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**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN REPORT  
RAMP FROM HIGHWAY 401 WBC TO HIGHWAY 403 WBC  
HIGHWAY 401/403/410 INTERCHANGE  
BRIDGE REHABILITATION  
TORONTO, ONTARIO  
G.W.P. 2206-16-00; SITE NO. 24-315**

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**PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the factual data obtained from a foundation investigation conducted by Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Thurber) for the proposed rehabilitation of the existing ramp bridge connecting Highway 401 Westbound Collector (WBC) with Highway 403 Westbound Collector (WBC) at the Highway 401/403/410 interchange in Mississauga, Ontario. This work is part of the project that involves rehabilitation of eight bridges at the Highway 401/403/410 Interchange complex.

The purpose of this investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the abutment locations of this bridge and, based on the data obtained, to provide a borehole location plan, stratigraphic profile, records of boreholes, laboratory test results, and a written description of the subsurface conditions.

Thurber was retained by Associated Engineering Ltd. to carry out this foundation investigation under the MTO Assignment Number 2016-E-0042.

For preparation of this report, reference has been made to the following previous report:

- Foundation Investigation Report for Highway 403 Westbound over Highway 401 Westbound, Bridge #52, District #6, Toronto, W.P. 127-66-07, Site 24-315, Geocres No. 30M12-76, dated December 1976 (Reference 1).

## **2. SITE DESCRIPTION**

The site is located at the interchange of Highways 401, 403 and 410 in Mississauga, Ontario. The ramp is located at the northeast quadrant of the interchange, and carries Highway 403 Westbound over Highway 401 WBC and Tomken (formerly Heart Lake) Road.

This bridge structure was built in 1977. The bridge is a three-span structure, approximately 160 m long. The approach fills adjacent to the north and south abutments are up to 8.5 m high.

A visual inspection, conducted on site at the time of the field investigation, revealed that the existing approach embankments are in a generally stable condition. The slope faces are vegetated with no sign of distress or erosion. There is also no visible evidence of distress on the abutment walls.

The lands surrounding this interchange are generally used for commercial and industrial purposes. The Pearson International Airport is located to the north and east of the interchange. The topography is generally flat in this area.

Selected photographs of the immediate surroundings of the site are presented in Appendix E.

The general site area is located within the physiographic region known as the Peel Plain, which is characterized by a level to undulating cohesive glacial till underlain at shallow depth by grey shale bedrock with limestone interbeds of the Georgian Bay Formation.

## **3. INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The site investigation and field testing for this project were carried out on April 2, 2017, and consisted of drilling and sampling two boreholes (numbered 17-01 and 17-02) at the site. The two boreholes were drilled from the ramp grade near the existing abutments, and were terminated at 9.8 m and 9.2 m depths (Elevations 170.8 and 173.3).

Prior to the start of drilling, the borehole locations were marked in the field and utility clearances were obtained. The co-ordinates and elevations of the as-drilled boreholes were subsequently provided by Associated Engineering Ltd. (AE). The approximate locations of these two boreholes are shown on a Borehole Locations and Soil Strata drawing included in Appendix D. The coordinates and elevations of these boreholes are given on this drawing and on the individual Record of Borehole Sheets in Appendix A.

A previous investigation was conducted in 1973 at this site for the design and construction of this ramp. The investigation consisted of drilling 6 boreholes (numbered 1 to 6) along the then

proposed ramp alignment. The records of the previous boreholes are included in Appendix C and their locations are also shown on the Borehole Locations and Soil Strata drawing in Appendix D.

A track-mounted drill rig was used to drill and sample the Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02. Solid stem augers were used to advance the boreholes until the target depth was reached. In general, soil samples were obtained at selected intervals using a 50 mm diameter split spoon sampler in conjunction with the Standard Penetration Testing (SPT).

The drilling and sampling operations were supervised on a full time basis by a member of Thurber’s technical staff. The supervisor logged the boreholes and processed the recovered soil samples for transport to Thurber’s laboratory for further examination and testing. Results of field drilling and sampling are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A.

Groundwater conditions in the open boreholes were observed throughout the drilling operations. Upon completion, the boreholes were abandoned in general accordance with Ontario Regulation 903 amended by Ontario Reg. 372. The details of borehole completion are summarized in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1 – Borehole Completion Details**

<b>Foundation Element</b>	<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Borehole Depth / Base Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Completion Details</b>
North Abutment	17-01	9.8/170.8	Borehole backfilled with bentonite holeplug and auger cuttings to 0.15 m, then asphalt patch to surface.
South Abutment	17-02	9.2/173.3	Borehole backfilled with bentonite holeplug and auger cuttings to 0.15 m, then asphalt patch to surface.

**4. LABORATORY TESTING**

The recovered soil samples were subjected to Visual Identification (VI) and to natural moisture content determination. Selected samples were also subjected to grain size analysis and Atterberg Limits testing. All the laboratory tests were carried out in accordance to MTO and/or ASTM Standards, as appropriate. The results of the laboratory testing are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and are presented on the figures in Appendix B.

## **5. DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A for details of the encountered soil stratigraphy. Soil profiles at the abutment areas of the bridge are presented on the “Borehole Locations and Soil Strata” drawing in Appendix D. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs. However, the factual data presented in the Record of Borehole sheets governs any interpretation of the site conditions. It must be recognized that soil conditions may vary between and beyond borehole locations. More detailed descriptions of the individual strata are presented below.

In general, the subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes drilled at the abutments of the Highway 401 WBC to Highway 403 WBC ramp during the present investigation consist of a pavement structure (asphalt over granular fill) overlying embankment fill (sand, sand and gravel, and clayey silt), which is in turn underlain by native silty clay till. Both boreholes were dry upon completion of drilling.

It is noted that during the previous investigation conducted in 1997 (Reference 1, Appendix C), shale bedrock was contacted below the cohesive glacial till.

More detailed descriptions of the individual stratum are presented below.

### **5.1 Asphalt**

Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, advanced from ramp grade at the north and south approaches respectively, encountered 100 mm to 125 mm of asphalt surficially.

### **5.2 Sand to Sand and Gravel Fill**

Layers of brown to grey sand and gravel fill, and sand fill containing trace to some silt and clay, were contacted immediately below the asphalt. The thickness of the sand to sand and gravel fill was 4.0 m and 2.5 m in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively. The depth to the base of the cohesionless fill was at 4.1 m and 2.6 m (Elevations 176.5 and 179.9), in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively.

SPT ‘N’ values measured in the cohesionless fill ranged from 11 to 38 blows per 0.3 m of penetration indicating a compact to dense state. Measured moisture contents of the cohesionless fill ranged from 3 percent to 7 percent.

The results of grain size analyses conducted on a sample of each of the sand fill and sand and gravel fill are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A, and are illustrated in Figures B1 and B2 of Appendix B. The laboratory test results are summarized in the following table.

<b>Soil Particle</b>	<b>Sand Fill (Percent)</b>	<b>Sand and Gravel Fill (Percent)</b>
Gravel	12	38
Sand	75	48
Silt & Clay	13	14

### **5.3 Clayey Silt Fill**

Brown clayey silt fill containing trace to some gravel, trace to some sand and occasional organics, was contacted underlying the granular fill at 4.1 m and 2.6 m depth in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively. The thickness of the clayey silt fill was 3.9 m and 2.9 m in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively. The depth to the base of the cohesive fill was at 8.0 m and 5.5 m (Elevations 172.6 and 177.0) in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively.

SPT 'N' values obtained in the clayey silt fill ranged from 11 to 14 blows for 0.3 m penetration, indicating a stiff consistency. Measured moisture contents of the clayey silt fill varied from 8 percent to 16 percent.

### **5.4 Silty Clay Till**

A deposit of native brown to grey silty clay till with sand and trace to some gravel was encountered below the embankment fill in the boreholes. The silty clay till was contacted at 8.0 m and 5.5 m depths in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02, respectively. The boreholes were terminated within the silty clay till at 9.8 m depth and 9.2 m (Elevations 170.8 and 173.3).

SPT 'N' values recorded in the silty clay till typically varied between 20 and 26 blows for 0.3 m of penetration indicating stiff to very stiff consistency. An SPT 'N' value of 50 blows per 0.075 m of penetration was recorded at the termination depth of Borehole 17-02. Measured moisture contents of the silty clay till ranged from 12 percent to 24 percent.

The results of grain size analyses conducted on two samples of the silty clay till are provided on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A, and illustrated in Figure B3 of Appendix B. The results are summarized as follows:

Soil Particle	Percent
Gravel	2 to 10
Sand	34 to 35
Silt	31 to 39
Clay	24 to 25

The results of Atterberg Limits tests conducted on two samples of the silty clay are provided on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and illustrated in Figure B4 of Appendix B. The results are summarized as follows:

Index Property	Percent
Liquid Limit	29 to 40
Plasticity Index	14 to 23

The results of the Atterberg Limits testing indicate the deposit to be of low to medium plasticity with group symbols CL to CI.

It is noted that glacial till inherently contains cobbles and boulders.

## 5.5 Shale Bedrock

Data from the previous investigation conducted in 1977 (Reference 1) revealed that the glacial till deposit is underlain by dark grey shale bedrock contacted at approximate Elevation 170.0, and from Elevations 172.6 to 174.5 at the north and south abutments, respectively. The bedrock contains interbedded limestone, and its upper 0.5 m to 1.5 m portion was described as weathered.

## 5.6 Groundwater Conditions

The water levels in Boreholes 17-01 and 17-02 were observed during the drilling operations and upon completion of drilling. Both boreholes were open to the depths investigated and dry upon completion of drilling.

It is envisaged that the current groundwater level at this site is governed by the drainage systems along the roadways at this highway interchange.



## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Thurber staked and/or marked the borehole locations in the field and obtained utility clearances prior to drilling. Associated Engineering Ltd. provided the northing and easting coordinates and ground surface elevations.

Walker Drilling Ltd. from Utopia, Ontario, supplied and operated a track-mounted drill rig to carry out the drilling, sampling and in-situ testing operations in the boreholes.

The drilling and sampling operations in the field were supervised on a full time basis by Mr. Abdul Nasri of Thurber. Geotechnical laboratory testing was carried out by Thurber in its MTO-approved laboratory. Overall supervision of the field program was carried out by Mr. Stephane Loranger, CET.

Overall project management was provided by Dr. Sydney Pang, P.Eng. Interpretation of the field data and preparation of this report was completed by Ms. R. Palomeque Reyna, P. Eng. and Dr. Sydney Pang, P.Eng. The report was reviewed by Dr. P.K. Chatterji, P.Eng., a Designated Principal Contact for MTO Foundations Projects.

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**PART 2: ENGINEERING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7. GENERAL**

This report presents interpretation of the geotechnical data provided in the factual report, and provides geotechnical design recommendations related to the roadway protection system design in support of the rehabilitation of the existing ramp bridge which connects Highway 401 WBC with Highway 403 WBC at the Highway 401/403/410 Interchange in Mississauga, Ontario.

This foundation investigation and design report with the interpretation and recommendations are intended for the use of the Ministry of Transportation, and shall not be used or relied upon for any other purposes or by any other parties including the construction contractor. The contractor must make their own interpretation based on the factual data in Part 1 of the report. Where comments are made on construction, they are provided only in order to highlight those aspects which could affect the design of the project. Contractors must make their own interpretation of the factual information provided as it may affect equipment selection, proposed construction methods and scheduling.

Based on archived design drawings, the existing bridge is a three-span structure supported on two abutments and two piers with a pre-stressed concrete deck. The abutments and piers are founded on spread footings. An available archived footing detail drawing indicates that the abutment footings were designed to be founded on shale bedrock. The bridge is approximately 160 m in length and consists of 41 m, 67 m and 52 m spans. The width of the bridge deck is about 15 m. The approach fills ranged from 7.0 m to 8.5 m in height.

Information provided by Associated Engineering Ltd. (AE) indicates that the rehabilitation program will include the following:

- Remove existing asphalt and waterproofing.
- Remove delaminated and spalled concrete on deck top, deck soffit, abutments,

- wingwalls and piers.
- Replace approach slabs.
- Replace barrier walls.
- Patch repair delaminated and spalled areas on deck top, deck soffit, abutments, wingwalls and piers.
- Rehabilitate deck ends.
- Reconstruct ballast wall.
- Replace expansion joint assemblies.
- Jack bridge and replace existing bearings at abutments.
- Waterproof and pave deck and approach slabs.

It is understood that the change in loading conditions on the foundation elements associated with the rehabilitation works will be less than 10 percent.

The discussions and recommendations presented in this report are based on design information provided by AE, factual data obtained during the course of this investigation, and selected factual data obtained from a previous investigation.

## **8. ROADWAY PROTECTION**

Roadway protection will be required during the rehabilitation of the ramp/bridge structure. An item titled "Protection System" as per OPSS.PROV 539 should be included in the contract documents. It is recommended that Performance Level 2 as per Clause 539.04.01.01 and the alignment of the roadway protection be specified on the contract drawings.

The design of roadway protection is the responsibility of the Contractor. However, one option that is considered to be suitable for use as temporary shoring at this site is a soldier pile and lagging wall. It is anticipated that the protection system will need to be extended predominantly through the existing embankment fill into the underlying native glacial tills to develop the required toe resistance. Installation of roadway protection should consider that the glacial till may contain cobbles and boulders. It is anticipated that the shoring system may be stiffened by cross bracings, where applicable.

A soldier pile and lagging wall may be designed using the parameters given below:

Soil Bulk Unit Weight	$\gamma$	=	20 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Submerged Unit Weight (below gw)	$\gamma'$	=	10 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure	$K_a$	=	0.33 (sand fill, sand and gravel fill)
		=	0.35 (clayey silt fill)
		=	0.31 (silty clay till)
Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure	$K_p$	=	3.0 (sand fill, sand and gravel fill)
		=	2.9 (clayey silt fill)
		=	3.2 (silty clay till)
		=	4.5 (weathered shale)

It is recommended that lateral earth pressures acting on the wall be computed in accordance with the CHBDC 2014. The surcharge should include soil loadings above the retained soil and other loadings adjacent to the wall. A properly designed and constructed soldier pile and lagging wall will be permeable and therefore water pressure acting on the retained height may be set to zero. The actual pressure distribution acting on the shoring system is a function of the construction sequence and the relative flexibility of the wall and these factors must be considered when designing the roadway protection system.

The designer of the roadway protection system should check whether the depth of the soldier piles is sufficient to provide base fixity.

All roadway protection systems should be designed by a Professional Engineer experienced in such designs.

## 9. BACKFILL TO ABUTMENTS

Where required, embankment fill must be reconstructed with adequate quality control in accordance with OPSS.PROV 206 and OPSS.PROV 501 requirements. For backfilling immediately behind the new abutment wall, it is recommended that the new fill material consist of OPSS.PROV.1010 Granular A or Granular B Type II materials. Beyond this zone, Granular B Type I may be used.

## 10. LATERAL PRESSURES

Earth pressures acting on the structure may be assumed to be triangular and to be governed by the characteristics of the abutment backfill. For a fully drained condition, the pressures should be computed in accordance with the CHBDC 2014 but are generally given by the expression:

- $p_h = K (\gamma h + q)$   
 where:  $p_h$  = horizontal pressure on the wall at depth  $h$  (kPa)  
 $K$  = earth pressure coefficient (see Table 10.1)  
 $\gamma$  = unit weight of retained soil (see Table 10.1)  
 $h$  = depth below top of fill where pressure is computed (m)  
 $q$  = value of any surcharge (kPa).

In accordance with Clause 6.12.3 of the CHBDC 2014, a compaction surcharge should be added. The magnitude should be 12 kPa at the top of fill and decreasing to 0 kPa at a depth of 2.0 m for Granular B Type I, or 1.7 m for Granular A or Granular B Type II. Compaction equipment to be used adjacent to retaining structures should be restricted in accordance with OPSS.PROV 501.

Earth pressure coefficients for backfill to the abutment wall are dependent on the material used as backfill. Typical values are shown in Table 10.1.

**Table 10.1 – Earth Pressure Coefficients**

Wall Condition	Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)			
	OPSS Granular A or OPSS Granular B Type II $\phi = 35^\circ, \gamma = 22.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$		OPSS Granular B Type I $\phi = 32^\circ, \gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$	
	Horizontal Surface Behind Wall	Sloping Backfill (2H:1V)	Horizontal Surface Behind Wall	Sloping Backfill (2H:1V)
Active (Unrestrained Wall)	0.27	0.40	0.31	0.48
At rest (Restrained Wall)	0.43	-	0.47	-
Passive (Movement Towards Soil Mass)	3.7	-	3.3	-

If the support system allows yielding of the wall (unrestrained system), active horizontal earth pressure may be used in the design of the structure. If the support system does not allow yielding (restrained system), at-rest horizontal earth pressures should be used.

In conventional design, the use of a material with a high friction angle and low active pressure coefficient (e.g. Granular A, Granular B Type II) might be preferred as it results in lower earth pressures acting on the wall.

The factors in Table 10.1 are “ultimate” values and require certain movements for the respective conditions to be mobilized. The values to be used in design can be estimated from Figure C6.16 in the Commentary to the CHBDC 2014.

It is recommended that perforated sub-drains and/or weep holes be installed, where applicable, to provide positive drainage of the granular backfill behind the abutment walls. Reference may be made to OPSD 3102.100 where appropriate.

## **11. TEMPORARY EXCAVATIONS**

Temporary excavations will be required at the abutments in order to carry out the rehabilitation works which include removal of deteriorated concrete at the abutments and replacement of the approach slabs.

All excavations at this site must be carried out in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). The excavation and backfilling for foundations must be carried out in accordance with OPSS 902.

For the purposes of the OHSA, the fill and the native soils at this site may be classified as Type 3 materials.

The selection of the method of excavation is the responsibility of the contractor and must be based on his equipment, experience and interpretation of the site conditions. Excavations should be inspected regularly for evidence of instability if they have been left open for extended periods of time and following periods of heavy rain or thawing. If required, remedial actions must be taken to ensure the stability of the excavation and the safety of workers. Exposed soil slopes should be covered with plastic sheetings to protect against precipitation and surface runoff.

## **12. GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL**

The open boreholes were observed to be dry upon completion of drilling. During the previous investigation (Reference 1), the groundwater level was reported to vary between Elevations 171.3 to 174.9 which correspond to a range from 5 m to greater than 10 m below highway grade. It is therefore anticipated that any excavation that is required to be carried out for the bridge rehabilitation will not extend below the groundwater level. However, seepage or perched water from the granular fill is to be expected.

The Contractor should be prepared to pump from sumps to remove any remaining seepage water or surface water collecting in an excavation. Unwatering must remain operational and effective until the abutment is backfilled.

The design of the dewatering system that may be required is the responsibility of the Contractor and the Contract Documents must alert him to this responsibility.

### **13. APPROACH FILLS**

Current information indicates that there will not be any grade raise at this site.

Disturbed or regraded earth slopes must be provided with erosion protection in accordance with OPSS.PROV 804.

### **14. CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS**

Potential construction concerns include, but are not necessarily limited to, the issues discussed below.

1. Installation of roadway protection (temporary shoring) piles

Installation of soldier piles or sheet piles through native soils may encounter cobbles/boulders and harder layers within the shale. The Contractor should be alerted of such possibilities and be prepared to remove, penetrate or otherwise handle such obstructions.

2. Staged construction and excavations

Care must be taken during excavation to avoid disturbing and undermining travelled lanes of the roadways that will remain open.

3. Existing slopes

Erosion protection should be provided to the exposed embankment surfaces after construction.

### **15. CLOSURE**

Engineering analysis and preparation of this foundation design report was carried out by Ms. Rocío Palomeque Reyna, P.Eng and Dr. Sydney Pang, P.Eng.

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**Appendix A**

**Record of Borehole Sheets  
(Current investigation)**

# SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

## 1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

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

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

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

## 3. TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)

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

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

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

## 4. TERMS DESCRIBING DENSITY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)

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

## 5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

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

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

 Water Level  
 $C_{pen}$  Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

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

UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION

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

## EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

<u>ROCK WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION</u>		<u>SYMBOLS</u>			
<b>Fresh (FR)</b>	No visible signs of weathering.				
<b>Fresh Jointed (FJ)</b>	Weathering limited to the surface of major discontinuities.				CLAYSTONE
<b>Slightly Weathered (SW)</b>	Penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces, but only slight weathering of rock material.				SILTSTONE
<b>Moderately Weathered (MW)</b>	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass, but the rock material is not friable.				SANDSTONE
<b>Highly Weathered (HW)</b>	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass and the rock is partly friable.				COAL
<b>Completely Weathered (CW)</b>	Rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition, but the rock texture and structure are preserved.				Bedrock (general)
<u>DISCONTINUITY SPACING</u>		<u>STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION</u>			
Bedding	Bedding Plane Spacing	Rock Strength	Approximate Uniaxial Compressive Strength		Field Estimation of Hardness*
			(MPa)	(psi)	
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2m	Extremely Strong	Greater than 250	Greater than 36,000	Specimen can only be chipped with a geological hammer
Thickly bedded	0.6 to 2m				
Medium bedded	0.2 to 0.6m	Very Strong	100-250	15,000 to 36,000	Requires many blows of geological hammer to break
Thinly bedded	60mm to 0.2m				
Very thinly bedded	20 to 60mm	Strong	50-100	7,500 to 15,000	Requires more than one blow of geological hammer to break
Laminated	6 to 20mm				
Thinly Laminated	Less than 6mm	Medium Strong	25.0 to 50.0	3,500 to 7,500	Breaks under single blow of geological hammer.
<b><u>TERMS</u></b>					
Total Core Recovery: (TCR)	Core recovered as a percentage of total core run length.	Weak	5.0 to 25.0	750 to 3,500	Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty
Solid Core Recovery: (SCR)	Percent Ratio of solid core of full cylindrical shape recovered. Expressed with respect to the total length of core run.	Very Weak	1.0 to 5.0	150 to 750	Can be peeled by a pocket knife, crumbles under firm blows of geological pick.
Rock Quality Designation: (RQD)	Total length of sound core recovered in pieces 0.1m in length or larger as a percentage of total core run length.	Extremely Weak (Rock)	0.25 to 1.0	35 to 150	Indented by thumbnail
Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS)	Axial stress required to break the specimen				
Fracture Index: (FI)	Frequency of natural fractures per 0.3m of core run.				



### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-01

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METRIC

W.P. 2206-16-00 LOCATION Ramp Hwy 401 WBC to Hwy 403 WBC, Sta. 10+712 N 4 833 686.0 E 292 376.0 ORIGINATED BY AN  
 HWY 401/403/410 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.04.02 - 2017.04.02 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES				GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	LIQUID LIMIT	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	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>					
	Continued From Previous Page							20	40	60	80	100						
	BOREHOLE OPEN AND DRY UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE HOLEPLUG AND AUGER CUTTINGS TO 0.15m, THEN PATCHED WITH ASPHALT TO SURFACE.																	

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
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 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-02

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**METRIC**

W.P. 2206-16-00 LOCATION Ramp Hwy 401 WBC to Hwy 403 WBC, Sta. 10+905 N 4 833 545.0 E 292 270.9 ORIGINATED BY AN  
 HWY 401/403/410 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.04.02 - 2017.04.02 CHECKED BY RPR

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			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE							
182.5	GROUND SURFACE														
0.0	<b>ASPHALT:</b> (100mm)														
0.1	<b>SAND</b> and <b>GRAVEL</b> , trace to some silt and clay Brown Moist (FILL)		1	GS										38 48 14 (SI+CL)	
	Dense to Compact		1	SS	38										
179.9	Clayey <b>SILT</b> , some gravel, trace sand, occasional organics Stiff Brown Moist (FILL)		2	SS	12										
2.6			3	SS	13										
				4	SS	14									
				5	SS	20								10 35 31 24	
177.0	Silty <b>CLAY</b> , with sand, some gravel Very Stiff Grey Wet (TILL)		6	SS	25										
5.5			7	SS	50/										
	Resistance to augering														
173.3	Hard														
9.2	END OF BOREHOLE AT 9.2m. BOREHOLE OPEN AND DRY UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE HOLEPLUG AND				0.075										

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-02

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METRIC

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 HWY 401/403/410 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.04.02 - 2017.04.02 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES				GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	LIQUID LIMIT	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	100	W <sub>p</sub>					
	Continued From Previous Page AUGER CUTTINGS TO 0.15m, THEN PATCHED WITH ASPHALT TO SURFACE.																	

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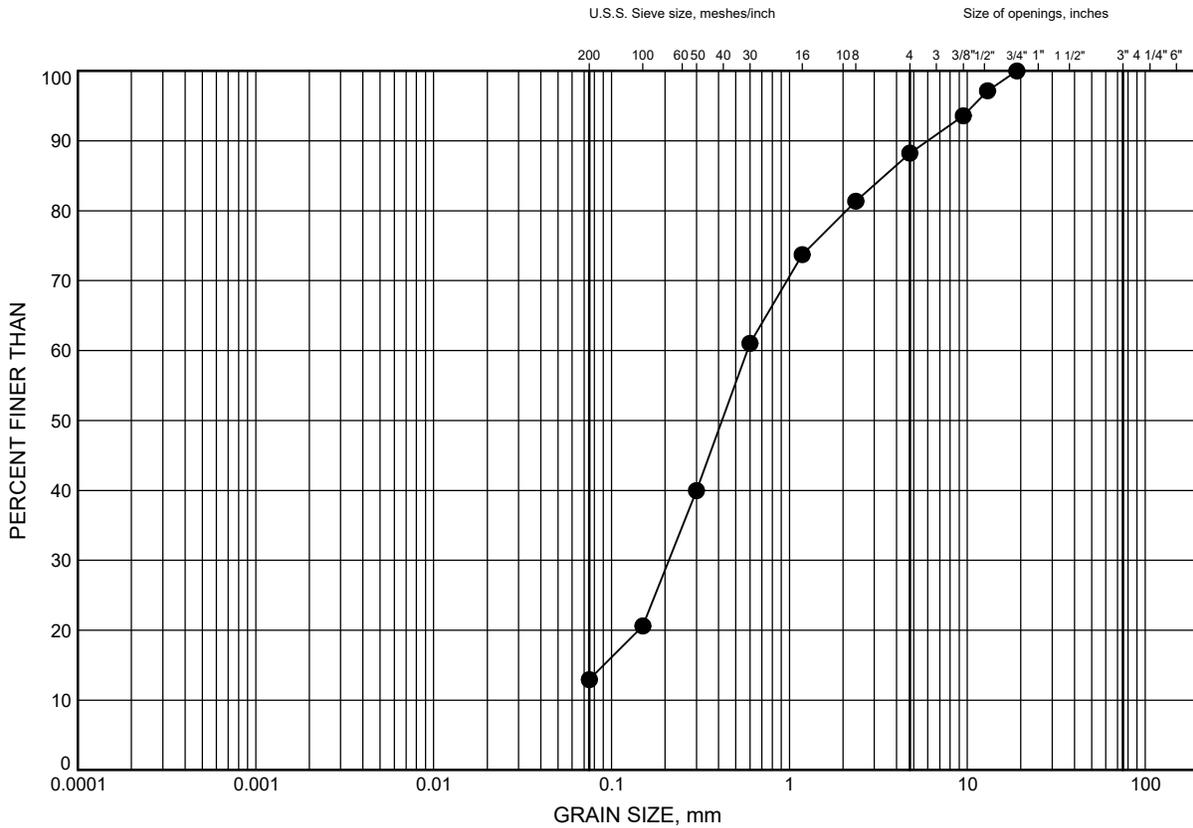
## **Appendix B**

### **Laboratory Test Results**

Ramp HWY 401 WBC to HWY 403 WBC  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE B1

**SAND FILL**



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

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-01	2.6	178.0

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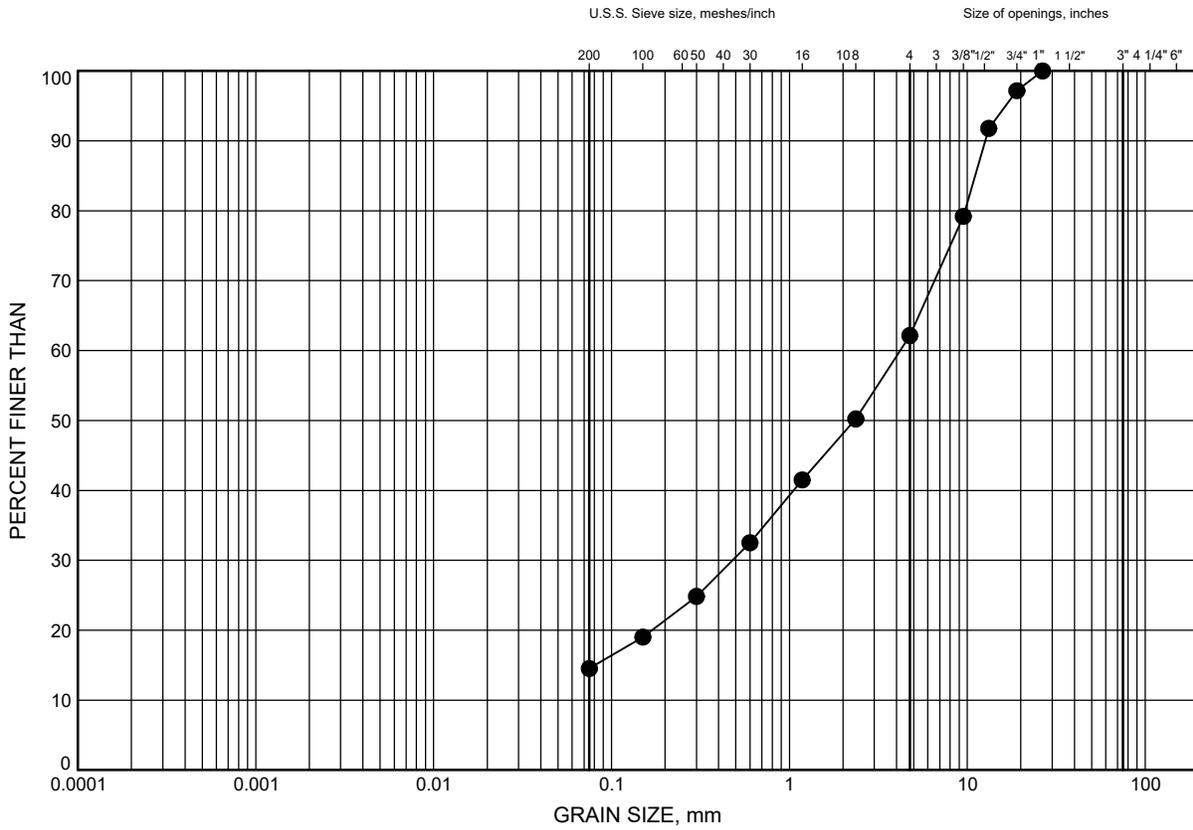


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Ramp HWY 401 WBC to HWY 403 WBC  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE B2

**SAND and GRAVEL FILL**



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

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-02	0.8	181.7

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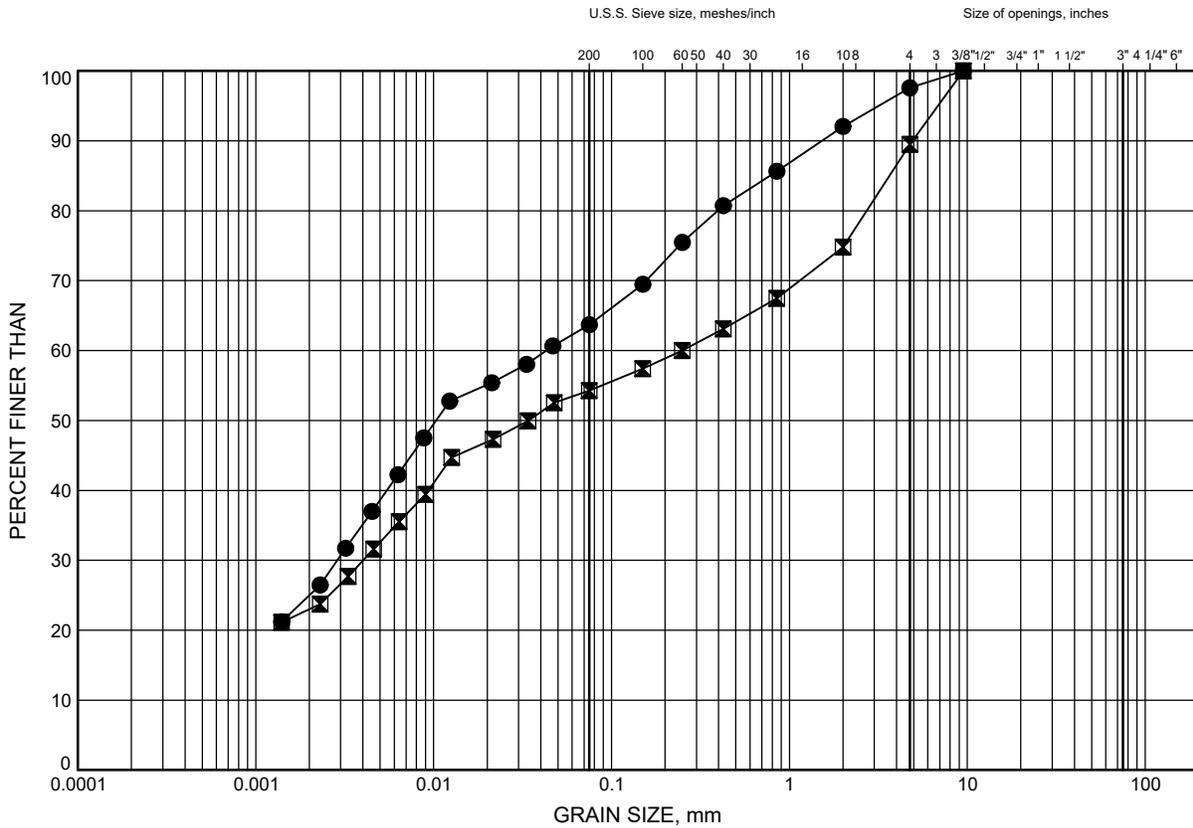


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Ramp HWY 401 WBC to HWY 403 WBC  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE B3

**Silty CLAY TILL**



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

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-01	8.1	172.5
⊠	17-02	6.4	176.1

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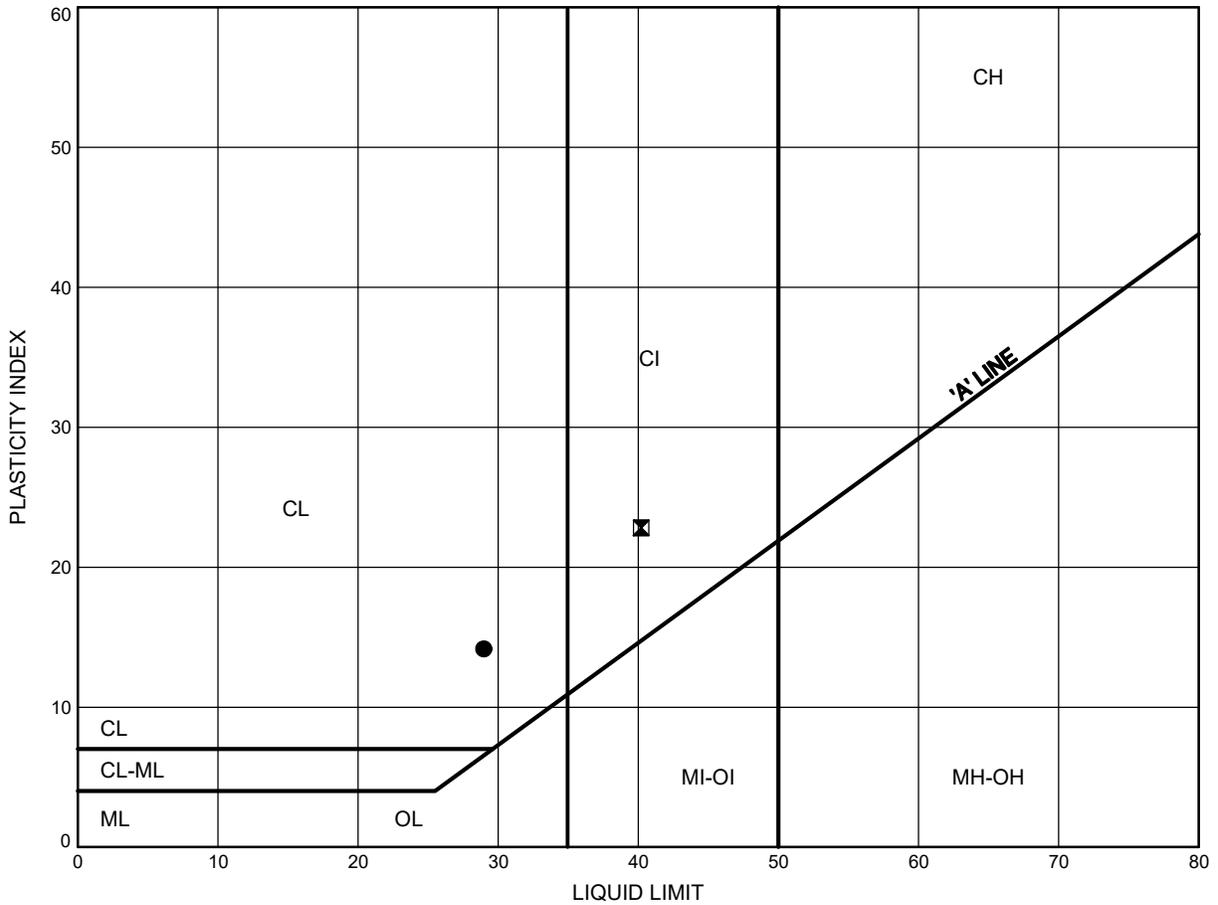


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Ramp HWY 401 WBC to HWY 403 WBC  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS**

FIGURE B4

Silty CLAY TILL



**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-01	8.1	172.5
⊠	17-02	7.9	174.6

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## **Appendix C**

### **Record of Borehole Sheets (Previous investigation)**

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 1

WP 127-66-07 LOCATION Co-ords. N.15,857,787 E.959,224 ORIGINATED BY CP  
 DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403 BORING DATE August 7, 1973 COMPILED BY JB  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & Cone Test CHECKED BY *JD*

SOIL PROFILE		STRAT. PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				LIQUID LIMIT — W <sub>L</sub> PLASTIC LIMIT — W <sub>p</sub> WATER CONTENT — W			LIMIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS			
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION		NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W			W <sub>L</sub>	GR	SA
563.8	Ground Level																	
0.0	Ret. mix. of clayey silt, sand & gravel (Glacial Till)		1	SS	70	560												
557.8	Hard Grey		2	SS	92													
6.0	weathered sound	3	RC BXL	Rec. 50%														
550.4	Bedrock Shale with occ. limestone layers	4	RC BXL	Rec. 100%														
13.4	End of Borehole	5	BXL	100%	550													

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 2

WP 127-66-07 LOCATION Co-ords. N.15,857,827 E.959,183 ORIGINATED BY VK  
 DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403 BORING DATE August 3, 1973 COMPILED BY JB  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & Cone Test CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					LIQUID LIMIT $w_p$ PLASTIC LIMIT $w_p$ WATER CONTENT $w$			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$	REMARKS
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100	$w_p$	$w$	$w_L$		
565.6	Ground Level															
0.0	Net. mix. of clayey silt to silty clay, sand & gravel (Glacial till) with shale & limestone fragments below 560.	[Strat. Plot]	1	SS	78											
			2	SS	157											
			3	SS	100											
557.6	Hard Grey		4	SS	100											
8.0	Weathered Sound Bedrock Shale with occ. limestone layers.		5	BXL	287											
			6	BXL	952											
551.1			7	BXL	892											
14.5	End of Borehole					550										

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15  $\phi$  5 % STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 3

WP 127-66-07 LOCATION Co-ords. N.15,857,665 E.959,074 ORIGINATED BY VR  
 DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403 BORING DATE August 2, 1973 COMPILED BY JB  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & cone test CHECKED BY so

ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					LIQUID LIMIT — $w_L$ PLASTIC LIMIT — $w_p$ WATER CONTENT — $w$			UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS	
			NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100	$w_p$	$w$	$w_L$			GR
568.3	Ground Level																
0.0	Act. mix. of clayey silt to silty clay, sand and gravel (Glacial Till) Very Stiff to Hard Grey		1	SS	18												6 8 56 30
559.3			2	SS	106												
9.0	Weathered sound Bedrock Shale with occ. limestone layers		3	SS	10075	560											
554.6			4	RC	Rec.												
554.6			5	BXL	88X												
13.7	End of Borehole																
						550											

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15-5 % STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 4

WP 127-66-07 LOCATION Co-ords. N.15,857,492 E.958,946 ORIGINATED BY VX  
 DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403 BORING DATE August 1, 1973 COMPILED BY JB  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & Cone Test CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	LIQUID LIMIT $w_L$ PLASTIC LIMIT $w_p$ WATER CONTENT $w$	UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$	REMARKS
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES					
572.4	Ground Level									
0.0	Het. mix. of clayey silt to silty clay, sand and gravel (Glacial Till)		1	SS	42	570			3 25 46 26	
			2	SS	42					
564.4			Hard Grey	3	SS	133				
8.0	weathered sound Bedrock Shale with occ. limestone layers. Grey		4	BXL	66%					
			5	RC	Rec.					
			6	BXL	73%					
553.4			7	BXL	99%					
19.0	End of Borehole					550				

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15  $\phi$  5 % STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 5

WP 127-66-07

LOCATION Co-ords. N. 15,857,368 E. 958,907

ORIGINATED BY JB

DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403

BORING DATE August 13, 1973

COMPILED BY JB

DATUM Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & Cone Test

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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					LIQUID LIMIT — W <sub>L</sub> PLASTIC LIMIT — W <sub>P</sub> WATER CONTENT — W			UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>			GR	SA
574.9	Ground Level																	
0.0	Not. mix. of clayey silt to silty clay, sand & gravel (Glacial Till)		1	SS	77.8													8 20 60 32
			2	SS	78													
566.4	Hard Grey		3	SS	110													
8.5	Bedrock Shale with occ. limestone layers		4	BXL	75%													
560.9	Grey Sand		5	BXL	85%													
14.0	End of Borehole					560												

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15  $\phi$  5 % STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO 6

WP 127-66-07 LOCATION Co-ords. N. 25,857,392 E. 958,856 ORIGINATED BY VE  
 DIST 6 HWY 401 & 403 BORING DATE July 31, 1973 COMPILED BY JB  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BXL Rock Core & Cone Test CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER ELEV	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					LIQUID LIMIT _____ W <sub>p</sub> PLASTIC LIMIT _____ W <sub>p</sub> WATER CONTENT _____ W <sub>p</sub>			UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		'N VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	WATER CONTENT % 20 40 60			
576.6	Ground Level														
0.0	het. mix. of silty clay, sand & gravel (blac. fill) Hard Grey		1	SS	3%										
572.6			2	BXL	11%										
4.0	Weathered		3	RC BXL	Rec 50%										
	Sound														
562.3	Bedrock shale with occ. limestone layers.		4	RC BXL	Rec 98%										
14.3	End of Borehole														

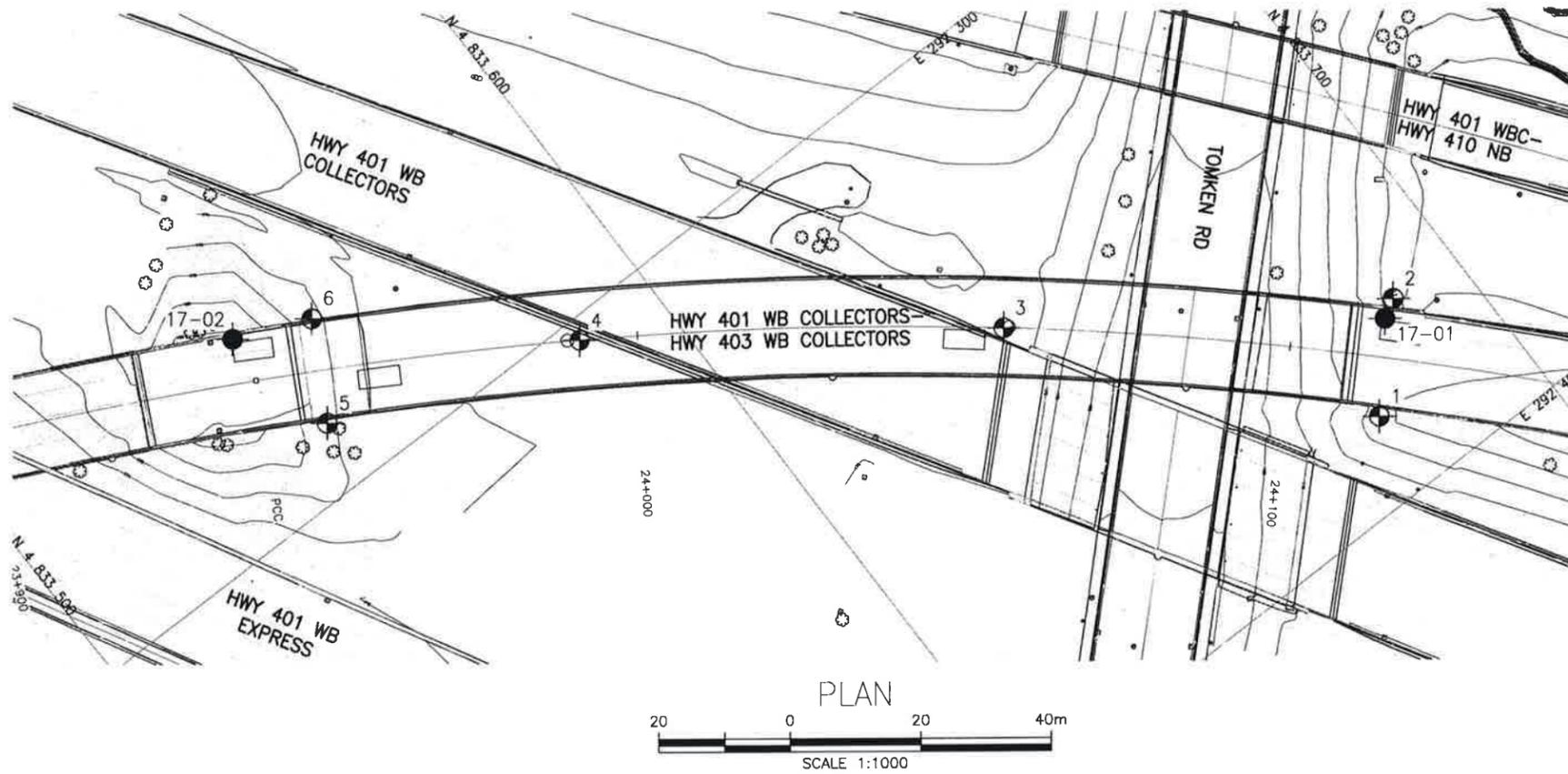
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## Appendix D

### Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing



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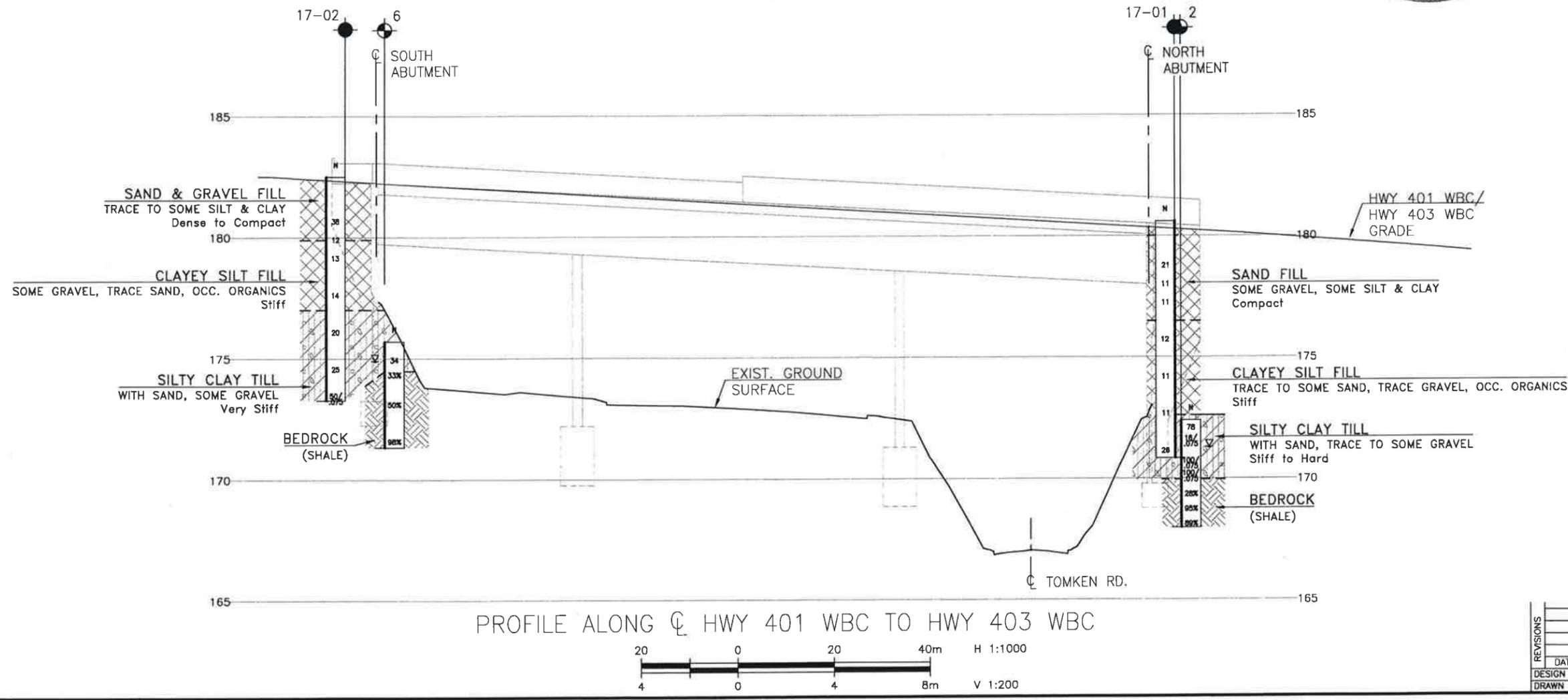
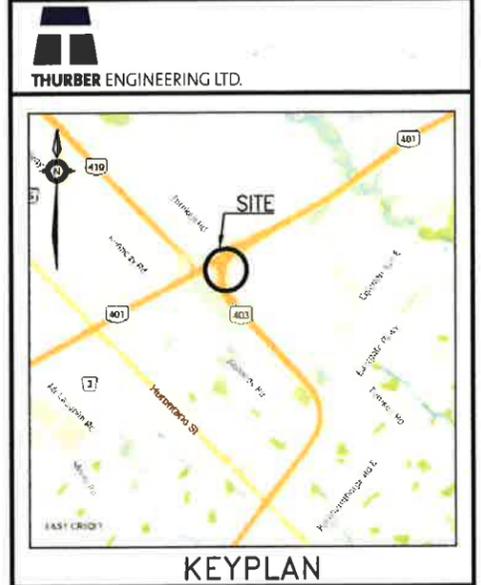
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RAMP HWY 401 WBC TO  
HWY 403 WBC  
BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA

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SHEET



LEGEND

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

NO	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
17-01	180.6	4 833 686.0	292 376.0
17-02	182.5	4 833 545.0	292 270.9
1	171.8	4 833 676.2	292 387.3
2	172.4	4 833 688.8	292 374.4
3	173.2	4 833 639.0	292 341.4
4	174.5	4 833 586.5	292 303.1
5	175.2	4 833 548.8	292 289.8
6	175.7	4 833 556.5	292 275.8

- NOTES-
- The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.
  - This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.
  - Boreholes 1 to 6 were drilled during the previous investigation.

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## Appendix E

### Selected Site Photographs



**Photo 1. – East side of the Highway 401 WBC to Highway 403 WBC Ramp**



**Photo 2. – West side of the Highway 401 WBC to Highway 403 WBC Ramp**



**Photo 3. – North abutment of the Highway 401 WBC to Highway 403 WBC Ramp**



**Photo 4. – South abutment of the Highway 401 WBC to Highway 403 WBC Ramp**



## Appendix F

### List of OPS Specifications



**1. List of Special Provisions and OPSS Documents Referenced in this Report**

- OPSS.PROV 501
- OPSS.PROV 804
- OPSS 902
- OPSS.PROV 539
- OPSS.PROV 206
- OPSD 3102.100
- OPSS.PROV.1010