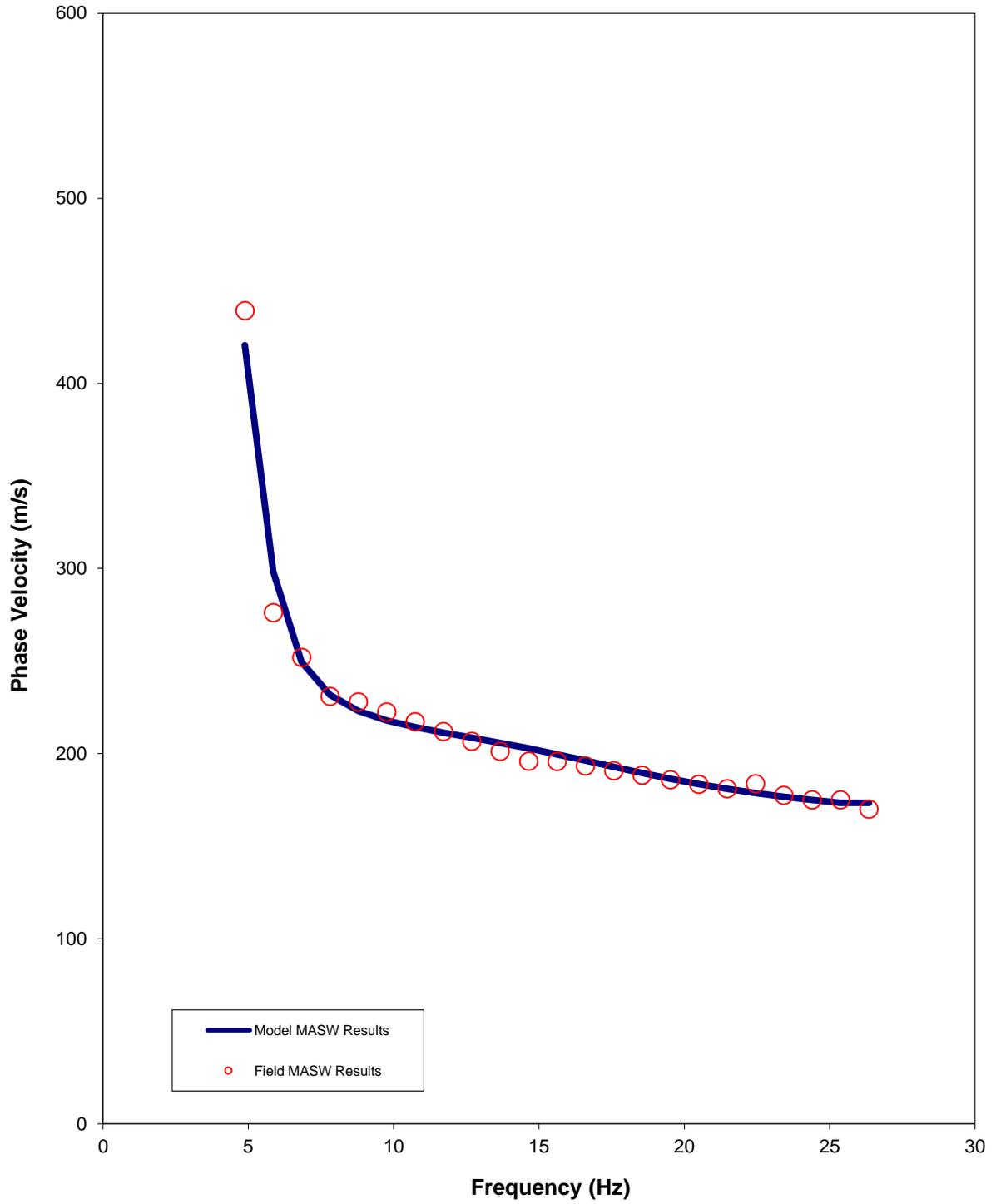


Figure 17: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along MASW Line 1

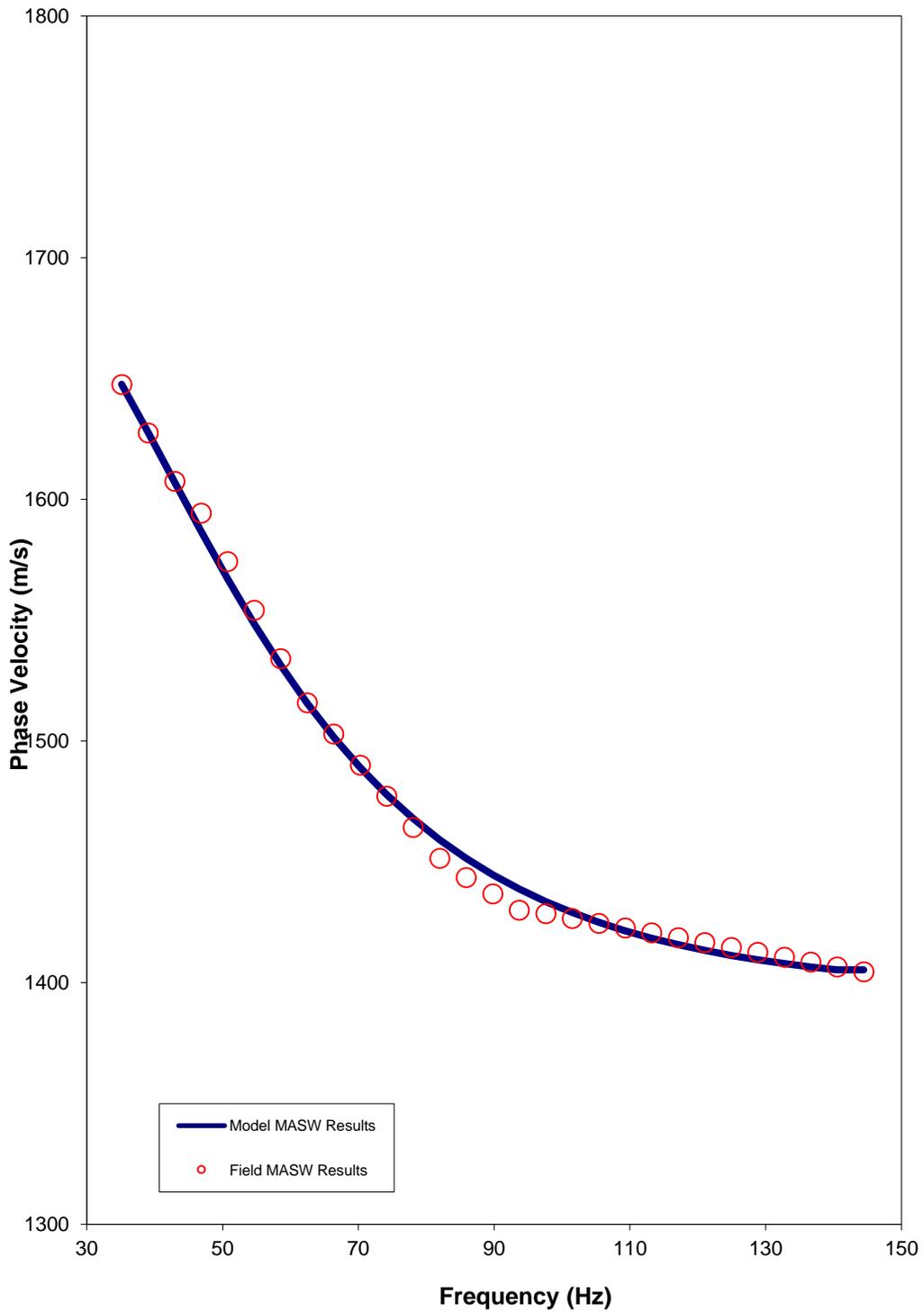


Figure 18: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along MASW Line 2

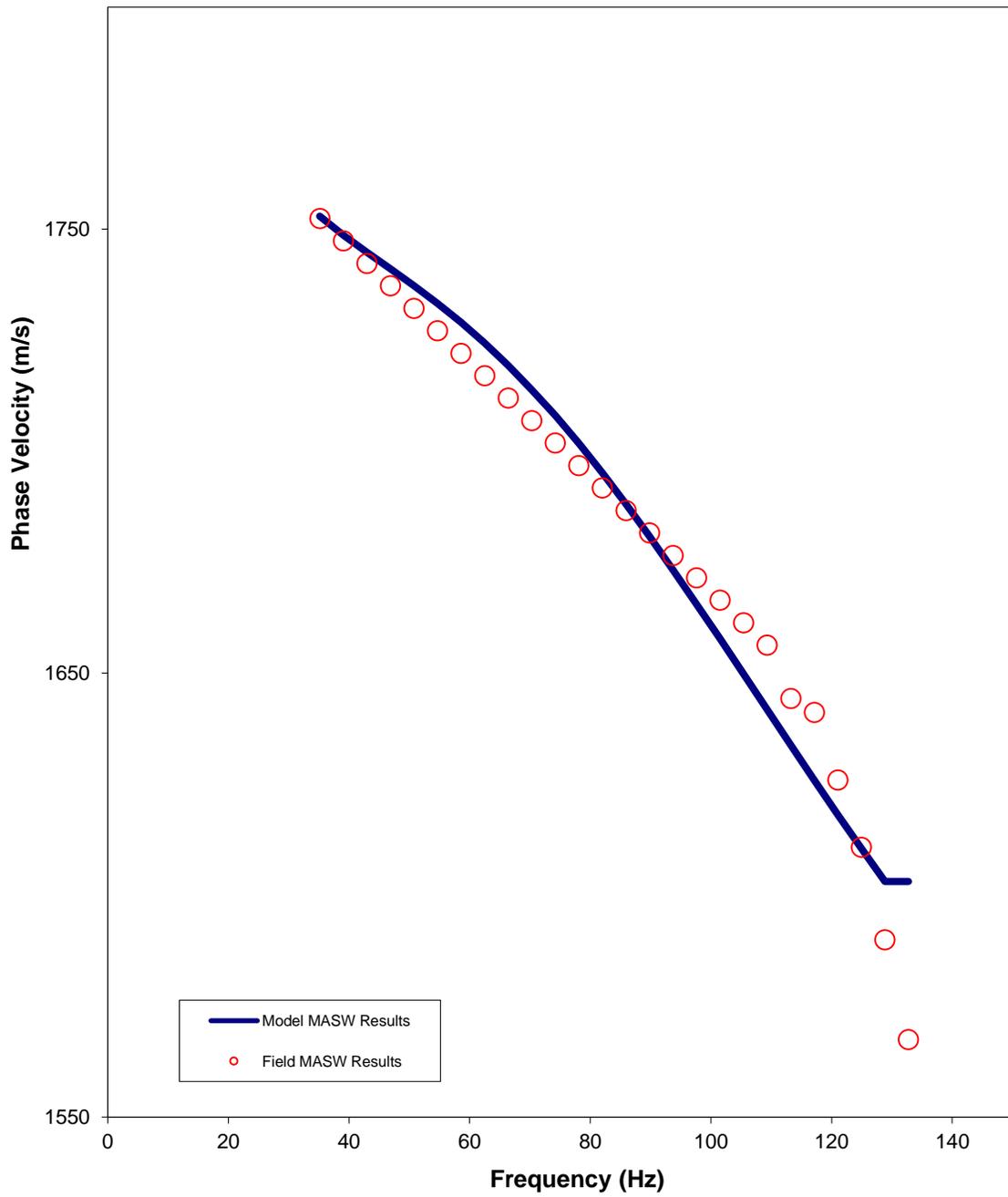


Figure 19: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along MASW Line 3

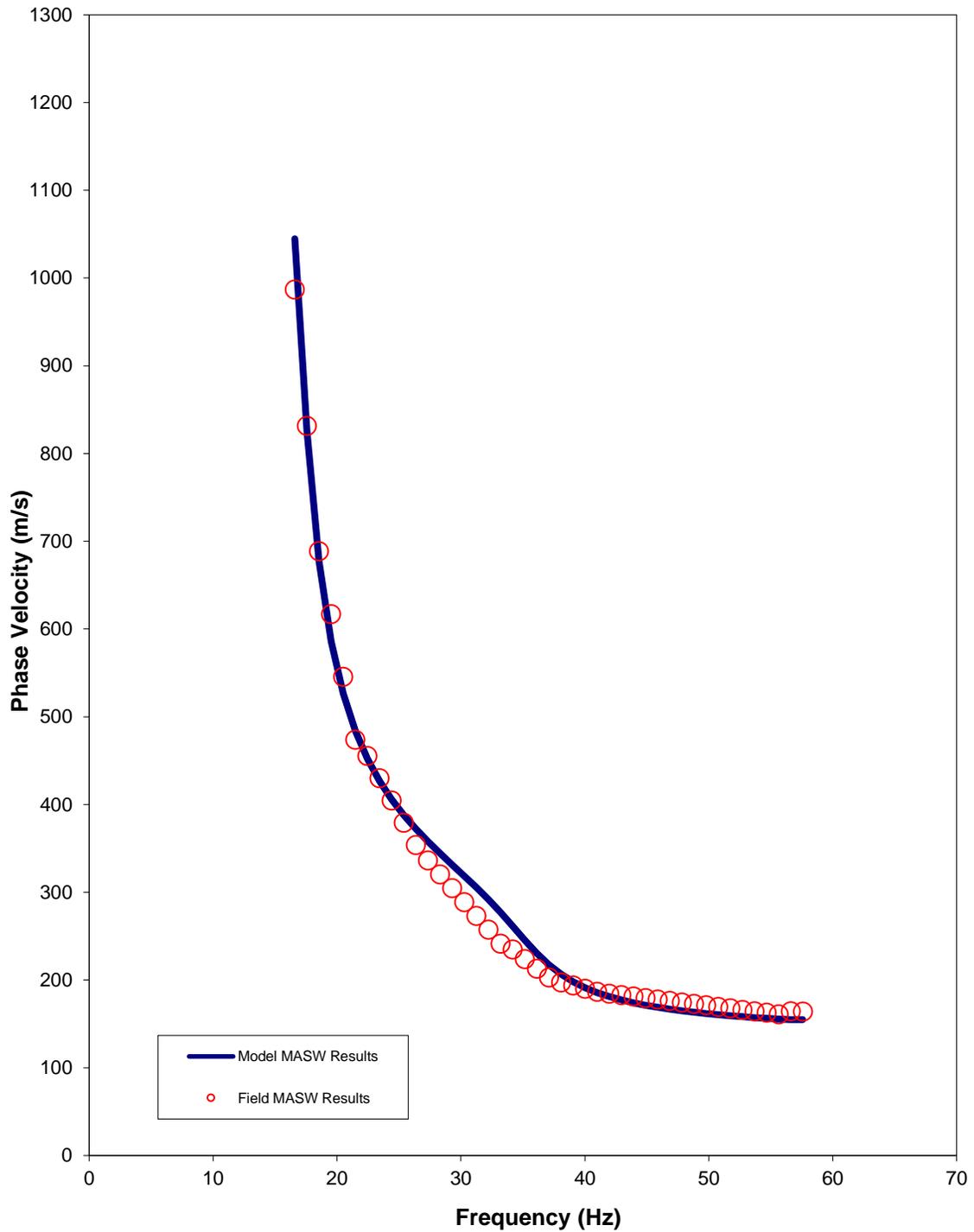


Figure 20: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along MASW Line 3

To calculate the average shear-wave velocity as required by the NBCC2010, the results were modelled to 30 metres below ground surface. The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 1 (Richmond) was found

to be 270 m/s (Table 1). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 2 (Pinecrest) was found to be 1,239 m/s (Table 2). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 3 (Woodroffe) was found to be 1,197 m/s (Table 3). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 4 (Maitland) was found to be 818 m/s (Table 4).

The NBCC2010 requires special site specific evaluation if certain soil types are encountered on the site, so the site classification stated here should be reviewed, and modified if necessary, according to borehole stratigraphy, standard penetration resistance results, and undrained shear strength measurements, if available for this site.

**Table 1: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along MASW Line 1 (Richmond)**

Model Layer Depth (mbgs)		Model Layer Elevation (masl)		Layer Thickness (m)	Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)	Shear Wave Travel Time Through Layer (s)
Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom			
0.00	1.07	66.00	64.93	1.07	163	0.006580
1.07	2.31	64.93	63.69	1.24	167	0.007384
2.31	3.71	63.69	62.29	1.40	178	0.007852
3.71	5.27	62.29	60.73	1.57	206	0.007613
5.27	7.01	60.73	58.99	1.73	239	0.007239
7.01	8.90	58.99	57.10	1.90	251	0.007562
8.90	10.96	57.10	55.04	2.06	230	0.008945
10.96	13.19	55.04	52.81	2.23	223	0.010001
13.19	15.58	52.81	50.42	2.39	214	0.011154
15.58	18.13	50.42	47.87	2.55	266	0.009603
18.13	20.85	47.87	45.15	2.72	322	0.008436
20.85	23.74	45.15	42.26	2.88	392	0.007361
23.74	26.79	42.26	39.21	3.05	458	0.006652
26.79	30.00	39.21	36.00	3.21	654	0.004914
<b>Vs Average to 30 mbgs (m/s)</b>						<b>270</b>

**Table 2: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along MASW Line 2 (Pinecrest):**

Model Layer Depth (mbgs)		Model Layer Elevation (masl)		Layer Thickness (m)	Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)	Shear Wave Travel Time Through Layer (s)
Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom			
0.00	1.07	69.80	68.73	1.07	275	0.003896
1.07	2.31	68.73	67.49	1.24	275	0.004496
2.31	3.71	67.49	66.09	1.40	1495	0.000937
3.71	5.27	66.09	64.53	1.57	1470	0.001065
5.27	7.01	64.53	62.79	1.73	1484	0.001167
7.01	8.90	62.79	60.90	1.90	1566	0.001211
8.90	10.96	60.90	58.84	2.06	1641	0.001256
10.96	13.19	58.84	56.61	2.23	1720	0.001293
13.19	15.58	56.61	54.22	2.39	1797	0.001330
15.58	18.13	54.22	51.67	2.55	1857	0.001376
18.13	20.85	51.67	48.95	2.72	1896	0.001434
20.85	23.74	48.95	46.06	2.88	1918	0.001504
23.74	26.79	46.06	43.01	3.05	1930	0.001580
26.79	30.00	43.01	39.80	3.21	1938	0.001659
<b>Vs Average to 30 mbgs (m/s)</b>						<b>1239</b>

**Table 3: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along MASW Line 3 (Woodroffe)**

Model Layer Depth (mbgs)		Model Layer Elevation (masl)		Layer Thickness (m)	Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)	Shear Wave Travel Time Through Layer (s)
Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom			
0.00	1.07	75.70	74.63	1.07	220	0.004870
1.07	2.31	74.63	73.39	1.24	220	0.005619
2.31	3.71	73.39	71.99	1.40	1575	0.000889
3.71	5.27	71.99	70.43	1.57	1727	0.000907
5.27	7.01	70.43	68.69	1.73	1841	0.000940
7.01	8.90	68.69	66.80	1.90	1929	0.000983
8.90	10.96	66.80	64.74	2.06	1968	0.001047
10.96	13.19	64.74	62.51	2.23	1969	0.001130
13.19	15.58	62.51	60.12	2.39	1955	0.001223
15.58	18.13	60.12	57.57	2.55	1939	0.001318
18.13	20.85	57.57	54.85	2.72	1929	0.001410
20.85	23.74	54.85	51.96	2.88	1928	0.001496

Model Layer Depth (mbgs)		Model Layer Elevation (masl)		Layer Thickness (m)	Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)	Shear Wave Travel Time Through Layer (s)
Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom			
23.74	26.79	51.96	48.91	3.05	1932	0.001578
26.79	30.00	48.91	45.70	3.21	1942	0.001655
<b>Vs Average to 30 mbgs (m/s)</b>						<b>1197</b>

**Table 4: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along MASW Line 4 (Maitland)**

Model Layer Depth (mbgs)		Model Layer Elevation (masl)		Layer Thickness (m)	Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)	Shear Wave Travel Time Through Layer (s)
Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom			
0.00	1.07	83.10	82.03	1.07	148	0.007243
1.07	2.31	82.03	80.79	1.24	169	0.007299
2.31	3.71	80.79	79.39	1.40	521	0.002687
3.71	5.27	79.39	77.83	1.57	963	0.001626
5.27	7.01	77.83	76.09	1.73	1129	0.001533
7.01	8.90	76.09	74.20	1.90	1167	0.001624
8.90	10.96	74.20	72.14	2.06	1236	0.001667
10.96	13.19	72.14	69.91	2.23	1307	0.001703
13.19	15.58	69.91	67.52	2.39	1320	0.001810
15.58	18.13	67.52	64.97	2.55	1480	0.001726
18.13	20.85	64.97	62.25	2.72	1560	0.001744
20.85	23.74	62.25	59.36	2.88	1542	0.001870
23.74	26.79	59.36	56.31	3.05	1519	0.002008
26.79	30.00	56.31	53.10	3.21	1497	0.002148
<b>Vs Average to 30 mbgs (m/s)</b>						<b>818</b>

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