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**PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the factual findings obtained from a geotechnical investigation conducted at the location of a bridge carrying Highway 587 over the Blend Creek in the District of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The purpose of the investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the bridge site and, based on the data obtained, provide a borehole location plan, borehole logs, stratigraphic profile, cross-sections, laboratory test results and a written description of the subsurface conditions.

Thurber carried out the investigation as a sub-consultant to McCormick Rankin Corporation under the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Agreement Number 6010-E-0011.

**2 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The site is located on Highway 587 approximately 1.8 km south of the intersection with Highway 11/17 in the District of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The existing structure consists of a three span bridge supported on timber pile bents. The length and width of the bridge are 16.6 m and 9.75 m, respectively. Highway 587 at the Blend Creek bridge crossing is constructed on an approximate 2.5 m to 3.0 m high embankment. The embankment slopes are grass covered. The surrounding lands are heavily wooded. The ground surface has a gently undulating topography.

At this location, the Blend Creek flows from north to south.

Photographs in Appendix C show views of the bridge and the general nature of the surrounding land.

The site lies within the Canadian Shield, characterized by low, rounded hills of Pre-Cambrian bedrock mantled by varying thicknesses of overburden. At this site, the overburden primarily consists of silty clay over sand. The underlying bedrock consists of schist.

### 3 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FIELD TESTING

The site investigation and field testing for this project were carried out on July 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28, 2011. A total of six sampled boreholes (numbered BC-1 to BC-6) were drilled through the existing highway embankments at the bridge location. Boreholes BC-2 and BC-3 were drilled near the west abutment and Boreholes BC-4 and BC-5 were drilled near the east abutment. Boreholes BC-1 and BC-6 were drilled at the west and east approaches, respectively. Boreholes were advanced to depths ranging from 11.3 m to 21.3 m (Elevations 182.6 to 192.8). Bedrock was proved in Boreholes BC-3 and BC-5 by NQ size diamond coring. Borehole BC-3 was advanced 3.1 m into bedrock and terminated at 18.0 m depth (Elevation 186.0). Borehole BC-5 was advanced 3.0 m into bedrock and terminated at 21.3 m depth (Elevation 182.6).

A Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCPT) was advanced adjacent to Borehole BC-4 from 10.6 m to 17.0 m depth.

The approximate locations of the boreholes and DCPT are shown on the Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing in Appendix G. The coordinates and elevations of the boreholes are given on the drawings and on the individual Record of Borehole Sheets in Appendix A.

Prior to commencement of drilling, utility clearances were obtained for all borehole locations.

Hollow stem augers and wash-boring with casing were used to advance the boreholes. Samples were obtained at selected intervals using a 50 mm diameter split spoon sampler in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing (SPT). In situ vane shear testing was carried out to assess the undrained shear strength of soft to firm cohesive deposits.

A member of Thurber's engineering staff supervised the drilling and sampling operations on a full time basis. The supervisor logged the boreholes, visually examined the recovered samples, and transported them to Thurber's laboratory for further examination and testing.

All rock cores were logged, and the Total Core Recovery (TCR), Rock Quality Designation (RQD) and the Fracture Indices (FI) were determined.

Groundwater conditions in the open boreholes were observed throughout the drilling operations.

Boreholes were grouted with bentonite/grout to 0.2 m or 0.3 m, concrete/Portland cement from 0.2 m or 0.3 m to 0.1m then asphalt cold patch to surface.

#### **4 LABORATORY TESTING**

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

Point load tests were carried out on selected samples of intact bedrock upon arrival at the laboratory to assist in evaluation of the compressive strength of the bedrock. Results of point load tests on the rock core samples are included in Appendix B and on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A.

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

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets included in Appendix A. Details of the encountered soil and rock stratigraphy are presented in these sheets and on the “Borehole Locations and Soil Strata” drawing included in Appendix G. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs. However, the factual data presented in the Record of Borehole sheets governs any interpretation of the site conditions. It must be recognized that soil conditions may vary between and beyond borehole locations.

The soil stratigraphy encountered at the borehole locations typically consists of an asphalt layer overlying sand and gravel fill, sand and silt fill and silty clay fill (embankment fill), underlain by native deposits of silty clay, silt to sandy silt, and fine sand. Fresh, grey schist bedrock was contacted below the sand/silty sand layers at depths ranging from 13.4 m to 18.3 m.

More detailed descriptions of the individual strata are presented below.

##### **5.1 Asphalt**

A 40 mm to 90 mm thick layer of asphalt was encountered in each borehole drilled on the travelled lanes of Highway 587.

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

The asphalt was underlain by fill consisting of reddish brown sand and gravel containing some silt, some clay and occasional cobbles. The thickness of the fill ranged from 1.3 m to 2.0 m.

The depth to the base of the sand and gravel fill varied from 1.3 m to 2.1 m (elevations 202.0 to 2002.8).

Layers of sand and silt fill containing some clay to clayey were encountered in Boreholes BC-3 and BC-4 at 1.5 m and 2.3 m depth (elevations 202.5 and 201.7), respectively. The thickness of the sand and silt fill was 1.5 m and 0.4 m.

SPT 'N' values in the sand and gravel fill and sand and silt fill typically decreased with depth. Within the upper 0.6 m of fill, the SPT 'N' values ranged from 28 to 38 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact to dense relative density. Below 0.6 m depth, the SPT 'N' values are lower, ranging from 3 to 22 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very loose to compact relative density.

Moisture contents varied from 4% to 22%. A moisture content of 36% was measured in Borehole BC-4 near elevation 201.7.

Grain size distribution curves for samples of the sand and gravel fill and sand and silt fill are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figures B1 and B2 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Sand and Gravel Fill (%)	Sand and Silt Fill (%)
Gravel	46	7
Sand	42	32
Silt	-	34
Clay	-	27
Silt & Clay	12	-

### 5.3 Silty Clay Fill

A 800-mm thick layer of grey silty/sandy clay fill was contacted below the sand and gravel fill in Borehole BC-5, drilled at the east abutment.

A 200-mm thick layer of silty clay fill was contacted in Borehole BC-4 below the sand and gravel fill at 2.1 m depth (elevation 202.0).

The depths to the base of the silty clay fill were 2.3 m and 2.4 m (elevations 201.7 and 201.5).

The SPT 'N' values measured in the silty clay fill were 7 and 12 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a firm to stiff consistency.

Moisture contents of the silty clay fill were 20% and 37%.

### 5.4 Peat

Dark brown peat containing occasional roots and wood fibres was contacted below fill in Boreholes BC-3 to BC-5. The peat thickness ranged from 0.1m to 1.4 m.

The depth to the base of the peat ranged from 2.8 m to 4.1 m (elevation 199.9 to 201.2). The peat thickness may vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

SPT 'N' values recorded in the peat were 3 and 7 blows for 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a soft to firm consistency. Natural moisture contents in the peat ranged from 40% to 70%.

### 5.5 Sandy Silt

A layer of native grey sandy silt containing some clay to clayey and trace gravel was contacted below the sand and gravel fill at 1.5 m depth (elevation 202.5) in Borehole BC-2, drilled at the west abutment. The thickness of the sandy silt layer is 3.1 m.

The depth to the base of the sandy silt was 4.6 m (elevation 199.5).

SPT 'N' values in this layer decrease with depth, ranging from 15 to 2 blows per 0.3 m of penetration indicating a compact to very loose relative density.

Moisture contents varied from 21% to 33%.

A grain size distribution curve for a sample of the sandy silt is presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figure B5 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Sandy Silt (%)
Gravel	1
Sand	32
Silt	44
Clay	23

### 5.6 Silty Clay

Native grey silty clay containing trace sand and sand seams was encountered below the fill in Boreholes BC-1 and BC-6, below the native sandy silt in Borehole BC-2 and below the peat in Boreholes BC-3 to BC-5. Occasional roots, shells and wood fibres were observed in the silty clay in Borehole BC-2.

The silty clay was contacted at depths ranging from 1.3 m to 4.6 m (elevations 199.5 to 202.8). The thickness of the silty clay ranged from 4.2 m to 7.5 m.

The depth to the base of the silty clay ranged from 8.7 m to 9.9 m (elevation 194.2 to 195.4).

SPT 'N' values recorded in the silty clay ranged from 0 to 9 blows for 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very soft to stiff consistency. Typically, N-values in the native silty clay were 0 to 4 blows for 0.3 m penetration. In-situ Vane Shear Tests were also performed where low N-values were recorded. The shear strength of the silty clay ranges from 20 to 58 kPa.

The moisture content of samples collected from the silty clay layer generally varies between 23% and 79%.

Grain size distribution curves for selected silty clay samples are presented in Appendix B, Figures B3 and B4. The results are also summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets

included in Appendix A. Atterberg Limits test results are presented in Figures B8 and B9 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

<b>Soil Particles</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
Gravel	0
Sand	0 to 31
Silt	16 to 40
Clay	44 to 84

<b>Index Property</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
Liquid Limit	39 to 71
Plastic Limit	18 to 24

The above results show that the silty clay is of medium to high plasticity with group symbols of CL-CH.

### 5.7 Silt to Sandy Silt

A layer of reddish brown to grey silt, trace sand, to sandy silt was contacted below the silty clay at depths of 8.7 to 9.9 m (elevation 194.2 to 195.4) in all boreholes drilled at the site. The thickness of the silt to sandy silt layer was 3.4 to 4.6 m in Boreholes BC-1 to BC-5. Borehole BC-6 was terminated within this deposit.

The depth to the base of the silt to sandy silt is 13.3 to 13.4 m (elevation 190.6 to 190.8).

SPT 'N' values ranging from 6 to 17 blows per 0.3 m of penetration were measured in the silt to sandy silt layer, indicating a loose to compact relative density.

The moisture content ranged from 17% to 25%, with one sample from Borehole BC-6 indicating 31%.

Grain size distribution curves for samples of the silt and sandy silt are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figures B5 and B6 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

<b>Soil Particles</b>	<b>Silt (%)</b>	<b>Sandy Silt (%)</b>
Gravel	0	0
Sand	3 to 9	39
Silt	78 to 90	58
Clay	5 to 13	3

## 5.8 Sand

Reddish brown to grey sand containing trace to some gravel and trace silt was contacted below the silt to sandy silt at 13.3 m depth (elevations 190.6 to 190.8) in Boreholes BC-2 to BC-5.

The thickness of the sand layer in Boreholes BC-2, BC-3 and BC-5 ranged from 1.3 to 5.0 m. The base of the sand was at 14.6 to 18.3 m depth (elevation 185.6 to 189.4). Borehole BC-4 was terminated within the sand layer at 16.8 m depth (elevation 187.3), indicating a thickness of at least 3.5 m.

In Boreholes BC-3 to BC-5, cobbles and boulders were encountered within the lower 0.6 to 1.6 m of this deposit, below depths of 14.3 to 16.7 m. Coring was required to penetrate the boulders in each borehole.

SPT 'N' values recorded in the sand ranged from 1 blow per 0.3 m of penetration (possible hydraulic disturbance), to 74 blows per 0.3 m of penetration indicating a very dense relative density. An SPT 'N' value of 50 blows per 0.15 m of penetration was obtained in Borehole BC-5 when a boulder was encountered.

The moisture content of the sand ranged from 9% to 23%.

A grain size distribution curve for a sample of the sand is presented on the Record of Borehole sheet and on Figure B7 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory test are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	(%)
Gravel	0
Sand	96
Silt & Clay	4

## 5.9 Bedrock

The overburden soils described above are underlain by dark grey, fresh schist bedrock. Occasional quartz interbeds, occasional mechanical breaks and sub-vertical fractures were noted throughout the bedrock cores.

Bedrock was proved by coring at two boreholes. Table 5.1 summarizes depths and elevations to the top of bedrock and auger refusal on probable bedrock in the boreholes.

Core recovery in the bedrock was 75% in one core and 100% in the remaining cores. The RQD values ranged from 62% to 100%, indicating fair to excellent rock quality. The Fracture Index (FI) of the rock, expressed as fractures per 0.3 m of core, was generally less than 4, except in Borehole BC-5 Run 1 where FI was greater than 20.

**Table 5.1 – Depths and Elevations of Bedrock and Probable Bedrock**

Borehole	Top of Bedrock	
	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
BC-1	13.4	190.7
BC-2	14.6	189.5
BC-3*	14.9	189.1
BC-4	16.8	187.3
BC-5*	18.3	185.6

\* Bedrock proved by coring.

The estimated unconfined compressive strength of the rock cores ranged from 58 MPa to 161 MPa, indicating a strong to very strong rock. Low unconfined compressive strength values ranging from 18 MPa to 28 MPa were measured in cores from Borehole BC-3, Run 1 and 2, indicating a weak rock. These estimated rock strength values are interpreted from point load tests that were conducted on rock cores recovered from the boreholes. A summary of the Point Load Test Results is presented in Appendix B.

### 5.10 Water Levels

Water levels were observed in the open boreholes upon completion of drilling operations. The water levels measured in the open boreholes, referenced to the ground surface, are summarized in Table 5.2.

**Table 5.2 – Water Level Measurements**

Borehole	Date	Water Level (m)		Comment
		Depth	Elevation	
BC-1	July 19, 2011	2.7	201.4	Open borehole
BC-2	July 19, 2011	0.2	203.9	Open borehole
BC-3	July 18, 2011	-0.9*	204.9*	Open borehole
BC-4	July 28, 2011	-0.6*	204.7*	Open borehole
BC-5	July 21, 2011	-0.6*	204.5*	Open borehole
BC-6	July 25, 2011	-0.1*	204.2*	Open borehole

\*Indicates water level above ground surface, artesian conditions.

The groundwater level is 0.1 m to 0.9 m above ground surface (elevations 204.2 to 204.9), indicating artesian conditions at this site.

On the preliminary GA drawing, a water level at Elevation 202.2 is indicated in Blend Creek in May 2011.

The groundwater level may be at a higher elevation after the spring snowmelt or after periods of heavy rainfall.

## 6 MISCELLANEOUS

The borehole locations were established in the field by Thurber Engineering. The coordinates and ground surface elevations at the boreholes were subsequently determined by MMM Group Limited survey personnel.

Thurber obtained utility clearances for the borehole locations prior to drilling.

Eastern Ontario Diamond Drilling Ltd. supplied truck-mounted drilling equipment and conducted the drilling, sampling and in-situ testing operations for the boreholes drilled on the highway.

The field program was supervised on a full time basis by Ms. Eckie Siu and Mr. George Azzopardi of Thurber Engineering Ltd. Overall supervision of the field program was provided by Mr. Mark Farrant, P. Eng.

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**PART 2: ENGINEERING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents interpretation of the geotechnical data in the factual report and presents geotechnical recommendations for design of a new bridge to replace the existing bridge at Blend Creek in the District of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The existing bridge is a three-span structure supported on timber bents with a concrete deck supported on timber bents. The length of the bridge is 16.6 m and the width is 9.75 m. It is understood that the existing concrete deck slab, timber deck panels, bent pile caps and piles, timber curbs and existing guiderail system will be removed in order to build the new bridge.

The proposed bridge consists of a single span structure supported on steel H-piles (refer to preliminary General Arrangement in Appendix F). A sheet pile wall will be installed immediately behind the row of H-piles to support the approach fill, in lieu of a conventional abutment. The new structure will have a span of 13.5 m and a width of 9.75 m. The existing Highway 587 grade will be raised about 200 mm at abutments.

The discussion and recommendations presented in this report are based on the information provided by McCormick Rankin Corporation and on the factual data obtained in the course of the investigations.

**8 STRUCTURE FOUNDATIONS**

In general terms, the stratigraphy encountered at the site generally consists of asphalt over very loose to dense cohesionless fill (sand, gravel and silt) and firm to stiff silty clay fill overlying native very soft to stiff silty clay. A 0.1-m to 1.4-m thick layer of peat was contacted below the fill in three boreholes at both abutments. A layer of compact to very loose silty sand was contacted below the fill at the west abutment. Loose to compact silt to sandy silt was contacted below the silty clay at 8.7 to 9.9 m depth, and this deposit was in turn underlain at 13.3 m depth by loose to

very dense sand containing cobbles and boulders. The overburden soils are underlain by dark grey, fresh schist bedrock. The bedrock was encountered at 13.4 m to 14.9 m at the west abutment and at 16.8 m to 18.3 m at the east abutment.

Groundwater levels measured at this site range from 0.1 m to 0.9 m above ground surface (elevations 204.2 to 204.9), indicating artesian conditions. GA indicate water level in the Blend Creek at Elevation 202.2 in May 2011.

Geotechnical recommendations for design of the proposed H-pile foundation system are presented in the following sections. Foundation alternatives together with corresponding geotechnical design parameters for feasible options are also presented in the event that the foundation concept changes.

A comparison of the technical advantages and disadvantages of alternative foundation schemes (driven steel H-piles, spread footings on native soil, and caissons/drilled shafts) is presented in Appendix D. A foundation scheme preferred from a foundations perspective (driven steel H-piles) is recommended.

### 8.1 Driven Piles

The subsurface conditions at the west and east abutments are considered suitable for the design of foundations supported on steel H-piles driven to bedrock.

The elevations at which the piles are expected to encounter bedrock are given in Table 8.1. The anticipated pile lengths, assuming a pile cut-off at Elev. 203.3, are also presented in the table.

**Table 8.1– Estimated Pile Tip Elevation**

<b>Foundation Unit</b>	<b>Borehole</b>	<b>Anticipated Pile Length (m)</b>	<b>Anticipated Pile Tip Elevation on Bedrock</b>
West Abutment	BC-2	13.9	189.4
	BC-3	14.2	189.1
East Abutment	BC-4	16.0	187.3
	BC-5	17.7	185.6

The pile tip elevations shown in Table 8.1 should be used for estimating purposes only. The actual pile tip elevations will be controlled as described in Section 8.3.4 Pile Driving.

The GA indicates that the piles for the new abutments will be driven 1.6 m in front of the existing abutments which are supported on timber piles. The GA drawing also indicates that the existing bent pile caps will be removed.

In light of the artesian pressures noted in the boreholes at this site, it is recommended not to extract the existing timber piles to prevent upward flow of artesian water.

### **8.1.1 Axial Resistance**

The axial, factored geotechnical resistance at Ultimate Limit States (ULS<sub>f</sub>) for an H-Pile section 310x110 driven to refusal on bedrock at the elevations indicated in Table 8.1 is 2,000 kN.

The SLS condition will not govern for piles founded on the bedrock.

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

### **8.1.2 Pile Tips**

The tips of all piles should be fitted with cast steel, H-section rock points from an approved manufacturer such as Titus Steel (Standard H-point) or approved equivalent.

The use of rock points is recommended as the piles will be driven into soil containing occasional cobbles and boulders immediately above the bedrock, which requires a higher level of protection than driving into soils containing only smaller particle sizes.

### **8.1.3 Pile Installation**

Pile installation should be in accordance with OPSS 903.

The Contract Documents should contain a NSSP alerting the Bidders to the presence of cobbles and boulders in the native sand layer immediately above the bedrock. Suggested texts for NSSP's are included in Appendix F. The NSSP should require the QVE to terminate driving before the pile is damaged by overdriving.

### **8.1.4 Pile Driving**

At the abutments, the piles should be driven to bedrock. The appropriate pile driving note is "Piles to be driven to bedrock".

We understand that the proposed bridge design may require that the deviation at the top of the pile be limited to 12 mm. To reduce the potential for misalignment resulting from hard driving to confirm bedrock, it is recommended that the pile driving note on the foundation drawing be modified as follows:

"Piles to be driven to bedrock. Upon initial contact with the bedrock:

1. Apply 10 blows at 10% of the hammer energy. Record the penetration.
2. Apply 10 blows at 50% of the hammer energy. If the penetration under 10 blows is less than 12.5 mm, the pile is set.
3. If the penetration under 10 blows is greater than 12.5 mm, refer the issue to the design team for resolution."

Use of a driving template or other means may also be required to achieve the specified maximum deviation.

### 8.1.5 Artesian Water Pressure

The groundwater level at this site is 0.1 m to 0.9 m above ground surface (elevations 204.2 to 204.9), indicating artesian conditions at this site. It is expected that the clay layer above the artesian zone will act as a seal to prevent artesian flow up along the pile shaft. If residual artesian flow is observed adjacent to the pile, the CA should refer this issue to the design team for resolution.

### 8.1.6 Downdrag

Since the highway grade revisions at the approaches and the abutments will be minimal, downdrag on the piles is not considered to be an issue at this site.

### 8.1.7 Lateral Resistance

The lateral resistance of the piles may be calculated using a value for the coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction ( $k_s$ ) and ultimate lateral resistance ( $p_{ult}$ ) as follows:

$$k_s = n_h \cdot z / D \quad (\text{kN/m}^3)$$

$$p_{ult} = 3 \cdot \gamma \cdot z \cdot K_p \quad (\text{kPa})$$

where  $z$  = depth of embedment of pile in metres

$D$  = pile width in metres

$n_h$  = value from Table 8.3

$\gamma$  = unit weight (Table 8.3)

$K_p$  = passive earth pressure coefficient (Table 8.3)

For cohesive soils, the lateral resistance of the piles may be calculated as follows:

$$k_s = 67 \cdot S_u / D \quad (\text{kN/m}^3)$$

$$p_{ult} = 9 \cdot S_u \quad (\text{kPa}) \text{ at and below a depth of } 3 \cdot D \text{ (m) reduced to zero at the ground surface}$$

where

$D$  = pile width in metres

$S_u$  = undrained shear strength (kPa)

The above equations and recommended parameters may be used to analyze the interaction between a pile and the surrounding soil. The lateral pressures obtained from the analysis should not exceed the ultimate lateral resistance.

The spring constant,  $K$ , for analysis may be obtained by the expression,  $K = k_s \cdot L \cdot D$  (kN/m), where  $k_s$  is the coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction (kN/m<sup>3</sup>),  $D$  is the pile

width (m) and L is the length (m) of the pile segment or element used in the analysis. The ultimate lateral resistance on any one segment of pile,  $P_{ult}$ , may be obtained from the expression,  $P_{ult} = p_{ult} * L * D$ . This represents the ultimate load at which the pile fails and will not support any additional load at greater displacements. It is recommended, however, that the total lateral resistance assumed in one pile be limited to no more than 120 kN at ULS and 50 kN at SLS.

Parameters for lateral pile resistance are shown in Table 8.3. The unit weights provided in the table for soils below the groundwater level are buoyant (effective) unit weights for use in the lateral resistance calculations.

**Table 8.3 – Parameters for Lateral Pile Resistance**

Location	Elevation	$\gamma_h$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	$S_u$ kPa	$K_p$	Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Soil Conditions
West Abutment	OGL to 202.0	6,000	-	3.0	21	Sand and gravel, silt and sand, very loose to dense (FILL)
	202.0 to 199.5	1,000	-	2.7	8*	Sandy silt fill, peat, native sandy silt, very loose/soft
	199.5 to 195.0	-	25	2.7	10*	Silty clay, very soft to stiff
	195.0 to 190.5	2,500	-	3.0	11*	Silt to sandy silt, loose to compact
East Abutment	OGL to 202.0	6,000	-	3.0	21	Sand and gravel, occ. cobbles, dense to compact (FILL)
	202.0 to 201.0	1,000	-	2.7	8*	Silty clay fill, firm to stiff, sand and silt fill, very loose, peat, soft
	201.0 to 195.0	-	25	2.7	10*	Silty clay, very soft to firm
	195.0 to 190.5	2,500	-	3.0	11*	Silt to sandy silt, very loose to compact

\*Buoyant unit weight below the water table.

For lateral soil/pile group interaction analysis, the modulus of subgrade reaction ( $k_s$ ) may have to be reduced based on pile spacing.

Where a pile group is oriented *perpendicular* to the direction of loading, group action may be considered by reducing values for  $k_s$  by a reduction factor R as follows:

Pile Spacing Perpendicular to Direction of Loading	Horizontal Subgrade Reaction Reduction Factor, R
4 D*	1.00
1 D*	0.50

\* D is the width of the pile, and spacing is measured centre to centre

Where a pile group is oriented *parallel* to the direction of loading, group action may be considered by reducing values for  $k_s$  by a reduction factor R as follows:

<b>Pile Spacing Parallel to Direction of Loading</b>	<b>Horizontal Subgrade Reaction Reduction Factor, R</b>
8 D	1.00
6 D	0.70
4 D	0.40
3 D	0.25

Intermediate values may be obtained by interpolation.

## **8.2 Sheet Pile Walls**

A sheet pile wall (EZ-88 or approved alternative) is proposed to be installed at each abutment to a tip elevation of 200.5.

The lateral resistance of sheet piles may be computed using the lateral earth pressure distribution and parameters presented in Section 14. The potential exists that occasional cobbles may be encountered in the embankment fill. Based on the borehole data, it is anticipated that sheet piles will penetrate or push aside these obstructions if encountered.

## **8.3 Spread Footings on Native Soils**

Spread footings founded on native soils are not recommended at this site due to the following reasons:

- Low geotechnical capacities are present at this site in much of the overburden soils above the bedrock.
- Relatively large settlements under footing loads will occur if footings are placed on the native soils.
- Groundwater levels are high and artesian conditions are also present at the site. Unwatering/groundwater control will be difficult for construction of footings.

## **8.4 Augered Caissons (Drilled Shafts)**

Augered caisson foundations were also considered for the support of the new abutments. However, the overburden soils are not considered suitable for caisson support and the caissons must be founded on the bedrock at depths ranging from 13.4 m to 18.3 m below original ground surface. In addition, artesian and high water level conditions are present at the site. The caissons will have to be installed through cohesionless soils under a high hydrostatic head.

The permeable nature of the sand and the presence of boulders above the bedrock would make it difficult to seal the bottom of the caisson liner into the founding stratum to exclude

groundwater. Unwatering of the caissons would be impractical and attempts to do so might result in continued flow of fines into the caisson excavation.

Installation of caissons to bedrock is also expected to be a more expensive option than driven piles.

For these reasons, the use of a caisson foundation is not recommended.

### **8.5 Recommended Foundation**

From a geotechnical perspective and based on the subsurface conditions, steel H-piles driven to refusal on bedrock for supporting the east and west abutments are recommended at this site.

### **8.6 Frost Cover**

The design depth of frost penetration at this site is 2.3 m.

Frost protection should be provided for the undersides of all pile caps, if employed, and should consist of a minimum of 2.3 m of soil cover.

## **9 EXCAVATION**

If earth excavation is required, it must be carried out in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). For the purposes of the OHSA, the native soils within the probable depth of excavation at this site may be classed as Type 3 soils above the water table and Type 4 soils below the water table.

The excavation must be carried out in accordance with OPSS 902.

Excavation below the groundwater level without prior dewatering is not recommended since the inflow of groundwater will cause boiling and sloughing of the soil below the water table making it difficult to maintain a dry, sound base on which to work.

## **10 UNWATERING**

The groundwater level measured in piezometers is 0.1 m to 0.9 m above ground surface (elevations 204.2 to 204.9 m), indicating artesian conditions at this site. The water level in the creek was elevation 202.2 m in January 2011.

Based on the preliminary GA for the bridge structure and the use of pile foundations, it is expected that work at the abutments will not require excavation below the groundwater level.

If removal of existing timber bent pile caps at the abutments involves excavation below the creek water level, dewatering will be required. The design of the dewatering system should be the responsibility of the Contractor and the Contract Documents should alert him to this responsibility.

## 11 APPROACH EMBANKMENTS

Currently, the embankment slopes in the approach areas of the Blend Creek bridge are generally at an inclination of 2.5H:1V and approximately 2.5 m to 3.0 m high. The foundation soils governing stability of the approach embankments consist generally of native very loose to compact sandy silt and very soft to stiff silty clay. Layers of peat were observed at the abutments below the embankment fill.

### 11.1 Settlement

It is understood that the existing Highway 587 grade will be raised up to 200 mm at the abutments.

The settlement induced by the placement of new fill is considered minimal.

### 11.2 Stability

The global, internal and surficial stability of the approach embankment fills depends on the slope geometry and also to a large degree on the material used to construct the embankments.

An evaluation of the slope stability of the approach embankments was conducted for the proposed highway grade and embankment slope. The stability of the embankments was not checked under seismic loading as the zonal acceleration at this site is 0.0g. The computed factors of safety are as shown in Table 11.1. Slope stability computation output is included in Appendix E.

**Table 11.1 Computed Factor of Safety**

<b>Material</b>	<b>Height <sup>(1)</sup> (m)</b>	<b>Slope <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Factor of Safety</b>	<b>Figure (Appendix E)</b>
Earth Fill	3.2	2H:1V	1.4	1

<sup>(1)</sup> Including proposed 200 mm of fill to raise the highway grade

<sup>(2)</sup> Proposed slope 2H:1V indicated in the GA

The factor of safety against global failure was 1.4. This factor of safety is considered to be acceptable for the proposed embankment bearing on cohesive soil.

If placement of new fill is required, the existing slope surfaces should be appropriately benched, as per OPSD 208.010, after stripping of vegetation, topsoil, organics, soft soils or otherwise unsuitable overburden materials.

## 12 EROSION PROTECTION

In general, earth fill embankment slopes must be provided with erosion protection in accordance with OPSS 804.

Erosion protection must be provided at the toe of any embankment slopes that are potentially in contact with the river flow. We understand that the existing creek banks are not to be disturbed during construction.

## 13 BACKFILL TO ABUTMENTS

Backfill to the abutment if required, must consist of granular material.

Backfill to the abutments should consist of Granular A or Granular B Type II material meeting the requirements of Special Provision 110S13. The backfill must be in accordance with OPSS 902, and placed to the extents shown in OPSD 3101.150.

All new embankment earth fill should be placed in uniform lifts and be compacted in accordance with OPSS 501. Also, compaction equipment to be used adjacent to retaining structures must be restricted in accordance OPSS 501.

## 14 EARTH PRESSURE

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

$$p_h = K \cdot (\gamma h + q)$$

Where:

$p_h$  = horizontal pressure on the wall at depth  $h$  (kPa)

$K$  = earth pressure coefficient (see Table 14.1)

$\gamma$  = unit weight of retained soil (see Table 14.1)

$h$  = depth below top of fill where pressure is computed (m)

$q$  = value of any surcharge (kPa)

In accordance with Clause 6.9.3 of the CHBDC, a compaction surcharge should be added. The magnitude should be 12 kPa at the top of fill and decreasing to 0 kPa at a depth of 2.0 m for Granular B Type I or 1.7 m for Granular A or Granular B Type II.

Earth pressure coefficients for backfill to the abutment wall are dependent on the material used as backfill. Typical values are shown in Table 14.1. Earth pressure parameters for the native soil deposits for assessment and design of the sheet pile walls are also included in Table 14.1.

**Table 14.1 – Earth Pressure Coefficients (K) for Horizontal Ground Surface**

Condition	Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)				
	OPSS Granular A or OPSS Granular B Type II $\phi = 35^\circ$ $\gamma = 22.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$	OPSS Granular B Type I $\phi = 32^\circ$ $\gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Existing Sand Fill $\phi = 30^\circ$ $\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Silty Clay $\phi = 27^\circ$ $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Native Sand and Silt $\phi = 32^\circ$ $\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$
Active (Unrestrained Wall)	0.27	0.31	0.33	0.37	0.31
At rest (Restrained Wall)	0.43	0.47	0.5	0.55	0.47
Passive (Movement Towards Soil Mass)	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.3

Below the water level, use the buoyant unit weight =  $\gamma' = \gamma - 9.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$

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

The factors in Table 14.1 are “ultimate” values and require certain movements for the respective conditions to be mobilized. The values to use in design can be estimated from Figure C6.9.1 (a) in the Commentary to the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code.

## 15 ROADWAY PROTECTION

The bridge construction will be done in stages in order to keep at least one highway lane operational. Roadway protection will have to be implemented to facilitate staging of removals and support the existing Highway 587 adjacent to the excavation.

Roadway protection must be provided in accordance with OPSS 539 and designed for Performance Level 2. Continuous sheet pile walls or conventional steel soldier pile and timber lagging walls are possible options for roadway protection. Timber lagging boards should be installed as soon as the soil face is exposed and properly prepared.

The following parameters apply for design of the temporary shoring system.

$\gamma$	=	20 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	(bulk unit weight)
$\gamma_w$	=	10 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	(submerged unit weight under groundwater table)
$K_a$	=	0.33	(Active pressure coefficient for road embankment fill)
	=	0.37	(Active pressure coefficient for silty clay)
$K_p$	=	3.0	(Passive pressure coefficient for road embankment fill)
	=	2.7	(Passive pressure coefficient for silty clay)
$h_w$	=	0	(assuming that the groundwater is maintained below the base of the excavation and that there is no hydrostatic pressure build-up behind a presumably permeable wall, soldier pile and lagging)
$h_w$	=	202.2	(elevation for hydrostatic pressure build-up behind sheet piles)

The actual pressure distribution acting on the shoring system is a function of the construction sequence and the relative flexibility of the wall and these factors must be considered when designing the shoring system.

Temporary groundwater and surface water control measures will be required during construction.

The design of roadway protection should be the responsibility of the Contractor. All shoring systems should be designed by a Professional Engineer experienced in such designs, who will determine an appropriate support system.

## 16 SEISMIC CONSIDERATIONS

The following seismic parameters should be used for design:

- Velocity Related Seismic Zone            0
- Zonal Velocity Ratio                        0.0
- Acceleration Related Seismic Zone    0
- Zonal Acceleration Ratio                0.0
- Peak Horizontal Acceleration           0.02

The soil profile type at this site has been classified as Type I. Therefore, according to Table 4.4.6.1 of the CHBDC, a Site Coefficient “S” (ground motion amplification factor) of 1.0 should be used in seismic design.

In accordance with Clause 4.6.4 of the CHBDC, retaining structures should be designed using active ( $K_{AE}$ ) and passive ( $K_{PE}$ ) earth pressure coefficients that incorporate the effects of earthquake loading. The coefficients of horizontal earth pressure for seismic loading presented in Table 16.1 may be used:

**Table 16.1 – Earth Pressure Coefficients for Earthquake Loading**

Condition	Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)				
	OPSS Granular A or OPSS Granular B Type II $\phi = 35^\circ$ $\gamma = 22.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$	OPSS Granular B Type I $\phi = 32^\circ$ $\gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Existing Sand Fill $\phi = 30^\circ$ $\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Silty Clay $\phi = 27^\circ$ $\gamma = 18$ $\text{kN/m}^3$	Native Sand and Silt $\phi = 32^\circ$ $\gamma = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$
Active ( $K_{AE}$ )*	0.28	0.32	0.34	0.38	0.32
Passive ( $K_{PE}$ )	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.6	3.2
At Rest ( $K_{OE}$ )**	0.45	0.50	0.52	0.57	0.49

\* After Mononobe and Okabe, passive case assumes a horizontal surface in front of the wall.

\*\* After Woods

The site overlies very soft to firm cohesive soils deposits and a high water table. A review of the subsurface conditions indicates the site is not susceptible for liquefaction under current conditions.

## 17 CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Potential construction concerns include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- The potential exists for encountering occasional cobbles in the embankment fill during sheet pile and H-pile installation.
- An artesian condition was encountered at this site. If artesian groundwater flow is observed adjacent to the piles, the contractor or QVE must immediately advise the CA. The CA should refer this issue to the design team.
- Evidence of occasional cobbles and boulders was noted during drilling immediately above the bedrock. It is possible that a pile will achieve refusal at a higher elevation than anticipated due to encountering a boulder. If it is suspected that this is happening, the QVE must immediately bring it to the attention of the CA. If the CA cannot resolve the issue, it must be referred to the design team for resolution.
- It is anticipated that removal of the existing abutment pile caps will not require excavation below the creek water level. However if required, excavation below the water level will involve lowering of the groundwater level below the excavation base to maintain a reasonably dry excavation.
- Roadway protection must be provided to maintain traffic during construction. Temporary shoring systems should be properly designed by a Professional Engineer experienced in such designs.

The successful performance of the bridge will depend largely upon good workmanship and quality control during construction. Pile driving supervision should be carried out by qualified geotechnical personnel during construction to confirm that foundation recommendations are correctly implemented and material specifications are met.

## 18 CLOSURE

Engineering analysis and preparation of the foundation design report were carried out by Ms. R. Palomeque Reyna and Mr. Murray Anderson, P.Eng. The report was reviewed by Dr. P.K. Chatterji, P.Eng., a Designated Principal Contact for MTO Foundations Projects.

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**Appendix A**

**Record of Borehole Sheets**

## SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

### 1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

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

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

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

### 5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

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

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

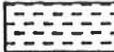
Water Level  
 Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

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

**UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION**

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

## EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

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

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-1

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 405.7 E 395 972.6 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.19 - 2011.07.19 CHECKED BY MRA

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 (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40						60	80	100	20
204.1	<b>ASPHALT:</b> (50mm)	1	SS	28		204											
202.8	<b>SAND</b> and <b>GRAVEL</b> , some clay, some silt Compact Reddish Brown (FILL)	2	SS	17		203							46	42	12	(SI+CL)	
1.3	Silty <b>CLAY</b> , occasional sand seams Stiff to Soft Grey	3	SS	9		202											
		4	SS	7		201											
		5	SS	4		200							0	0	21	79	
		6	SS	4		199											
		7	SS	2		198							0	0	16	84	
		8	SS	6		197											
		9	SS	13		196											
195.3	<b>SILT</b> , trace sand, trace clay Compact Reddish Brown/Grey Wet					195											

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+<sup>3</sup> . X<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15 5  
 10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
	Continued From Previous Page													
	SILT, trace sand, trace clay Compact Reddish Brown/Grey Wet		10	SS	10	194								0 4 89 7
	Sandy		11	SS	17	192								
190.7						191								
13.4	END OF BOREHOLE AT 13.4m UPON AUGER REFUSAL ON PROBABLE BEDROCK. BOREHOLE OPEN TO 13.4m AND WATER LEVEL AT 2.7m. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH HOLEPLUG FROM 13.4m TO 0.3m, CONCRETE FROM 0.3m TO 0.1m, THEN ASPHALT COLD PATCH TO SURFACE.													

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-2

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 406.4 E 395 980.6 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.19 - 2011.07.19 CHECKED BY MRA

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W		
204.1	ASPHALT: (50mm)	[Hatched]	1	SS	36							
	SAND and GRAVEL Dense to Compact Reddish Brown Dry (FILL)	[Cross-hatched]	2	SS	16							
202.5	Sandy SILT, some clay to clayey, trace gravel Very Loose Grey Wet	[Vertical lines]	3	SS	15							
			4	SS	2							1 32 44 23
			5	SS	2							
199.5	Silty CLAY, trace sand, occasional roots, shells, and wood fibres Very Soft to Firm Grey Wet	[Diagonal lines]	6	SS	2							0 7 26 67
			7	SS	1							
			8	SS	4							
195.2	SILT, trace sand to sandy, trace clay Loose to Compact Reddish Brown/Grey Wet	[Vertical lines]	9	SS	8							

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Sensitivity  $\frac{20}{15} \pm \frac{5}{10}$  (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-2

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 406.4 E 395 980.6 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.19 - 2011.07.19 CHECKED BY MRA

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
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	<b>SILT</b> , trace sand to sandy, trace clay Loose to Compact Grey Wet		10	SS	7									0 3 90 7
			11	SS	11									
190.8														
13.3	<b>SAND</b> , fine, trace to some gravel, trace silt Loose to Compact Grey Wet		12	SS	10									
189.4														
14.6	END OF BOREHOLE AT 14.6m UPON AUGER REFUSAL. BOREHOLE OPEN TO 14.6m AND WATER LEVEL AT 0.2m. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH HOLEPLUG FROM 14.6m TO 0.3m, CONCRETE FROM 0.3m TO 0.1m, THEN ASPHALT COLD PATCH TO SURFACE.													

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-3

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 402.9 E 395 978.3 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.18 - 2011.07.18 CHECKED BY MRA

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100			PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	GR
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	SILT, trace sand to sandy, trace clay Loose to Compact Reddish Brown Wet		10	SS	13													
190.7			11	SS	6													0 39 58 3
13.3	SAND, some gravel, trace silt Compact Grey Wet		12	SS	18													
	Cored through 200mm boulder																	
189.1																		
14.9	BEDROCK, fresh, layered, weak to strong, dark grey, black slate/schist, occasional quartz seams		1	RUN														RUN #1 TCR=100% SCR=100% RQD=100% UCS=70MPa (Average)
	Sub-horizontal joints at 15.9m, 16.0m and 17.2m																	
			2	RUN														RUN #2 TCR=100% SCR=100% RQD=95% UCS=54MPa (Average)
186.0																		
18.0	END OF BOREHOLE AT 18.0m. BOREHOLE OPEN TO 18.0m AND ARTESIAN PRESSURE AT 0.9m ABOVE GROUND SURFACE. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH HOLEPLUG FROM 18.0m TO 0.3m, CONCRETE FROM 0.3m TO 0.1m, THEN ASPHALT COLD PATCH TO SURFACE.																	

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15 10  
(%) STRAIN AT FAILURE



### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-4

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 395.6 E 396 001.1 ORIGINATED BY ES  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/Casing COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.26 - 2011.07.28 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>			NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W
9.9	Continued From Previous Page <b>SILT</b> , trace sand Loose to Compact Reddish Brown Wet		9	SS	12							
190.8			10	SS	7							0 6 89 5
13.3	<b>SAND</b> , trace gravel, trace silt Loose to Very Loose Reddish Brown Wet		11	SS	8							
			12	SS	1							
187.3												
16.8	END OF BOREHOLE AT 16.8m. WATER AT 0.6m ABOVE GROUND SURFACE UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH PORTLAND CEMENT TO 6.7m, HOLEPLUG TO 3.9m, PORTLAND CEMENT TO 0.1m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.											

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 20  
 15 5  
 10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-5

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 390.2 E 396 000.8 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.21 - 2011.07.21 CHECKED BY MRA

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>		
203.9	ASPHALT: (40mm)										
0.0	SAND and GRAVEL, trace clay Dense to Compact Reddish Brown (FILL)		1	SS	38						* 0.6m above ground surface
			2	SS	22						
202.3	Silty CLAY, sandy Firm Grey (FILL)		3	SS	7						
201.5	PEAT, occasional rootlets and wood fibres Loose Dark Brown Wet		4	SS	7						
200.9	Silty CLAY, trace sand Soft to Very Soft Grey		5	SS	4						0 1 23 76
3.0			6	SS	2						
			7	SS	2						
			8	SS	2						0 1 40 59
195.1	SILT, trace sand to sandy Compact Reddish Brown Wet		9	SS	13						

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-5

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 390.2 E 396 000.8 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.21 - 2011.07.21 CHECKED BY MRA

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	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
	Continued From Previous Page					○ UNCONFINED	+	FIELD VANE						
						● QUICK TRIAXIAL	×	LAB VANE						
						WATER CONTENT (%)								
190.6	SILT, trace sand to sandy Compact Reddish Brown Wet		10	SS	12									
	SAND, fine, trace gravel, trace silt Dense to Very Dense Reddish Brown Wet		11	SS	10									
13.3	SAND, fine, trace gravel, trace silt Dense to Very Dense Reddish Brown Wet		12	SS	30									
	Occasional cobbles and boulders		13	S	74									
	Cored 300mm boulder		14	SS	50/0.150									
185.6	BEDROCK, fresh, weak to strong, dark grey, schist, occasional mechanical breaks													
18.3														
	Highly broken zone from 18.8m to 19.1m		1	RUN										
	Sub-vertical joint at 18.2m, 18.4m and 18.6m													

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-5**

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**METRIC**

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 390.2 E 396 000.8 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.21 - 2011.07.21 CHECKED BY MRA

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER • CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	LIQUID LIMIT	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	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
							20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>		
							○ UNCONFINED	+	FIELD VANE							
							● QUICK TRIAXIAL	×	LAB VANE							
	Continued From Previous Page															
	BEDROCK, fresh, strong, dark grey, schist, occasional mechanical breaks		2	RUN												TCR=75% SCR=75% RQD=75% UCS=123MPa (Average)
	Horizontal joints at 19.9m and 20.4m					183										
182.6																
21.3	END OF BOREHOLE AT 21.3m. WATER AT 0.6m ABOVE GROUND SURFACE UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH HOLEPLUG FROM 21.3m TO 0.3m, PELTONITE FROM 0.3m TO 0.2m, CONCRETE FROM 0.2m TO 0.1m THEN ASPHALT COLD PATCH TO SURFACE.															

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 20  
 15  
 10  
 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-6

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 394.3 E 396 007.8 ORIGINATED BY ES  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/Casing COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.25 - 2011.07.25 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT 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
204.1	ASPHALT: (50mm)														
0.0	SAND and GRAVEL Compact to Loose Reddish Brown Damp (FILL)  Occasional cobbles		1	GS								o			
			1	SS	12							o			
			2	SS	4							o			
202.1	Silty CLAY, sandy Soft to Very Soft Brown											o			
2.0	Grey Occasional sand seams		3	SS	4								o		
			4	SS	2									o	
			5	SS	1										0 31 25 44
			6	SS	0									o	
			7	SS	0									o	
195.4	SILT, some clay, trace sand to sandy Loose to Compact Reddish Brown Wet														
8.7			8	SS	8							o			0 9 78 13

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+<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15 10 5  
 10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BC-6

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METRIC

W.P. 465-00-00 LOCATION Blend Creek Bridge N 5 384 394.3 E 396 007.8 ORIGINATED BY ES  
 HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/Casing COMPILED BY AN  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2011.07.25 - 2011.07.25 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER + CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
192.8	Continued From Previous Page  SILT, some clay, trace sand to sandy Loose to Compact Reddish Brown Wet		9	SS	15	194									
11.3	END OF BOREHOLE AT 11.3m. WATER AT 0.1m ABOVE GROUND SURFACE. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH PELTONITE TO 10.0m, PORTLAND CEMENT TO 7.0m, BENTONITE TO 0.1m, SAND AND GRAVEL TO 0.04m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.					193									

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15 10 5 (% STRAIN AT FAILURE)

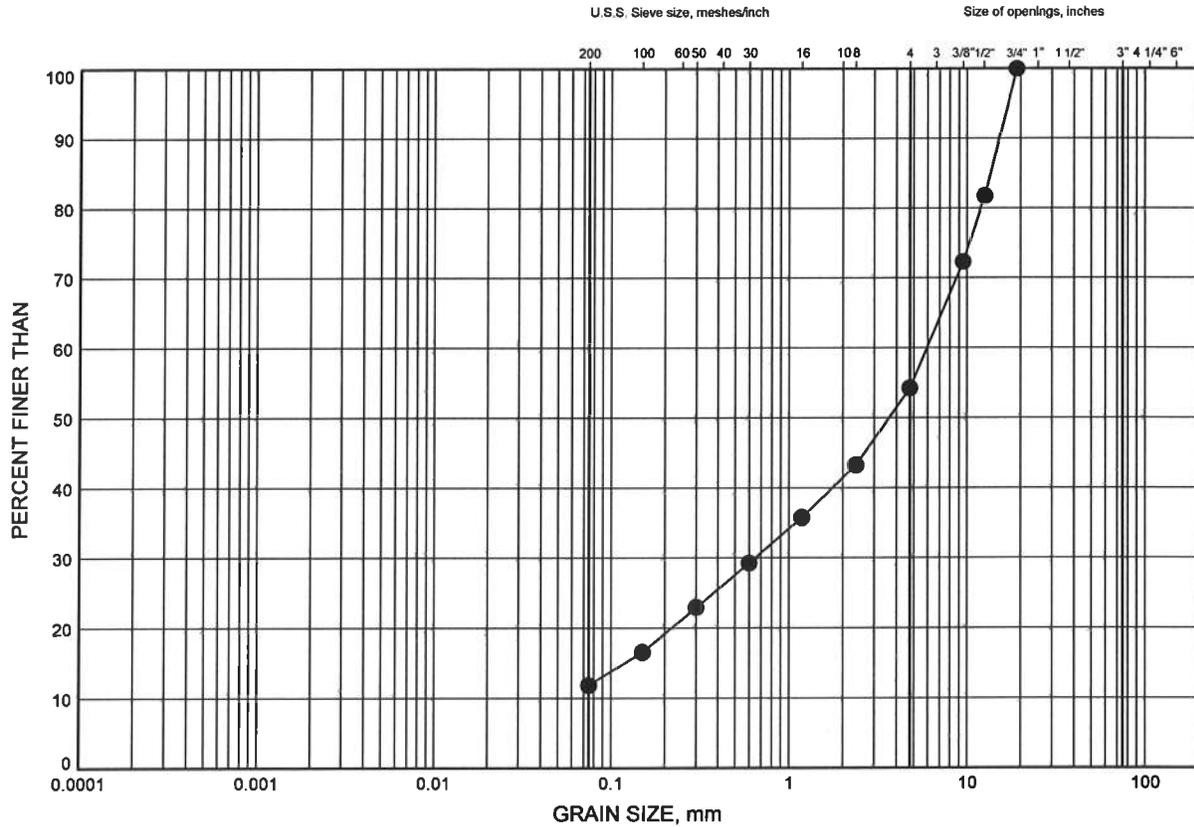
**Appendix B**

**Laboratory Test Results**

NWR 32 Rehabs  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE B1

**SAND & GRAVEL FILL**



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

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-1	1.07	203.04

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION - THURBER 1197.GPJ 8/9/11

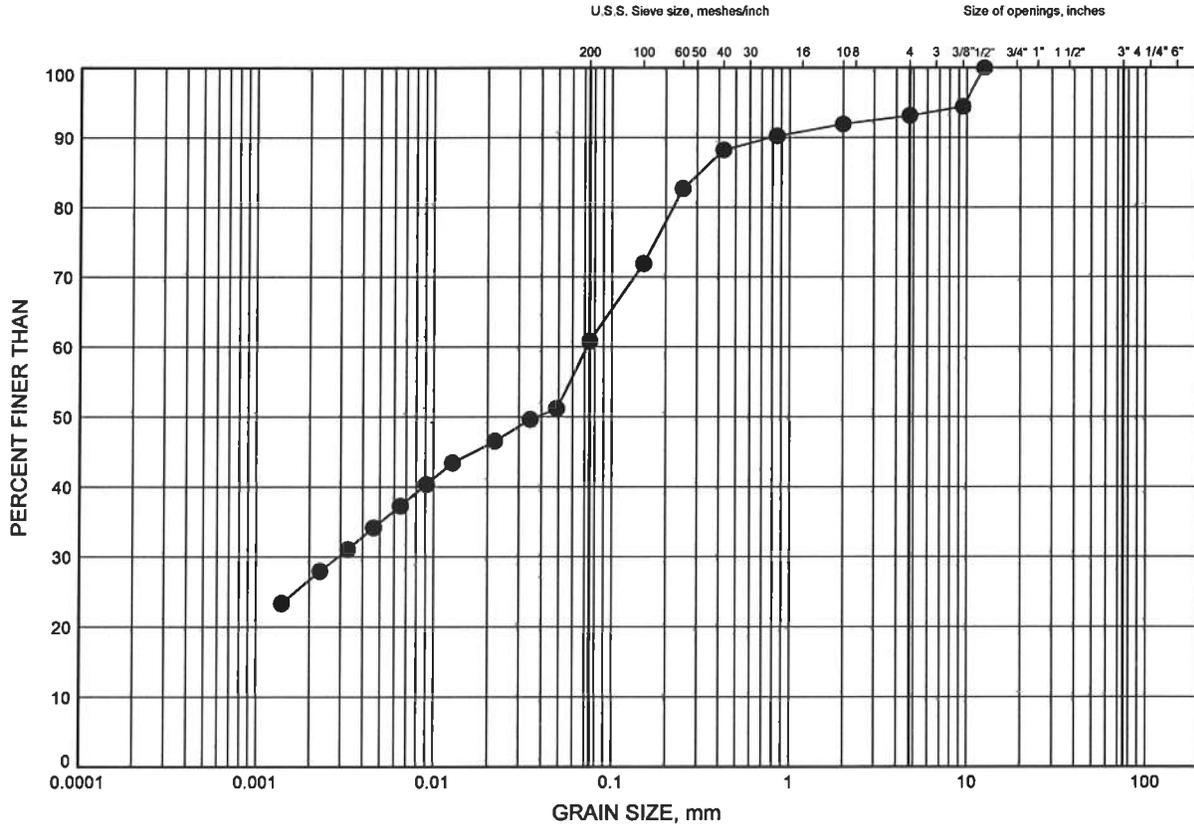
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B2

SAND & SILT FILL



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

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-3	1.83	202.18

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION - THURBER 1197.GPJ 8/9/11

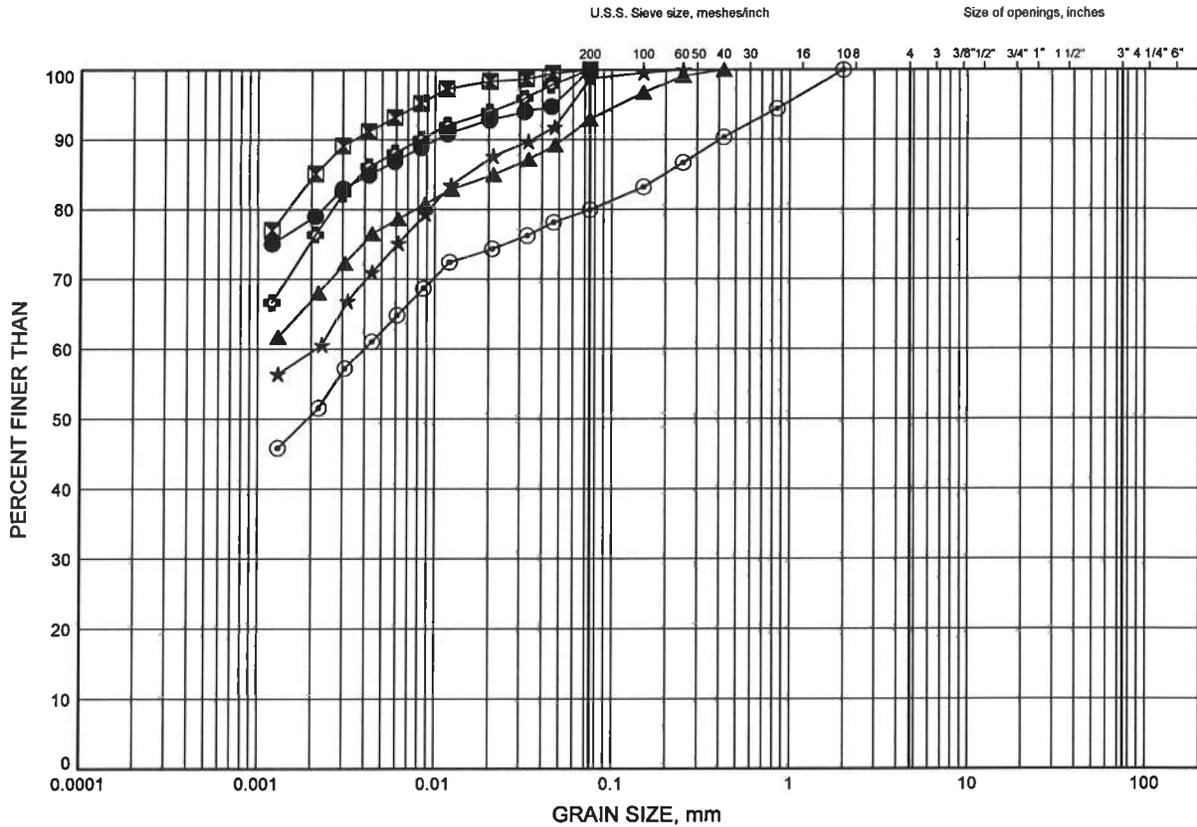
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# NWR 32 Rehabs GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B3

## SILTY CLAY



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

### LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-1	3.35	200.75
⊠	BC-1	6.40	197.70
▲	BC-2	4.88	199.18
★	BC-3	4.88	199.14
⊙	BC-4	3.35	200.70
⊕	BC-4	9.45	194.61

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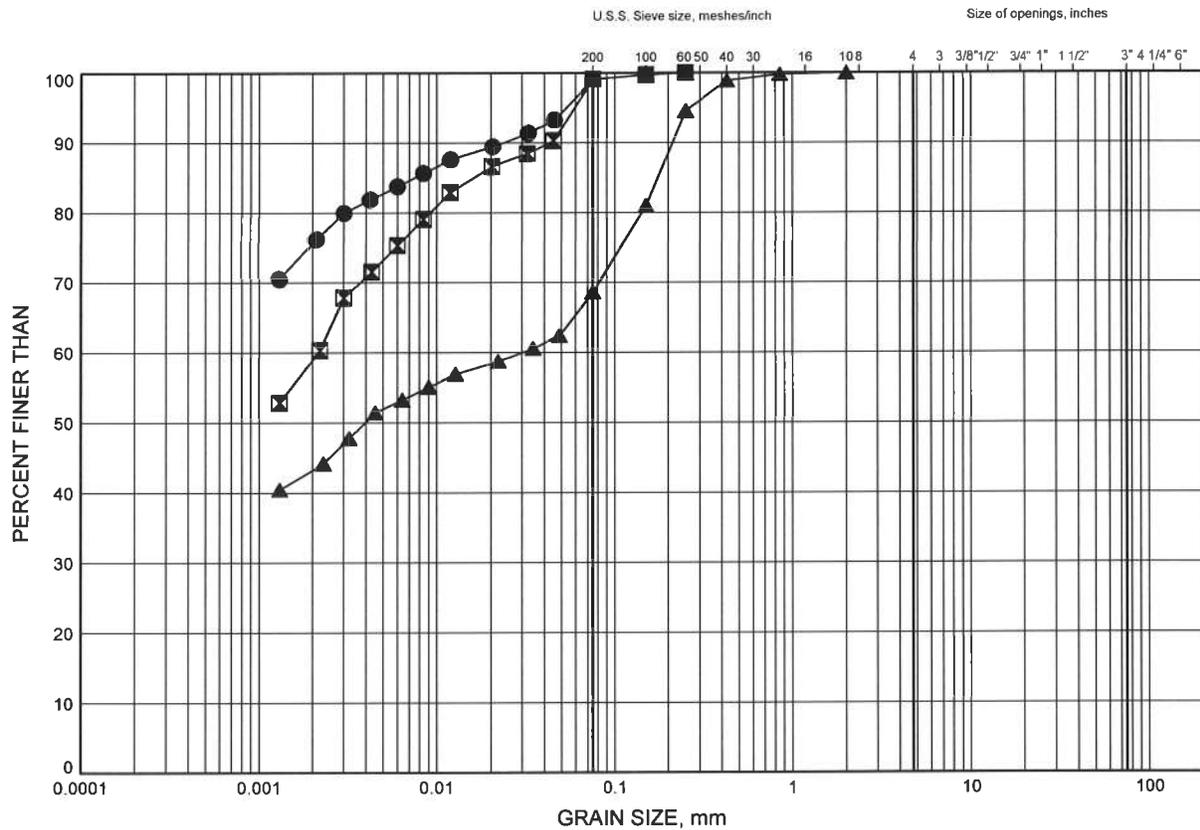
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# NWR 32 Rehabs GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B4

## SILTY CLAY



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

### LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-5	3.35	200.57
⊠	BC-5	7.92	196.00
▲	BC-6	4.88	199.24

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION - THURBER 1197.GPJ 1/25/12

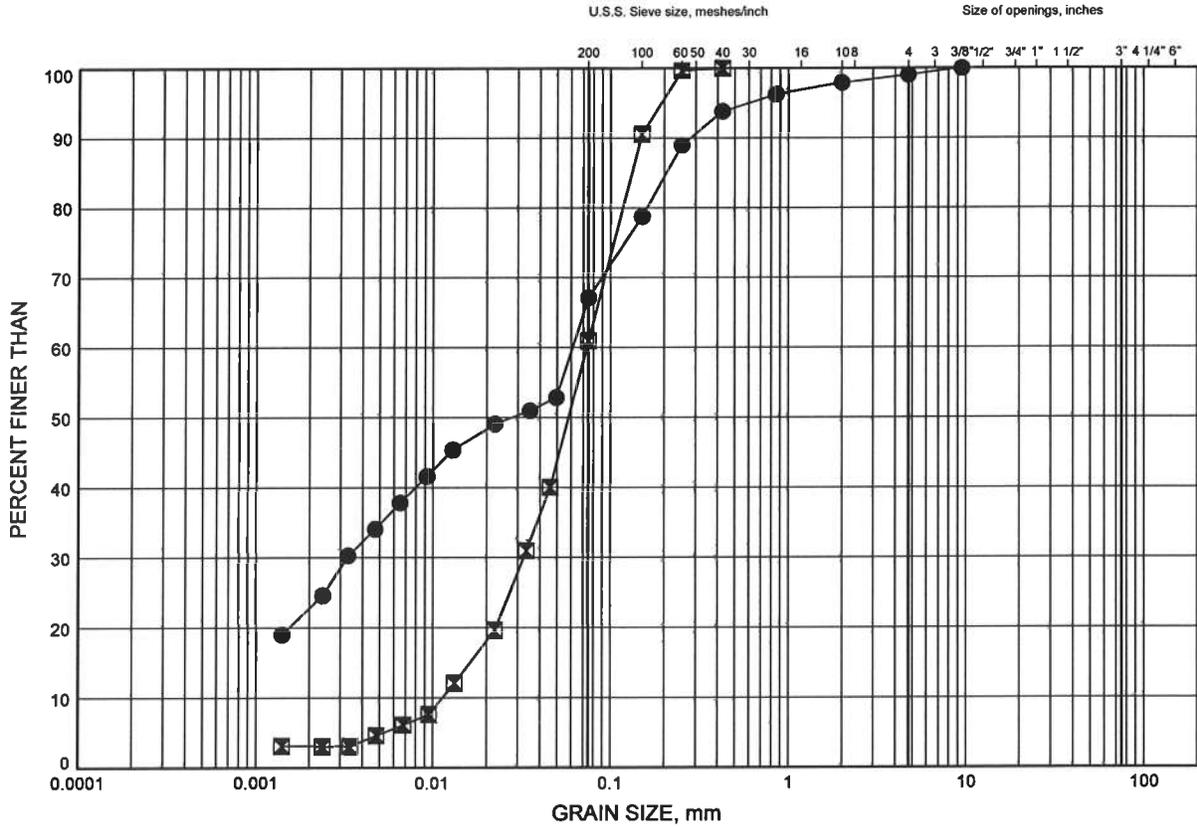
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**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE B5

**SANDY SILT**



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

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-2	2.59	201.46
⊠	BC-3	12.50	191.52

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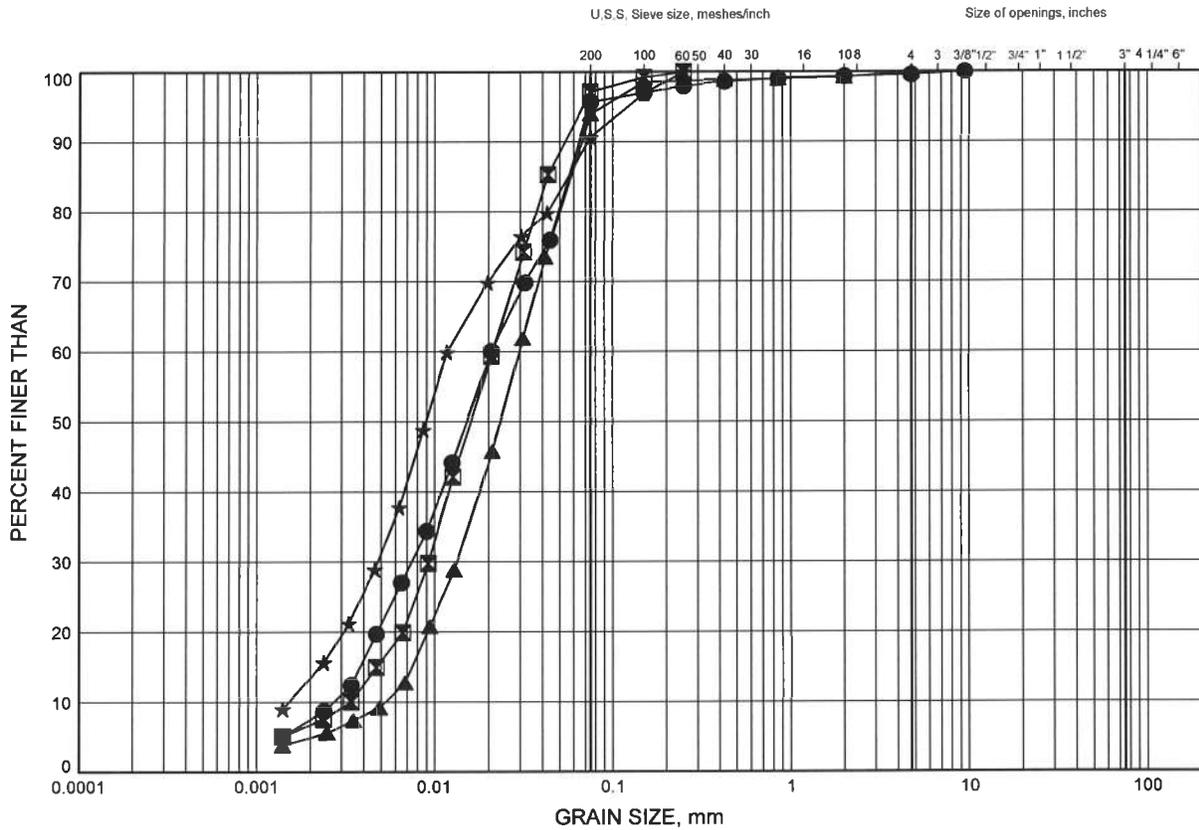
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FIGURE B6

SILT



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

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-1	10.97	193.13
■	BC-2	10.97	193.08
▲	BC-4	12.50	191.56
★	BC-6	9.45	194.67

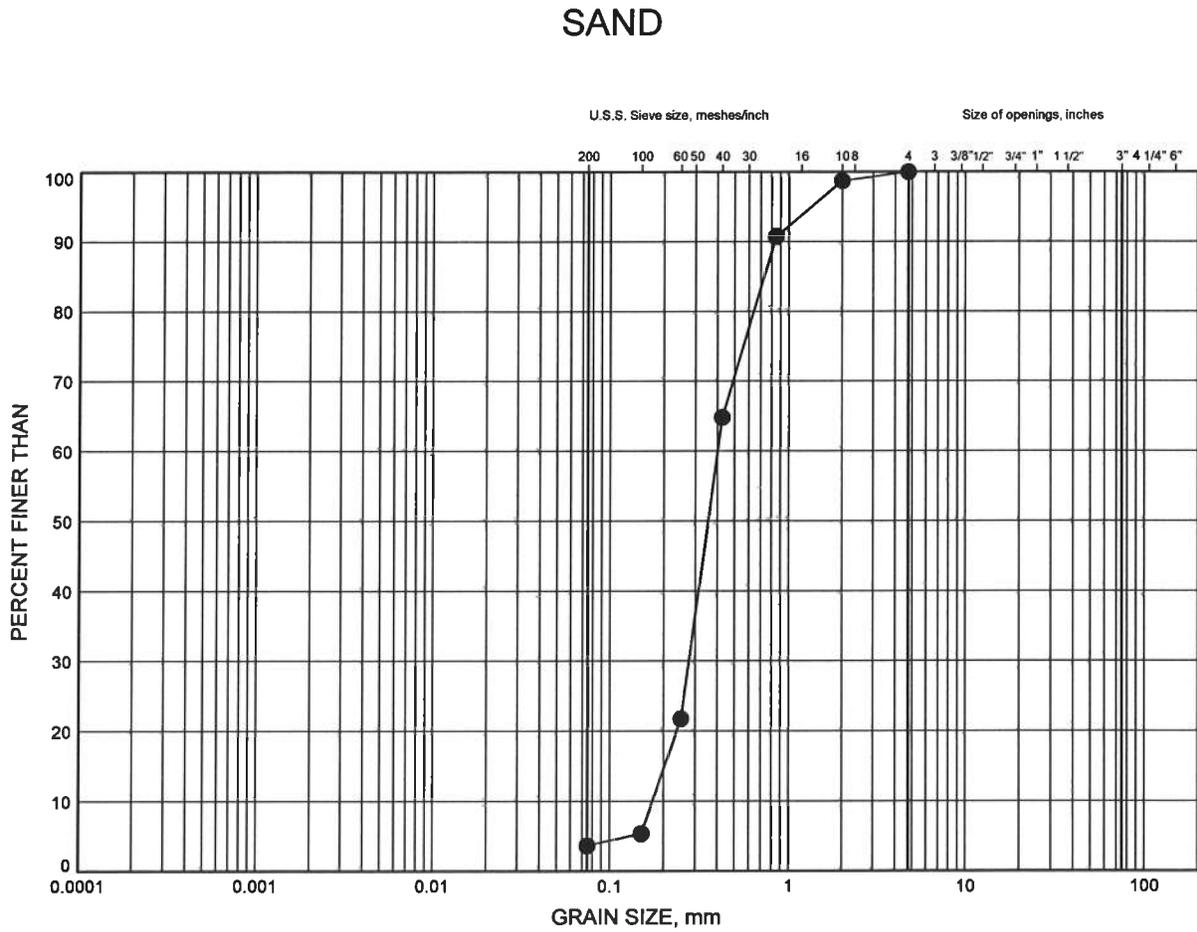
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FIGURE B7



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

### LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-5	14.02	189.90

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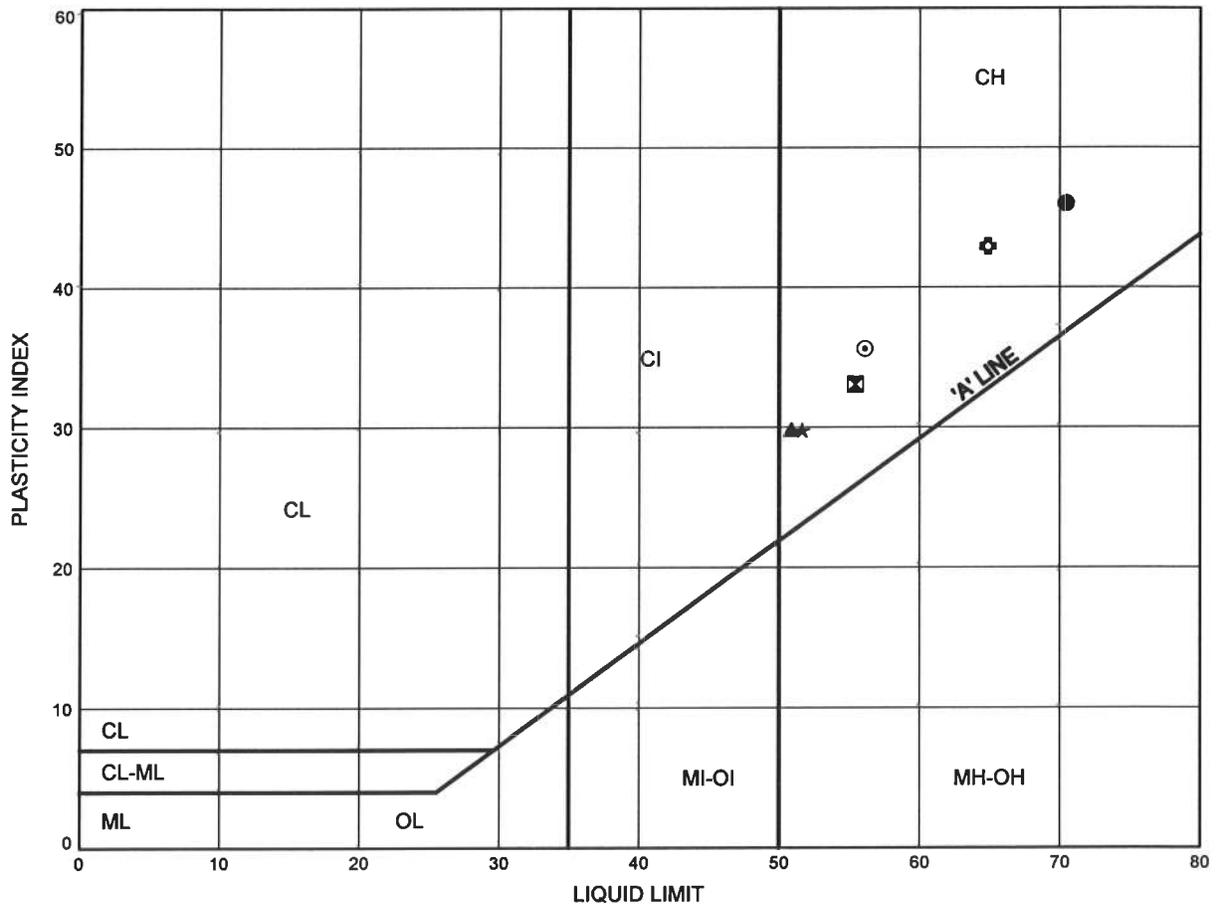
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**ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS**

FIGURE B8

**SILTY CLAY**



SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-1	6.40	197.70
⊠	BC-2	4.88	199.18
▲	BC-3	4.88	199.14
★	BC-4	9.45	194.61
⊙	BC-5	3.35	200.57
⊕	BC-5	7.92	196.00

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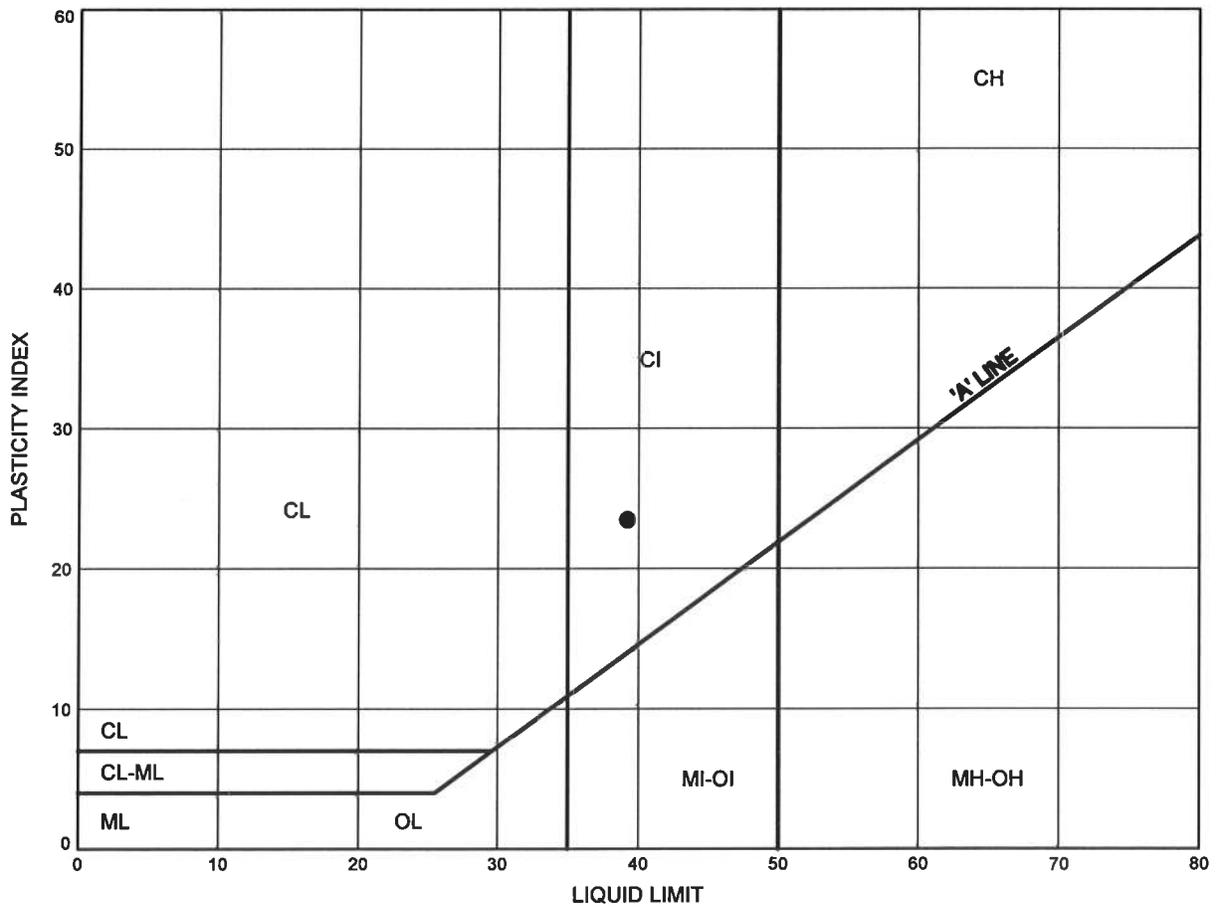


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**ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS**

FIGURE B9

**SILTY CLAY**



SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BC-6	4.88	199.24

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### POINT LOAD TEST SHEET

Job No : 19-1351-197 Client : MRC  
 Date Drilled : 7/18/2011  
 Project Name : Blend Creek Bridge Structure Replacement Date Tested : July 28, 2011  
 Core Size : NQ BH No : BC-03 Tester : DB

Test No.	Run No.	Depth (m)	Axial or Diametral	Gauge (kPa)	Diameter (mm)	Length (mm)	UCS (MPa)	Rock Type	Notes
1	1	15.1	D	9960	47.9	142.7	96.9	Schist	Strong
2	1	15.5	D	6000	47.9	175.0	58.4	Schist	Strong
3	1	15.6	D	10480	47.8	85.0	102.3	Schist	Very Strong
4	1	16.1	D	1920	47.8	73.1	18.7	Schist	Weak
5	2	16.6	D	6220	47.9	191.0	60.5	Schist	Strong
6	2	17.0	D	10400	47.8	114.5	101.5	Schist	Very Strong
7	2	17.3	D	2940	47.7	72.3	28.8	Schist	Medium Strong
8	2	17.8	D	2540	47.8	95.7	24.8	Schist	Weak
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\* It is ideal to perform axial test on core specimens with D/L ratio of 1.1 ± 0.1  
 Long pieces of core can be tested diametrically to produce suitable lengths for axial testing  
 \* Diametral Test should have 0.7 x D on either side of test point.



**POINT LOAD TEST SHEET**

Job No : 19-1351-197 Client : MRC  
 Date Drilled : 7/18/2011  
 Project Name : Blend Creek Bridge Structure Replacement Date Tested : July 28, 2011  
 Core Size : NQ BH No : BC-05 Tester : DB

Test No.	Run No.	Depth (m)	Axial or Diametral	Gauge (kPa)	Diameter (mm)	Length (mm)	UCS (MPa)	Rock Type	Notes
1	1	19.0	D	12160	47.7	147.0	119.0	Schist	Very Strong
2	1	19.1	D	14380	47.8	132.6	140.3	Schist	Very Strong
3	1	19.3	D	16520	47.8	146.2	161.2	Schist	Very Strong
4	2	20.1	D	15620	47.9	159.0	151.9	Schist	Very Strong
5	2	20.2	D	15420	48.0	105.5	149.5	Schist	Very Strong
6	2	20.5	D	10520	47.9	314.0	102.3	Schist	Very Strong
7	2	20.7	D	8940	47.9	107.5	87.0	Schist	Strong
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\* It is ideal to perform axial test on core specimens with D/L ratio of  $1.1 \pm 0.1$   
 Long pieces of core can be tested diametrically to produce suitable lengths for axial testing  
 \* Diametral Test should have  $0.7 \times D$  on either side of test point.

**Appendix C**

**Site Photographs**



**Photograph 1** – Blend Creek Bridge, looking south



**Photograph 2** – Blend Creek Bridge, looking north



**Photograph 3** – Blend Creek Bridge, looking southwest



**Photograph 4 – Blend Creek Bridge**

## **Appendix D**

### **Foundation Comparison**

**COMPARISON OF FOUNDATION ALTERNATIVES**

Driven H-Piles	Footings on Native Soil	Caissons
<p><b>Advantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. High geotechnical resistance is available for piles driven to bedrock.</li> <li>ii. Installation of piles could continue in freezing weather</li> <li>iii. Foundation construction may require less volume of excavation than footings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disadvantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Higher unit costs than footings.</li> <li>ii. Relatively long pile lengths will be required to contact bedrock.</li> <li>iii. Pile lengths required to achieve design resistance may vary.</li> <li>iv. Limiting deviation at pile head for site specific bridge design may require use of driving template and/or modified driving procedure.</li> <li>v. Potential for upward artesian flow around pile shaft.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDED</b></p>	<p><b>Advantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements.</li> <li>ii. Conventional bridge abutment design is feasible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disadvantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Low available geotechnical resistance in native clay deposit.</li> <li>iv. Excavation to base of existing roadway embankment is required for footing construction.</li> <li>v. Dewatering and stream diversion will be required.</li> <li>vi. Potential disturbance of creek during excavation.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b></p>	<p><b>Advantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. High geotechnical resistance is available for caissons extended to bedrock.</li> <li>ii. Construction of caissons could continue in freezing weather.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disadvantages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Higher cost than spread footings</li> <li>ii. Specialized installation measures such as temporary liners and drilling mud will be required to install caissons in artesian groundwater conditions.</li> <li>iii. Cleaning and inspecting of caisson bases will not be practical.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b></p>



## **Appendix E**

### **Slope Stability Output**

Thurber Engineering Ltd. - Toronto  
 19-1351-197  
 Blend Creek Bridge  
 July 29, 2011  
 Hwy 587, Site 48C-46  
 Height 3.2m, Slope 2H:1V

	Gamma C kN/m <sup>3</sup>	Phi deg	Min c/p	Piezo Surf.
Water	10	0	0	1
Fill	21	0	0	1
Peat	14	0	0	1
Compressed peat	17	0	0	1
Silty Clay	18	0	0	1
Sand	21	0	0	1

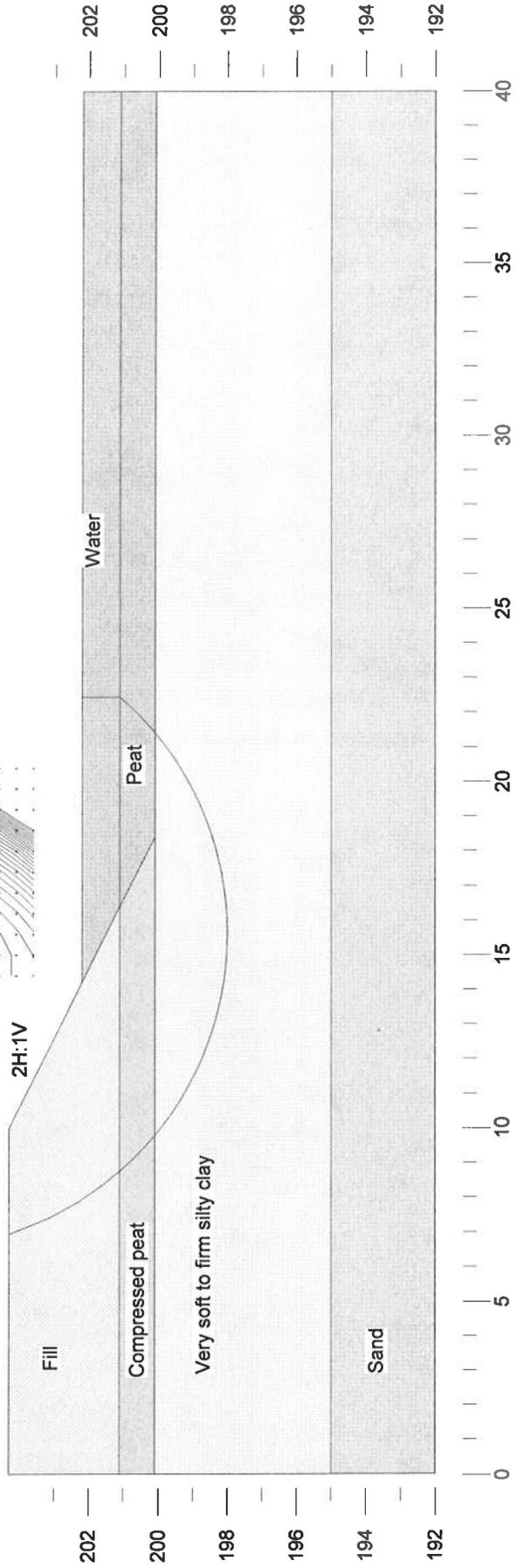
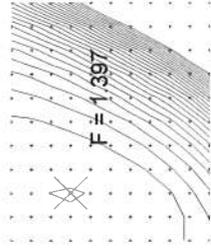


FIGURE 1

## **Appendix F**

### **List of SPs and OPSS, and Suggested Text for Selected NSSP**

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

- OPSS 501
- OPSS 539
- OPSS 804
- OPSS 902
- OPSS 903
- OPSS 1010
- SP 110S13
- OPSD 208.010
- OPSD 3101.150

**1. Suggested text for pile driving**

Steel H-piles driven at this site must be founded on bedrock. All driven piles shall be fitted with cast steel, H-section rock points from an approved manufacturer such as Titus Steel (Standard H-point) or approved equivalent.

**2. Suggested text for a NSSP on Pile Installation**

The native sand above the bedrock contains occasional cobbles and boulders, which will potentially have an impact on the installation of piles at the site. Some possible impacts that must be taken into consideration include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- The need to provide protection to the pile tips in the form of rock points.
- The cobbles may impede the driving of the piles resulting in more arduous driving to reach bedrock.
- As a result of the presence of boulders, piles may meet refusal at varying depths.
- Pile driving must be controlled according to the criteria specified for the site.
- If a pile meets refusal at a depth less than the anticipated depth, the QVE must terminate driving before the pile is damaged due to over-driving.

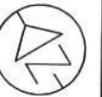
**Appendix G**

**Drawing titled “Borehole Locations and Soil Strata”**

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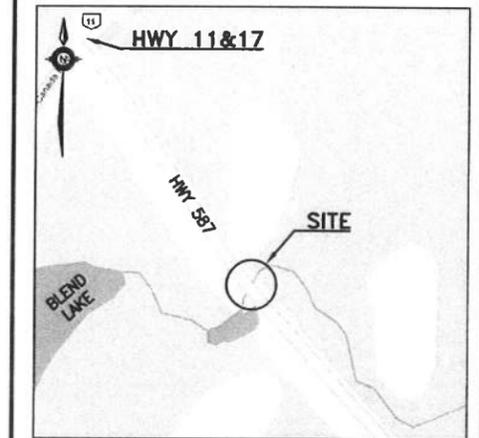
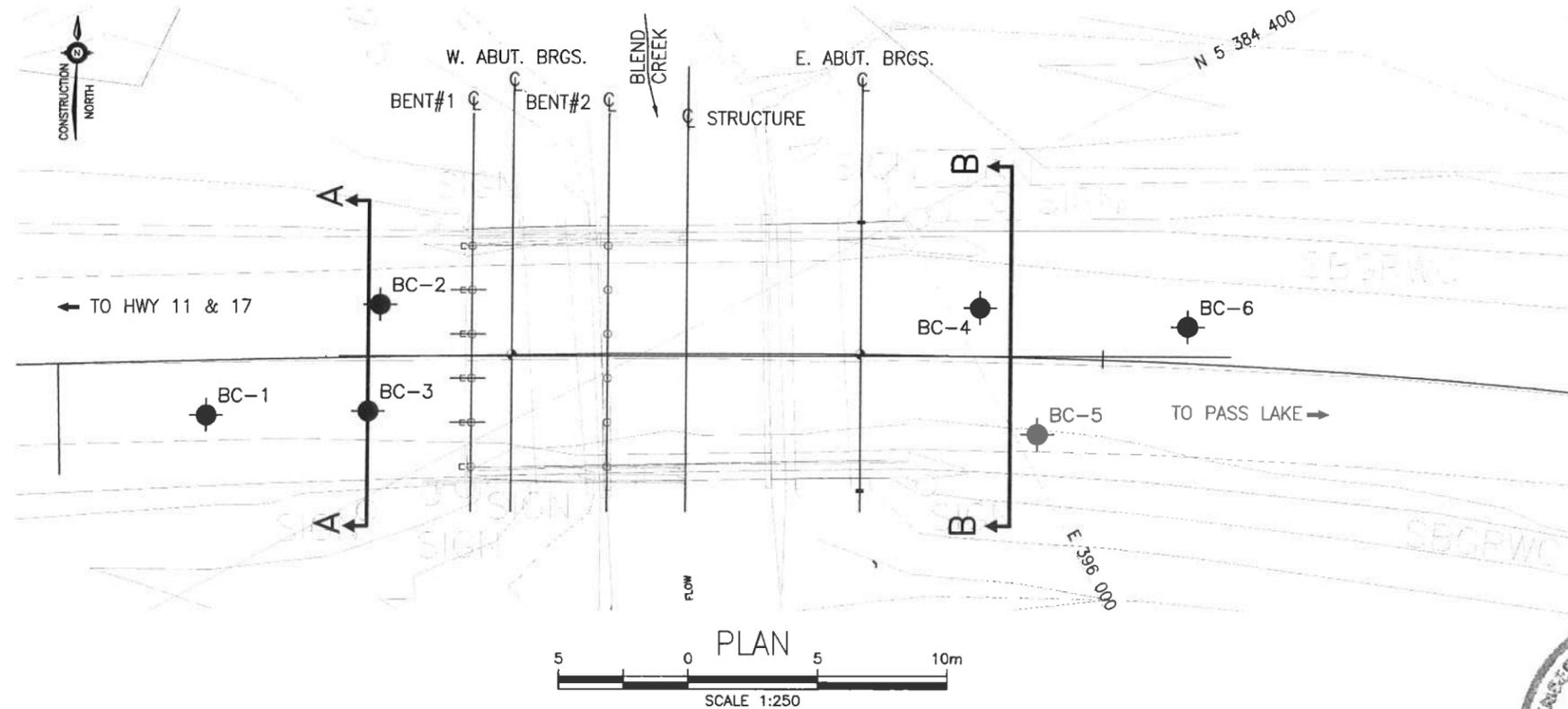
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BLEND CREEK BRIDGE  
BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA

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**KEYPLAN**

**LEGEND**

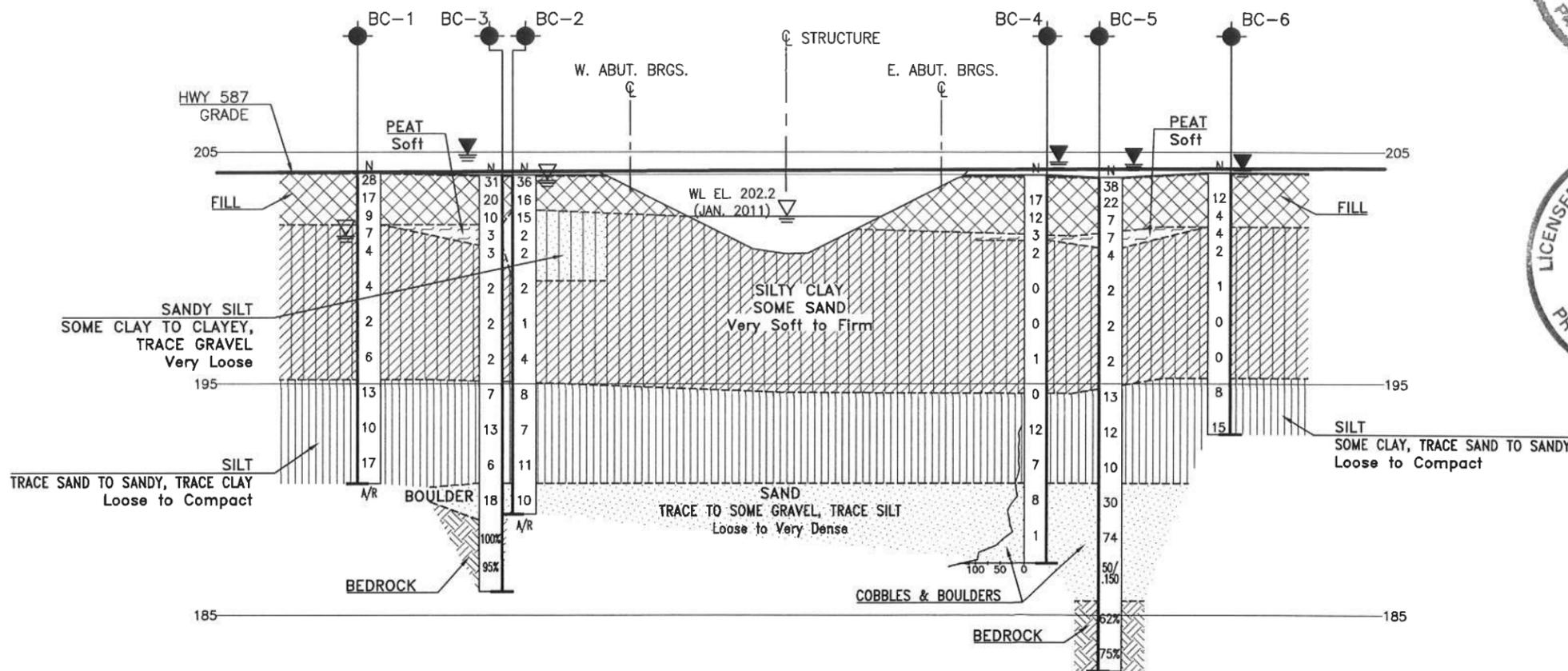
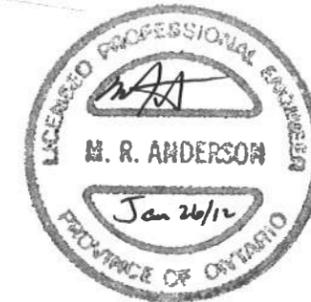
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- PH Pressure, Hydraulic
- ▽ Water Level
- ▽ Head Artesian Water
- | Piezometer
- 90% Rock Quality Designation (RQD)
- A/R Auger Refusal

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- 2) This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.

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**PROFILE ALONG HWY 587**



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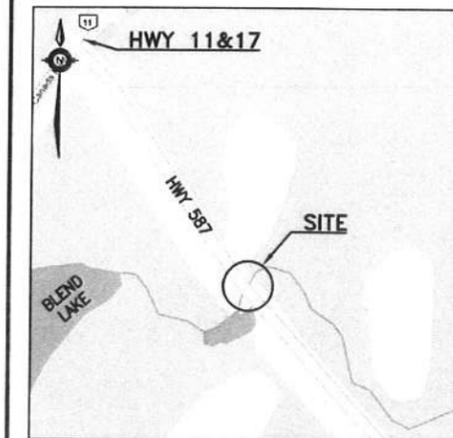


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 BLEND CREEK BRIDGE  
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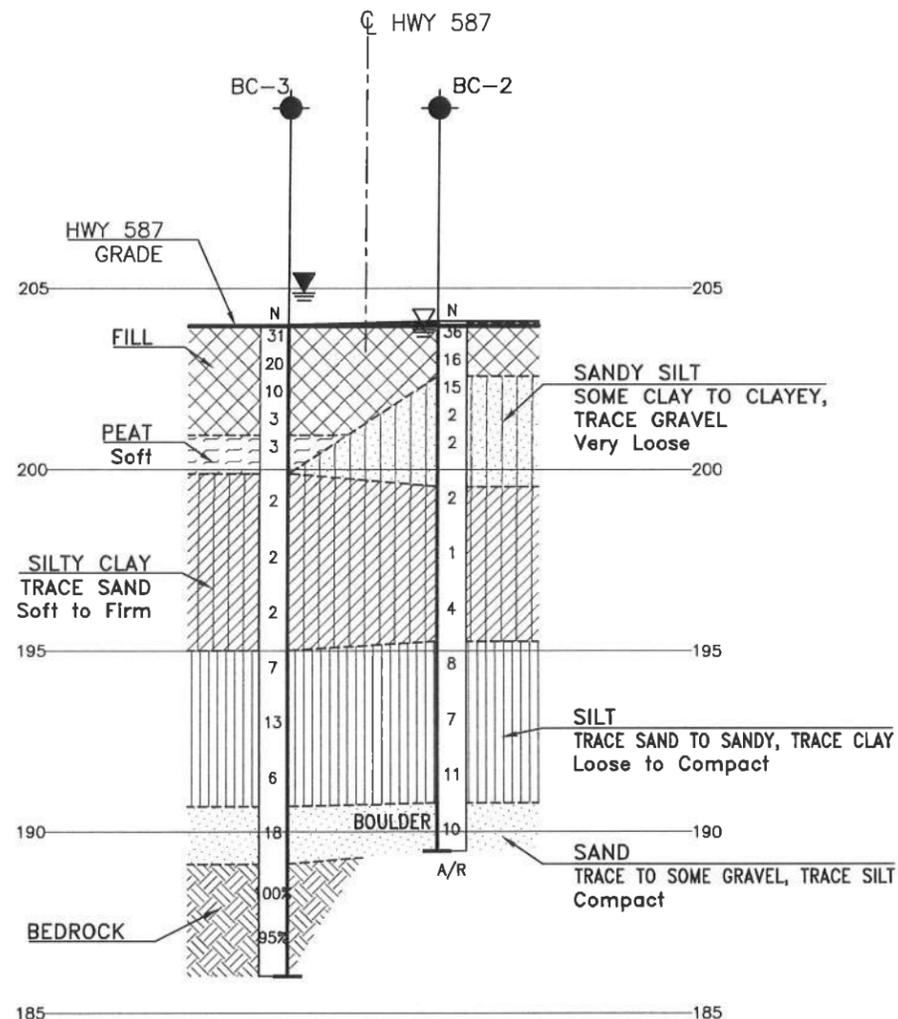
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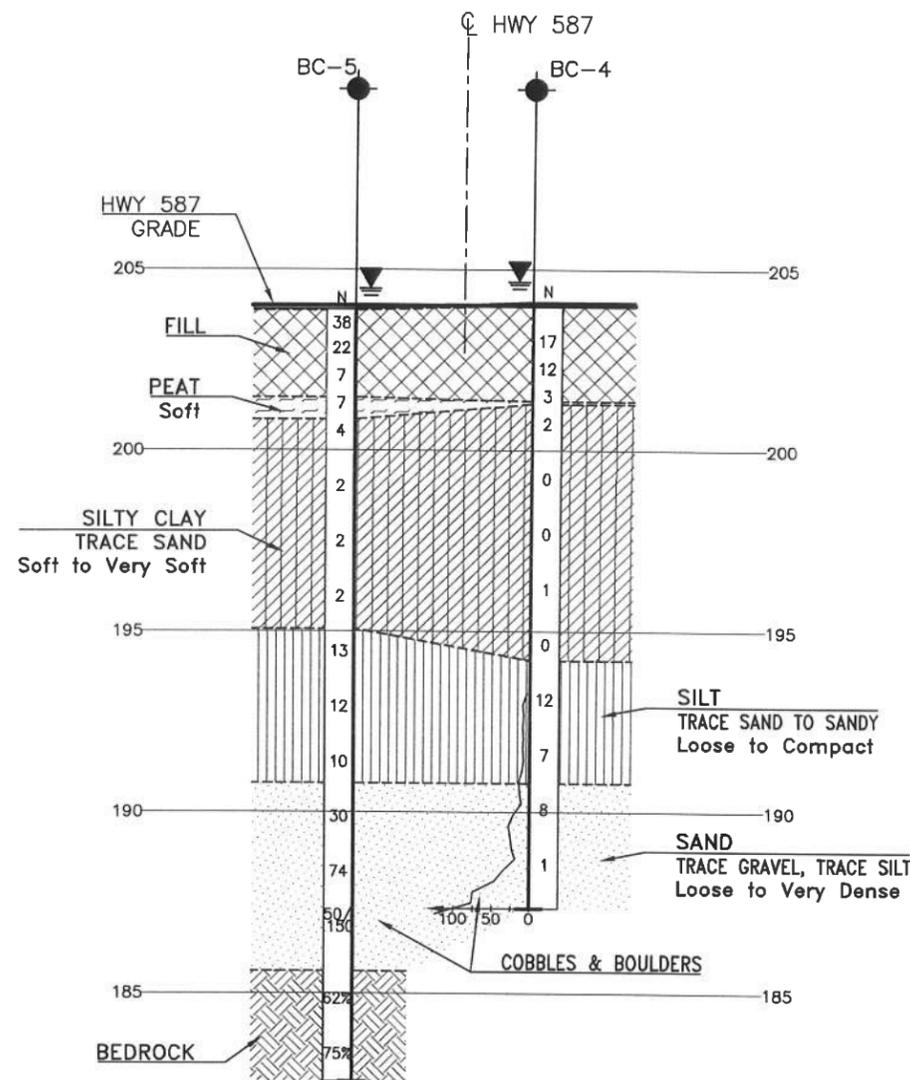
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SECTION B-B



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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

MRC McCORMICK RANKIN CORPORATION  
 A member of MMM GROUP

METRIC

**GENERAL NOTES**  
**CLASS OF CONCRETE**

ALL CONCRETE.....60 MPa (HPC)

**CLEAR COVER TO REINFORCEMENT**

CONCRETE - DECK .....75±10 U.N.O.

**REINFORCING - GENERAL**

1. STAINLESS STEEL SHALL BE TYPE 316LN

**GLASS FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER (GFRP) BARS**

1. GLASS FIBRE REINFORCED BAR SHALL BE GRADE I UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE ON THE DRAWINGS.

**CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

1. THE TEMPORARY ROADWAY PROTECTION SYSTEM SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL II

**TIMBER MATERIAL**

ALL TIMBER FOR THE DECKING SYSTEM SHALL BE DOUGLAS FIR PARALLAM PSL (PARALLEL STRAND LUMBER)

**PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT**

1. PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT TO BE USED SHALL BE CHROMATED COPPER ARSENATE (CCA) AND SHALL CONFORM TO CSA 080.14.  
 2. TARGET RETENTION LEVEL SHALL BE 9.6 KG/M3 (0.6 LB/FT3)

**APPLICABLE STANDARD DRAWINGS**

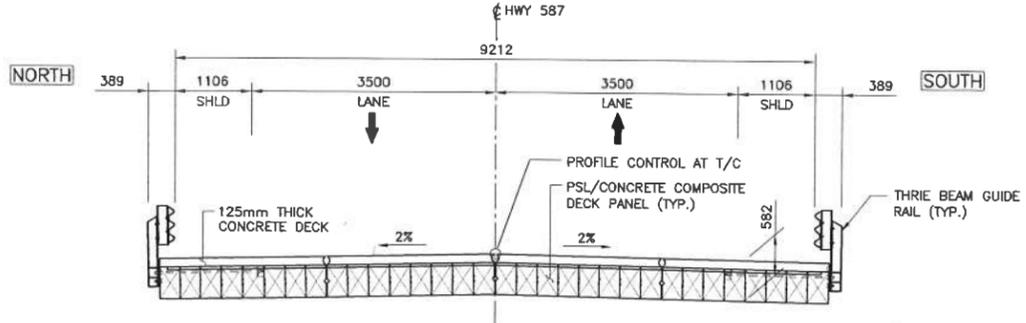
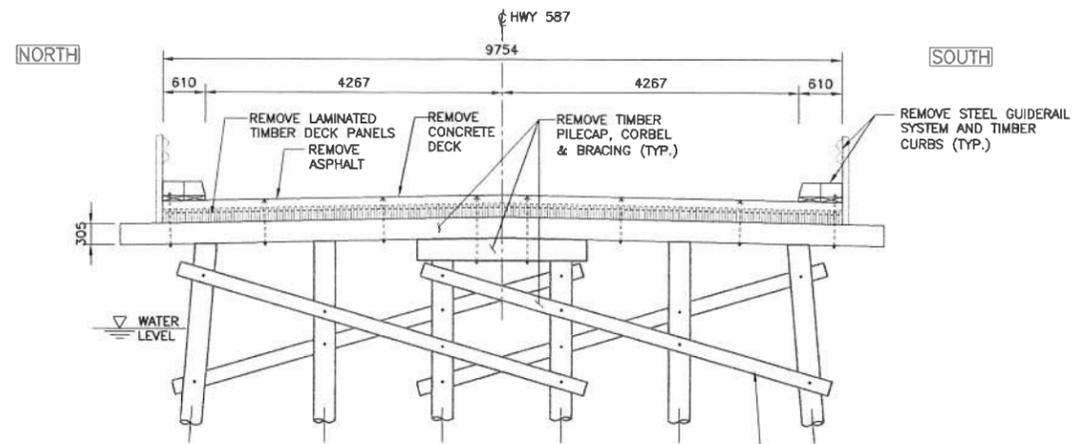
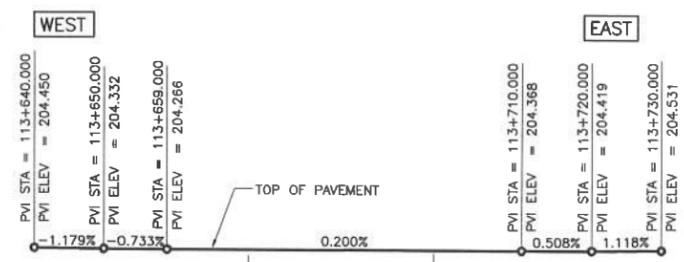
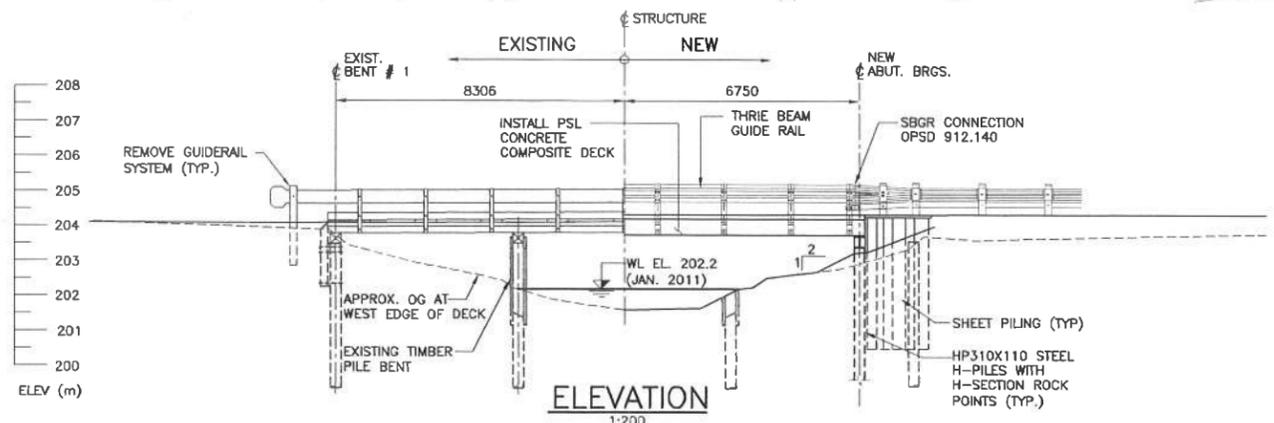
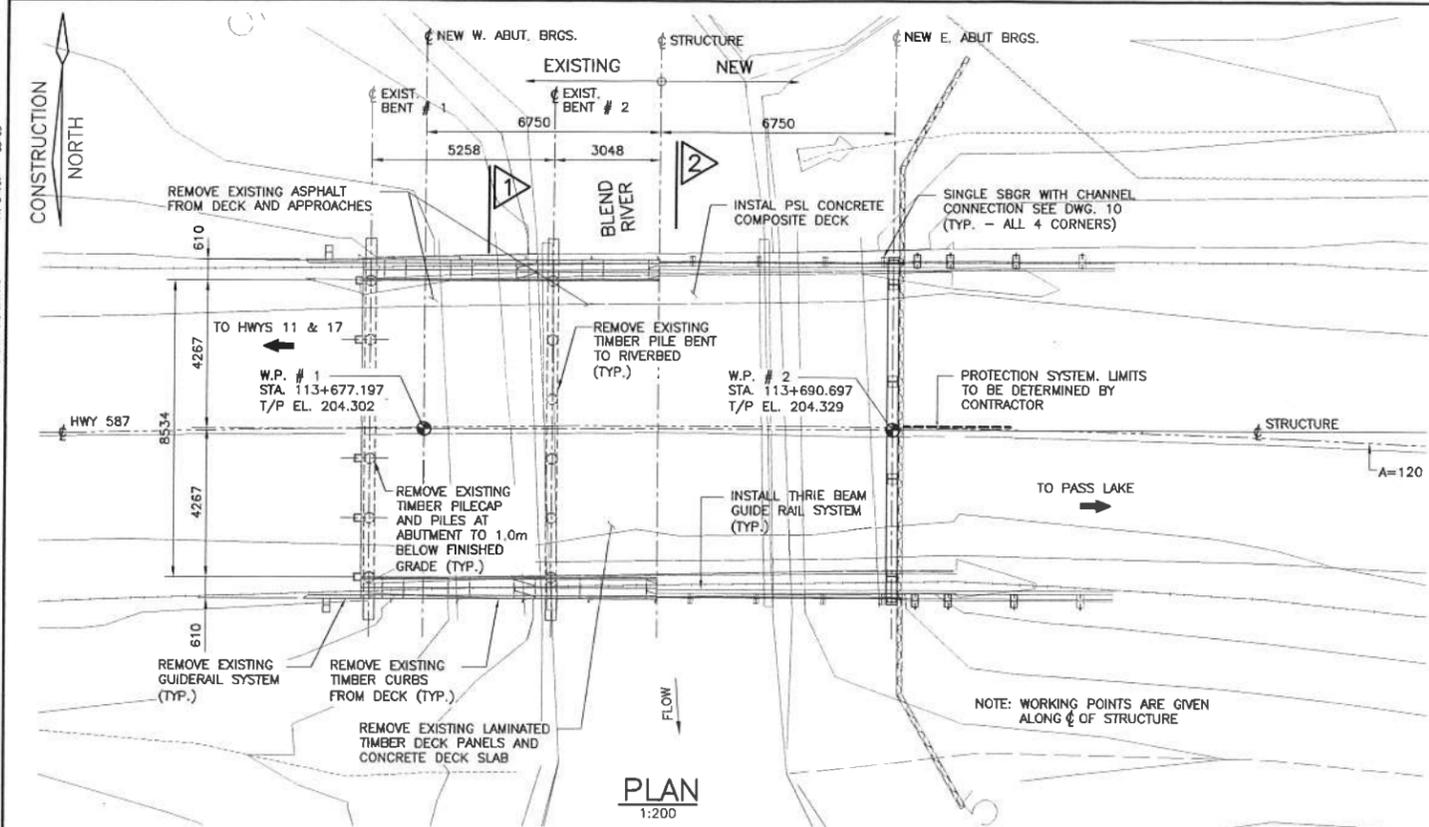
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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

T/P DENOTES TOP OF PAVEMENT  
 W.P. DENOTES WORKING POINT  
 W.L. DENOTES WATER LEVEL  
 HPC DENOTES HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE

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3. BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA II
4. CONSTRUCTION STAGING
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6. PILING AND SHEET PILING LAYOUT II
7. TIMBER PANEL FABRICATION & LAYOUT
8. DECK LAYOUT & DETAILS
9. TRAFFIC RAILING DETAILS
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