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PART A

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4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

4.1 Regional Geology

Based on Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain (NOEGTS)¹ mapping, the Floodwood River Bridge site is located within an esker complex, crevasse filling plain deposit consisting primarily of clay till bordered by a clay till ground moraine deposit immediately east of the site.

Based on geological mapping by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM)², the site is underlain by massive to foliated granodiorite to granite bedrock bordered by mafic to intermediate metavolcanic rocks comprising of basaltic and andesitic flows, tuffs and breccias, chert, iron formation, minor metasedimentary and intrusive rocks, related migamites.

4.2 Subsoil Conditions

The detailed subsurface soil and groundwater conditions encountered in the boreholes, together with the results of the laboratory testing carried out on selected soil samples, are presented on the borehole records in Appendix A and the laboratory test sheets in Appendix B. The results of the in situ tests (i.e., SPT 'N'-values) as presented on the borehole records and described in Section 4 are uncorrected. The stratigraphic boundaries shown on the borehole records and on the interpreted stratigraphic profile on Drawing 1 and in the section on Drawing 2 are inferred from 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.

At the time of the previous 1981 foundation investigation (GEOCRE 42H-19), prior to construction of the existing embankments and bridge, the subsurface soil conditions encountered at this site are described as generally consisting of a 1.7 m to 6.9 m thick deposit of slightly plastic, soft to firm silty clay to silt underlain by deposits of compact to very dense silty sand and/or compact to very dense granular till. The subsoil conditions encountered during the current borehole investigation consist of granular embankment fill overlying deposits of compact silt and/or loose to very dense sandy gravel to gravelly silty sand to sand. A more detailed description of the soil deposits and groundwater conditions encountered in the boreholes as part of the current investigation is provided below.

Deposit/Layer Description	Boreholes	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Surface Elevation (m)	N Values (blows/0.3 m)	Laboratory Testing
				Consistency or Relative Density	
Asphalt	FR-1, FR-3	0.1	285.0 - 284.7	n/a	n/a
Topsoil	FR-2 and FR-4	0.1 – 0.6	282.0 - 281.2	2	n/a
				Very loose	
		0.5 – 5.5	284.9 - 281.9	N = 1 – 19	w = 2% – 21%

¹ Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain Study. Ontario Geological Society Electronic Mapping. Map 42HNE

² Ontario Ministry of Northern Development of Mines. Bedrock Geology of Ontario – East Central Sheet, Ontario Geological Survey – Map 2543



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Borehole	Depth to Unstabilized Groundwater Level (m)	Approximate Groundwater Elevation (m)
FR-1	dry	n/a
FR-2	0.5	281.5
FR-3	dry	n/a
FR-4	0.2	281.0

Boreholes FR-2 and FR-4 were advanced using NW casing and wash boring techniques. As such, the water levels may not be representative of stabilized groundwater conditions.

5.0 CLOSURE

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PART B

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6.0 DISCUSSION AND ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS

This section of the report provides preliminary foundation design recommendations for the proposed replacement of the Floodwood River Bridge (Site 39E-203) located on Highway 652 northeast of Cochrane, Ontario. The recommendations are based on interpretation of the factual data obtained from the boreholes advanced during the subsurface investigation. The discussion and recommendations presented are intended only to provide the designers with sufficient information to assess the feasible foundation alternatives and to carry out the preliminary design of the structure foundations. Further investigation and analyses will be required during detail design.

The Foundation Investigation Report, discussion and recommendations are intended for the use of MTO and their design team and shall not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other parties, including the construction contractor.

The contractor must make their own interpretation based on the factual data in the Foundation Investigation Report (Part A of the report). Where comments are made on construction, they are provided to highlight those aspects that could affect the design of the project and for which special provisions may be required in the Contract Documents. Those requiring information on the aspects of construction must make their own interpretation of the factual information provided as such interpretation may affect equipment selection, proposed construction methods, scheduling and the like.

6.1 General

The existing Floodwood River Bridge, which was constructed in 1984, consists of a single-lane, three-span TMB bridge structure approximately 42.7 m long by 5.7 m wide. Based on the available GEOCRESS information and the structure drawing dated April 1981, we understand that existing abutments are supported on timber cribs and the existing piers are supported by steel HP 310x79 piles driven into the very dense sand/gravel deposit. The front slopes of the existing approach embankments are about 5 m to 6 m high relative to the river bottom and inclined at profiles ranging from 1.3 horizontal to one vertical (1.3H:1V) to 2H:1V. The side slopes of the existing embankments are about 2.5 m and 3.5 m high, based on the approximate ground surface elevations of the toe of slope boreholes at the north and south approaches, respectively, and are inclined at profiles of about 2.5H:1V. We further understand that prior to the original embankment construction, the surficial organics were sub-excavated and replaced with granular fill.

Based on the General Arrangement (GA) drawing provided by AECOM on December 20, 2017, (dated December 2017) we understand that the proposed replacement structure is to consist of a two lane, single-span TMB constructed on the same alignment as the existing bridge. The replacement bridge will be 48.8 m long by 7.4 m wide with new abutments located about 6 m back from (or behind) the existing abutments. The finished grade of Highway 652 will essentially remain the same.

6.2 Consequence and Site Understanding Classification

It is understood that the bridge is to be designed in accordance with the current Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code CAN/CSA-S6-14 (CHBDC). A "typical consequence level" is considered appropriate for the Floodwood River Bridge as outlined in Section 6.5 of the *Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code* (CHBDC 2014) and its *Commentary*. Further, given the scope of work of the foundation field investigation and laboratory testing program



as outlined in Sections 3.0 and 4.0, a “typical degree of site and prediction model understanding” has been utilized. Accordingly, the appropriate corresponding ULS and SLS consequence factor, Ψ , and geotechnical resistance factors, ϕ_{gu} and ϕ_{gs} , from Tables 6.1 and 6.2 of the CHBDC (2014) have been used for design.

6.3 Foundation Options

Based on the proposed bridge geometry and the subsurface conditions at this site, both shallow and deep foundation options have been considered for support of the replacement bridge abutments. A summary of the advantages and disadvantages associated with each foundation option is provided below, and a comparison of the alternative foundation options based on advantages, disadvantages, risks and relative costs is provided in Table 1 following the text of this report.

- **Shallow Foundations:** Shallow foundations perched within the existing granular fill embankment are considered feasible at the proposed bridge abutments. However, depending on construction staging requirements and considering that the new TMB structure is only marginally longer than the existing bridge, the excavation and construction for new shallow foundations may conflict with the existing abutment foundations.
- **Driven Steel H-piles:** Driven steel H-piles terminating in the very dense portion of the sand/gravel deposit are feasible for support of the abutments and would be preferred if higher loads are required that cannot be accommodated by shallow foundations and/or if piles are considered to be preferable from a constructability and/or staging perspective.
- **Drilled steel casings (small diameter):** Drilled steel casings, which are typically between 305 mm and 750 mm in diameter, have the advantage over driven piles of being able to penetrate strata where frequent obstructions (i.e., cobbles and boulders) are present in overburden soil deposits; however, the cost premium for this type of foundation may not be warranted for a TMB replacement structure and are not discussed further in this report.
- **Drilled shafts/caissons (large diameter):** Drilled shafts (caissons) terminating in the very dense sand/gravel deposit are also considered to be feasible for a deep foundation option at this site. However, caissons are not commonly constructed in Northern Ontario due to constructability issues associated with large-diameter drill holes through wet subgrade soils. As such, drilled shafts/caissons for the replacement structure are not discussed further in this report.

The following sections provide preliminary recommendations for both shallow and deep (i.e., driven pile) foundation options. Shallow foundations may initially be perceived to be more economical than deep (pile) foundations, however, considering the potential for conflicts during construction with the existing abutment foundations and the corresponding additional costs for support and/or shoring that may be required, driven steel piles have been identified as the preferred foundation alternative for this site.



6.4 Shallow Foundations

6.4.1 Founding Elevations

If shallow strip or spread footings are selected for support of the new abutments, the strip or spread footing should be founded within the existing granular embankment fill and be provided with a minimum 2.6 m of frost cover (relative to the lowest surrounding grade) as further discussed in Section 6.4.4.

6.4.2 Geotechnical Resistance

Strip or spread footings placed within the existing embankment fill founded at about Elevation 282.1 m (approximately 2.6 m depth), could be designed based on the factored ultimate geotechnical resistances and factored serviceability geotechnical resistances given below.

Founding Stratum	Footing Width (m)	Factored Ultimate Geotechnical Resistance ⁽¹⁾ (kPa)	Factored Serviceability Geotechnical Resistance (for 25 mm settlement) (kPa)
Abutment footings on compact gravelly sand to sand embankment fill	1.0	650	250
	1.5	675	165
	2.0	700	125

(1) The factored ultimate geotechnical resistances assume that the footings are placed at least 6 m back from (i.e., behind) the crest of the front slope.

The factored geotechnical resistances and corresponding settlements are dependent on the footing size, depth of embedment, configuration and applied loads; the geotechnical resistances should, therefore, be reviewed if the selected footing width or founding elevation differ from those given above. In addition, these preliminary geotechnical resistances are provided for loads applied perpendicular to the surface of the footings; where applicable, inclination of the load should be taken into account in accordance with Section 6.10.4 and Section C6.10.4 of CHBDC (2014) and its Commentary.

The preliminary geotechnical resistances provided above would have to be re-evaluated and modified as necessary during Detail Design once the footing size(s) and locations and approach embankment geometry has been finalized. Further, the stability of the front slopes under the additional loading from the footings would have to be checked during Detail Design if the shallow foundation option is selected.

6.4.3 Resistance to Lateral Loads/Sliding Resistance

Resistance to lateral forces/sliding resistance between the concrete footings and the granular embankment fill (or a granular levelling course) should be calculated in accordance with Section 6.10.5 of the CHBDC (2014) applying the appropriate consequence and degree of site understanding factors as noted in Section 6.2. For cast-in-place concrete footings founded on the granular embankment fill / levelling course, the coefficient of friction ($\tan \delta$) should be taken as 0.5; for precast footings, the coefficient of friction ($\tan \delta$) should be taken as 0.4.



6.4.4 Frost Protection

In the Cochrane area, the frost penetration depth, as per Ontario Provincial Standard Drawing (OPSD) 3090.100 (Foundation Frost Penetration Depths for Northern Ontario) is estimated to be 2.6 m. Therefore, to minimize the potential for damage due to frost action, foundations (i.e., footings and/or pile caps) should be provided with at least 2.6 m of conventional soil cover or an equivalent combination of insulation and soil cover. As a guideline for preliminary design, 25 mm of rigid polystyrene insulation provides a 300 mm reduction in soil cover.

At this site, the footings would be constructed within the existing granular fill, which is considered to be a free-draining material with a relatively low frost susceptibility based on the classification systems provided in the MTO Pavement Design and Rehabilitation Manual (2013). As such, consideration could be given to placing the foundations at shallower depth(s) and/or reducing the thickness/extent of insulation to address potential constructability issues related to the close proximity of the existing and proposed bridge abutments. These recommendations should be reviewed and/or further refined during detail design.

6.5 Driven Steel Piles

Deep foundations consisting of steel piles driven into the very dense sand/gravel deposit are also considered feasible for the support of the proposed structure. For the installation of steel H-piles (or steel pipe piles), consideration must be given to the potential presence of cobbles and boulders within the glacially derived deposit(s) at this site. In this regard, steel H-piles are preferred over steel pipe piles as pipe piles are considered to have a greater potential of “hanging up” or being deflected away from their vertical orientation or ‘batter’ during installation, if obstructions are encountered.

6.5.1 Founding Elevations and Axial Geotechnical Capacity

The following summarizes the proposed elevation of the underside of the pile cap, the pile tip elevation, pile length, as well as the factored geotechnical resistances for HP310x110 and HP360x132 driven steel piles at the proposed abutments.

Foundation Element (Boreholes)	Pile Size	Elevation of Underside of Pile Cap ¹ (m)	Pile Tip Elevation (m)	Length of Pile from Underside of Pile Cap (m)	Factored Geotechnical Axial Resistance at ULS ²	Geotechnical Reaction at SLS for 25 mm of Settlement ³
North Abutment (FR-2)	HP 310x110	282.2	250	32.2	1,200 kN	N/A
	HP 360x132				1,400 kN	
South Abutment (FR-4)	HP 310x110	282.1	264	18.1	1,100 kN	N/A
	HP 360x132				1,300 kN	

- (1) Based on a minimum 2.6 m of frost protection as per OPSD 3090.100 (Foundation Frost Penetration Depths for Northern Ontario).
- (2) The piles may need to be driven to deeper depths to achieve the indicated axial geotechnical resistances depending on the relatively density of the deposit at the pile tip, which based on the available information is variable.
- (3) The geotechnical reaction at SLS for 25 mm of settlement will be greater than or equal to the factored geotechnical axial resistance at ULS and therefore, the SLS condition does not apply.



It is recommended that both the structural and geotechnical resistances of the piles be evaluated to establish the governing case. For serviceability, the horizontal reaction should be taken as that corresponding to a horizontal deflection of 10 mm at the underside of the pile cap for units supporting the abutments (CHBDC (2014) Commentary Section 6.11.2.2).

The upper zone of soil (down to a depth below the pile cap equal to about $1.5 \times B$ (where B = pile diameter) should be neglected in the calculation of lateral resistance of the pile to account for disturbance effects during installation.

Group action for lateral loading should also be considered when the pile spacing in the direction of the loading is less than six to eight pile diameters. Group action can be evaluated by reducing the coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction (NAVFAC, 1982) in the direction of loading by a reduction factor, R , as follows:

Pile Spacing in Direction of Loading (D = Pile Diameter)	Subgrade Reaction Reduction Factor, R
8D	1.00
6D	0.70
4D	0.40
3D	0.25

The subgrade reaction reduction factor should be interpolated for pile spacings in between those provided in the above summary. Reduction for group effects is negligible when the centre-to-centre pile spacing exceeds three pile diameters measured in the direction perpendicular to loading.

6.5.5 Frost Protection

The pile cap at the abutment locations should be provided with a minimum of 2.6 m of conventional soil cover or an equivalent combination of insulation and soil cover for frost protection as discussed above in Section 6.4.4.

6.6 Seismic Site Classification

Subsurface ground conditions for seismic site characterization were established based on the results of the borehole investigations. Based on the anticipated foundation levels, the site may be classified as Site Class D "Stiff Soil" in accordance with Table 4.1 of the CHBDC (2014), in the absence of any geophysical testing. Geophysics testing, if carried out, could potentially provide a more favourable Site Class C designation. Site Classes A and B, however, would not be considered appropriate for this site.

Based on the information obtained from the NRCAN (2015) Hazard Calculator for this site located at latitude 49.4908° and longitude -80.3131° , the following values were obtained for the spectral acceleration for a return period of 2,475 years:



Seismic Hazard Values	2% Exceedance in 50 years (2,475 return period)
Sa (0.2) (g)	0.120
Sa (1.0) (g)	0.042

Based on the values noted above and in accordance with Table 4.10 of the CHBDC 2014, this site should be considered to be located in Seismic Performance Zone 1 for major-route and other bridges. In accordance with Section 4.4.5.1 of the CHBDC, no seismic analysis is required for structures located in Seismic Performance Zone 1. If this structure is considered a lifeline structure, it should be considered to be within Seismic Performance Zone 2 and detailed seismic analysis may be required (only if multiple span option is being considered).

6.7 Approach Embankments

Based on discussions with AECOM we understand that the finished grade of Highway 652 is to be maintained (i.e., no grade raise) at about Elevation 284.8 m; however, an approximately 10 m widening of the existing approach embankments will be required on the west side of the existing bridge to facilitate the proposed constructing staging (i.e., a laydown/launch area and temporary landing area).

6.7.1 Removal of Organics

It is recommended that all existing organics (i.e., peat, topsoil and/or mixed organic soil) be removed from below the footprint of the proposed embankment widenings within the limits of the approach embankments (i.e., up to about 20 m beyond the abutments) to mitigate settlements and maintain stability. All excavation and backfilling should be carried out simultaneously in accordance with OPSS.PROV 209 (Embankments over Swamps).

Sub-excavation is anticipated to be required to up to approximately 1.5 m below ground surface to remove the organic soils on the west side of the embankment based on the boreholes advanced at the east toes of embankment slopes. All excavations should be backfilled with appropriate granular material as discussed below in Section 6.7.2.

6.7.2 Subgrade Preparation and Embankment Construction

Fill for reconstruction of the highway embankment behind the new abutments and for the proposed widening(s) and shoulder(s) should consist of granular fill OPSS.PROV 1010 (Aggregates) Granular 'A', Granular 'B' (Type I or II) or rock fill. From a geotechnical/foundations perspective Granular 'B' Type I (i.e., sand fill) will provide good compatibility with the existing Highway 652 embankment fill materials remaining in place in the existing embankment side slopes. However, for the portions of backfilling required below the existing ground surface (and in particular, below the groundwater level) as part of the sub-excavation and replacement of organic soils, it is recommended that Granular 'B' Type II material be used. The embankment fill should be placed and compacted in accordance with OPSS.PROV 501 (Compacting) and OPSS.PROV 2016 (Grading). Granular fill embankment side slopes should be constructed no steeper than 2H:1V. Benching of the existing highway embankment should



be carried out to “key in” the new fill materials for the widening, in accordance with OPSS 208.010 (*Benching of Earth Slopes*).

The approach embankment front slopes and side slopes adjacent to the river require erosion protection in accordance with OPSS 511 (Rip Rap, Rock Protection and Granular Sheet piling). Erosion protection should be placed on the slopes up to at least 0.5 m above the design high water level. Erosion protection could consist of a minimum 0.6 m thick layer of R-10 Rip Rap (300 mm diameter as per OPSS.PROV 1004, Aggregates), rock protection or concrete slope paving. The structural designer should address the potential for scour below the footings or pile caps in the design of the bridge foundations.

To reduce surface water erosion on the embankment side slopes, topsoil and seeding as per OPSS 802 (Topsoil) and OPSS 804 (Seed and Cover) should be carried out as soon as possible after construction of the embankments (unless rock fill is used). If this slope protection is not in place before winter, then alternate protection measures, such as covering the slopes with straw or gravel sheet piling as per OPSS 511 (Rip Rap, Rock Protection and Granular Sheet piling) to prevent erosion, will be required to reduce the potential for remedial works on the side slopes in the Spring prior to topsoil dressing and seeding.

6.7.3 Approach Embankment Stability

Based on our review of the available GEOCREST report and the results of the current investigation, we understand that the peat/organics soils were previously sub-excavated prior to construction of the existing highway embankments. The analysis discussed below assumes that the existing organics at the toe of the embankment slope are sub-excavated and replaced prior to the new embankment widenings.

6.7.3.1 Methodology

Limit equilibrium slope stability analyses were performed using the commercially available program GeoStudio 2007 (Version 7.23), produced by Geo-Slope International Ltd., employing the Morgenstern-Price method of analysis. For all analyses, the Factor of Safety (FoS) of numerous potential failure surfaces was computed in order to establish the minimum FoS. The stability analyses were performed to check that the target minimum FoS was achieved for the design embankment height and geometries. In general, circular slip surfaces were analysed in the design.

The Factor of Safety (FoS) is defined as the ratio of forces tending to resist failure to the driving forces tending to cause failure. For the purpose of the stability analysis, the target minimum FoS is equal to the inverse of the product of the consequence factor, ψ , and the geotechnical resistance factor ϕ_{gu} (i.e., $FoS = 1/(\psi * \phi_{gu})$). Accordingly, a target minimum FoS of 1.3 has been used for design of the end-of-construction embankment side slopes, and FoS of 1.5 for the design of the final embankment configuration as per Table 6.2 of CHBDC (2014) for the effective stress (long-term, drained) conditions.

The stability analysis carried out for the preliminary design includes the evaluation of the existing front slope of the north approach as well as the proposed 10 m widening (west side) of the north approach, which relates to the highest embankment widening when compared to the south approach. The stability analyses were completed based on the subsurface conditions as encountered in Boreholes FR-1 and FR-2 and the geometries provide in the GA drawing and cross-sections provided by AECOM.



6.7.3.2 Parameter Selection

For the new granular fill, the existing granular fill, and the non-cohesive native soil deposits, effective stress parameters were employed in the analysis assuming drained conditions, and the parameters were estimated from empirical correlations using the SPT 'N'-values. The correlations proposed by Terzaghi and Peck (1967) were employed and the results were tempered by engineering judgment based on precedent experience in similar soils.

Summarized below are the simplified stratigraphy and the associated strengths and unit weights employed for the different soil types in the proposed works areas.

Soil Deposit	Bulk Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Effective Friction Angle (ϕ')	Cohesion (kPa)
New Granular Fill (i.e., Granular A or B Type I or II)	21	35	-
Existing Granular Embankment Fill	20	32	-
Peat	12	27	1
Silt (Loose to Compact)	19	28	-
Sandy Gravel to Gravelly Silty Sand to Sand (Compact)	20	32	-

6.7.3.3 Results of Analysis

The stability analyses indicates that the approximately 5 m to 6 m high existing north front slope (height relative to river bottom) inclined at approximately 2H:1V has a FoS greater than 1.5 against global instability in the long-term (drained) conditions as shown on Figure 1. Similarly, the approximately 3 m high widened northwest approach embankment also meets/exceeds the minimum required FoS for long-term conditions (i.e., $FoS > 1.5$) as shown on Figure 2. This preliminary assessment of the stability of the approach embankments should be reviewed and confirmed at the detail design stage based on the final embankment geometries and incorporating any additional loadings (i.e., if shallow foundations are adopted and/or any additional loadings on the embankments as part of the staging and replacement bridge construction) or subsurface information obtained during detail design.

6.7.4 Approach Embankment Settlement

6.7.4.1 Methodology

To estimate the magnitude of the expected settlements due to the embankment widenings, analyses were carried out on the critical sections of the proposed approach embankments using the commercially available computer software *Settle-3D* (Version 3.020) from Rocscience Inc. as well as hand calculations. The sources of settlement were considered to include:

- Immediate settlement of the cohesionless deposits.

It is recommended that all organic soils be removed from below the footprint of the proposed embankment widenings prior to construction and as such, the settlement analyses assume that these soils have been removed.



6.7.4.2 Settlement Criteria

Based on MTO's "Embankment Settlement Criteria for Design" (MTO, July 2010), the following post-construction settlement and differential settlement criteria are considered acceptable for settlements to occur within 20 years post-paving for the bridge approach embankments (including temporary widening) at this site.

Location	Maximum Limits During Pavement Design Life	
	Total (mm)	Differential
Longitudinal Transitions (Non-Freeways)	25 (0 to 20 m from abutment) 50 (20 m to 50 m from abutment) 75 (50 m to 75 m from abutment)	n/a
Widened Embankments (Non-Freeways)	75	100:1

These criteria have been used for determining whether mitigation measures are required to limit post-construction settlement of the widened approach embankments. The total settlement and differential settlement are considered to be applicable over a 20-year period following completion of construction (i.e., final paving). These performance criteria form part of the overall design performance for the embankment in the vicinity of the bridge replacement.

6.7.4.3 Parameter Selection

The simplified stratigraphy together with the associated stiffness (moduli) and unit weights employed for different soil types at the approach embankments are summarized below.

The immediate compression of the non-cohesive deposits was modelled by estimating an elastic modulus of deformation based on the SPT "N"-values and using correlations proposed by Bowles (1984) and Kulhawy and Mayne (1990).

Soil Deposit	Bulk Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Elastic Modulus (MPa)
Existing Granular Embankment Fill (Very Loose to Compact)	20	10
Silt (Compact)	19	15
Sandy Gravel to Gravelly Silty Sand to Sand (Compact to Very Dense)	20	50

6.7.4.4 Results of Analysis

A summary of the results of the settlement analysis for the north approach embankment widening is present below.



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Critical Section	Relevant Borehole	Settlement during Construction		
		Existing Hwy 652 Centerline (mm)	Existing Hwy 652 Edge of Shoulder (west side) (mm)	Proposed West Crest of Laydown/Launch Area (i.e., near Existing West Toe of Slope) (mm)
North Approach	FR-1 and FR-2	5	10	25

We anticipate that the above noted settlements will be immediate and will occur primarily during embankment construction. The results of the settlement analysis indicate the settlement criteria of less than 20 mm for approach embankments adjacent to structures (within 20 years) will be achieved. The above preliminary estimates do not include compression of the fill itself, which would occur during construction of the embankment depending on the type of material used. The magnitude of granular fill compression may range from 0.5 per cent to 1 per cent of the height of the embankment fill, assuming approximately 98 per cent compaction of the embankment fill is achieved, relative to the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density. In this case, settlement of the granular fill itself is expected to occur essentially during embankment construction. Non-granular earth fill materials are not recommended for embankment construction as they may exhibit some additional settlement over time depending on their gradation, plasticity and field compaction effort. Should rock fill be considered, long-term settlement of the rock fill will need to be considered during Detail Design.

This preliminary assessment of the settlement(s) should be reviewed and confirmed based on additional subsoil conditions encountered during detail design and utilizing the finalized embankment widening configuration.

6.8 Construction Considerations

The following subsections identify construction issues that should be considered at this stage of the design as they may impact the planning for detail design. Where applicable, Non-Standard Special Provisions (NSSP) should be developed during detail design for incorporation into the Contract Documents.

6.8.1 Excavation and Temporary Roadway Protection

The excavations for pile caps (or for spread footings) would extend approximately 2.6 m into the loose to compact granular embankment fill (unless rigid insulation is used to provide frost protection to foundation elements founded at a higher elevation). If space permits, (giving due consideration to the proximity of the existing abutment foundations and requirements for construction staging), open-cut excavations into these materials should be carried out in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) for Construction Activities. The existing granular embankment fill should be classified as a Type 3 soil, according to the OHSA. Temporary open-cut excavations in Type 3 soils should remain stable if side slopes are formed no steeper than 1H:1V.

Excavations are also anticipated for removal of the organics prior to constructing the embankment widening(s). The organic soils are classified as Type 3 soils above the ground water level and Type 4 soils below the



construction is carried out, however, if encountered, dewatering could be handled in the form of pumping from properly filtered temporary sumps installed below the base of the excavation.

Excavations up to about 1.5 m below the existing ground surface will be required at the toe(s) of the embankment slope(s) for removal and replacement of the organics material below the footprint of the widened embankments. It is anticipated that portions of these excavations will be below the groundwater/river water level. However, the excavation and backfilling in these areas could be carried out in-the-wet, so long as the recommendations in Section 6.7.2 are followed along with the requirements of OPSS 209 and OPSS 206.

Surface water seepage into the excavations should be expected and will be heavier during periods of sustained precipitation. All surface water should be directed away from the excavations.

6.8.3 Obstructions

The soils at this site are expected to contain coarse gravel, cobbles and boulders, which could affect the installation of temporary support systems (including cofferdams) or deep foundations. Cobbles/boulders were noted in the previous foundation investigation at this site along with a 500 mm boulder encountered in Borehole FR-2. Additional records on the frequency of encountering cobbles and/or boulders are recommended during the next stage of investigation in support of the detail design. An NSSP should be included in the Contract Documents developed during the detail design stage to identify to the contractor the possible presence of cobbles and/or boulders within the overburden soils.

6.8.4 Vibration Monitoring During Pile Installation

A maximum peak particle velocity (PPV) of 100 mm/s is generally considered applicable for bridge structures in good condition. Based on vibration monitoring experience, it is considered unlikely that vibrations induced by conventional construction activities (such as pile driving) will reach this threshold level.

6.8.5 Existing Structure Monitoring

We recommend that the piers and abutments of the existing structure be monitored for settlement and lateral movement during the new construction, especially during excavation for the new abutments and while pile driving through cobbles and boulders for the following reasons:

- the age of the existing structure
- the existing piers may be founded on friction piles
- the close proximity of the existing and proposed abutments
- the requirements for relatively large embankment widenings (up to about 10 m) as part of the staged construction
- the requirement for the existing structure to carry traffic at stages during construction

This monitoring could be carried out using survey points (lateral and vertical deformation) and/or settlement points. An NSSP should be included in the Contract Documents developed during the detail design stage.



6.8.6 Analytical Testing for Construction Materials

The results of analytical testing on samples of soil taken from the abutment boreholes at about the anticipated foundation (i.e., pile cap or footing) elevation are presented in Table B1 in Appendix B. The suite of parameters tested is intended to allow the design engineer to assess the requirements for the appropriate type of cement to be used in construction and the need for corrosion protection of steel reinforcing elements.

For potential sulphate attack on concrete, the results of the soil analysis were compared to Table 3 in CSA A23-1-09, and indicate that the relative degree of sulphate attack is low (less than the moderate range). However, given that the bridge is located on Highway 652 and will be exposed to de-icing salts it is recommended that C-1 class exposure concrete be considered for the pile caps (or footings) and abutments. Further, the resistivity results indicate that the granular fill has a low to very low corrosiveness potential based on the Transportation Research Board Guidelines (Transportation Research Board, National Research Council, 1998 as referenced in the MTO Gravity Pipe Manual, 2014). It should be noted that the soil chemistry may vary when due to precipitation events and variations in water chemistry. These recommendations are provided as guidance only; the structural designer should take the results of the laboratory testing, the potential for corrosion and the ultimate selection of materials into consideration.

6.8.7 Recommendations for Further Work During Detail Design

Based on conversations with AECOM and MTO, we understand that additional foundation investigation and analysis (i.e., detail foundation investigation and design) is not being considered for this project which may present some risk to the construction and performance of the structure and associated approach embankments. Foundation related risk could be further mitigated at this site by advancing additional boreholes at the foundation elements and within the approach embankment widening areas and carrying out additional foundation analysis as the requirements for detail design are finalized. Such additional work would further assess and/or confirm the subsurface conditions and refine the preliminary foundation recommendations provided herein, as follows:

- further assessment of the depth and extent of any organics, cohesive fill and granular fill (i.e., previous construction) within the footprint of the widened approach embankments to be removed as part of the new construction (particularly on the west side of the embankments where no borehole information currently exists)
- further assessment of the estimated magnitude of settlement under the widened approach embankments
- further assessment of the stability of the embankment front slopes and side slopes based on the final embankment geometries and any additional loadings on the embankments as part of the staging and replacement bridge construction
- assessment of the requirements for any temporary foundations in the laydown/launch area and temporary landing area as part of the replacement bridge construction
- further assessment and potential to shorten the pile lengths (particularly at the north abutment) and provide lower axial geotechnical resistance for the pile foundations (if required)
- further analytical testing for soil/groundwater corrosivity



7.0 CLOSURE

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ASTM International

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Commercial Software

- GeoStudio 2007 (Version 7.23) by Geo-Slope International Ltd.
- Settle 3D (Version 4.0) by Rocscience

Ontario Provincial Standard Drawings

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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| OPSD 208.010 | Benching of Earth Slopes |
| OPSD 3000.100 | Foundation, Piles, Steel H-Pile Driving Shoe |
| OPSD 3090.100 | Foundation, Frost Penetration Depths for Northern Ontario |

Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OPSS.PROV 206 | Construction Specifications for Grading. |
| OPSS.PROV 209 | Construction Specifications for Embankments Over Swamps and Compressible Soils |
| OPSS.PROV 501 | Construction Specification for Compacting |
| OPSS 511 | Construction Specification for Rip Rap, Rock Protection and Granular Sheetting |
| OPSS.PROV 539 | Construction Specification for Temporary Protection Systems |



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OPSS 802	Construction Specification for Topsoil
OPSS 804	Construction Specification for Seed and Cover
OPSS 902	Construction Specification for Excavating and Backfilling - Structures
OPSS 903	Construction Specification for Deep Foundations
OPSS.PROV 1004	Material Specification for Aggregates – Miscellaneous
OPSS.PROV 1010	Material Specification for Aggregates – Base, Subbase, Select Subgrade and Backfill Material

Ontario Water Resources Act

Ontario Regulation 903/90 Wells



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Table 1: Evaluation of Abutment Foundation Alternatives

Foundation Type	Rank	Advantages	Disadvantages	Relative Cost	Risk/Consequences
Driven Steel H-Piles	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relatively straight forward construction. ■ Potentially smaller excavation required for pile cap construction (as compared with spread footing option) which may result in less conflict with existing abutment foundations thereby reducing the requirements for temporary protection/shoring. ■ Higher geotechnical axial resistances compared to spread footings founded on existing embankment fill. ■ Pile foundations have lower risk of being affected by adjacent excavations for sub-excavation and replacement of organic soils below the widened footprint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Potential for refusal or “hanging up” of piles on cobbles and boulders within the gravelly sand deposit, but likely easier to advance than pipe piles. ■ Vibration monitoring recommended during pile driving adjacent to the existing structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relative costs higher than shallow foundations due to requirements to mobilize pile driving rig. ■ Relative costs lower than other deep foundation options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some risk of vibrations during driving affecting existing bridge. ■ Vibration monitoring and settlement/lateral movement monitoring recommended to identify and control risks.
Spread Footings	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Straightforward construction ■ Adequate geotechnical axial resistances available given size of structure. ■ Use of pre-cast footing(s) could accelerate construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Potential for differential settlement across existing/widened embankment. ■ Footings have higher risk of being affected by adjacent excavations for sub-excavation of organic materials below the widened footprint. ■ Depending on final bridge geometry and abutment location, geotechnical resistances may have to be reduced due to proximity to adjacent slope. ■ Larger excavation anticipated to be required for construction of footings which could result in conflicts with existing abutment foundations and may require temporary protection, support and/or shoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Shallow foundations typically have lower cost than deep foundations, however, additional costs associated with temporary protection, support and/or shoring may be required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Higher risk of differential settlement due to variability in state of compactness of embankment fill. ■ Depending on final bridge geometry, location of new footings could affect global embankment stability; this would need to be evaluated at detail design stage.



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Foundation Type	Rank	Advantages	Disadvantages	Relative Cost	Risk/Consequences
Drilled Steel Casings (Small Diameter)	NR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher axial resistances compared to steel H-piles. Easier to penetrate obstructions compared to larger diameter caissons, or driven H-Piles. Drilled steel casings have lower risk of being affected by adjacent excavations for sub-excavation of organic materials below the widened footprint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base of casing must be cleaned and inspected prior to completing pile installation/placing concrete. Placement of tremie concrete below the water required to complete the DSC elements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative costs higher than for steel H-piles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower risk of difficulties during installation through very dense gravelly sand deposits containing cobbles/boulders. Potential for disturbance at the base of the DSC (terminated in gravelly sand, not bedrock) could affect the geotechnical resistance(s).
Drilled Shafts/Caissons (Large Diameter)	NR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher axial resistances compared to steel H-piles and smaller diameter DSCs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary liners would be required to control groundwater inflow. Potential for difficulties penetrating through obstructions compared to piles or drilled steel casings. Base of caisson must be cleaned and inspected prior to completing caisson installation/placing concrete. Placement of tremie concrete below the water required to complete the caissons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative costs much higher than for steel H-piles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for construction problems associated with groundwater inflow during caisson installation. Potential for disturbance at the base of the caisson (terminated in till) could affect the geotechnical resistance(s).

NR: Not Recommended



PHOTOGRAPHS



**Photograph 1: Floodwood River Bridge
South approach, West side of bridge, looking North (July 2017)**



**Photograph 2: Floodwood River Bridge
South approach embankment, East side of bridge, looking South (July 2017)**



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**Photograph 3: Floodwood River Bridge
Borehole FR-4, South approach, East side of bridge, looking North (July 2017)**



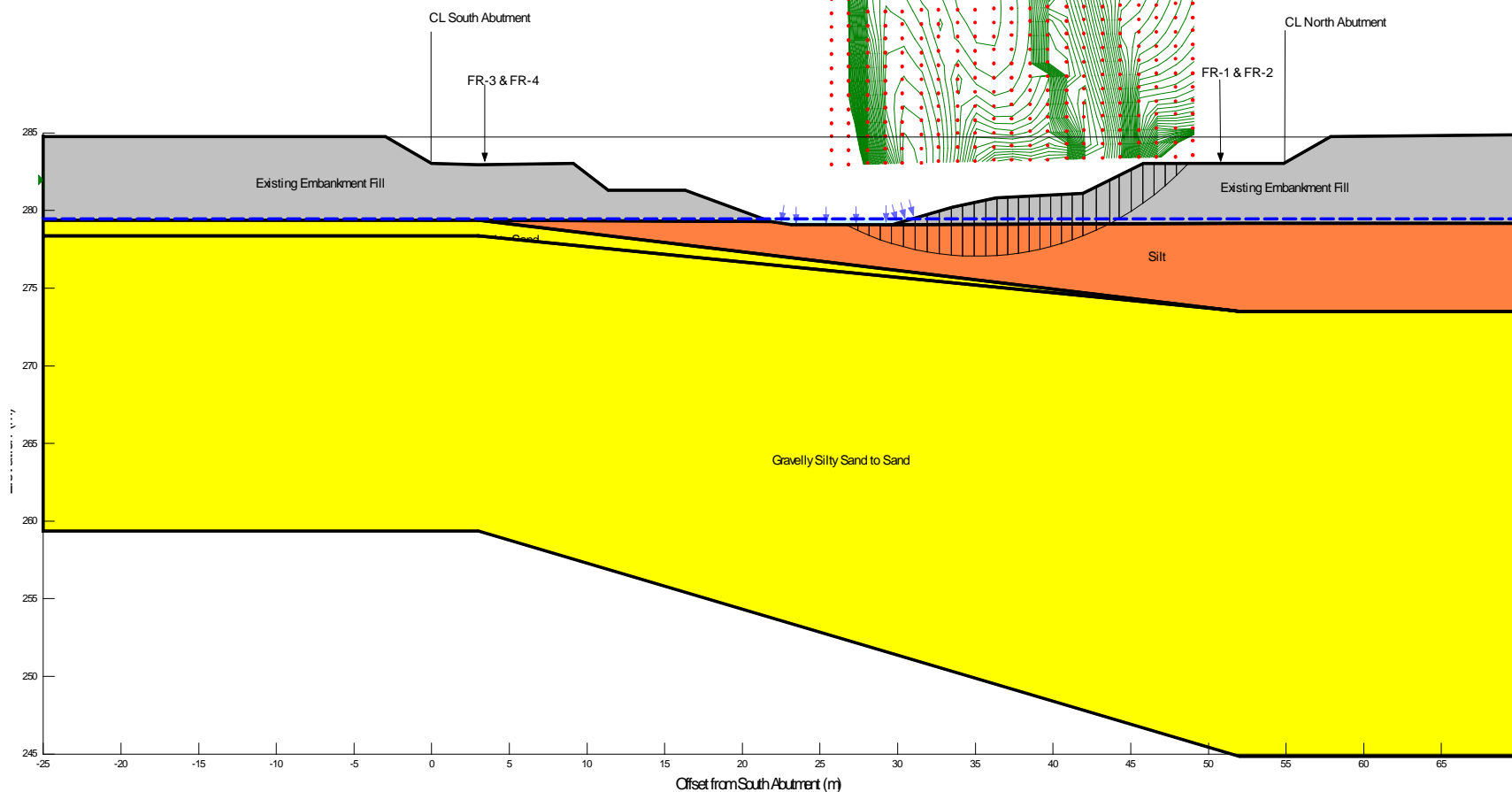
**Photograph 4: Floodwood River Bridge
West elevation looking South-East (OSIM Report June 2015)**



Stability Analysis North Approach Front Slope Long-Term (Drained) Condition

Figure 1

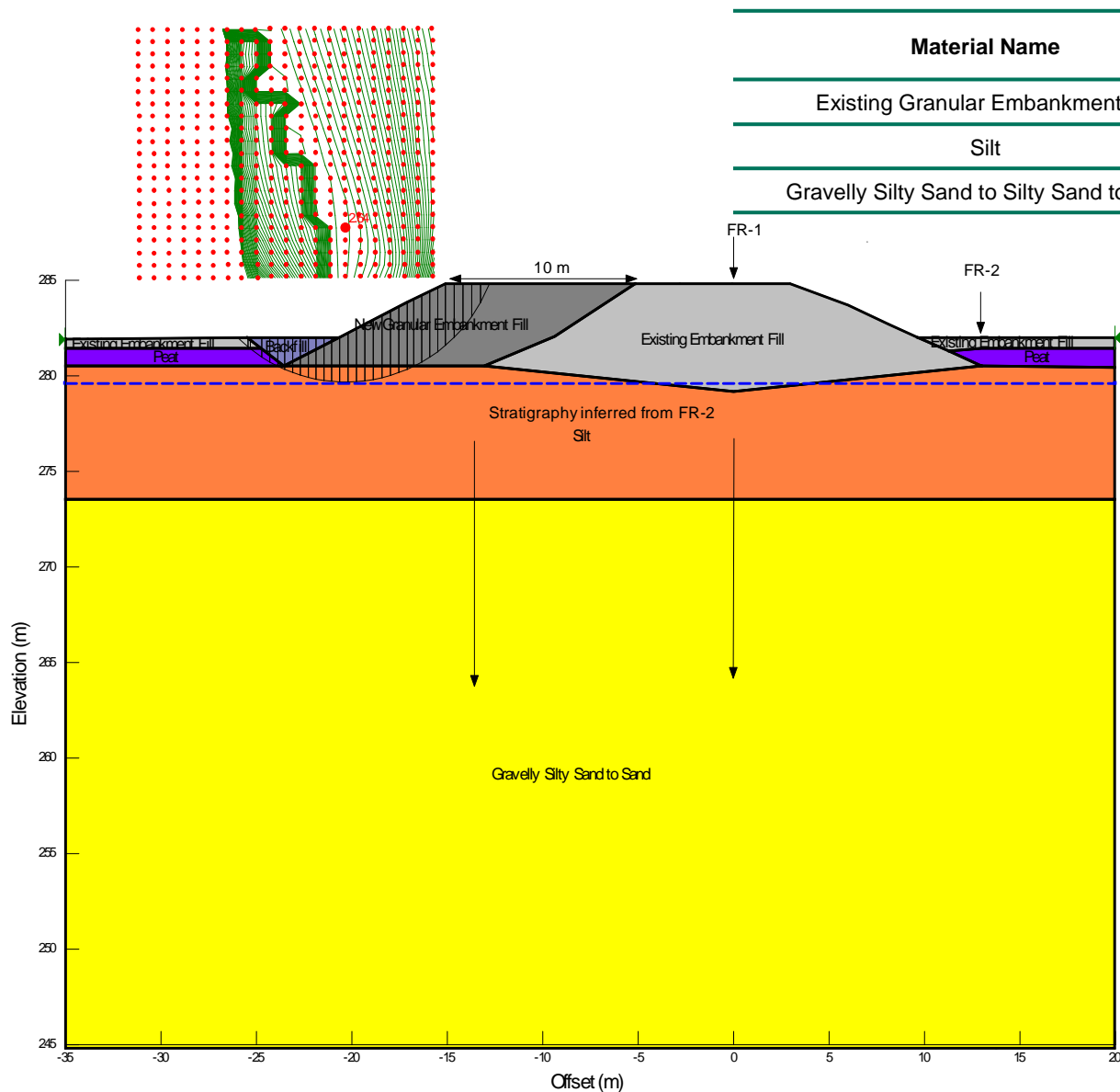
Material Name	Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Friction Angle (degrees)
Existing Granular Embankment Fill	20	32
Silt	19	28
Gravelly Silty Sand to Silty Sand to Sand	20	32





Stability Analysis North Approach West Embankment Widening Long-Term (Drained) Condition

Figure 2




Material Name	Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Friction Angle (degrees)
Existing Granular Embankment Fill	20	32
Silt	19	28
Gravelly Silty Sand to Silty Sand to Sand	20	32



APPENDIX A

Record of Boreholes

PROJECT <u>16519971651997-WO5</u>		RECORD OF BOREHOLE No FR-2				4 OF 4 METRIC							
G.W.P. <u>5416-15-00</u>		LOCATION <u>N 5483911.3; E 354618.5 NAD83 MTM ZONE 12 (LAT. 49.4909861; LONG. -80.3123014)</u>				ORIGINATED BY <u>MR</u>							
DIST <u> </u> HWY <u>652</u>		BOREHOLE TYPE <u>NW Casing and Wash Boring</u>				COMPILED BY <u>AD</u>							
DATUM <u>GEODETIC</u>		DATE <u>July 23 to 25, 2017</u>				CHECKED BY <u>AB</u>							
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES	GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa		WATER CONTENT (%)			
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244.8	Gravelly SILTY SAND to SAND, some gravel, trace to some silt, trace clay Loose to very dense Grey Wet		28	SS	113		245						
37.2	END OF BOREHOLE Note: 1. Water level at a depth of 0.5 m below ground surface (Elev. 281.5 m) upon completion of drilling.												

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APPENDIX B

Laboratory Test Results



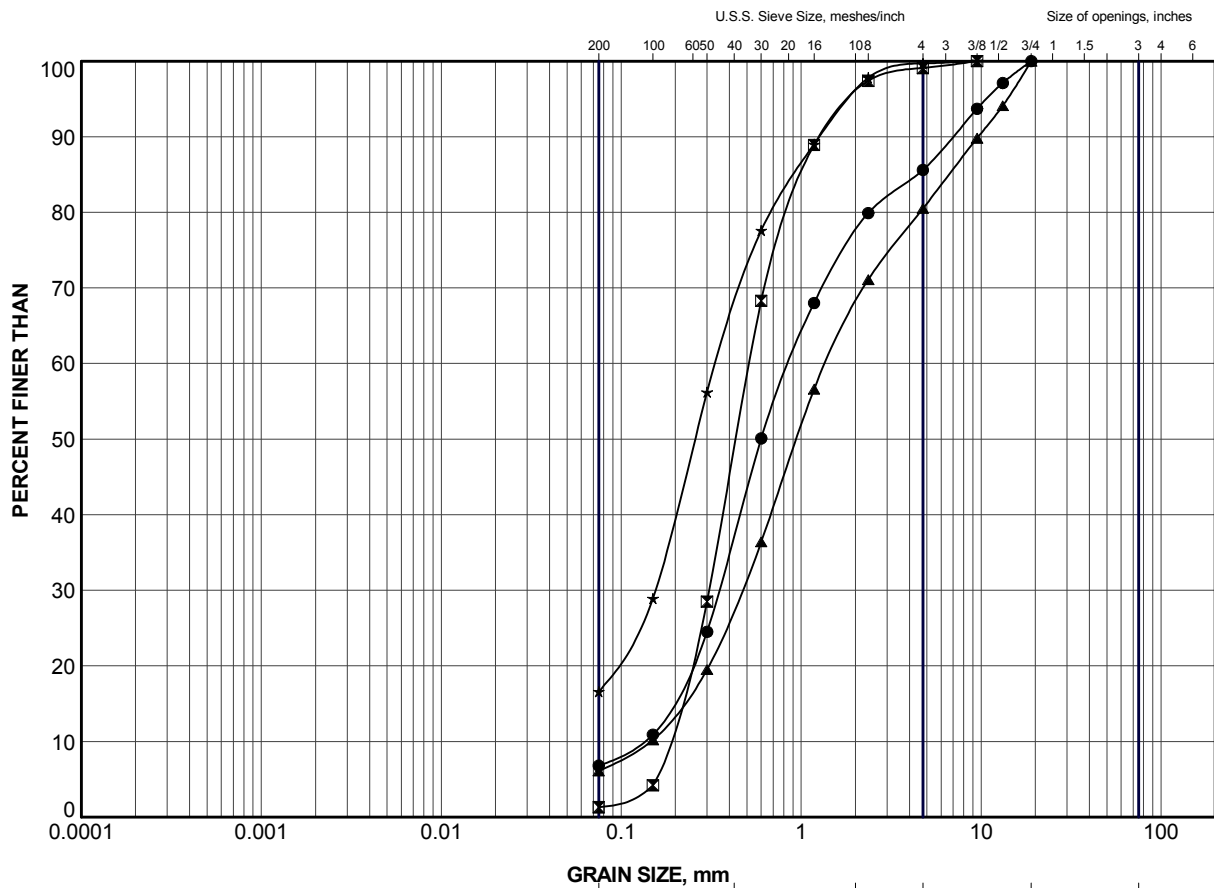
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Table B1: Summary of Analytical Testing of Floodwood River Soil Samples

Location	Parameter	Units	Result
North Abutment (Borehole FR-1, Sample 5)	Chloride (CL)	ug/g	ND
	Sulphate (SO4)	ug/g	ND
	Conductivity (EC)	umho/cm	98
	Resistivity	ohm-cm	10,000
	pH	n/a	7.81
South Abutment (Borehole FR-3, Sample 6)	Chloride (CL)	ug/g	ND
	Sulphate (SO4)	ug/g	90
	Conductivity (EC)	umho/cm	185
	Resistivity	ohm-cm	5,400
	pH	n/a	7.70

Notes: 1. Samples from Boreholes FR-1 and FR-3 obtained on July 30, 2017, respectively and submitted to Maxxam on November 22, 2017, which is beyond the standard hold time.
2. Analytical testing carried out by Maxxam.


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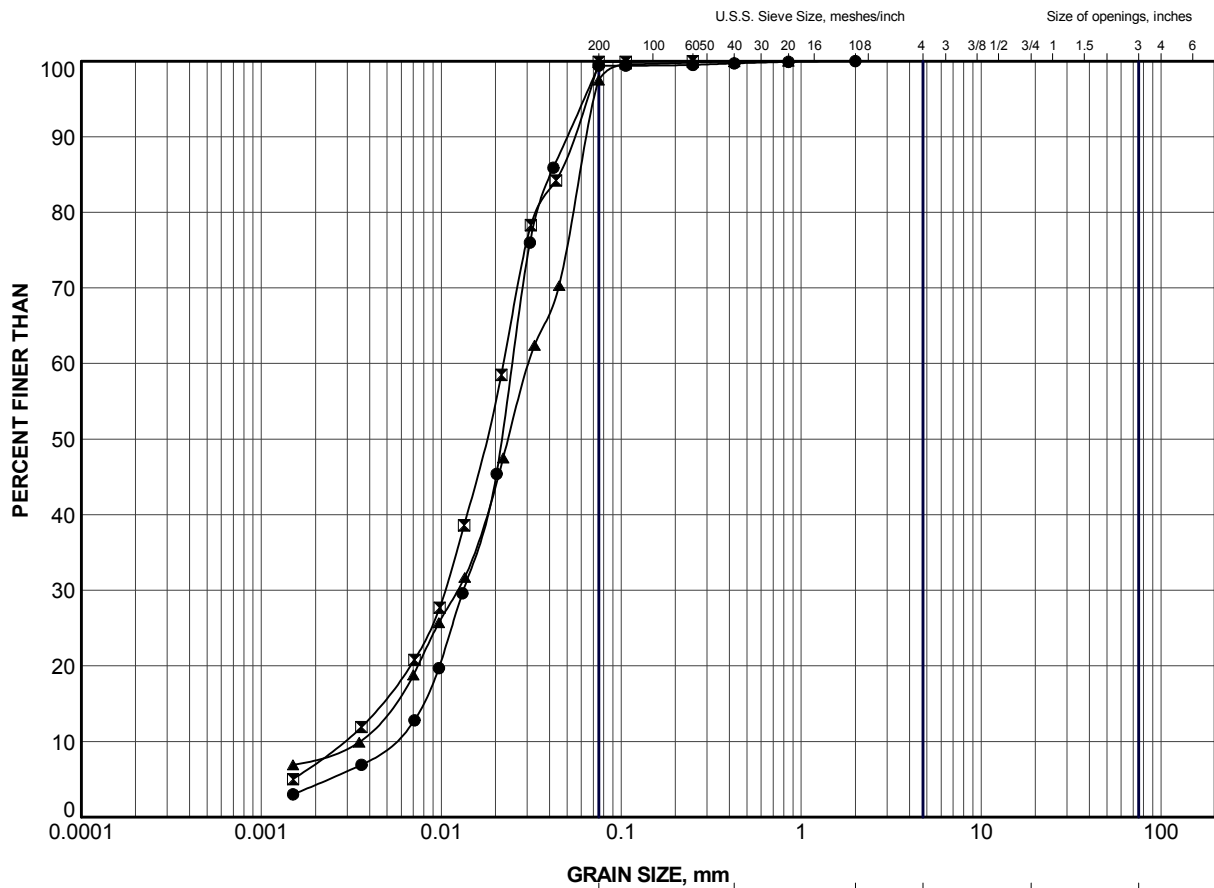


GRAIN SIZE, mm						
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	FR-1	3	282.1
⊠	FR-1	6	279.8
▲	FR-3	2	283.2
★	FR-3	5	280.9


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HIGHWAY 652 FLOODWOOD RIVER BRIDGE					
TITLE					
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION SAND (FILL)					
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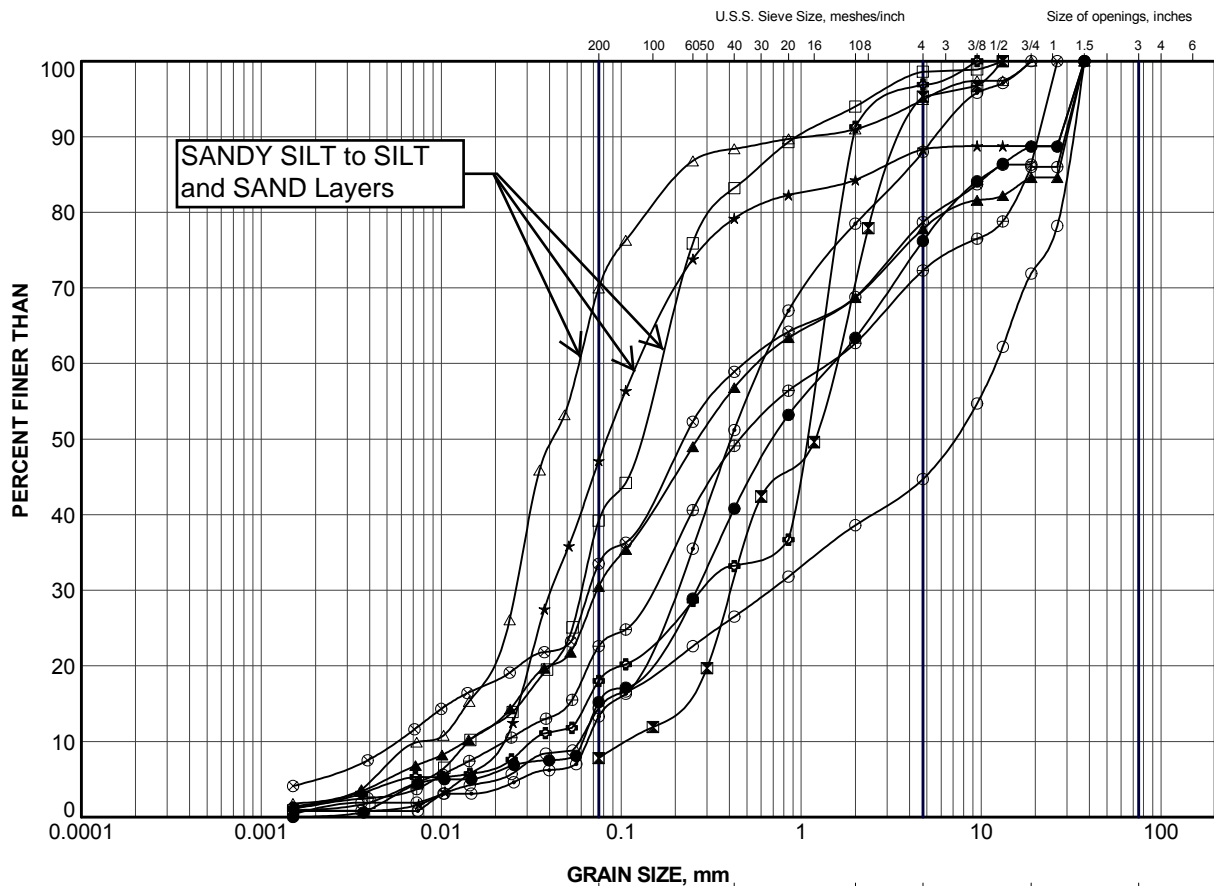


GRAIN SIZE, mm						
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	FR-1	7	278.3
⊠	FR-2	4	279.4
▲	FR-2	7	277.1

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LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	FR-2	10	272.6
⊠	FR-2	13	268.0
▲	FR-2	16	263.4
★	FR-2	21	255.8
⊙	FR-2	25	249.7
⊕	FR-3	7	278.6
○	FR-4	4	278.6
△	FR-4	7	276.3
⊗	FR-4	10	271.8
⊕	FR-4	13	267.2
□	FR-4	16	262.6

PROJECT

HIGHWAY 652
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TITLE

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SANDY GRAVEL to GRAVELLY SILTY SAND to SAND



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