



**PRELIMINARY FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN REPORT  
FOR DESIGN-BUILD READY ALTERNATIVE BID PACKAGE**

**FOR**

**WELLINGTON ROAD 34 CONNECTOR UNDERPASS**

**SITE NO. 35X-0618/B0, STATION 10+000**

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**HIGHWAY 6 AND HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS**

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Site No. 35X-0618/B0, Station 10+000  
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Highway 6 and Highway 401 Improvements  
From Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits  
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), West Region retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) as Prime Consultant, to provide Owner's Engineer services for the re-alignment, improvement and replacement of existing structures located on Highway 6 and Highway 401 from Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits. The Midblock Interchange (MBI) area is part of the Hamilton to Guelph advance contract to be delivered on a design-build (DB) basis under GWP 3059-20-00. The project limits stretch from about 0.1 km north of Maltby Road to 0.3 km south of Wellington County Road 34. Drawing 35-618-1 presents the limits of the MBI area.

The scope of work in the MBI project area involves the construction of Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass, Midblock Interchange, rehabilitation/widening of Highway 6, rehabilitation, widening and/or realignment of Concession Road 7, construction of Wellington Road 34 Underpass, widening, reconstruction and intersection improvements of Wellington County Road 34, and the construction of a new mid-concession route (Wellington Road 34 Connector route). The main foundation components of the project include the two bridge structures (Wellington Road 34 Underpass (35X-0617/B0) and Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass (35X-0618/B0), high fill and deep cut sections along Highway 6, Concession Road 7, and the new connector route and its ramps, and overhead signs on both sides of the midblock interchange, south of Wellington Road 34 intersection, and close to the area where Concession Road 7 merges with Highway 6.

AECOM retained Peto MacCallum Ltd. (PML) on behalf of MTO to provide foundation engineering services for the project. The terms of reference and scope of work for the foundation investigation and design services are outlined in the RFP, dated November 2016. The geotechnical work reported herein is for Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass (35X-0618/B0), and it involves the preparation of a preliminary foundation investigation report (FIR) and preliminary foundation investigation and design report (FIDR) for the DB ready package. The preliminary FIR presents the factual subsurface information obtained from the boreholes drilled by PML for this assignment. The



preliminary FIDR provides preliminary design level foundation recommendations based on the findings of the subsurface investigation work carried out for this assignment.

Previously, the following technical memorandum was prepared for the project by PML based on limited subsurface information and submitted to AECOM:

- Draft Technical Memorandum - Preliminary Review of High Fill and Deep Cut Areas, Midblock Interchange Area, Hwy 6 401 Improvement, dated April 8, 2021.

Subsequently, decision was made to conduct additional investigations for the proposed Wellington Road 34 Underpass, complete the subsurface investigation work outlined in the original RFP for Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass, and carry out foundation investigations at the proposed locations of high fill and deep cut sections within the MBI area. Accordingly, this FIR and the associated FIDR provided in Part B, present the findings of both the original (2017) and recent (2021) foundation investigations for the proposed Wellington Road 34 Underpass (35X-0617/B0).

The FIR and FIDR for Wellington Road 34 Underpass (35X-0617/B0) and the FIR and FIDR for high fill and deep cut sections were issued as separate reports. It is understood that foundation investigations for other components of the project, such as the overhead sign support structures and retaining walls, if required, will be carried out by the design-builder.

## **2. SITE DESCRIPTION**

The MBI area is characterized by a landform composed of several geomorphic elements, ranging from low relief and flat-lying areas near the intersection of Wellington Road 34 and Highway 6, to elevated areas at the proposed location of the Midblock Interchange. Irregular hummocky surfaces and strongly undulating and rugged topography is also present along Concession Road 7.

The proposed Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass is located approximately 900 m north of the intersection of Wellington Road 34 and Highway 6. The surrounding area on the west and east side of Highway 6 is agricultural land. The land to the south is a wetland covered with mixed hardwood of deciduous and coniferous trees, aquatic plants, and bush. Shrubs and tall grasses are also common along roadside ditches. On the north side, a golf course exists between Highway 6 and Concession Road 7. Highway 6 at the proposed location of the underpass consists of northbound and southbound lanes (NBL and SBL) with a grassed median strip.



Refer to the Photographs 1 to 6 in Appendix A, for general site conditions.

### **3. FIELD INVESTIGATION PROGRAM**

The original field investigation work for Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass was carried out between November 27, 2017 and December 08, 2017. During this time, six (6) boreholes were drilled at the locations of the west approach, west abutment, the centre pier and on the east side of Highway 6. The foundation investigation in 2021 was planned with the objective of completing the original scope by advancing three (3) boreholes at the east approach and east abutment that could not be accessed in 2017 due to unavailability of permit to enter (PTE) private properties in this area.

A summary of the field investigation programs conducted in 2017 and 2021 is provided in Table 1. A borehole location plan is presented in Drawing 35-618-1. As shown in the borehole location plan, Borehole 35-618-01 was advanced at the west approach of the underpass. Boreholes 35-618-02 and 35-618-03A were drilled near or at the proposed location of the west abutment. Borehole 35-618-3B was advanced by dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) to complement Borehole 35-618-3A drilled nearby. Boreholes 35-618-04 and 35-618-05 were drilled at the proposed location of the centre pier. Borehole 6 was drilled as part of the original field program in 2017 near the toe of the east side of Highway 6, mainly for the purpose of determining the depth of the bedrock at the location. Boreholes 35-618-07, 35-618-08 and 35-618-09 were drilled at the east approach and east abutment during the 2021 investigation to complete the foundation investigation work at the project site as outlined in the RFP.

**Table 1 - Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass Borehole Information**

BOREHOLE ID	BOREHOLE LOCATION	MTM NAD 83 Coordinates (MTM Zone ON10)		GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)	BOREHOLE DEPTH (m)
		NORTHING (m)	EASTING (m)		
35-618-01	West Approach	4 814 069.0	249 441.2	328.1	9.8
35-618-02	West Abutment	4 814 088.5	249 438.0	328.0	34.8
35-618-03A	West Abutment	4 814 062.3	249 445.5	328.0	13.3
35-618-03B	West Abutment	4 814 061.4	249 444.5	328.0	14.7
35-618-04	Centre Pier	4 814 119.6	249 471.6	322.3	20.5
35-618-05	Centre Pier	4 814 093.6	249 479.6	321.5	25.0



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35-618-06	Near East Abutment (Toe of Road Cut)	4 814 143.6	249 487.0	323.3	25.9
35-618-07	East Approach	4 814 145.9	249 520.1	328.2	10.5
35-618-08	East Abutment	4 814 138.6	249 508.2	328.5	34.5
35-618-09	East Abutment	4 814 155.2	249 503.6	329.7	29.9

The boreholes were drilled to depths ranging from 9.8 m (El. 318.3 m) to 34.8 m (El. 293.2 m) below existing grade. The records of borehole sheets are presented in Appendix B.

Prior to commencement of the fieldwork, utility clearance procedures were implemented through Ontario One Call protocol and by contacting MTO locates. As required, fieldwork notification was also sent to MTO West Region and MTO Project Manager. In accordance with PML’s work plan for the project, project specific health and safety as well as traffic protection plans were prepared and utilized at the time of the field investigation. In addition, the borehole locations were marked by PML staff prior to drilling. All drilling activities, soil sampling and logging, and backfilling of boreholes were also conducted under the supervision of an experienced PML staff.

Both during the original (2017) and the recent (2021) field investigation programs, the boreholes were advanced using track-mounted drill rigs, equipped with continuous flight hollow and solid stem augers, supplemented by wash boring (mud rotary) techniques. For the field program carried out in 2017, the drilling equipment was owned and operated by a specialist contractor, Aardvark Drilling Inc., based in Guelph, Ontario. The drilling contractor for the additional investigation work carried out in 2021 was PML Field Services Ltd., based in Hannon, Ontario.

Soil samples were obtained at selected intervals using a split-spoon sampler in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) procedures (ASTM D1586 – Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test). The results of the SPTs were reported as “N” values in the attached



record of borehole sheets. Bedrock was encountered in some of the boreholes and bedrock coring was carried out by wash boring using NQ and HQ sized core barrels within NW and HW casings.

Soil samples obtained from the boreholes were inspected immediately upon retrieval to assess type, texture, and colour. All retrieved samples were sealed in clean plastic bags and transported to PML's laboratory in Toronto for visual examination and laboratory testing purposes. Preliminary rock core description was also conducted in the field after completion of rock coring operations.

Groundwater levels in the open boreholes were observed throughout the drilling operations by visual examination of soil samples, the spilt-spoon sampler, and drill rods as the samples were retrieved. In addition, monitoring wells were installed to measure stabilized groundwater levels. The monitoring wells typically consisted of 50 mm outside diameter rigid PVC pipe with a 1.5 m long screen surrounded by a sand pack and sealed at selected depths within the borehole. No artesian condition or pressurized groundwater was encountered in this project site.

Boreholes were backfilled with soil cuttings and flowing wells were decommissioned in conformance with MTO guidelines and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Ontario Regulation 903 (as amended by Ontario Regulation 372). In the case of wells that were used for groundwater measurements, the annular space between the borehole wall and the monitoring well pipe above the filter pack was backfilled to ground surface using bentonite pellets.

For boreholes drilled in 2017, J.D. Barnes Limited surveyed of the borehole locations, and provided coordinates and ground surface elevations. For the additional field program completed in 2021, surveying was done by Callon Dietz. The MTM NAD83 northing and easting (MTM Zone – ON10) coordinates, and the ground surface elevations (in metres, referenced to Geodetic datum) at borehole locations are presented on the record of borehole sheets given in Appendix B. The horizontal and vertical accuracies of surveying were under 5 cm and 10 cm, respectively.

#### **4. LABORATORY TEST PROCEDURES**

Laboratory tests were conducted on representative SPT soil samples recovered during the fieldwork. Testing was conducted at PML's laboratory facility located in Toronto, Ontario.



For the original (2017) foundation investigation program, the laboratory tests included the following:

- Moisture content testing (89)
- Grain size distribution analyses (24)
- Atterberg limit tests (2)

The laboratory testing work for the field program in 2021 included forty-eight (48) moisture content tests (all retrieved samples), twelve (12) grain size distribution analyses and one (1) Atterberg limit test.

The laboratory tests to determine soil index properties were performed in accordance with MTO test procedures, which follow the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) standards. However, the hydrometer tests were tested based on MTO's standard LS-702.

The results of the grain size distribution analyses are provided in Figures 618-GS-1A, 618-GS-1B, 618-GS-1C, 618-GS-1D and 618-GS-2, in Appendix C. The Atterberg Limit test results are presented in Figure 618-PC-1, in Appendix C. All test results are provided in the record of borehole sheets.

In addition to soil index properties, two (2) soil samples were shipped to AGAT Laboratories in Mississauga, Ontario and SGS Canada Inc. in Mississauga, Ontario for corrosivity chemical testing, including determination of sulphate, sulphide, and chloride contents, as well as pH value and resistivity, required to determine the corrosivity characteristics of soils at the structure location.

Bedrock was encountered in some boreholes drilled in the original (2017) and additional (2021) investigation, and unconfined compression strength (UCS) tests were conducted on rock cores taken from Borehole 35-618-05, at a depth of 23.5 m to 23.8 m and from Borehole 35-618-08, at a depth of 32.2 m to 32.5 m. The results of the UCS tests are provided in Appendix D.

## **5. SITE GEOLOGY AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **5.1 Physiography and Regional Geology**

The MBI area is located within the western flank of the northeast to southwest trending Paris Moraine. The Paris Moraine is characterized by a broad band of high-relief hummock topography with hilly irregular slopes and enclosed basins, as demonstrated by the presence of frequent small ponds and marshy areas. The geomorphic elements include hummocks, front and back slopes, as



well as flat, ridge and depressions. The Paris Moraine is composed of an extensive network of coarsely stratified sand and gravel deposits on adjacent outwash plains.

The Quaternary Geology map published by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), indicated that the subsurface conditions in the area contain predominantly sandy silt to silt matrix of the Wentworth Till. The bedrock in the area belongs to the Lower Silurian sandstone, shale, dolostone, and siltstone of the Guelph Formation. The Guelph Formation is identified as an important aquifer in City of Guelph and surrounding areas.

## **5.2 Subsurface Conditions**

The subsurface conditions encountered during the 2017 and 2021 foundation investigations along with the laboratory test results are presented in the record of borehole sheets, in Appendix B. The borehole locations and updated stratigraphic profile are provided in Drawing 35-618-2. The boundaries between soil strata in this stratigraphic profile were established at borehole locations only, and using non-continuous sampling methods. The boundaries represent a transition from one soil type to another, and should not be inferred to represent an exact plane of geological change, as the subsurface conditions may vary between and beyond the boreholes.

In general, the stratigraphy at the project site (proposed location of the Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass) consists of topsoil underlain by approximately 500 mm to 600 mm thick silty sand or sandy silt fill. Beneath the fill, a silty sand/sandy silt native material (till) with varying proportions of gravel was encountered underlain by Dolostone Bedrock.

The subsurface conditions encountered during the site investigation carried out by PML can be categorized into four (4) general soil layers. The following sections provide brief descriptions of the soil layers and subsurface conditions encountered during the investigation.

### **5.2.1 Topsoil**

A surficial layer of topsoil was encountered in all boreholes. The thickness of the topsoil was approximately 200 mm to 300 mm.



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### **5.2.2 Fill - Silty Sand or Sandy Silt**

Fill, consisting of loose to compact silty sand/sandy silt, was encountered immediately below the topsoil in all boreholes. The fill was 500 mm to 800 mm thick, extending to a depth of approximately 0.8 m below existing ground surface in all boreholes.

The SPT 'N' values within the fill ranged between 4 blows and 15 blows/300 mm, indicating a loose to compact state of denseness.

The moisture contents of the samples tested from the fill ranged from 6.6% to 22.8%, with an average value of 12.9%.

### **5.2.3 Silty Sand/Sandy Silt (Till)**

Loose to very dense silty sand/sandy silt till with occasional zones of gravel, was encountered immediately below the fill material in all boreholes. This layer extends to depths varying from 9.8 m to 31.4 m (El. 318.3 to El. 296.6) below the existing ground surface.

The SPT 'N' values in the silty sand/sandy silt till varied with depth from 5 blows/300 mm to spoon refusal (100 blows/300 mm penetration), indicating a loose to very dense state of denseness.

The moisture contents of samples tested from this deposit ranged from 1.4% to 23.2%.

The results of the grain size distribution analyses conducted on representative samples of the till are provided in Figures 618-GS-1A, 618-GS-1B, 618-GS-1C, 618-GS-1D and 618-GS-2 in Appendix C. The Atterberg limit test results are presented in Figure 618-PC-1, in Appendix C.

### **5.2.4 Dolostone Bedrock**

Bedrock was encountered in three (3) boreholes (35-618-02, 35-618-05, and 35-618-06), drilled in 2017, at approximate depths ranging from 21.4 m to 31.4 m (El. 301.2 to El. 296.6), below the existing ground surfaces. Bedrock was also encountered in Borehole 35-618-08 drilled in 2021 at a depth of 31.4 m (El. 297.1). The presence of bedrock in all four (4) boreholes was confirmed by obtaining 3.4 m to 3.8 m long NQ and HQ sized rock cores using double core barrels. The depths/elevations to bedrock surface at each borehole location are summarised in Table 2.



**Table 2 - Depth to Top Surface of the Bedrock**

FOUNDATION ELEMENT	REFERENCE BOREHOLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK (M)	BEDROCK ELEVATION
West Abutment	35-618-02	31.4	296.6
Centre Pier	35-618-05	21.4	300.1
Near East Abutment (Toe of the Road Cut)	35-618-06	22.1	301.2
East Abutment	35-618-08	31.4	297.1

The rock core recovery from all four boreholes ranged from 72% to 100%. The Rock Quality Designation (RQD) of the rock cores ranged from 34% to 95%. Based on the RQD values, the quality of the bedrock to about El. 297.5 to El. 295 may be described as poor to fair. Below these depths, the quality of the bedrock may be described as good to excellent.

The bedrock was identified as slightly to moderately weathered dolostone belonging to the Guelph Formation. Rock core photographs and rock core description logs are provided in Appendix D.

The unconfined compressive strength (UCS) of a rock core from the top part of the bedrock in Borehole 35-618-05 was 58.5 MPa. The UCS value of a rock core taken from Borehole 35-618-08 is 154.3 MPa. Based on these test results, the bedrock may be classified as strong to very strong with respect to strength of intact bedrock. Details of the UCS tests are provided in Appendix D.

### **5.3 Groundwater Conditions**

Groundwater was observed in all boreholes during drilling, except borehole 35-618-03A drilled in November 2017, and 35-618-07 and 35-618-09 completed in July, 2021. The depths of groundwater levels observed during drilling varied from 5.5 m to 18.6 m (El. 322.6 to El. 307.8) below the existing ground surface. Stabilized groundwater levels were also measured in wells installed in Boreholes 35-618-02, 35-618-06 and 35-618-08. Refer to Table 3 for groundwater level readings.



**Table 3 - Groundwater Monitoring Well Readings**

BOREHOLE	WELL INSTALLATION DATE	WELL SCREEN DEPTH (m)	DATE	DEPTH (M)	ELEVATION (m)
35-618-02	Nov. 27, 2017	21.3 – 22.9	December 08, 2017	17.6	310.4
			January 10, 2018	17.6	310.4
			January 18, 2018	17.3	310.7
			February 15, 2018	17.3	310.7
			April 03, 2018	17.2	310.8
			August 04, 2021	17.4	310.6
			August 11, 2021	17.7	310.3
			August 17, 2021	17.8	310.2
35-618-06	Dec. 01, 2017	15.2 – 16.8	December 08, 2017	11.9	311.4
			January 10, 2018	11.6	311.7
			January 17, 2018	11.6	311.7
			April 03, 2018	11.5	311.8
			August 19, 2021	12	311.3
			August 24, 2021	12	311.3
35-618-08	August 10, 2021	32.9 – 34.4	August 11, 2021	16.1	312.4
			August 16, 2021	17.5	311.1
			August 19, 2021	16	312.5

It should be noted that the groundwater levels and gradient at the site may be influenced by the road structure, topography, underlying geology, and the water level in surrounding wetland, and may fluctuate because of seasonal changes, periods of precipitation, and temperature.



#### 5.4 Chemical Test Results

A summary of the corrosivity test results conducted on samples of the silty sand/sandy silt till is provided in Table 4. The samples were taken from Borehole 35-618-04, at El. 319.7 and Borehole 35-618-08, at El. 325.2. The descriptions of the test methods are given in Appendix E.

**Table 4 - Summary of Corrosivity Test Results**

BOREHOLE NO.	ELEVATION (M)	SOIL TYPE	SULPHIDE (%)	SULPHATE (µg/g, ppm)	CHLORIDE (µg/g, ppm)	pH	RESISTIVITY (Ohm-cm)
35-618-04	319.7	Silty Sand/ Sandy Silt Till	< 0.05	6	21	8.66	9620
35-618-08	325.2		<0.04	9.4	7.1	8.45	7580

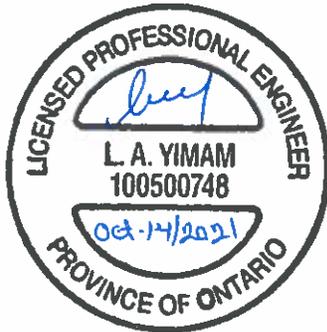


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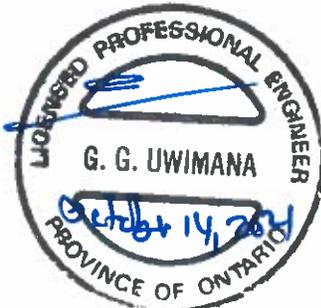
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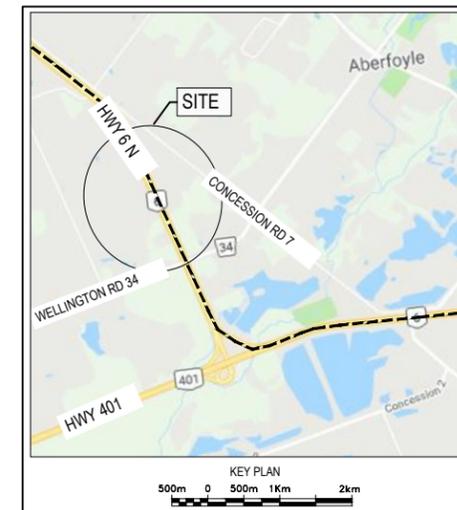


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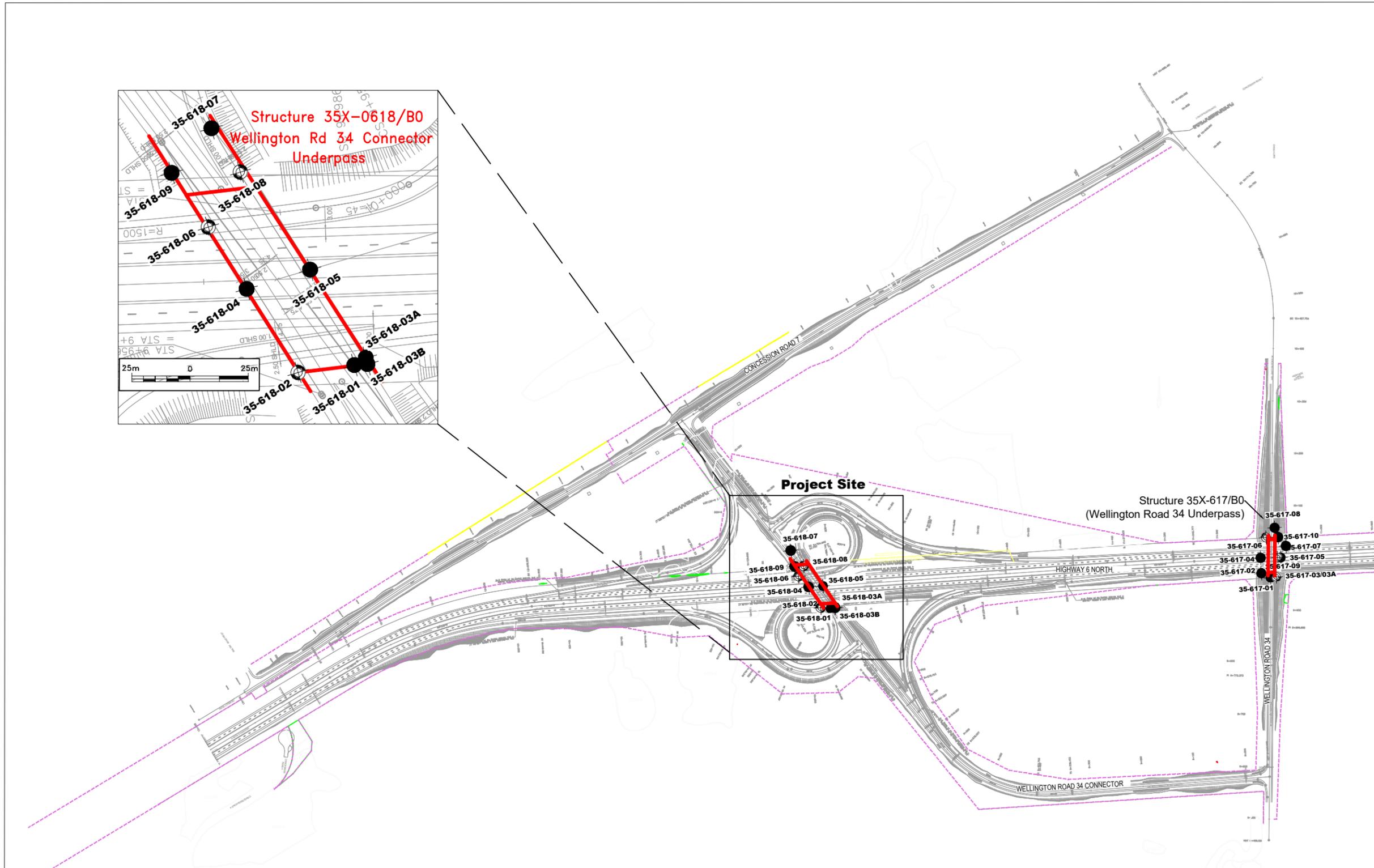
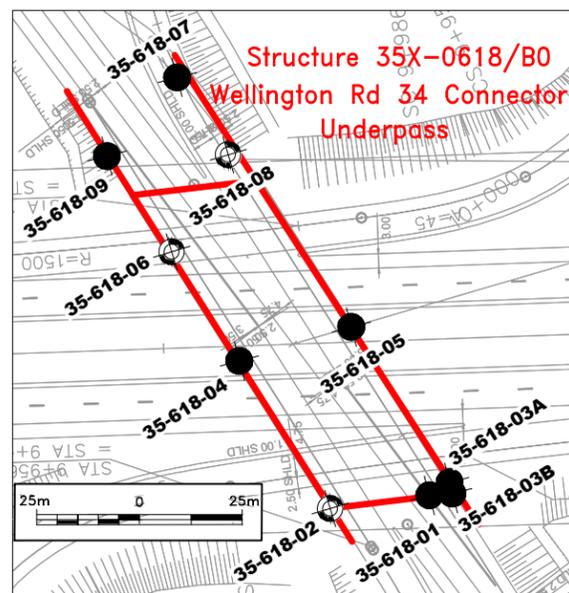
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- Borehole
- ⊕ Borehole with 50mm monitoring well

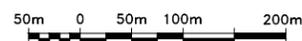
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35-618-01	4814069.0	249441.2	328.1	9.8
35-618-02	4814088.5	249438.0	328.0	34.8
35-618-03A	4814062.3	249445.5	328.0	13.3
35-618-03B	4814061.4	249444.5	328.0	14.7
35-618-04	4814119.6	249471.6	322.3	20.5
35-618-05	4814093.6	249479.6	321.5	25.0
35-618-06	4814143.6	249487.0	323.3	25.9
35-618-07	4814145.9	249520.1	328.2	10.5
35-618-08	4814138.6	249508.2	328.5	34.5
35-618-09	4814155.2	249503.6	329.7	29.9



Project Site

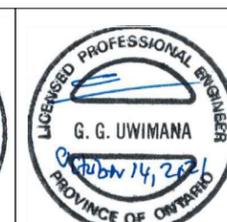
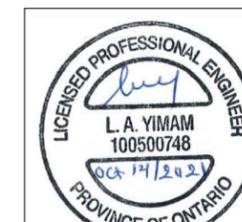
Structure 35X-617/B0  
 (Wellington Road 34 Underpass)

PLAN SCALE



NOTES:

1. THIS DRAWING SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXT OF REPORT AND RECORD OF BOREHOLE LOGS.
2. DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES AND/OR MILLIMETRES UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS ARE IN KILOMETRES AND METRES.

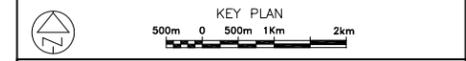


— NOTE —  
 The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

Geocres No. 40P8-291

HWY No	6	DIST	31
SUBM'D	LY	CHECKED	LY
DATE	Oct 14, 2021	SITE	MBI Area
DRAWN	FM	CHECKED	GU
APPROVED	GU	DWG	35-618-1



**LEGEND**

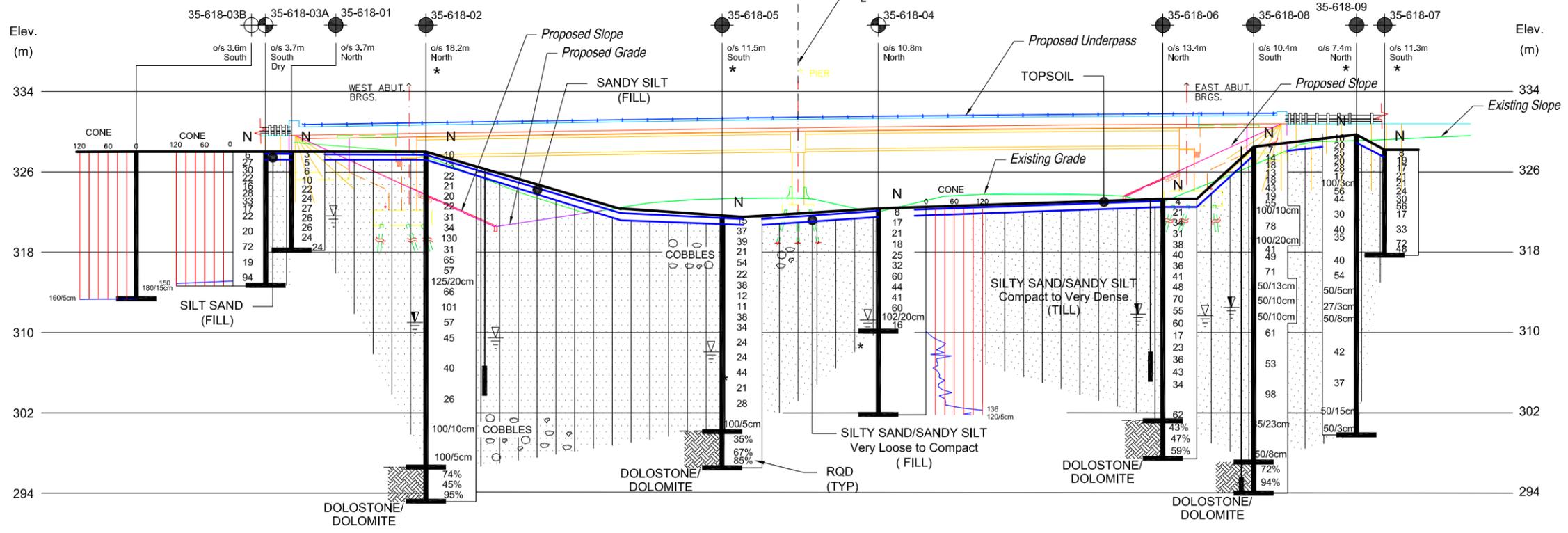
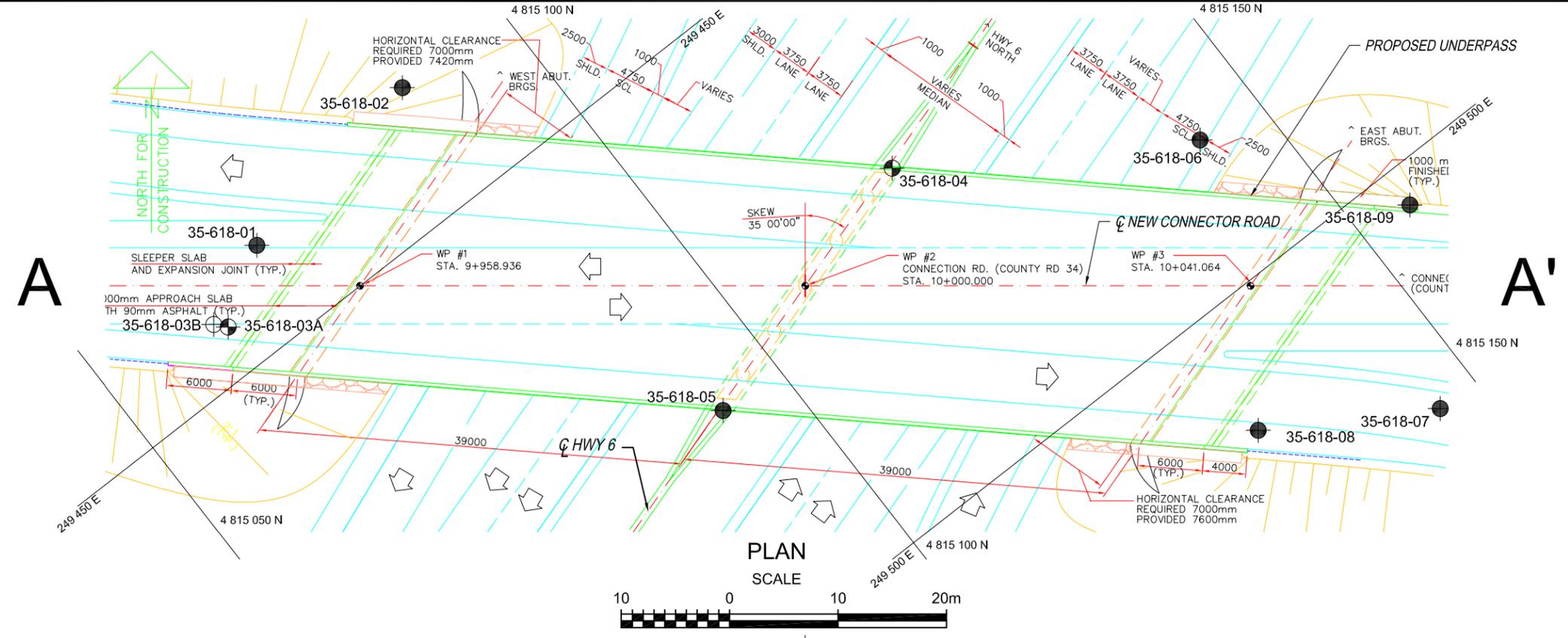
- Borehole
- ⊕ Borehole + DCPT
- ⊕ DCPT
- N Blows/0.3m (Std. Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- ROD Rock Quality Designation
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60 Cone, 475 J/blow)
- ∇ WL measured in monitoring well
- ∇ WL observed during drilling
- ∇\* WL observed during drilling
- \* WL could not be established
- ⊥ Piezometer

BH No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES (MTM ON10) NORTHINGS	EASTINGS
35-618-01	328.1	4 814 069.0	249 441.2
35-618-02	328.0	4 814 088.5	249 438.0
35-618-03A	328.0	4 814 062.3	249 445.5
35-618-03B	328.0	4 814 061.4	249 444.5
35-618-04	322.3	4 814 119.6	249 471.6
35-618-05	321.5	4 814 093.6	249 479.6
35-618-06	323.3	4 814 143.6	249 487.0
35-618-07	328.2	4 814 145.9	249 520.1
35-618-08	328.5	4 814 138.6	249 508.2
35-618-09	329.7	4 814 155.2	249 503.6

— NOTE —  
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DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

Geocres No. 40P8-291			
HWY No 6	CHECKED LY	DATE October 14, 2021	DIST 31
SUBMD NL	CHECKED	APPROVED GU	SITE 35X-0618/80
DRAWN NL	CHECKED		DWG 35-618-2



**A-A' PROFILE ALONG  $\phi$  OF PROPOSED WELLINGTON ROAD 34 CONNECTOR UNDERPASS**



- NOTES:**
- THIS DRAWING SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXT OF REPORT AND RECORD OF BOREHOLE LOGS.
  - THIS DRAWING IS FOR SUBSURFACE INFORMATION ONLY. SURFACE DETAILS AND FEATURES ARE FOR CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATION.
  - DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES AND/OR MILLIMETRES UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS ARE IN KILOMETRES AND METRES.

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Midblock Interchange Area  
Highway 6 and 401 Improvements, From Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits  
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## **APPENDIX A**

Site Photographs



**Photograph 1 – Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass East Abutment**



**Photograph 2 – Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass West Abutment**

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**Photograph 3 - The West Abutment - Looking South**



**Photograph 4 - The East Abutment - Looking South**



**Photograph 5 - Drilling at Borehole 35-618-08 – Looking North**



**Photograph 6 - Drilling at Borehole 35-618-09 - Looking North**

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## **APPENDIX B**

Explanation of Terms Used on Boreholes and in the Report  
Record of Borehole Sheets

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**COMPOSITION:** SECONDARY SOIL COMPONENTS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF PERCENTAGE BY MASS OF THE WHOLE SAMPLE AS FOLLOWS:

PERCENT BY MASS	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	>40
	TRACE	SOME	WITH	ADJECTIVE (SILTY)	AND (AND SILT)

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0-12	12-25	25-50	50-100	100-200	>200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0-5	5-10	10-30	30-50	>50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm\* IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	0-25	25-50	50-75	75-90	90-100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	30-300mm	0.3m-1m	1m-3m	>3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	F M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE
F V	FIELD VANE		

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$kPa^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_{\alpha}$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$m^2/s$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{vo}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_l$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$\rho_s$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$e_{max}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE
$\gamma_s$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	$e_{min}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$\rho_w$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
$\gamma_w$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
$\rho$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
$\gamma$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\rho_d$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\gamma_d$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	q	$m^2/s$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\rho_{sat}$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\gamma_{sat}$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	DTPL		DRIER THAN PLASTIC LIMIT	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\rho'$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	APL		ABOUT PLASTIC LIMIT	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
$\gamma'$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL	WTPL		WETTER THAN PLASTIC LIMIT	j	$kN/m^2$	SEEPAGE FORCE
e	1, %	VOID RATIO						

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-01**

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION Coords: 4 814 069.0 N; 249 441.2 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY M.F.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.11.27 LATITUDE 43.464480 LONGITUDE -80.184150 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
						20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60		GR SA SI CL	
328.1	GROUND SURFACE															
329.9	TOPSOIL															
0.2	SILTY SAND Very loose, Brown, Moist (FILL)		1	SS	3											
327.3	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, trace/some gravel Loose to compact, Brown, Moist to wet (TILL)		2	SS	5										2	57 37 4
0.8			3	SS	6											
			4	SS	10											
			5	SS	22										20	38 38 4
			6	SS	24											
			7	SS	27											
			8	SS	26											
			9	SS	26										2	28 58 12
			10	SS	24											
			11	SS	24											
318.3	End of borehole															
9.8																
	Groundwater level observed during drilling															

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-03A**

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION Coords: 4 814 062.3 N; 249 445.5 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY M.F.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.11.28 LATITUDE 43.464620 LONGITUDE -80.183844 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
						20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60		GR SA SI CL
328.0	GROUND SURFACE														
329.8	TOPSOIL														
0.2	SILTY SAND Loose, Brown, Moist (FILL)		1	SS	6										
327.2	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, some/with gravel  Compact to very dense, Brown, Moist  (TILL)		2	SS	27										
0.8			3	SS	30										
			4	SS	22										17 16 60 7
			5	SS	16										
			6	SS	28										
			7	SS	33										32 46 19 3
			8	SS	17										
			9	SS	22										
			10	SS	20										
			11	SS	72										27 59 11 3
			12	SS	19										
			13	SS	94										
315.2	End of borehole														
12.8	Switched to cone penetration test														
314.7	End of cone penetration test														
13.3															
	NOTES: 1. Groundwater was not encountered during and after completion of drilling.														

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-04**

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION Coords: 4 814 119.6 N; 249 471.6 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY M.F.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.12.07 - 2017.12.08 LATITUDE 43.464940 LONGITUDE -80.183780 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40					
322.3	GROUND SURFACE													
322.4	TOPSOIL													
0.2	SANDY SILT Loose, Brown, Moist (FILL)		1	SS	8									
321.5	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, with gravel Compact, Brown, Moist (TILL)		2	SS	17									28 48 21 3
0.8			3	SS	21									
			4	SS	18									
			5	SS	25									
	Dense to very dense		6	SS	32									
			7	SS	60									32 49 17 2
			8	SS	44									
			9	SS	41									
			10	SS	60									
			11	SS	102/20cm									39 48 11 2
			12	SS	16									
310.1	End of borehole Switched to cone penetration test													
12.2														
307.3														

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-04**

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION Coords: 4 814 119.6 N; 249 471.6 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY M.F.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.12.07 - 2017.12.08 LATITUDE 43.464940 LONGITUDE -80.183780 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					
307.3 15.0	Cone penetration test												
301.8 20.5	End of cone penetration test Refusal on probable bedrock						136 120/5cm						
	∇ Groundwater level observed during drilling NOTE: Borehole continued with cone penetration test, thus groundwater level could not be determined upon completion.												

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION Coords: 4 814 093.6 N; 249 479.6 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY M.F.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Mud Rotary Drilling, NQ Rock Coring COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.12.04 - 2017.12.07 LATITUDE 43.464710 LONGITUDE -80.183670 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60					
321.5	GROUND SURFACE														
320.8	TOPSOIL														
0.2	SANDY SILT Compact, Brown, Moist (FILL)		1	SS	15										
320.7	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, with/some gravel		2	SS	37										
0.8	Dense to compact, Brown, Moist (TILL) gravel, with sand cobble		3	SS	39									57	35 (8)
			4	SS	21										
			5	SS	54										
			6	SS	22										
			7	SS	38										
			8	SS	12									4	90 (6)
			9	SS	11										
			10	SS										20	64 13 3
			11	SS	38										
			12	SS	34										
			13	SS	24										
			14	SS	24										
306.5															

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-06**

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**METRIC**

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 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Mud Rotary Drilling, NQ Rock Coring COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.11.29 - 2017.12.01 LATITUDE 43.465215 LONGITUDE -80.183163 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
323.3	GROUND SURFACE														
329.9	TOPSOIL														
0.2	SANDY SILT Loose, Brown, Moist (FILL)		1	SS	4										
322.5	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, with/trace gravel Compact to dense, Brown, Moist (TILL)		2	SS	21										30 46 19 5
0.8			3	SS	34										
			4	SS	31										
			5	SS	38										33 43 21 3
			6	SS	40										
			7	SS	36										
			8	SS	41										0 87 11 2
			9	SS	48										
			10	SS	70										
			11	SS	55										
			12	SS	60										
			13	SS	17										
			14	SS	23										
308.3															

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-06**

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**METRIC**

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 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, Mud Rotary Drilling, NQ Rock Coring COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.11.29 - 2017.12.01 LATITUDE 43.465215 LONGITUDE -80.183163 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)																				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	GR	SA	SI	CL												
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Date	Depth (m)	Elev.																																		
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Apr. 03/18	11.5	311.8																																		
Aug. 19/21	12.0	311.3																																		

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 35-618-09**

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**METRIC**

G.W.P. 3059-20-00 LOCATION COORDS: 4 814 155.2 N; 249 503.6 E (MTM ON10) ORIGINATED BY F.M./P.J.  
 DIST 31 HWY 6 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers, Wash Boring COMPILED BY L.Y.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2021.08.12 - 2021.08.17 LATITUDE 43.465267 LONGITUDE -80.183389 CHECKED BY G.U.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)						
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa				
314.7											○ UNCONFINED	+	FIELD VANE	WATER CONTENT (%)			GR	SA	SI	CL	
	SILTY SAND/SANDY SILT, trace gravel Compact to very dense, Brown, Moist (TILL) (Cont.d)		15	SS	50/5cm																
			16	SS	27/3cm																
			17	SS	50/8cm																
			18	SS	42																
			19	SS	37																
			20	SS	50/15cm																
			21	SS	50/3cm																
299.8																					48 41 (11)

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+ 3, X 3: Numbers refer to Sensitivity ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20
299.7 29.9	Borehole terminated due to auger refusal																	
	NOTES: 1. Groundwater level was not encountered during or upon completion of drilling. 2. No cave-in was noted in the borehole upon extraction of augers. 3. The presence of cobbles is inferred by auger grinding observed during drilling and is not indicative of quantity.																	

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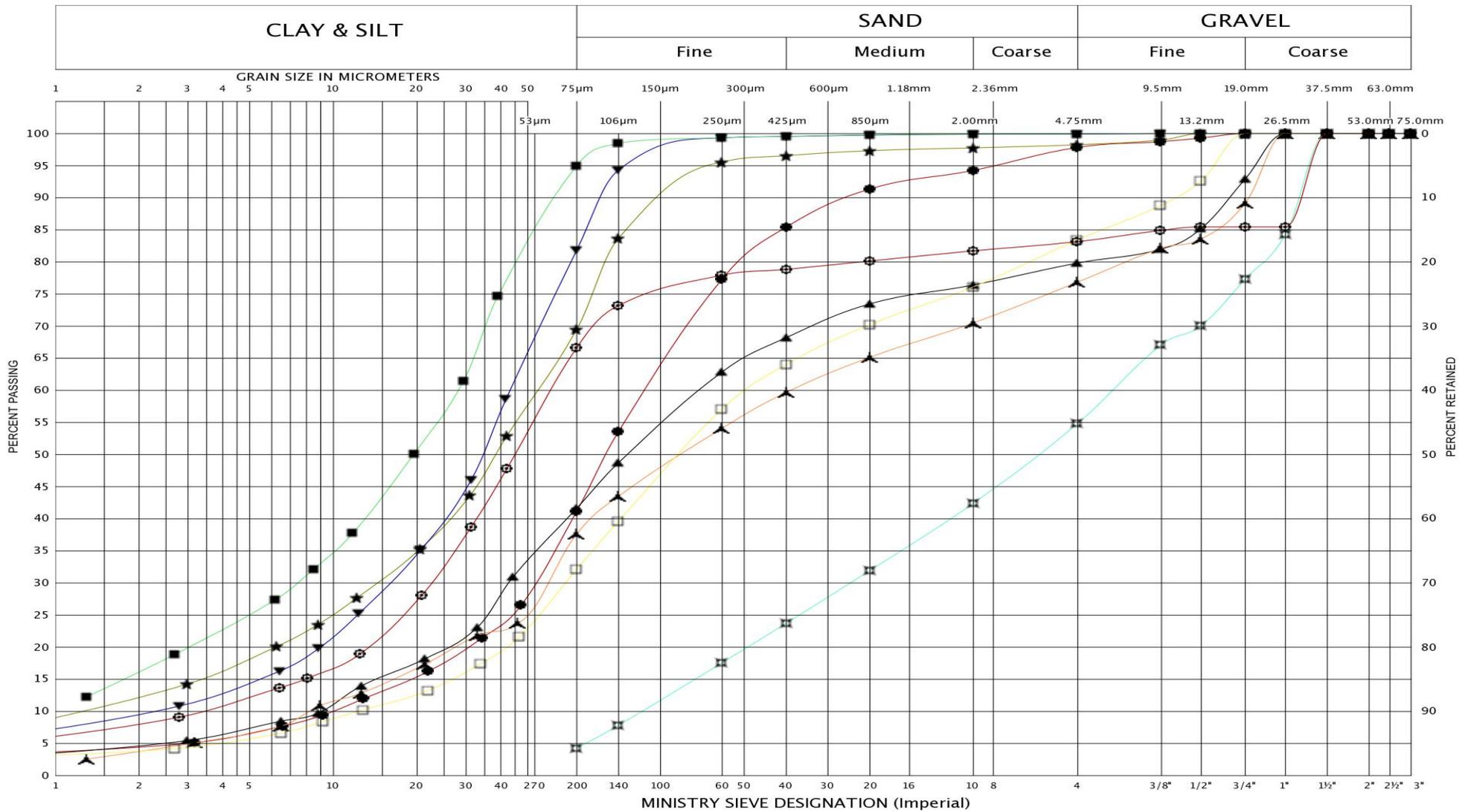
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## **APPENDIX C**

Results of Grain Size Analyses  
Results of Atterberg Limit Tests

# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



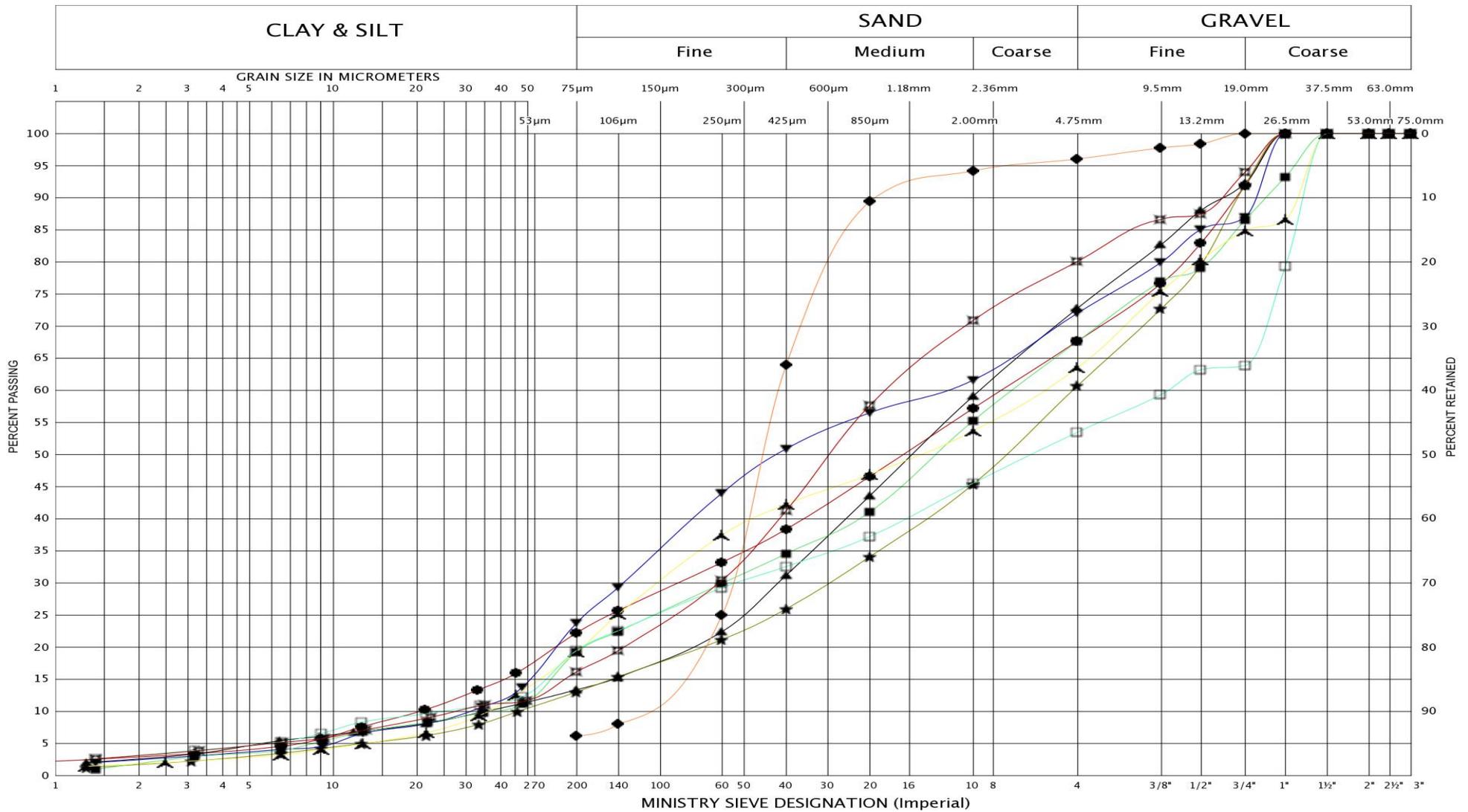
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SAMPLE		3	5	9	3	6	8	10	14	4
SYMBOL		●	▲	★	▼	■	▲	□	⊠	⊕



**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
Silty Sand/Sandy Silt, trace to with gravel (Till)

FIG No.: 618-GS-1A  
HWY : 6  
GWP 3059-20-00

# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



LEGEND	BH	35-618-03	35-618-03	35-618-04	35-618-04	35-618-04	35-618-05	35-618-05	35-618-05	35-618-05
SAMPLE	7	11	2	7	11	6	8	10	17	
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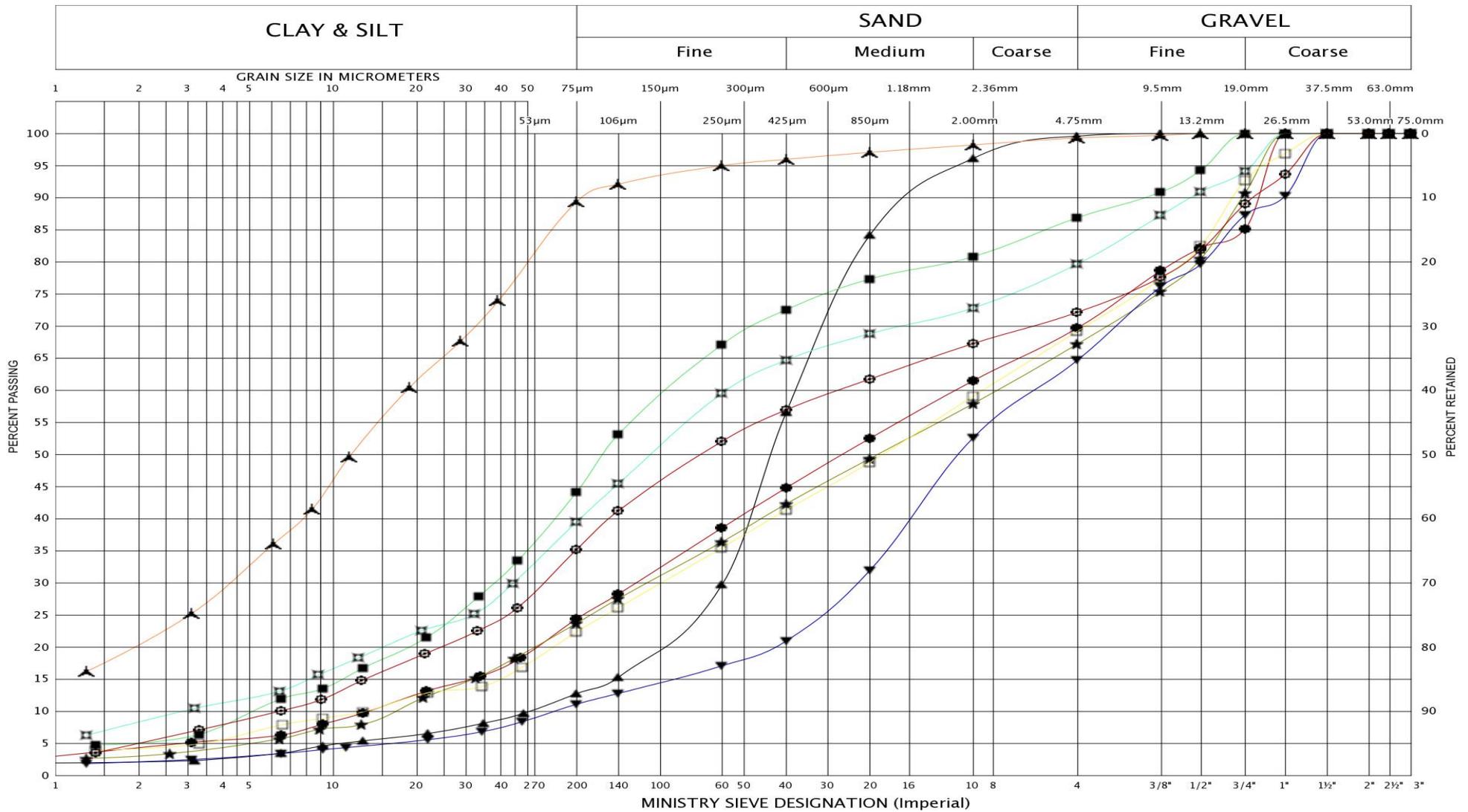
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FIG No.: 618-GS-1B

HWY : 6

GWP 3059-20-00

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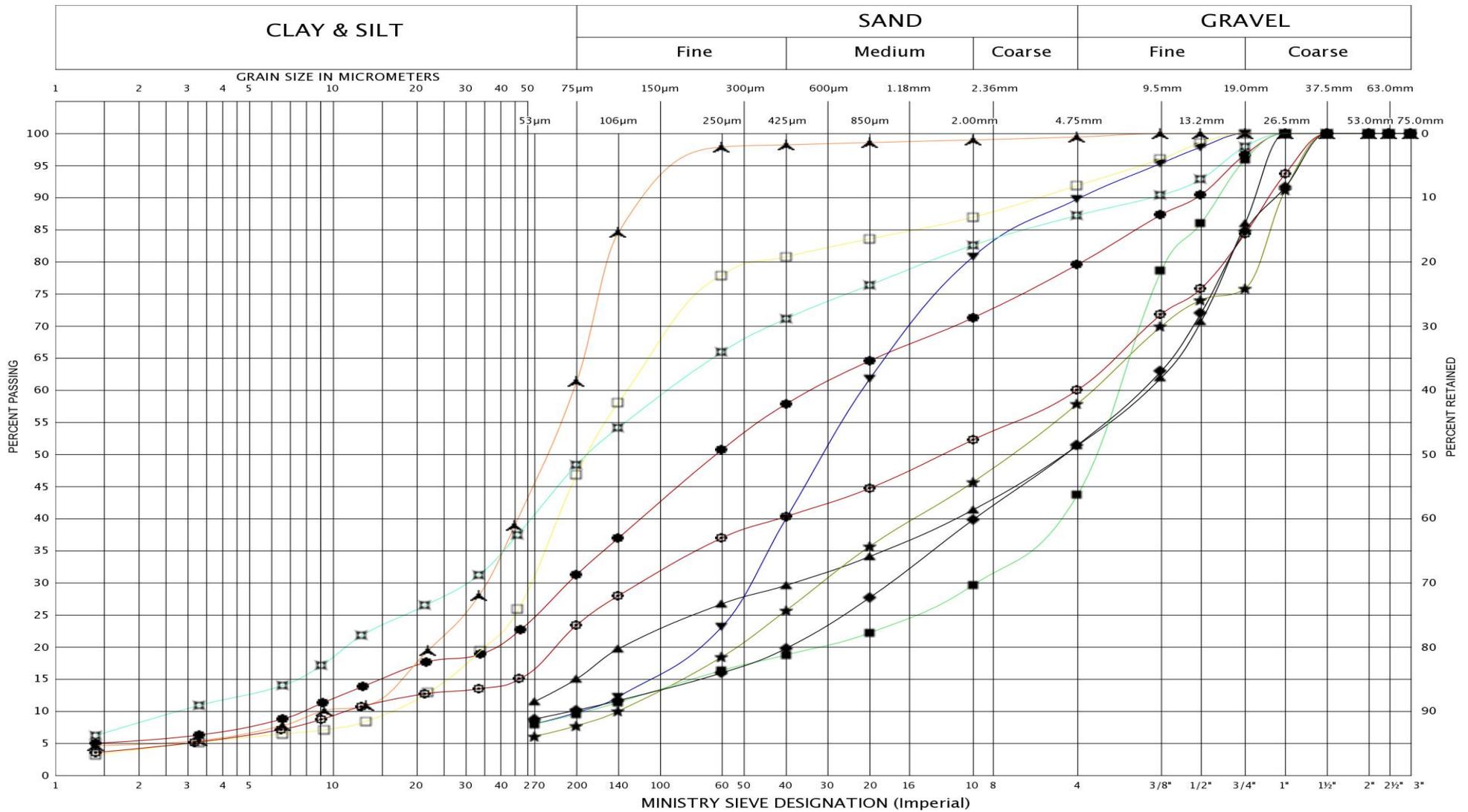
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	SAMPLE	2	5	8	17	4	9	11	4	7
	SYMBOL	●	★	▲	▼	■	▲	□	⊕	⊞



**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
Silty Sand/Sandy Silt, trace to with gravel (Till)

FIG No.: 618-GS-1C  
HWY : 6  
GWP 3059-20-00

# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



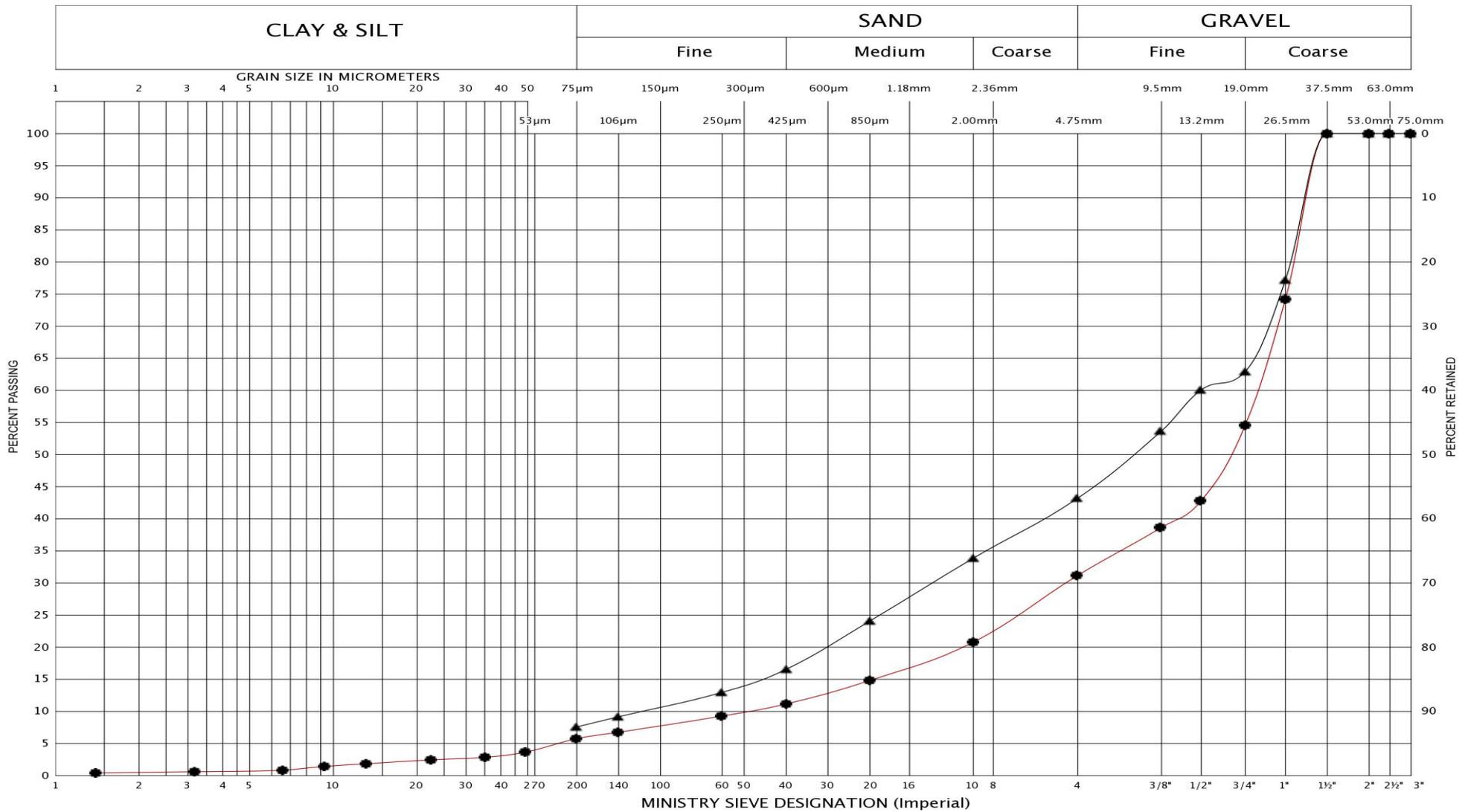
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SAMPLE		10	12	13	17	20	2	6	12	14	19
SYMBOL		●	▲	▼	★	■	◻	▲	◻	⊕	◆



**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
Silty Sand/Sandy Silt, trace to with gravel (Till)

FIG No.:	618-GS-1D
HWY :	6
GWP	3059-20-00

# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



<b>LEGEND</b>	<b>BH</b>	35-618-02	35-618-05
	<b>SAMPLE</b>	4	3
	<b>SYMBOL</b>	●	▲



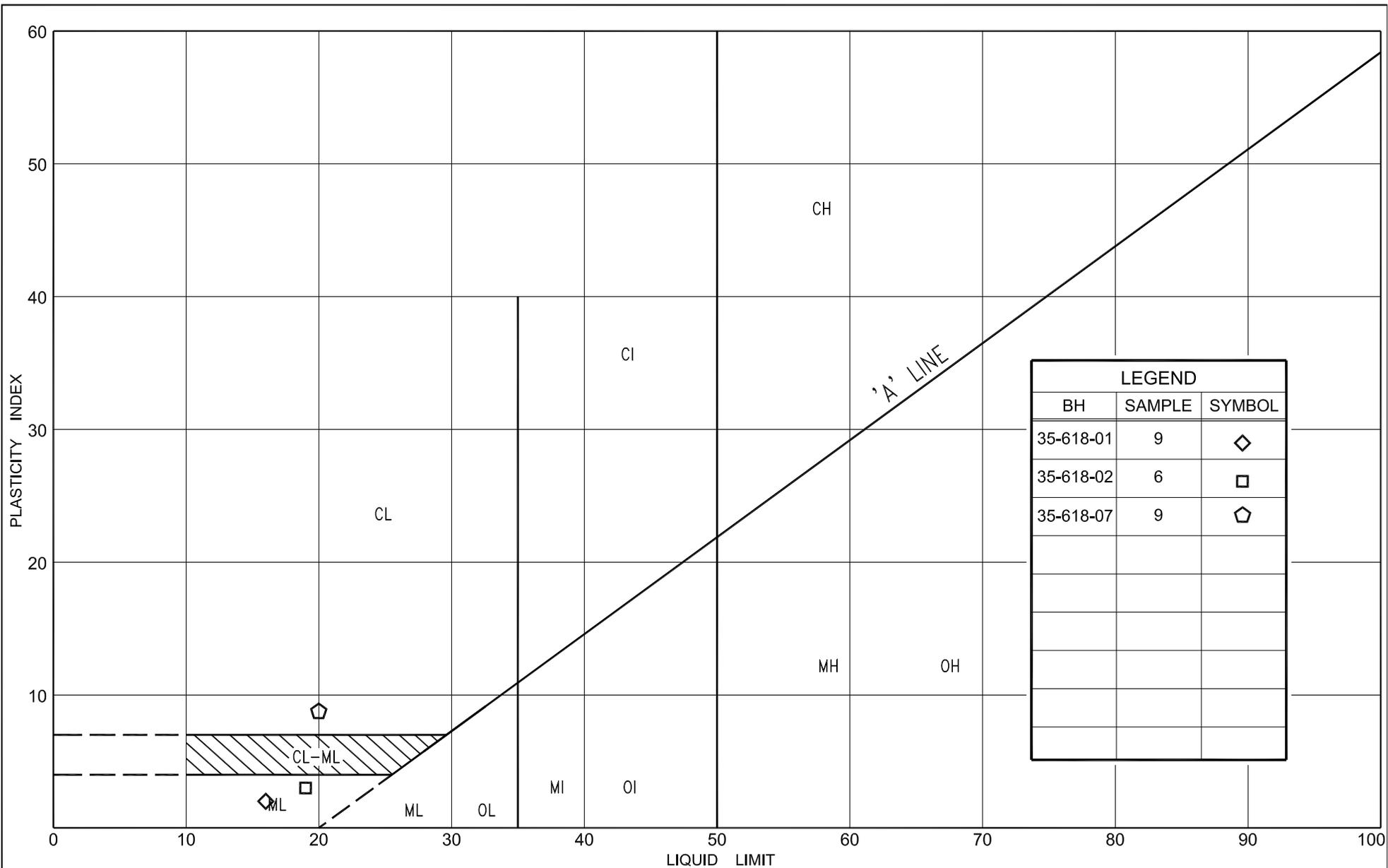
## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

GRAVEL, with sand (Till)

FIG No.: 618-GS-2

HWY : 6

GWP 3059-20-00



PLASTICITY CHART

SILTY SAND to SANDY SILT, trace gravel (TILL)



FIG No. 618-PC-1

HWY: 6

G.W.P. No. 3059-20-00

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## **APPENDIX D**

Rock Core Photographs

Rock Core Descriptions

Unconfined Compressive Test Results



Photographs of Rock Core Samples Retrieved from Borehole 35-618-02



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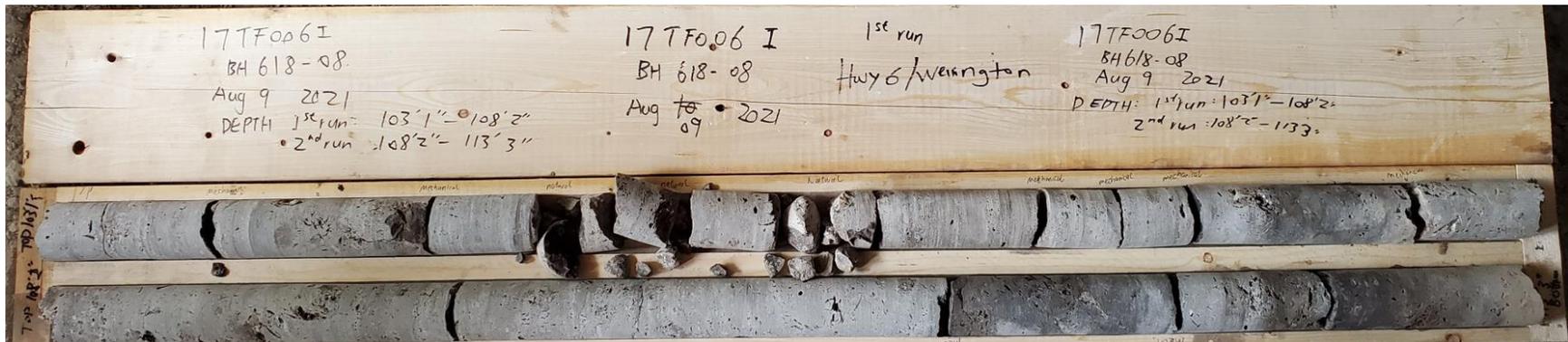


### Photographs of Rock Core Samples Retrieved from Borehole 35-618-05





**Photograph of Rock Core Samples Retrieved from Borehole 35-618-08**





**Rock Core Description**

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<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Sample No. (Core Run)</b>	<b>Depth (m/ft)</b>	<b>% Core Recovery</b>	<b>% *RQD</b>	<b>Core Description</b>
35-618-02	22 (1)	31.4-32.06 103'-105'2"	98.5 (0.67m)	74	<b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> -: medium grey, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic (sugary) texture, thick bedded, hard, massive, slightly weathered, slightly fractured, Minerals: dolomite, calcite grains, containing mud/silt.  Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/voids infilled calcite crystals/grains. Common mechanical core breaks.  Intact Rock Strength: R4 (Strong)
	23 (2)	32.06-33.55 105'2"-110'1"	100 (1.5m)	45 (0.71m)	<b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> -: medium brown to grey, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, moderately hard, massive, slightly weathered, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite/calcite grains/crystals, containing silt & mud.  Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/voids infilled calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Diagonal/vertical mechanical core breaks from 33.0m to 33.55m  Intact Rock Strength: R3 (Medium Strong)
	24 (3)	33.55-34.8 110'1"-114'3"	96 (1.3m)	95	<b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> -: medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, moderately hard, massive, moderately weathered associated with large vugs, unfractured to slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite/calcite grains.  Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores infilled calcite/dolomite crystals/grains with silt/mud.  Intact Rock Strength: R3 (Medium Strong)

\*RQD – Rock Quality Designation

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Reviewed by: Carlos Nascimento, P. Eng.

Note: Intact Rock Strength obtained using rock pick test in drill core from table "Rock Characterization Testing & Monitoring", International Society of Rock Mechanics.



**Rock Core Description**

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**PML Ref.: 17TF006A**

<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Sample No. (Core Run)</b>	<b>Depth (m/ft)</b>	<b>% Core Recovery</b>	<b>% *RQD</b>	<b>Core Description</b>
35-618-05	19 (1)	21.4-22.76 70'3"-74'7"	72 (0.98m)	34 (0.46m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> -: medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, hard, thick bedded, moderately weathered/vuggy, moderately fractured associated with mechanical breaks. Minerals: calcite/dolomite crystals/grains.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs infilled calcite crystals/grains, silt &amp; mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R3 (Medium Strong)</p>
	20 (2)	22.76-24.3 74'7"-79'7"	97 (1.5m)	67 (1.04m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> -: medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs/voids, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, containing organic material, mud/silt.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud &amp; dolomitization. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R4 (Strong)</p>
	21 (3)	24.3-25.02 79'7"-82'11"	100 (0.73m)	85	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs/voids, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, containing organic material, mud/silt.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R4 (Strong)</p>

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**PML Ref.: 17TF006A**

<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Sample No. (Core Run)</b>	<b>Depth (m/ft)</b>	<b>% Core Recovery</b>	<b>% *RQD</b>	<b>Core Description</b>
35-618-06	19 (1)	22.2-22.8 72'8"-75'0"	95 (0.6m)	43 (0.26m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, very hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs/voids, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, occasional pyrite containing mud/silt.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R5 (Very Strong)</p>
	20 (2)	22.8-24.3 75'-79'10"	90 (1.35m)	47 (0.7m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, hard, moderately weathered, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, occasional pyrite containing mud/silt.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R4 (Strong)</p>
	21 (3)	24.25-25.9 79'10"-85'1"	72 (1.2m)	59 (0.95m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, very hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, occasional pyrite containing mud/silt.</p> <p>Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p>Intact Rock Strength: R5 (Very Strong)</p>

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<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Sample No. (Core Run)</b>	<b>Depth (m/ft)</b>	<b>% Core Recovery</b>	<b>% *RQD</b>	<b>Core Description</b>
35-618-08	23 (1)	31.4-33.0 103'1"-108'2"	100 (1.6 m)	72 (1.15 m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, very hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs/voids, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, occasional pyrite containing mud/silt. Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p><b>Intact Rock Strength: R5 (Very Strong)</b></p>
	24 (2)	33.0-34.5 108'2"-113'3"	100 (1.5m)	94 (1.41m)	<p><b>DOLOSTONE/DOLOMITE (GUELPH FORMATION)</b> - : medium brown, fine crystalline dolostone, sucrosic texture, thick bedded, very hard, moderately weathered associated with vugs/voids, slightly fractured. Minerals: dolomite, calcite, occasional pyrite containing mud/silt. Common diagenesis features: irregular size and shape of vugs/pores contain calcite crystals/grains/silt/mud. Mechanical core breaks.</p> <p><b>Intact Rock Strength: R5 (Very Strong)</b></p>

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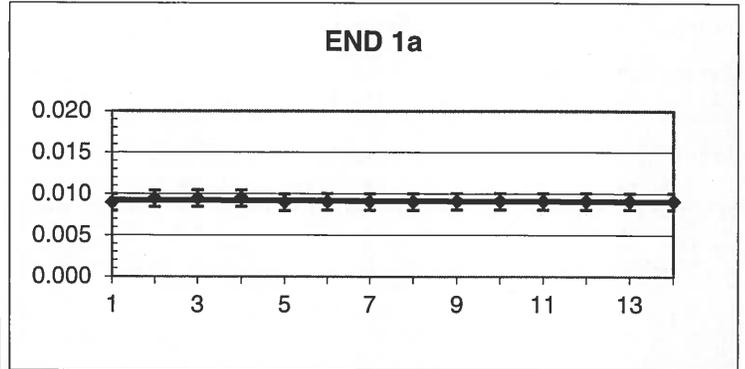
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PROJECT HYW 401/6  
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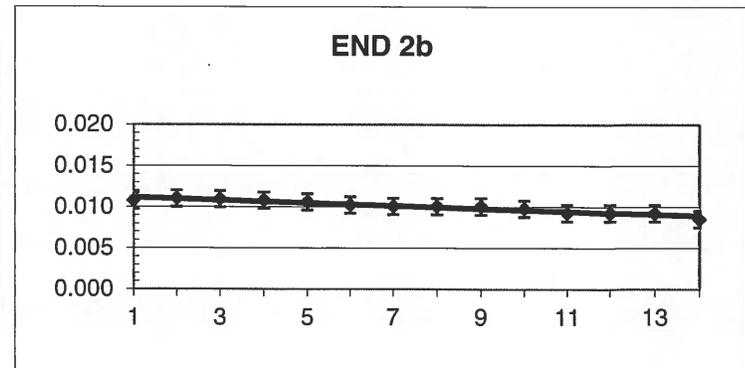
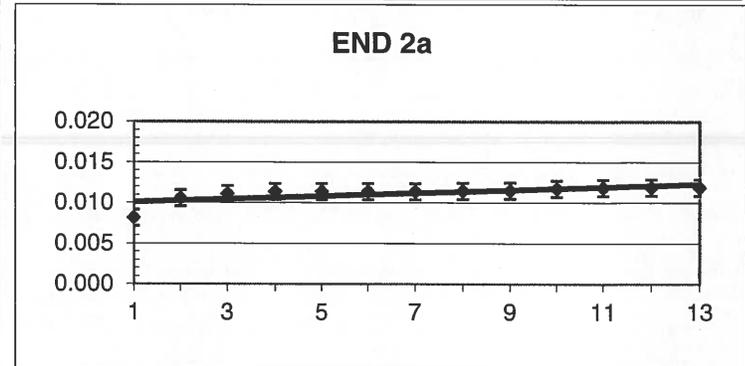
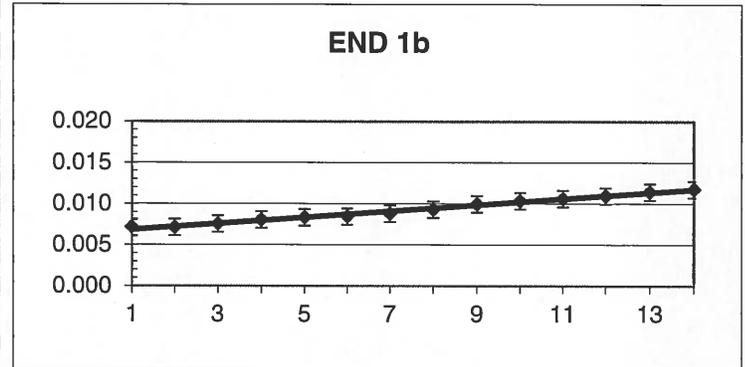
**DEVIATION FROM STRAIGHTNESS**

DIAL READING (IN)	TRIAL		
	1	2	3
MINIMUM	0.0740	0.0760	0.0710
MAXIMUM	0.0860	0.0860	0.0890
DIFFERENCE	0.0120	0.0100	0.0180
MAX DIFF.	0.018	SPEC.	0.020 max.



**FLATNESS TOLERANCE**

DIAL READING (IN)	END 1		END 2	
	SET 1	SET 2	SET 1	SET 2
RDG 1	0.0090	0.0071	0.0082	0.0107
RDG 2	0.0094	0.0071	0.0106	0.0110
RDG 3	0.0095	0.0076	0.0111	0.0110
RDG 4	0.0095	0.0081	0.0114	0.0108
RDG 5	0.0090	0.0083	0.0114	0.0106
RDG 6	0.0090	0.0084	0.0114	0.0102
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RDG 9	0.0091	0.0100	0.0115	0.0100
RDG 10	0.0091	0.0103	0.0117	0.0098
RDG 11	0.0091	0.0106	0.0118	0.0093
RDG 12	0.0091	0.0110	0.0119	0.0093
RDG 13	0.0091	0.0114	0.0119	0.0092
RDG 14	0.0091	0.0117		0.0085
RDG 15				
RDG 16				
RDG 17				
RDG 18				
RDG 19				
RDG 20				



FLATNESS TOLERANCE= .001 in.

CORE DIAMETER (in.)	1.7760	1.7750	1.7810
	AVE: 1.7773		
SLOPE OF BEST FIT LINE	PERPENDICULARITY RATIO (Specified .0043 max.)		
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
END 1A	0.0090	0.0092	0.0001
END 2B	0.0068	0.0117	0.0028
END 2A	0.0101	0.0123	0.0012
END 2B	0.0089	0.0112	0.0013

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DATE

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**ROCK CORE TESTING**  
ASTM D7012

CLIENT        AECOM  
PROJECT        HYW 401/6  
SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION    BH 35-618-5, RN-2, 77' 1"-77' 8"

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TESTED BY      YA/BM

**UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH**

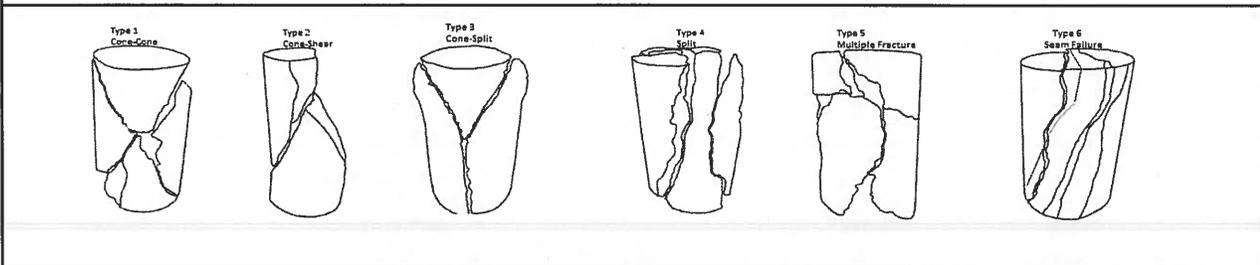
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SPECIMEN LENGTH (in.)	4.220	MAXIMUM LOAD APPLIED (kN)	93.57
	4.221		
	4.225	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	58.5
AVE.	4.222	TYPE OF FAILURE	3
SURFACE AREA (sq mm)	1601	LENGTH TO DIAMETER RATIO (spec 2-2.5)	2.38

**MOISTURE CONTENT**

**UNIT WEIGHT**

WEIGHT OF WET SAMPLE + TARE (g)	529.30	WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE IN AIR (g)	4459.00
WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE + TARE (g)	523.20	VOLUME OF SAMPLE (cu m)	0.000172
WEIGHT OF WATER (g)	6.10	UNIT WEIGHT (kg/cu m)	25978
WEIGHT OF TARE (g)	116.10		
WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE (g)	407.10		
MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	1.5		

REMARKS



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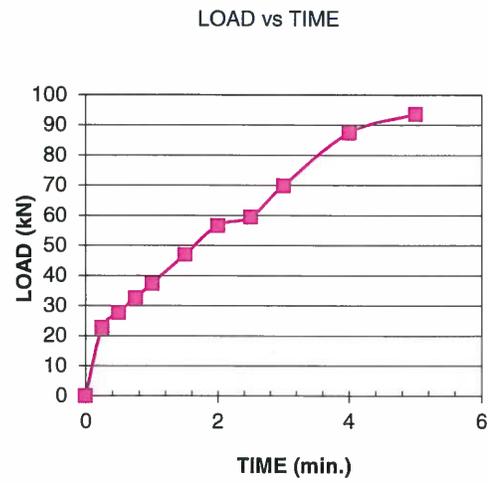
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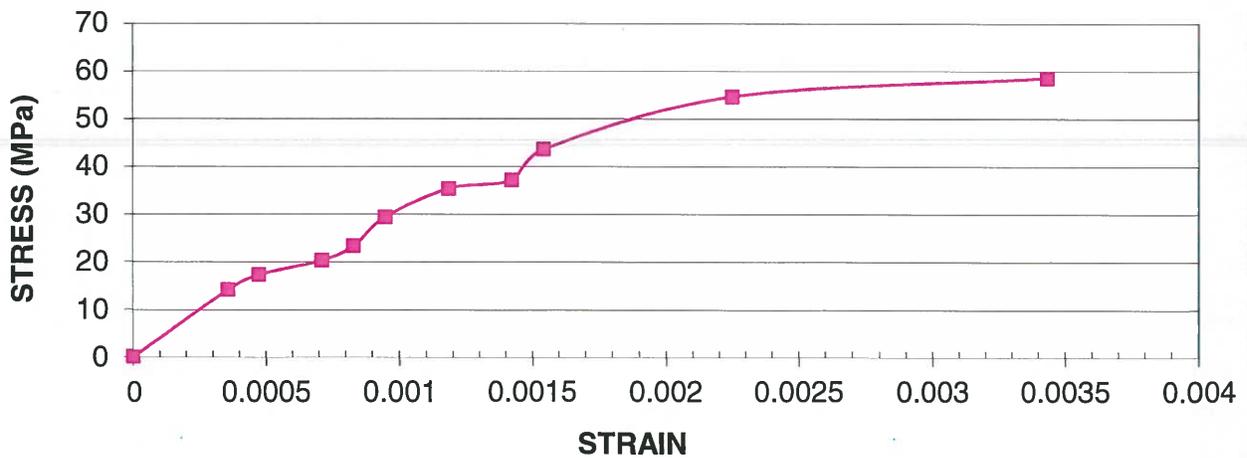
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**UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH CURVE**

TIME (min.)	DEFLECTION (in)	LOAD (kN)	STRESS (MPa)	STRAIN (mm/mm)
0	0.036	0	0	0
0.25	0.0375	22.61	14.1	0.0004
0.5	0.038	27.66	17.3	0.0005
0.75	0.039	32.50	20.3	0.0007
1	0.0395	37.29	23.3	0.0008
1.5	0.04	46.94	29.3	0.0009
2	0.041	56.55	35.3	0.0012
2.5	0.042	59.34	37.1	0.0014
3	0.0425	69.74	43.6	0.0015
4	0.0455	87.34	54.6	0.0023
5	0.0505	93.57	58.5	0.0034



**STRESS vs STRAIN**



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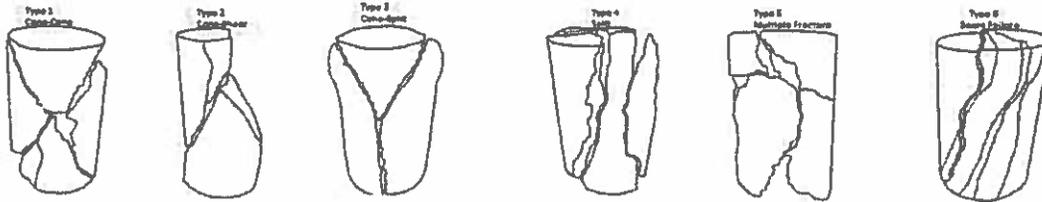
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CONSULTING ENGINEERS

**UNIAXIAL COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF ROCK CORE**  
ASTM D7012

CLIENT	AECOM Canada Ltd.	PML REF	17TF006I
PROJECT	Hwy 6 and 401 Improvements, Midblock Interchange Area	LAB NO.	2104843 C
SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION	BH35-618-8, Run1, 105'11"-106'5"	DATE SAMPLED	
		DATE TESTED	2021-08-24
		TESTED BY	L. Gowry

CORE DIMENSIONS		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH	
SPECIMEN DIAMETER (in.)	2.3865	TEST TIME (min) (spec. 2 to 15)	9:36
SPECIMEN LENGTH (in.)	5.470	MAXIMUM LOAD APPLIED (kN)	445.30
	5.462		
	5.465	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	154.3
AVE.	5.465	TYPE OF FAILURE	1
SURFACE AREA (sq mm)	2886	LENGTH TO DIAMETER RATIO (spec 2-2.5)	2.29

MOISTURE CONTENT		UNIT WEIGHT	
WEIGHT OF WET SAMPLE + TARE (g)	1108.45	WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE IN AIR (g)	1061.46
WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE + TARE (g)	1107.66	VOLUME OF SAMPLE (cu m)	0.000401
WEIGHT OF WATER (g)	0.79	Density (kg/cu m)	2650
WEIGHT OF TARE (g)	176.27	UNIT WEIGHT ( $\gamma$ )	25.97
WEIGHT OF DRY SAMPLE (g)	931.39		
MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	0.1		
REMARKS			



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DATE

2021-08-25

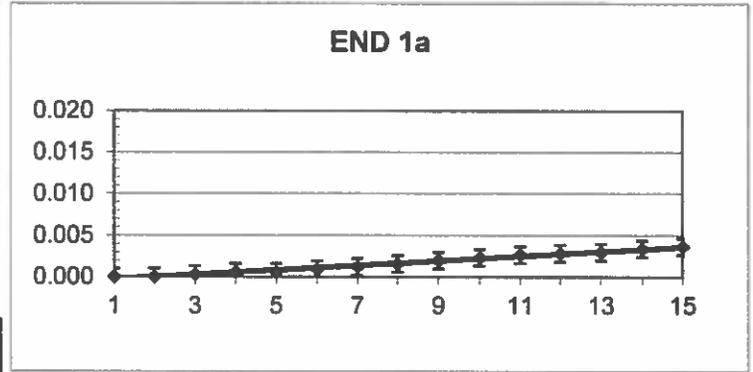
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CLIENT AECOM Canada Ltd.  
PROJECT Hwy 6 and 401 Improvements, Midblock Interchange Area  
SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION BH35-618-8, Run1, 105'11"-106'5"

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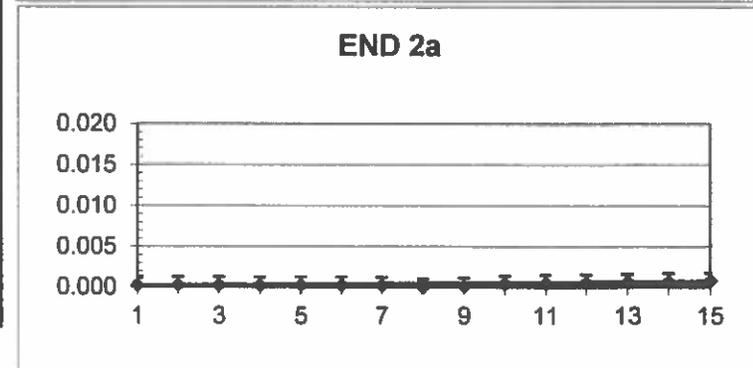
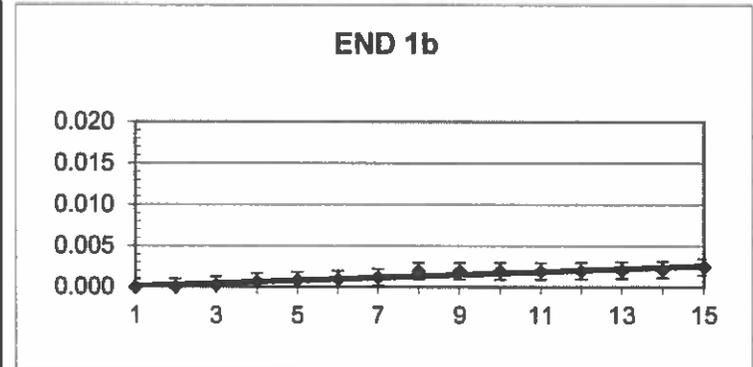
**DEVIATION FROM STRAIGHTNESS**

DIAL READING (IN)	TRIAL		
	1	2	3
MINIMUM	0.0800	0.0830	0.0840
MAXIMUM	0.0900	0.0930	0.0840
DIFFERENCE	0.0100	0.0100	0.0000
MAX DIFF.	0.01	SPEC.	0.020 max.



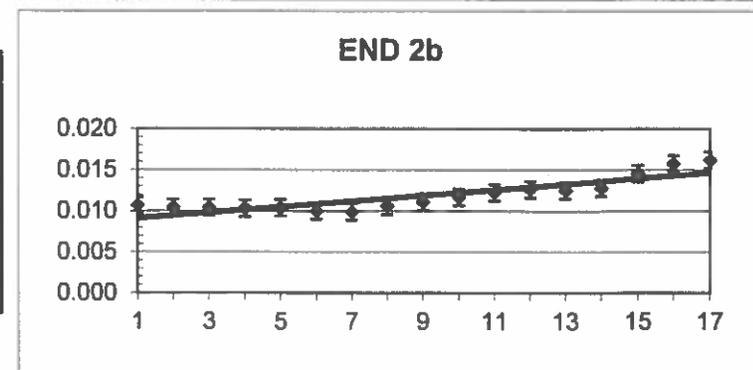
**FLATNESS TOLERANCE**

DIAL READING (IN)	END 1		END 2	
	SET 1	SET 2	SET 1	SET 2
RDG 1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0002	0.0107
RDG 2	0.0001	0.0000	0.0003	0.0104
RDG 3	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0104
RDG 4	0.0006	0.0007	0.0002	0.0103
RDG 5	0.0006	0.0008	0.0002	0.0104
RDG 6	0.0009	0.0010	0.0002	0.0100
RDG 7	0.0012	0.0012	0.0002	0.0099
RDG 8	0.0016	0.0019	0.0000	0.0106
RDG 9	0.0020	0.0019	0.0001	0.0111
RDG 10	0.0023	0.0019	0.0004	0.0117
RDG 11	0.0027	0.0019	0.0005	0.0122
RDG 12	0.0029	0.0020	0.0006	0.0126
RDG 13	0.0030	0.0021	0.0006	0.0125
RDG 14	0.0034	0.0021	0.0007	0.0128
RDG 15	0.0037	0.0025	0.0008	0.0145
RDG 16				0.0157
RDG 17				0.0162
RDG 18				
RDG 19				
RDG 20				



FLATNESS TOLERANCE= .001 in.

CORE DIAMETER (in.)	2.3870	2.3895	2.3830
	PERPENDICULARITY RATIO (Specified .0043 max.)		
AVE:	2.3865		
SLOPE OF BEST FIT LINE			
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
END 1A	-0.0003	0.0036	0.0016
END 2B	0.0001	0.0026	0.0010
END 2A	0.0001	0.0006	0.0002
END 2B	0.0091	0.0146	0.0023



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**PART A** – Preliminary Foundation Investigation Report  
for Design-Build Ready Alternative Bid Package  
Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass, Site No. 35X-0618/B0, Sta. 10+000  
Midblock Interchange Area  
Highway 6 and 401 Improvements, From Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits  
G.W.P. 3059-20-00, Index No.: 065FIR, PML Ref.: 17TF006A, October 14, 2021

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## **APPENDIX E**

### Soil Chemical Test Results



## Certificate of Analysis

AGAT WORK ORDER: 17T297980

PROJECT: 17TF006A

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CLIENT NAME: PETO MACCALLUM LIMITED

SAMPLING SITE: Guelph, Puslinch

ATTENTION TO: Lul Yimam

SAMPLED BY: Mousa fall

### Corrosivity Package

DATE RECEIVED: 2017-12-22

DATE REPORTED: 2018-01-03

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: 35-617-BH2-SS6 35-618-BH4-SS4 35-352-BH6-SS6

Parameter	Unit	SAMPLE TYPE: Soil				
		DATE SAMPLED: 2017-11-29		2017-12-07		2017-11-17
		G / S	RDL	8994390	8994393	8994394
Sulfide (S2-)	%		0.05	0.14	<0.05	<0.05
Chloride (2:1)	µg/g		2	527	21	19
Sulphate (2:1)	µg/g		2	119	6	5
pH (2:1)	pH Units		NA	7.71	8.66	8.52
Electrical Conductivity (2:1)	mS/cm		0.005	1.16	0.104	0.115
Resistivity (2:1)	ohm.cm		1	862	9620	8700
Redox Potential (2:1)	mV		5	152	138	160

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

8994390-8994394 EC/Resistivity, pH, Chloride, Sulphate and Redox Potential were determined on the extract obtained from the 2:1 leaching procedure (2 parts DI water: 1 part soil).

\*Sulphide analyzed at AGAT 5623 McAdam

Certified By:

*Amanjot Bhela*



## Quality Assurance

CLIENT NAME: PETO MACCALLUM LIMITED  
 PROJECT: 17TF006A  
 SAMPLING SITE: Guelph, Puslinch

AGAT WORK ORDER: 17T297980  
 ATTENTION TO: Lui Yimam  
 SAMPLED BY: Mousa fall

### Soil Analysis

RPT Date: Jan 03, 2018			DUPLICATE				Method Blank	REFERENCE MATERIAL			METHOD BLANK SPIKE			MATRIX SPIKE		
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample Id	Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Measured Value		Acceptable Limits			Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits	
								Lower	Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower		Upper	

**Corrosivity Package**

Sulfide (S2-)	8994390	8994390	0.14	0.14	NA	< 0.05	99%	80%	120%						
Chloride (2:1)	8994393	8994393	21	20	4.9%	< 2	95%	80%	120%	96%	80%	120%	98%	70%	130%
Sulphate (2:1)	8994393	8994393	6	5	NA	< 2	101%	80%	120%	102%	80%	120%	106%	70%	130%
pH (2:1)	8994393	8994393	8.66	8.59	0.8%	NA	101%	90%	110%	NA			NA		
Electrical Conductivity (2:1)	8994393	8994393	0.104	0.108	3.8%	< 0.005	98%	90%	110%	NA			NA		
Redox Potential (2:1)	8994393	8994393	138	140	1.4%	< 5	104%	70%	130%	NA			NA		

Comments: NA signifies Not Applicable.

Duplicate Qualifier: As the measured result approaches the RL, the uncertainty associated with the value increases dramatically, thus duplicate acceptance limits apply only where the average of the two duplicates is greater than five times the RL.

Certified By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Amanjot Bhela*



## Method Summary

CLIENT NAME: PETO MACCALLUM LIMITED

AGAT WORK ORDER: 17T297980

PROJECT: 17TF006A

ATTENTION TO: Lui Yimam

SAMPLING SITE: Guelph, Puslinch

SAMPLED BY: Mousa fall

PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
<b>Soil Analysis</b>			
Sulfide (S <sup>2-</sup> )	MIN-200-12025	ASTM E1915-09	GRAVIMETRIC
Chloride (2:1)	INOR-93-6004	McKeague 4.12 & SM 4110 B	ION CHROMATOGRAPH
Sulphate (2:1)	INOR-93-6004	McKeague 4.12 & SM 4110 B	ION CHROMATOGRAPH
pH (2:1)	INOR 93-6031	MSA part 3 & SM 4500-H+ B	PH METER
Electrical Conductivity (2:1)	INOR-93-6036	McKeague 4.12, SM 2510 B	EC METER
Resistivity (2:1)	INOR-93-6036	McKeague 4.12, SM 2510 B, SSA #5 Part 3	CALCULATION
Redox Potential (2:1)		McKeague 4.12 & SM 2510 B	REDOX POTENTIAL ELECTRODE



## FINAL REPORT

CA14274-AUG21 R1

17TF006A

Prepared for

**Peto MacCallum Ltd**

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**LABORATORY DETAILS**

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Project	17TF006A	SGS Reference	CA14274-AUG21
Order Number		Received	08/20/2021
Samples	Soil (3)	Approved	08/26/2021
		Report Number	CA14274-AUG21 R1
		Date Reported	08/26/2021

**COMMENTS**

Temperature of Sample upon Receipt: 9 degrees C  
 Cooling Agent Present:Yes  
 Custody Seal Present:Yes

Chain of Custody Number:022438

Corrosivity Index is based on the American Water Works Corrosivity Scale according to AWWA C-105. An index greater than 10 indicates the soil matrix may be corrosive to cast iron alloys.

**SIGNATORIES**

Jill Campbell, B.Sc.,GISAS





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Client: Peto MacCallum Ltd

Project: 17TF006A

Project Manager: Lul Yimam

Samplers: N/A

## PACKAGE: - Corrosivity Index (SOIL)

Sample Number	5	6	7
Sample Name	BH618-08 5SS 10-12	BH617-09 5SS 10-12	BH617-10 4SS 7.5-9.5
Sample Matrix	Soil	Soil	Soil
Sample Date	19/08/2021	19/08/2021	19/08/2021

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
<b>Corrosivity Index</b>					
Corrosivity Index	none	1	1	14	16
Soil Redox Potential	mV	-	256	249	189
Sulphide (Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	%	0.04	< 0.04	< 0.04	0.85
pH	pH Units	0.05	8.45	8.82	7.53
Resistivity (calculated)	ohms.cm	-9999	7580	874	358

## PACKAGE: - General Chemistry (SOIL)

Sample Number	5	6	7
Sample Name	BH618-08 5SS 10-12	BH617-09 5SS 10-12	BH617-10 4SS 7.5-9.5
Sample Matrix	Soil	Soil	Soil
Sample Date	19/08/2021	19/08/2021	19/08/2021

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
<b>General Chemistry</b>					
Conductivity	uS/cm	2	132	1140	2790

## PACKAGE: - Metals and Inorganics (SOIL)

Sample Number	5	6	7
Sample Name	BH618-08 5SS 10-12	BH617-09 5SS 10-12	BH617-10 4SS 7.5-9.5
Sample Matrix	Soil	Soil	Soil
Sample Date	19/08/2021	19/08/2021	19/08/2021

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
<b>Metals and Inorganics</b>					
Moisture Content	%	0.1	10.3	15.4	38.6



# FINAL REPORT

CA14274-AUG21 R1

**Client:** Peto MacCallum Ltd

**Project:** 17TF006A

**Project Manager:** Lul Yimam

**Samplers:** N/A

PACKAGE: - **Metals and Inorganics (SOIL)**

Sample Number	5	6	7
<b>Sample Name</b>	BH618-08 5SS 10-12	BH617-09 5SS 10-12	BH617-10 4SS 7.5-9.5
<b>Sample Matrix</b>	Soil	Soil	Soil
<b>Sample Date</b>	19/08/2021	19/08/2021	19/08/2021

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
<b>Metals and Inorganics (continued)</b>					
Sulphate	µg/g	0.4	9.4	23	570

PACKAGE: - **Other (ORP) (SOIL)**

Sample Number	5	6	7
<b>Sample Name</b>	BH618-08 5SS 10-12	BH617-09 5SS 10-12	BH617-10 4SS 7.5-9.5
<b>Sample Matrix</b>	Soil	Soil	Soil
<b>Sample Date</b>	19/08/2021	19/08/2021	19/08/2021

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
<b>Other (ORP)</b>					
Chloride	µg/g	0.4	7.1	490	2300

QC SUMMARY

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Method: EPA300/MA300-Ions1.3 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIIC-LAK-AN-001

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Chloride	DIO0410-AUG21	µg/g	0.4	<0.4	1	35	100	80	120	102	75	125
Sulphate	DIO0410-AUG21	µg/g	0.4	<0.4	1	35	99	80	120	99	75	125

Carbon/Sulphur

Method: ASTM E1915-07A | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIARD-LAK-AN-020

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Sulphide (Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	ECS0053-AUG21	%	0.04	< 0.04	ND	20	99	80	120			

Conductivity

Method: SM 2510 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIEWL-LAK-AN-006

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Conductivity	EWL0437-AUG21	uS/cm	2	< 2	ND	20	99	90	110	NA		

## QC SUMMARY

### pH

Method: SM 4500 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-ENVIEWL-LAK-AN-001

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
pH	EWL0437-AUG21	pH Units	0.05	NA	0		100			NA		

**Method Blank:** a blank matrix that is carried through the entire analytical procedure. Used to assess laboratory contamination.

**Duplicate:** Paired analysis of a separate portion of the same sample that is carried through the entire analytical procedure. Used to evaluate measurement precision.

**LCS/Spike Blank:** Laboratory control sample or spike blank refer to a blank matrix to which a known amount of analyte has been added. Used to evaluate analyte recovery and laboratory accuracy without sample matrix effects.

**Matrix Spike:** A sample to which a known amount of the analyte of interest has been added. Used to evaluate laboratory accuracy with sample matrix effects.

**Reference Material:** a material or substance matrix matched to the samples that contains a known amount of the analyte of interest. A reference material may be used in place of a matrix spike.

**RL:** Reporting limit

**RPD:** Relative percent difference

**AC:** Acceptance criteria

**Multielement Scan Qualifier:** as the number of analytes in a scan increases, so does the chance of a limit exceedance by random chance as opposed to a real method problem. Thus, in multielement scans, for the LCS and matrix spike, up to 10% of the analytes may exceed the quoted limits by up to 10% absolute and the spike is considered acceptable.

**Duplicate Qualifier:** for duplicates as the measured result approaches the RL, the uncertainty associated with the value increases dramatically, thus duplicate acceptance limits apply only where the average of the two duplicates is greater than five times the RL.

**Matrix Spike Qualifier:** for matrix spikes, as the concentration of the native analyte increases, the uncertainty of the matrix spike recovery increases. Thus, the matrix spike acceptance limits apply only when the concentration of the matrix spike is greater than or equal to the concentration of the native analyte.

**LEGEND**

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**FOOTNOTES**

**NSS** Insufficient sample for analysis.  
**RL** Reporting Limit.  
    ↑ Reporting limit raised.  
    ↓ Reporting limit lowered.  
**NA** The sample was not analysed for this analyte  
**ND** Non Detect

Samples analysed as received. Solid samples expressed on a dry weight basis. "Temperature Upon Receipt" is representative of the whole shipment and may not reflect the temperature of individual samples.

Analysis conducted on samples submitted pursuant to or as part of Reg. 153/04, are in accordance to the Protocol for Analytical Methods Used in the Assessment of Properties under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act" published by the Ministry and dated March 9, 2004 as amended.

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**PART B - PRELIMINARY FOUNDATION DESIGN REPORT  
FOR DESIGN-BUILD READY ALTERNATIVE BID PACKAGE  
FOR**

**WELLINGTON ROAD 34 CONNECTOR UNDERPASS  
SITE NO. 35X-0618/B0, STATION 10+000  
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE: 43.464815, -80.183754  
MIDBLOCK INTERCHANGE (MBI) AREA  
HIGHWAY 6 AND HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS  
FROM HAMILTON NORTH LIMITS TO GUELPH SOUTH LIMITS  
CITY OF GUELPH, ONTARIO  
GWP 3059-20-00**

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**PART B - PRELIMINARY FOUNDATION DESIGN REPORT  
for Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass**

Site No. 35X-0618/B0, Station 10+000  
Midblock Interchange (MBI) Area  
Highway 6 and Highway 401 Improvements  
From Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits  
City of Guelph, Ontario  
G.W.P. 3059-20-00

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**7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**7.1 General**

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) proposed the re-alignment, improvement and replacement of existing structures located on Highway 6 and Highway 401 from Hamilton North Limits to Guelph South Limits, and retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to provide Owner's Engineer Services. The assignment consists of separate projects to be tendered under different delivery models. The Midblock Interchange (MBI) area is part of the Highway 6 and Highway 401, Hamilton to Guelph advance contract to be delivered on a design-build (DB) basis. MTO requires a Design-Build Ready alternative package for delivery of this project.

The main foundation engineering components of the MBI area project include two underpasses (the Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass and the Wellington Road 34 Underpass), high fill and deep cut sections along Highway 6, Concession Road 7 and the new connector route, storm ponds, and overhead signs on both sides of the midblock interchange along Highway 6, south of Wellington Road 34 intersection, and near the intersection of Concession Road 7 and Highway 6.

AECOM retained Peto MacCallum Ltd. (PML) on behalf of MTO to provide foundation engineering services for the project. This report provides recommendations for foundation design of the proposed Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass based on interpretation of the factual geotechnical data presented in the Foundation Investigation Report (Part A) and the General Arrangement (GA) drawing provided by AECOM. During the original fieldwork carried out in 2017 and the recent foundation investigation in 2021, attempts were made to locate the boreholes within the footprints of the foundation elements as provided in AECOM's preliminary design or GA drawings. Additional foundation investigation work should be considered if significant modifications/changes are made to the preliminary design of the underpass or the road alignment, and other related structures such as retaining walls.



It should be noted that this report is intended for use by AECOM, as MTO's authorized engineer, for the purpose of designing the Wellington Road 34 Connector Underpass at the location where the foundation investigations were conducted. It shall not be used for any other purposes or at any other locations, or by any other parties including design-build contractors. 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 could potentially be required for construction. These comments identify only some issues and are not presented as an exhaustive list of construction concerns. The design-builder will remain responsible for making its own interpretation of construction issues. Recommendations for construction aspects of the foundations should be provided in design phase of the project.

Where necessary, reference is made in this report to the Canadian Highway Bridges Design Code (CHBDC, 2019 or CSA S6:19, 2019) and its Commentary, the Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSSs), Special Provisions (amendments to OPSSs), Design-Build Special Provision (Replacements to OPSSs), and the Ontario Provincial Standard Drawings (OPSDs). The foundation design for highway structures should be carried out in accordance with the guidelines and requirements provided in CHBDC (2019). The structure consequence classification defined in CHBDC (2019) is to be specified by MTO for each structure in the MBI area. The typical consequence classification was used in this report. The list of OPSSs and OPSDs cited in this report is provided in Appendix F.

## **7.2 Proposed Structure**

Based on the preliminary GA drawing provided by AECOM on March 25, 2021, the new underpass will provide two-way access between Wellington Road 34 and Concession Road 7, and will be constructed as a two-span northeast-southwest oriented structure. The underpass will cross over the alignment of Highway 6 at a skew angle of about 30 degrees. Each span will have a length of 45.0 m and the approach slabs at both the east and west abutments will be 6.0 m long, each. The structure will have a width of 22.5 m and will consist of through-lanes, speed change lanes and shoulders. It will accommodate two lanes of traffic, as well as traffic to and from the new ramps.



The new underpass will be supported on 310 x 110 steel H-piles driven to bedrock at the centre pier and abutments. Based on the GA drawing, the centre pier will be located in the median of Highway 6 and will consist of four columns at 6.0 m centre to centre spacing. These columns will be supported by a footing founded on two rows of battered piles. The cut-off elevation of these piles will be at El. 321.6, and the base of the pile-cap is placed at about El. 321.0. At the east and west abutments, the footings will be placed on two rows of battered and vertical piles. The cut-off elevations of these piles will be at El. 325.6 and the base of the pile cap will be at El. 325.0.

The design grade of the approach embankments at the west and east abutments are set at approximately El. 330.6 and El. 331.6, respectively. The top of the road surface of Highway 6 will be at El. 323. The grade of Highway 6 at the ditch will be at El. 321 on the west and at El. 322.5 on the east side. Based on this information, the approach embankments will be approximately 9.6 m and 8.5 m high, respectively. Construction of the new approaches to the designed grade will involve cutting back the existing slope at the west abutment and filling over at the east abutment. The height of the excavation (additional cut) on the west will be approximately 5.1 m and the fill on the east will be about 4 m. The width of the cut and fill will vary across the face of the slopes.

Further, the underpass will have wingwalls and retaining walls at the west and east abutments.

## **8. FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **8.1 Subsoil and Groundwater Conditions**

Based on the findings of the foundation investigation conducted at the west and east abutments, the centre pier, and the toe of the east side of Highway 6, the subsurface at the location of the proposed underpass consists of a thin layer of topsoil underlain by 500 mm to 800 mm thick silty sand or sandy silt fill. Beneath the fill, a layer of silty sand/sandy silt till with varying proportions of gravel and cobbles and occasional sand lenses and silt seams was encountered. Bedrock was encountered below the till, at depths ranging from 21.4 m to 31.4 m (El. 301.2 to El. 296.6).

The stabilized groundwater elevations measured in monitoring wells installed in boreholes drilled at west and east abutments (35-618-02 and 35-618-08) of the proposed underpass and at the toe of Highway 6 (35-618-06) ranged from El. 310.2 to El. 312.5.



## **8.2 Foundation Alternatives**

Based on the subsurface and groundwater conditions of the project site, the foundation alternatives discussed below are provided to facilitate the development of the conceptual/preliminary design for the Design-Build Ready project delivery package. The foundation alternatives are the following:

- Driven Steel H-Piles
- Shallow Foundation – Spread Footings
- Drilled shaft / large diameter caissons
- Micropiles

Table 5 provides the advantages, disadvantages, risks and consequences of the foundation alternatives for the proposed structure. Construction of deep foundations (driven piles and caissons) should conform to OPSS.PROV 903, as amended by SP 109F57. For design-build projects the use of DBSP0903 (Design-Build Special Provision replacement of OPSS 903) should be considered.



**Table 5 - Comparison of Foundation Options**

<b>Foundation Type</b>	<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>	<b>Risks/Consequences</b>	<b>Relative Cost</b>
Driven Steel Piles	Higher confidence level in settlement performance  May not require deep excavations for forming pile caps	Potential vibration induced during driving  Potential requirement to design for corrosion protection	Steel piles may require corrosion protection, in which case the corrosion protection would need to be designed by specialists.	Moderate
Shallow Foundations	Reduced nuisance to public for noise and vibration compared to pile driving  Can be constructed with limited vertical clearance	Deep excavations and roadway protection or shoring would be required to construct spread footings	Low to medium risk of settlement and resulting distresses to bridges due to differential settlements	Foundation cost relatively low



**Table 5 - Comparison of Foundation Options**

<b>Foundation Type</b>	<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>	<b>Risks/Consequences</b>	<b>Relative Cost</b>
Caissons	<p>Reduced nuisance to public for noise and vibration compared to pile driving</p> <p>Ability to achieve high axial and lateral capacity</p> <p>Facilitates elimination of pile cap if pile bent configuration adopted</p> <p>Ability to install through cobbles and boulders</p> <p>Can be installed with limited vertical clearance</p>	<p>Environmental concerns for potential use of slurry to stabilise the base during caisson installation</p> <p>May require permanent liner</p> <p>Construction procedures may influence the integrity and performance of the caisson</p> <p>Requirement for caisson integrity testing to test for potential necking of concrete</p>	<p>Potential for necking of concrete in caisson could reduce the reliability to support axial or lateral loads.</p>	Moderate
Micropiles	<p>Minimal disturbance and can be advanced through obstruction/boulders</p>	<p>Need a specialist contractor for design and construction</p> <p>The lateral load-carrying capacity of individual vertical micropiles is limited compared to driven piles</p> <p>Potential requirement to design for corrosion protection</p>	<p>The bond length design of micropiles is based on the assumption that the load is resisted uniformly by shaft friction. Hence the micropiles should have sufficient embedment into the bedrock</p>	Moderate



**8.2.1 Option 1: Steel H-Piles Driven to Bedrock**

Based on the subsoil conditions encountered at the project site, the two abutments and centre pier may be supported on HP 310 x 110 steel piles driven to bedrock surface elevations ranging from El. 300.1 to El. 296.6. The use of steel H-Piles is also the preferred and recommended option.

Steel H-piles driven to bedrock may be designed assuming a factored axial geotechnical resistance of 2000 kN at Ultimate Limit State (ULS). Geotechnical resistance at Serviceability Limit State (SLS) will not govern because the load required to produce detrimental deformation for piles driven to bedrock is anticipated to be larger than the recommended factored resistance at ULS.

Table 6 provides the approximate pile tip elevations and the lengths of piles that may be considered for design purposes based on pile cut-off elevations.

**Table 6 - Approximate Pile Tip Elevations and Length for HP 310 x 110**

LOCATION	PILE TIP ELEVATION	PILE CUT-OFF ELEVATION	LENGTH (m)
East Abutment	297.1 ± 1.0	323.0	25.9 ± 1.0
Centre Pier	300.1 ± 1.0	320.5	20.4 ± 1.0
West Abutment	296.6 ± 1.0	323.0	26.4 ± 1.0

It should be noted that the second borehole and DCPT (borehole 35-618-3A/B) on the west abutment encountered refusal on a possible boulder at El. 314.5; accordingly, this condition should be investigated further by drilling additional boreholes during detail design.

Considering the cobbles and gravels encountered below about El. 320.0 m, the pile tips may have to be reinforced to drive the piles through very dense soil strata to bedrock surface.

For detail foundation design, the lateral capacity of steel H-piles should be determined by load-displacement (p-y) curve analyses to model the non-linear behaviour of soils. This method allows determination of pile top deflections and bending moments of laterally loaded piles. The p-y curves are developed from pile load tests, but it is also common to use p-y curves developed by computer programs from input parameters such as pile diameter and the type of soil strata.



**8.2.2 Option 2: Shallow Foundation – Spread Footings**

As an alternative to H-piles, the abutments and centre pier of the proposed structure may be supported on spread footings placed at or below the depths provided in Table 7. The geotechnical resistances given in Table 7 may be assumed for minimum of 2.5 m wide spread footings.

**Table 7 - Founding Elevation and Geotechnical Bearing Resistance for Shallow Foundation**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>FOUNDING ELEVATION</b>	<b>FACTORED GEOTECHNICAL RESISTANCE AT ULS (kN)</b>	<b>GEOTECHNICAL RESISTANCE AT SLS (kN)</b>
East Abutment	323.0 ± 1.0	500	350
Center Pier	320.5 ± 1.0	450	300
West Abutment	323.0 ± 1.0	500	350

The bearing resistance for inclined loads should be reduced in accordance with the requirements of Clause 6.10.2 of the CHBDC (2019).

The total settlement under a Serviceability Limit State (SLS) load of 350 kPa and 300 kPa is expected to be in the order of 20 mm to 25 mm and the associated differential settlement will vary from 15 mm to 20 mm. Most of the total settlement is expected to come from elastic compression of the subgrade and completed immediately after completion of construction. Continuing long-term total or differential settlements under the weight of the structure may be negligible.

The silt sand to sandy silt till subgrade may be susceptible to disturbance from construction traffic and/or any ponded water. To limit the degradation, it is suggested that a concrete working slab (lean concrete) be placed on the subgrade within four hours after preparation, inspection and approval of the footing subgrade. This requirement may be addressed with a note on the structural drawing for foundation and/or with a Non-Standard Special Provision (NSSP).

The sliding resistance of footings against lateral loads between the concrete footing and subgrade should be calculated in accordance with Clause 6.10.4 of the CHBDC (2019). For cast-in-place concrete footing constructed on concrete working slab and on top of silty sand/sandy silt till subgrade, the coefficient of friction angle should be taken as follows:



- Cast-In-Place footing on concrete working slab = 0.6
- Cast-In-Place concrete working slab on compact to dense silty sand = 0.65

Considering the elevations of stabilized groundwater levels (El. 310.2 to El. 312.5), no major dewatering requirements are anticipated for footings placed at elevations given in Table 7.

### 8.2.3 Option 3: Caissons

The centre pier of the proposed underpass may be supported on 25.5 m to 27.5 m long caissons founded at depths of EL. 296.5 to El. 294.5 in bedrock. Caissons socketed three times the diameter into the bedrock may be designed assuming the geotechnical resistances given in Table 8.

**Table 8 - Factored Geotechnical Resistance at ULS**

CAISSON DIAMETER	CAISSON TIP ELEVATION	FACTORED GEOTECHNICAL RESISTANCE AT ULS (kN)
1200 mm	296.5	5000
1500 mm	295.5	7500
1800 mm	294.5	10000

A temporary liner will be required to install the caissons. The construction of the caissons should conform to OPSS.PROV 903, as amended by SP 109F57. For design-build projects, use of DBSP0903 (Design-Build Special Provision replacement of OPSS 903) should be considered.

Lateral resistances at ULS and SLS provided in Table 9 may be utilized for the design of the caissons socketed three times the diameter into the bedrock.

**Table 9 - Lateral Resistance at ULS and SLS**

CAISSON DIAMETER	LATERAL RESISTANCE	
	ULS (kN)	SLS (kN)
1200 mm	350	150
1500 mm	520	220
1800 mm	700	300



#### **8.2.4 Option 4: Micropiles**

Micropiles can also be considered as an option to support the proposed underpass. These piles are installed to the required depths with minimal disturbances and can be advanced through/past obstructions including boulders. The actual embedment or bond length should be decided based on the geotechnical resistance required to support the design load, the diameter of the drill hole, and the grout to ground ultimate bond strength. The bond length design is based on the assumption that the load is resisted uniformly by shaft friction. Micropile foundations must be designed and installed by a specialized contractor. The contractor should select the type of micropiles and the method of drilling and grouting, based on specific performance criteria (permissible movements).

For detailed design, site-specific load testing should be carried out to define the factor of safety or the geotechnical resistance applied to ultimate bond strength values. The lateral load-carrying capacity of individual micropiles is limited compared to driven piles. If considered, micropiles can be battered as a means to provide additional resistance to lateral loading.

### **9. WINGWALL AND RETAINING WALLS**

The GA drawing indicates that wingwalls and retaining walls are to be constructed on both sides of the west and east approach embankments to support cut and fill slopes, respectively. Both reinforced concrete gravity (or cantilever) and reinforced soil system (RSS) walls are geotechnically feasible alternatives for retaining walls at the project site. The cantilever walls could be cast-in-place (CIP) or made up of precast elements. Cast-in-place concrete gravity and cantilever walls will require longer construction time and deeper excavations compared to RSS walls.

Concrete or RSS retaining walls should be founded on native silty sand/sandy silt till, and designed using a factored geotechnical bearing resistance at ULS of 225 kPa and a bearing resistance at SLS of 150 kPa. The factored geotechnical resistance at ULS was based on a factor of 0.5 as recommended in the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC, 2019). In order to limit the degradation of the founding soil, it is recommended that a concrete working slab be placed on the subgrade within four hours of preparation, inspection and approval. Based on existing conditions, no major global stability problems are expected for the proposed retaining wall.



## **10. LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES**

Lateral earth pressure acting on the back of a concrete retaining structure can result in sliding or overturning. Hence, earth retaining walls or abutments should be designed to resist the lateral earth pressure imposed by a backfill and any surcharge load including traffic loads. The lateral earth pressure acting on a bridge abutment or retaining structure depends on the type of backfill, the native materials, the method of placement of the backfill, the freedom of movement of the structure, the surcharge pressure, and the drainage conditions behind the walls.

Generally, the earth pressure for concrete structures should be computed as per Clause 6.12.2 of Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC, 2019). The lateral earth pressure,  $p$  (kPa), may be computed using the following equation, assuming a triangular pressure distribution:

$$p = K (\gamma h_1 + \gamma' h_2 + q) + \gamma_w h_2 + C_p + C_s$$

where  $K$  = Coefficient of lateral earth pressure (dimensionless)

$\gamma$  = Unit weight of backfill material above assumed water level (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$\gamma'$  = Unit weight of submerged backfill ( $\gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w$ ) material below assumed water level (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$\gamma_w$  = Unit weight of water (9.8 kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$h_1$  = Depth below final grade above design water level (m)

$h_2$  = Depth below design water level (m)

$q$  = Surcharge load (kPa)

$C_p$  = Compaction pressure (kPa) (Clause 6.12.3 of CHBDC, 2019)

$C_s$  = Earth pressure from seismic events, (kPa) (Clause 6.14.7 of CHBDC, 2019)

Free draining granular material meeting the specifications of OPSS.PROV 1010 Material Specifications for Aggregates, Granular 'A' or Granular 'B' Type II should be used as backfill, and in accordance with OPSS 902. This material should be compacted according to OPSS 501, as amended by SP 105S22. Transverse drains and weep holes should be installed to prevent the build-up of hydrostatic pressure and provide positive drainage in accordance with OPSD 3190.100, where applicable. Other aspects of the granular backfill requirements with respect to sub drains and frost taper should be in accordance with the requirements OPSD 3101.150 and OPSD 3121.150.



For the case where the pressures are based on granular fill behind the wall, the parameters given in Table 10 may be assumed. The coefficient of earth pressure “at rest” should be used for design of rigid and unyielding walls where sufficient movement of the structure wall will not be permitted. For unrestrained structures, the “active” earth pressure coefficient should be employed.

It should be understood that the parameters and unfactored values of earth pressure coefficients given in Table 10 assume that the ground surface behind the structure is horizontal. If the retained ground is sloping, the coefficients must be adjusted to account for the slope based on the equations provided on Figures C6.28 and C6.29 of the Commentary (S6.1:19) to CHBDC (2019).

A minimum compaction surcharge of 12 kPa should be included in the lateral earth pressures for the structural design of the wall stem, based on Clause 6.12.3 and Figure 6.6 of the CHBDC (2014). Compaction equipment should be used based on MTO Special Provision 105S22. In case of surcharge loadings, it should be accounted for in the design, as required.

**Table 10 - Earth Pressure Coefficients for Granular Fill**

PARAMETERS	OPSS GRANULAR ‘A’	OPSS GRANULAR ‘B’ TYPE II
Internal Friction Angle, (degrees)	35°	32°
Unit weight, $\gamma$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	22.5± 0.3	21.5 ± 0.3
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure, $K_a$	0.27	0.33
Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest, $K_o$	0.43	0.5
Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure, $K_p$	3.69	3

The granular fill may be placed either in a zone with width equal to at least 1.2 m behind the back of the wall stem (Figure C6.31(a) of the Commentary to the CHBDC (2019)) or within the wedge-shaped zone defined by a line drawn at 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical (1.5H:1V) extending up and back from the rear face of the footing (Figure C6.31(b) of the Commentary to the CHBDC (2019)).



## **11. APPROACH EMBANKMENTS**

### **11.1 West Approach Embankment**

The existing ground surface on the west side of the proposed underpass varies from El. 322.5 at the bottom of the roadside ditch to El. 328.5 at the top of the slope. Hence, the height of the existing cut slope is about 6.0 m. On the other hand, the new grade of the west approach embankment is set at El. 330.6, and the grade at the ditch line of Highway 6 will be at El. 321, resulting in 9.6 m high approach embankment with 2H:1V or flatter abutment fore slope.

Generally, the fore slopes of abutments or side slopes of approach embankments exceeding 8.0 m in height will require a 2.0 m wide mid-height bench or berm to control surficial erosion and improve stability. These embankments should be constructed in accordance with OPSD 202.010.

The preliminary GA drawing provided by AECOM indicated that the abutment fore slope on the west side of the underpass will involve construction of a mid-height berm. In addition, the soils encountered in boreholes drilled in the area are dense to very dense, and the groundwater level is relatively deep. Furthermore, construction of wingwalls and retaining walls on both sides of the structure will contribute to the stability of the slope and provide additional strength to the abutment. Hence, the occurrence of slope failures that can affect the performance of the proposed structure is assumed to be negligible for an approach embankment with 2H:1V or flatter abutment fore slope.

Further, slope stability analyses were conducted to assess the performance of the abutment fore slope constructed with 2H:1V side slopes or flatter and mid-height berm. All stability analyses were carried out with a computer program, *Slope-W*. For all stability analyses, the Spencer method was used to estimate the factor of safety against rotational shear failures. The Spencer method analyzes potential circular shear surfaces by separating the materials above the failure plane into multiple segments and then using force and moment equilibrium to balance the forces in each segment.

For the purpose of conducting slope stability analyses for abutment fore slope, slope geometries were obtained from preliminary GA drawing provided by AECOM. The subsurface and groundwater conditions were obtained from boreholes drilled in the area. Since the subsurface encountered in boreholes consisted mainly of cohesionless (granular) soils, a drained condition was assumed and the stability analyses were conducted using effective stress approach.



A summary of the assumed shear strength parameters for soil layers encountered in boreholes drilled at or near the proposed locations of the proposed structure is provided in Table 11. The parameters were determined using the information from boreholes, the soil profiles presented in Foundation Investigation Report (Part A), and based on literature and previous experiences.

**Table 11 – Soil Strength Parameters**

MATERIAL	SOIL PROPERTY		
	BULK UNIT WEIGHT (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	INTERNAL FRICTION ANGLE (φ')	DRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (c') kPa
Pavement Fill	21	32	-
Embankment Fill	20	30	-
Compact Silty Sand/Sandy Silt (Till)	19	28	-
Very Dense Silty Sand/Sandy Silt (Till)	19	34	-

The result of the slope stability analysis is given in Drawing 35-618-2 in Appendix G, and the Factor of Safety (FOS) value for a rotational slip plane was found to be 2.0. This value is higher than the 1.5 that is often used to design highway approach embankments with no risk slope instability.

Further, the proposed embankment at the west approach may be expected to induce settlement of the founding soil in the order of 10 mm to 15 mm. In addition, any fill required is expected to settle by 0.5% to 1.0% (50 mm to 100 mm) of the fill height, depending on the type of fill material and the method of placement. However, the majority of the estimated settlement will be in the form of elastic compression and will be completed immediately after the construction of the embankment. To mitigate post-construction settlements, paving of the road may need to be delayed by two to four weeks after the placement of a fill to the designed grade of the embankment.

Organic or soft soils were not encountered in boreholes drilled in the area. However, any soft/weak materials/soils observed within the base (design subgrade level) footprint of the embankment should be removed before placing fill. In addition, the slopes of the approach embankment should be protected against surface erosion by sodding and suitable vegetation. Refer to OPSS 803 and OPSS 804 for the type of seed and mulch required. Further, granular sheeting meeting the requirements of OPSS.PROV 1004 may be provided in areas where seepage is identified.



## **11.2 East Approach Embankment**

The existing ground surface at the east approach embankment varies from El. 323.1 to El. 330.2. Hence, the height of the existing cut slope is approximately 7.1 m. The new grade at the east approach of the proposed underpass is set at El. 331.6 and the embankment at this location is required to be constructed by placing additional fill over the existing slope. The benching for the placement of fill on an existing slope should be in accordance with OPSD 208.010.

The height of the approach embankment/abutment slope is expected to be about 8.5 m above the grade of Highway 6 at the location of the east abutment. Generally, abutment for slopes or side slopes exceeding 8.0 m in height require a 2.0 m wide mid-height bench to control surficial erosion and improve stability. These embankments should be constructed in accordance with OPSD 202.010.

However, at the project site, it is understood that the abutment structure on the east side will be constructed in the upper part of the abutment slope and this will reduce the height of the uninterrupted slope to about 5 m. Hence, major instability problems are unlikely to occur. In addition, since the soils encountered in boreholes drilled in the area are dense and the groundwater level is relatively deep, the probability of occurrence of slope failures that can affect the performance of the proposed structure is assumed to be negligible. Furthermore, construction of wingwalls and retaining walls in the area will help in stabilizing and providing additional strength to the abutment slope.

Further, slope stability analyses were conducted to assess the performance of the abutment fore slope constructed with 2H:1V side slopes or flatter. Slope geometries for the abutment fore slope were obtained from preliminary GA drawing provided by AECOM. The subsurface and groundwater conditions were obtained from boreholes drilled in the area. Since the subsurface encountered in boreholes consisted mainly of cohesionless (granular) soils, a drained condition was assumed and the stability analyses were conducted using effective stress approach.

A summary of the assumed shear strength parameters for soil layers encountered in boreholes drilled at or near the proposed locations of the proposed structure is provided in Table 11. The parameters were determined using the information from boreholes, the soil profiles presented in Foundation Investigation Report (Part A), and based on literature and previous experiences.



The result of the slope stability analysis is given in Drawing 35-618-3 in Appendix G, and the Factor of Safety (FOS) value for a rotational slip plane was found to be 2.1. This value is higher than the 1.5 that is often used to design highway approach embankments with no risk slope instability.

The proposed embankment at the east approach embankment is expected to induce settlement of the founding soil in the order of 10 mm to 15 mm. In addition, any fill required is expected to settle by 0.5% to 1.0% (50 mm to 100 mm) of the fill height, depending on the type of fill material and the method of placement. However, the majority of the estimated settlement will be in the form of elastic compression and will be completed immediately after the construction of the embankment. To mitigate post-construction settlements, paving of the road may need to be delayed by two to four weeks after the placement of the fill to the designed grade of the embankment.

Organic or soft soils were not encountered in boreholes drilled at the east approach. However, any soft/weak materials observed within the base (design subgrade level) footprint of the embankment should be removed before placing the fill. In addition, the slopes of the approach embankment should be protected against surface erosion by sodding and suitable vegetation. Refer to OPSS 803 and OPSS 804 for the type of seed and mulch required. Further, granular sheeting meeting the requirements of OPSS.PROV 1004 may be provided in areas where seepage is identified.

## **12. SEISMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

The Spectral ( $S_a(T)$ , where T is in seconds) and Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) for the project site are 0.151 ( $S_a(0.2)$ ) and 0.094 (2%/50 years), respectively, based on the longitude and latitude coordinates of the proposed structure and the procedures provided in the National Building Code of Canada (2015). The PGA for the site is 0.075 in accordance with Clause 4.4.3.3, CHBDC (2019).

The seismic site classification uses the conditions of soils encountered in the upper 30 m of the subsurface. Based on the average SPT “N” values of the silty sand to sandy silt fill and the underlying till deposit and the bedrock, the subsurface at the site is classified as Type D for seismic design purposes, based on Clause 4.4.3.2 of CHBDC, 2019.

In accordance with Clause 4.4.4, CHBDC (2019), a seismic performance category of 1 (major-route and other bridges) is considered for the site.



The site class as well as the history of seismicity indicates that the risk of seismic activity at this location is low. Hence, no seismic design considerations are anticipated for this structure.

### **13. FROST PROTECTION**

Based on OPSD 3090.101, the frost penetration depth for the region is approximately 1.2 m. All pile caps or footings shall be provided with a minimum of 1.2 m earth cover or equivalent thermal insulation as protection against frost action. A section of any footing exposed for frost action should be covered by non-frost susceptible granular material.

### **14. CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **14.1 Roadway Protection**

Based on the preliminary GA drawing, the construction of temporary roadway protection systems may be required at the location of the centre pier. A roadway protection system shall be designed and constructed by the contractor and should meet Performance Level 2, in accordance with OPSS.PROV 539, amended by SP 105S09. The use of DBSP0539 (design-build special provision replacement of OPSS.PROV 539) should also be considered. Performance Level 2 requires a Maximum Angular Distortion of 1:200 and a Maximum Horizontal Displacement of 25 mm.

The soil parameters given in Table 12 may be used for the design of roadway protection systems required at the project site. The requirements provided in OPSS.PROV 539 or DBSP0539 also call for monitoring of the roadway protection system used in the area by the contractor (design-builder) to check the horizontal and vertical displacements of the existing roadway.

**Table 12 - Soil Parameters for the Preliminary Design of Roadway Protection System**

ELEVATION		SOIL TYPE	UNIT WEIGHT, (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	PRELIMINARY DESIGN PARAMETERS	
FROM	TO			EFFECTIVE FRICTION ANGLE, (Φ)	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, S <sub>u</sub> (kPa)
321.0	318.0	Compact Sandy Silt to Silty Sand (Fill)	19	30	-
318.0	312.0	Dense Silty Sand/Sandy Silt Till	20	34	-



## **14.2 Excavation**

Based on the preliminary GA drawing, the excavation depth to facilitate construction of the pile cap at the proposed pier location is not expected to exceed 2.0 m below the existing grade of Highway 6. In case the shallow foundation option is used, the excavation depth to the recommended founding elevation (El.320.0) will be about 2.5 m below the grade of the highway.

The existing fill may be considered as Type 3 soil and the dense silty sand/sandy silt till may be taken as Type 2 soil in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). In dense till deposits, temporary excavation slopes of 1H:1V over the full depth of excavation or flatter slopes can be constructed assuming adequate drainage measures are in place. Temporary shoring systems may be required if such drainage measures cannot be provided.

Considering the depth of the expected excavation, an open cut may be feasible depending on the setback or availability of space from the edge of the shoulders of Highway 6. A slope of 2H:1V may be used for an open cut excavation. The assessment of space for open cut excavation should take into consideration of the Ministry of Labour requirements. It requires a minimum of 1.0 m horizontal space behind Temporary Concrete Barrier adjacent to excavations for safety purposes. Generally, it is assumed that space will not be a problem at the site. It should be noted that, as per OHSA, the open-cut excavation procedures are governed by soils with the highest soil type number.

The contractor is responsible for the design of temporary shoring required for excavation walls. It is anticipated that excavation walls will be shored using trench boxes and sheet piles or a combination of shoring systems, depending on the depth of excavation. The design of temporary shoring should account for lateral pressures exerted by the soil, surcharge load from construction traffic, and temporary stockpiles adjacent to the excavation. If dewatering is not considered, the design should also include the hydrostatic pressure exerted by groundwater behind the shoring, if applicable.

Excavating and backfilling in the area should be in accordance with OPSS 902, or DBSP0902 (the design-build special provision replacement of OPSS 902).

Excavation of the soils should be feasible using conventional excavation equipment. All excavated surfaces should be kept free of frost and water during the period of construction. Runoff shall be



directed away from open excavations and should not be allowed to flow into the excavation. Excavated material shall not be stockpiled on top of the excavation.

Prior to excavation, the locations and depths of existing underground utilities, if applicable, should be verified. All underground utilities that might be exposed and become unsupported as a result of the excavation should be properly supported to avoid potential damage.

### **14.3 Groundwater Control**

At the structure location, the stabilized groundwater elevations measured in monitoring wells installed in boreholes drilled at west and east abutments (35-618-02 and 35-618-08) of the proposed underpass and at the toe of Highway 6 (35-618-06) ranged from El. 310.2 to El. 312.5.

Considering the depth of excavation and the stabilized groundwater levels at the site, no major dewatering requirements are anticipated. Seepage from soil fissures or surface run-off that enters the excavations can be handled by conventional sump pumping techniques.

Generally, if required, the contractor should be responsible for selection, performance and detailed design of the dewatering system. The dewatering system should be designed to conform to the requirements of OPSS.PROV 517. If pumping of groundwater at volumes greater than 50,000 L/day and less than 400,000 L/day is required, the Environmental Activity Sector Registry (EASR) must be completed. An EASR may not be required to temporarily pump surface water from behind a dewatering system, as long as the water is returned to the original source. If water taking in excess of 400,000 litres/day is required, a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) must be obtained in advance from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP). If sheet piles are installed to adequate depths to cut-off groundwater inflows, pumping volumes are anticipated to be less than 400,000 litres/day and PTTW applications would not be required. The actual rate of groundwater taking will be a function of the final design, time of the year, and the contractor's schedule, equipment, and techniques.

### **14.4 Subgrade Preparation and Embankment Construction**

The approach embankment fills should consist of well compacted and acceptable native or granular material. Organic or soft soils were not encountered in the boreholes drilled at both the west and east approaches. However, any soft/weak materials/soils observed within the base (design



subgrade level) footprints of the approach embankments should be removed before placing the fill. The depth and extent of stripped material should be determined during the detail design phase.

After stripping of soft and compressible materials to the specified depth, the exposed subgrade should be proof rolled to identify any area requiring sub-excavation and the sub-excavation shall be backfilled using acceptable fill compacted as specified. Embankment fill should be placed and compacted in accordance with OPSS.PROV 206. Sod application and vegetation cover should be in conformance with OPSS.PROV 803. Measures to reduce erosion of the embankment slopes due to surface runoff should be considered during the detail design phase of the project and may include placement of topsoil and sod as soon as practicable after the construction of the embankments is completed. Erosion protection measures should be in accordance with OPSS.PROV 804.

Design provisions to manage differential settlements of immediate approaches to structures and the use of wider embankments should be addressed during detail design. Consideration should be given to surcharging/preloading to reduce settlements before paving.

#### **14.5 Pile Installation and Obstructions**

Due to the depositional process for glacial till, there is a risk that cobbles and boulders will be encountered within these deposits. The presence of cobbles and boulders may pose installation challenges for driven piles and caissons. Pile tip reinforcement is recommended for driven piles to prevent damage when driving through till soils with boulders and/or cobbles. Caisson installation equipment must be capable of penetrating dense glacial till and dislodging, removing or penetrating any obstructions such as cobbles and boulders. Design-Build contract documents should include a Non-standard Special Provision (NSSP) to alert bidders of the potential difficulty and/or issues pertaining to driving steel H-piles or excavating caissons in till soils with cobbles and boulders.

#### **14.6 Soil Corrosivity**

Two samples from the silty sand/sandy silt till were tested for soil corrosivity and potential exposure of concrete to sulphate attack. The samples were taken from Borehole 35-618-04 at a depth of about 2.6 m (El. 319.7 m) and Borehole 35-618-08 at a depth of 3.3 m (El. 325.2). The boreholes were drilled near or at the proposed location of the centre pier and east abutment. A summary of the test results is provided in Table 4 given in Section 5.4 of Part A of this report.



As shown in Table 4, the sulphate concentration was reported to be 0.0006% (6 µg/g) and 0.0009% (9.4 µg/g). According to Clause 4.1.1.1 of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) A23.1-19/A23.2-19 Standard (2019), soluble sulphate concentrations less than 0.1% (1000 µg/g) generally indicate a low degree of sulphate attack when concrete is in contact with soil or groundwater. Hence, the potential for sulphate attack of concrete at the project site is low.

Moreover, a resistivity value of higher than 2000 ohm-cm is generally considered not corrosive environment for soil in contact with steel. The resistivity value provided in Table 4 for the till is higher than 2000 ohm-cm, and indicates a non-corrosive environment for buried metal.

The pH value in Table 4 is within the normal range expected for soil pH.

It is expected that granular backfill will be used at structure location for embankment construction. Generally, no sulphate attack is expected from granular backfill materials. However, it may be advisable to test backfill material for corrosion potential if it is imported from unknown sources. Additional corrosivity tests of native soils and reference to MTO Gravity Pipe Design Manual (2014), are recommended before the selection of cement types and steel products.



**15. CLOSURE**

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## **APPENDIX F**

List of Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSSs), Drawings (OPSDs), Special Provisions (SPs) and Design-Build Special Provisions (DBSPs) Cited in the Report

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DOCUMENT	TITLE	REVISION DATE
OPSS.PROV 903	Construction Specification for Deep Foundations	April, 2016
SP 109F57	Special Provision (Amendment) to OPSS 903	January, 2020
DBSP0903	Design-Build Special Provision (Replacement) to OPSS 903	August, 2020
OPSS.PROV 1010	Material Specification for Aggregates – Base, Subbase, Select Subgrade, and Backfill Material	April, 2013
OPSS 902	Construction Specification for Excavation and Backfilling of Structures	November, 2019
DBSP0902	Design-Build Special Provision (Replacement) to OPSS 902	August, 2020
OPSS 501	Construction Specification for Compacting	November, 2014
SP 105S22	Amendment to OPSS 501, Target Density Control Strip	June, 2016
OPSD 3190.100	Walls Retaining, and Abutment Wall Drain	November, 2010
OPSD 3101.150	Walls, Abutment, Backfill, Minimum Granular Requirement	November, 2010
OPSD 3121.150	Walls Retaining, Backfill Minimum Granular Requirement	November, 2010
OPSS.PROV 803	Construction Specification for Vegetative Cover	November, 2020
OPSS.PROV 804	Construction Specification for Temporary Erosion Control	November, 2020
OPSS.PROV 1004	Material Specification for Aggregates	November, 2012
OPSD 202.010	Embankment Construction using Excess Material Outside of Earth or Rock Fill	November, 2010
OPSD 208.010	Benching of Earth Slopes	April, 2019
OPSD 3090.101	Foundation, Frost Penetration depths for Southern Ontario	November, 2010
OPSS.PROV 539	Construction Specification for Temporary Protection Systems	November, 2014
SP 105S09	Amendment to OPSS 539	March, 2018
DBSP0539	Design-Build Special Provision (Replacement) to OPSS 539	August, 2020
OPSS.PROV 517	Construction Specification for Dewatering	November, 2016
OPSS.PROV 206	Construction Specification for Grading	November, 2014

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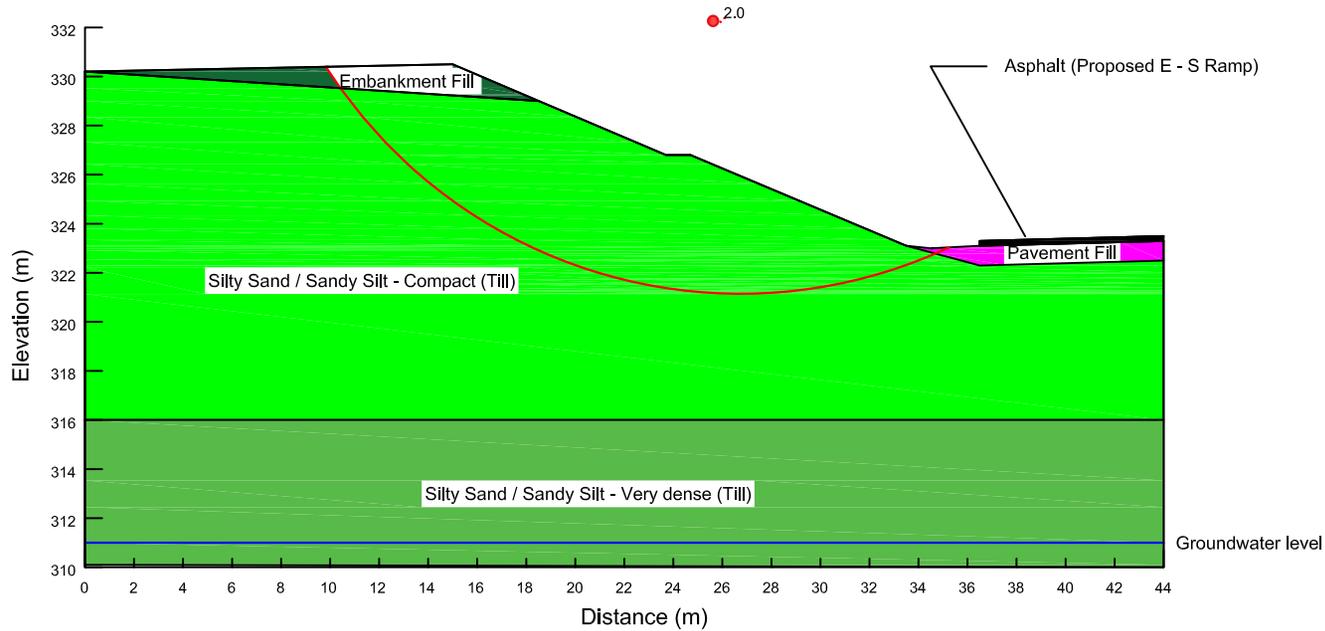


## **APPENDIX G**

### Results of Slope Stability Analyses

### SOIL STRENGTH PARAMETERS

PROPERTY \ MATERIAL	ASPHALT	PAVEMENT FILL	EMBANKMENT FILL	SILTY SAND / SANDY SILT, COMPACT (TILL)	SILTY SAND / SANDY SILT, VERY DENSE (TILL)
Bulk Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	-	21	20	19	19
Internal Friction Angle (°)	-	32	30	28	34
Drained Shear Strength, (Cohesion) (kPa)	-	-	-	-	-

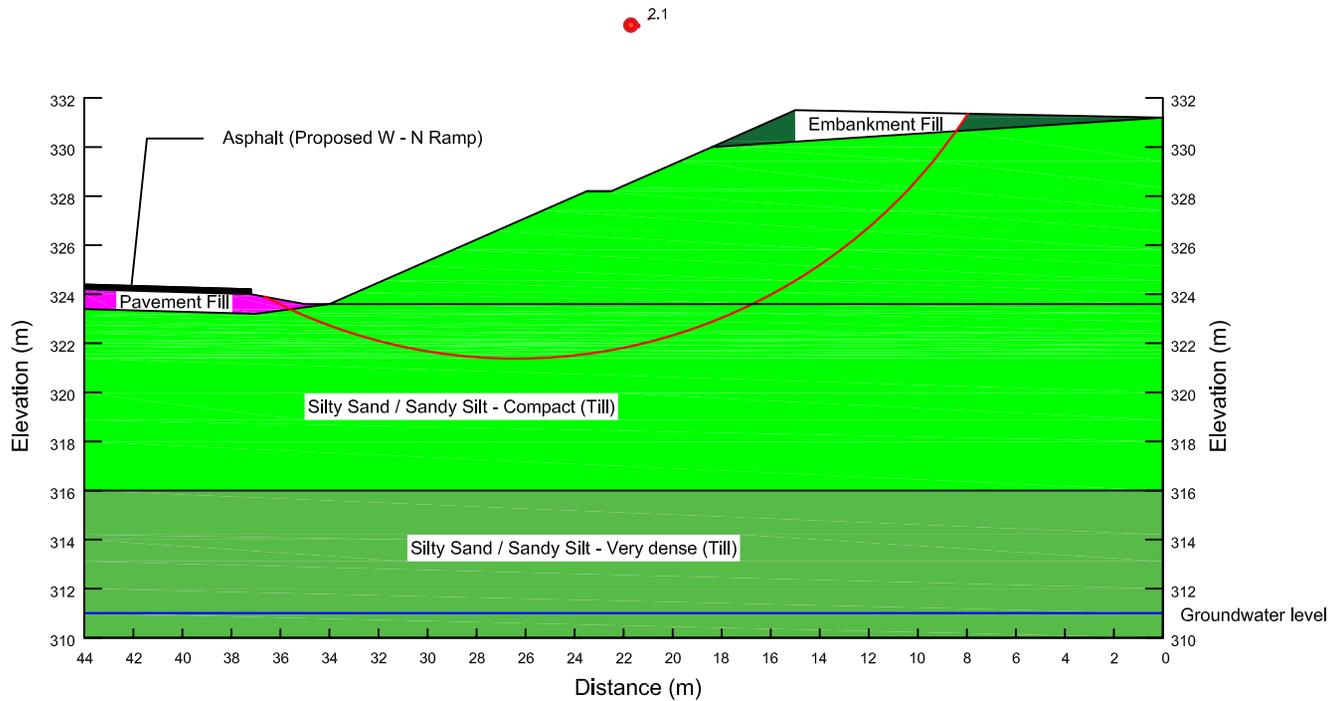


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Drained Shear Strength, (Cohesion) (kPa)	-	-	-	-	-



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