

## MEMORANDUM

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Attention: Mr. S. McCombie

DATE: December 4, 1967

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

DEC - 8 1967

SUBJECT:

## FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

Proposed Underpass at the Crossing of  
Baker Road and Q.E.W.

District No. 4 (Hamilton)

W.J. 67-F-96 --- W.P. 445-65

Attached, we are forwarding to you, our detailed foundation investigation report on the subsoil conditions existing at the above structure site.

We believe that the factual data and recommendations contained therein, will prove adequate for your design requirements. Should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

The Foundation Section was requested to carry out an investigation for the proposed underpass at the crossing of the Queen Elizabeth Way and Baker Road in the Twp. of Willoughby, County of Welland, Ontario. The request was contained in a memo from the Bridge Location Section (Mr. W. S. Melnyshyn, Regional Bridge Location Engineer), dated September 8, 1967. An investigation was subsequently carried out by this Section to determine the subsoil conditions existing at the site.

This report contains the results of the investigation, together with recommendations pertaining to the foundations of the new structure and the stability of the approach embankments.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND GEOLOGY:

The site is located about seven miles northwest of Fort Erie. At this location, the Queen Elizabeth Highway grade is about 4 to 5 ft. above the surrounding ground surface elevation with a small gradient towards Fort Erie. The highway consists of four paved lanes with a median strip and associated gravel shoulders. Along each side of the highway there is a wide drainage ditch, 2 ft. to 3 ft. below the surrounding ground surface elevation. The grade of the existing Baker Rd. is at about the same elevation as the surrounding ground level. The immediate area is generally flat farmland with some farm buildings towards the east.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND GEOLOGY: (cont'd.) ...

Physiographically, the site is located in the "Haldimand Clay Plain." Based on available geological information, it is known that the overburden of this region consists of lacustrine clay deposited in glacial Lake Warren, formed during the retreat of the last continental glacier.

3. FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK:

Four boreholes and four dynamic cone penetration tests were carried out during the course of the recent field work. In addition, two boreholes and two dynamic cone penetration tests were carried out by H. Q. Golder and Associates Ltd., during Aug. 1966, for preliminary investigation purposes. Boring was achieved by means of a conventional diamond drill adapted for soil sampling purposes. Samples were recovered at required depths in 2-inch O.D. split-spoon samplers which were hammered into the soil, or in 2-inch I.D. Shelby tubes which were manually pushed into the soil. The method of driving the split-spoon samplers conformed to the requirements of the Standard Penetration Test. The same method was used to advance the cone in the dynamic cone penetration test. Where possible, field vane tests were carried out at various depth intervals in order to determine the undrained shear strength of the cohesive strata. Bedrock was proven in four boreholes by obtaining BXT size rock core samples. During sampling and drilling operations, detailed logs of the borings were made which described drilling and sampling techniques, soil types encountered, and groundwater conditions.

The locations and elevations of all borings were surveyed in the field by personnel from the Central Region Engineering Surveys, and are shown on Dwg. #67-F-96A, together with the estimated stratigraphical profile.

All samples were subjected to a careful visual inspection in the laboratory prior to any tests being carried out.

3. FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK: (cont'd.) ...

Following this inspection, tests were carried out on certain samples to determine the following physical properties of the various soil types:

Atterberg Limits  
Natural Moisture Contents  
Bulk Densities  
Grain-Size Distributions  
Consolidation Characteristics  
Undrained Shear Strengths

The results of these tests are summarized and plotted on the Record of Borelog sheets contained in the Appendix of the report.

On completion of laboratory testing, the various soil samples were classified as to type and consistency, or relative density, in general, according to the Unified Soil Classification System (Oct. 1963).

4. SOIL TYPES AND CONDITIONS:

4.1) General:

Subsoil at the site consists of 38 ft. to 45 ft. of hard to soft silty clay followed by 3 ft. to 7 ft. of a very stiff to hard or very dense glacial till deposit underlain by shale bedrock at a depth of 44 ft. to 49 ft.

The boundaries between the various soil strata are shown on the Record of Borelog sheets contained in the Appendix of the report. The estimated stratigraphical profile shown on Dwg. #67-F-96A is based upon this information. From ground level downwards, the different soil types are described in detail as follows:

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4. SOIL TYPES AND CONDITIONS: (cont'd.) ...

4.2) Silty Clay:

This deposit was encountered in all boreholes immediately below the ground surface, except in boreholes #2 and #3 where a thin cover of 3 ft. to 4 ft. of fill material (mixture of sand and gravel) overlies the silty clay deposit.

The thickness of the silty clay layer varied from 38 ft. in borehole #4 to 44 ft. in borehole #3. The material is essentially cohesive in nature, generally consisting of silty clay with a trace of sand and occasional gravel. The sand and gravel content appears to be increasing with depth. This deposit contains occasional layers of clayey silt and clay.

Physical properties of the material as determined from laboratory tests, are summarized in tabular form as follows:

		Upper Zone Desiccated Crust Range	Lower Zone Range
Bulk Density (p.c.f.)	( $\gamma$ )	118 - 124	125
Liquid Limit (%)	( $W_L$ )	37 - 50	33 - 58
Plastic Limit (%)	( $W_P$ )	20 - 23	16 - 29.5
Moisture Content (%)	( $W$ )	20 - 28	25 - 44
Undrained Shear Strength (p.s.f.)	( $C_u$ )	2500 - 3400	400 - 1600
Sensitivity	( $S_t$ )	-	2 - 5
'N' Values (blows/ft.)		11 - 43	6 - 11

The Atterberg Limit tests listed above are summarized on the Plasticity Chart appended to this report. These indicate that the silty clay is inorganic and generally of intermediate plasticity.

4. SOIL TYPES AND CONDITIONS: ( cont'd.) ...

4.2) Silty Clay: (cont'd.) ...

The undrained shear strength results indicate that the consistency of the stratum varies from very stiff immediately below the desiccated crust, changing to soft to firm with depth. The consistency of the crust varies from hard to very stiff. The Standard Penetration tests carried out, corroborate the consistency pattern given above.

4.3) Heterogeneous Mixture of Clayey Silt, Sand and Gravel - or Silty Sand with Gravel (Glacial Till):

Underlying the silty clay stratum between elev. 536 and elev. 542 is a deposit of glacial till varying in thickness from 3 ft. in B.H. #3 to 10 ft. in B.H. #1. The matrix of the till is quite variable across the site. In general, the deposit is composed of a granular mixture of silt, sand and gravel with traces of clay. Occasional boulders up to 6"  $\emptyset$  were encountered below elev. 538 in B.H. #4.

Standard penetration resistance or 'N' values of 20 blows/ft. to 126 blows/7", generally increasing with depth, were observed in this material. From these values it is estimated that the consistency of the cohesive portion of the till stratum varies from very stiff to hard, whereas the relative density of the granular portion is very dense. Typical grain-size distribution curves obtained from the samples of this deposit are included in the Appendix of this report.

4.4) Shale Bedrock:

Shale bedrock directly underlies the glacial till deposit. The bedrock was proven by drilling 3 to 6 ft. of BXT core in B.H.'s #1, 2, 3 and 4. Boreholes #5 and 6 were terminated only after refusal to augering was met; it is inferred that this occurred on the surface of the sound bedrock. The bedrock surface

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4. SOIL TYPES AND CONDITIONS: (cont'd.) ...

4.4) Shale Bedrock: (cont'd.) ...

across the site varies from elev. 531 to elev. 533 - i.e., some 44 to 49 ft. below the existing ground surface. The rock core obtained, shows the rock to be shale with gypsum inclusions. The upper 0.5 to 1.5 ft. of the bedrock was found to be weathered and below this, it appears to be generally sound with recovery ranging from 60 to 90%.

5. GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS:

Water level observations carried out during the period of the field investigation, indicate that the water level in the borings ranged from about elev. 565 to elev. 570, which is some 7 to 14 ft. below the existing ground surface.

The exact water levels observed during the time of the field investigation, are shown on the enclosed drawings as well as on the borehole logs (Appendix I).

6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

6.1) General:

It is proposed to construct an underpass structure to carry Baker Rd. over the Queen Elizabeth Way. Present proposals call for a four-span (65'-103'-103'-65') structure with approach fills having a maximum height about 21 ft. above the existing Q.E.W. grade.

Subsoil at the site consists of a deposit of hard to soft silty clay, some 38 to 44 ft. thick, followed by 3 to 9 ft. of glacial till deposit. The till is, in turn, underlain by shale bedrock approximately 44 to 49 ft. below ground surface.

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6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations:

Since the upper 15 to 20 ft. of subsoil consists of a hard to very stiff silty clay, conditions are favourable for spread footing support and, in the case of the proposed piers, it is recommended that the footings be placed some 4 ft. below the existing ground surface, with an allowable bearing pressure of 2.5 t.s.f.

The proposed abutments may be constructed within the approach fills; two alternative methods are given for the foundation support of the abutments:

1) Abutments can be founded on spread footings founded on a compacted granular (G.B.C. Class 'A') material using a safe bearing pressure of 2.0 t.s.f. The granular fill should extend for a horizontal distance of at least 10 ft. from the footing edges in the plane of the footing tops. This portion of the fill should be built with side slopes of 2:1. The remainder of the fill should be completed to about profile grade for a distance of about 50 ft. behind the abutments before re-excavating for the abutment footings.

ii) Abutments can be supported on 12-3/4" O.D. closed-end pipe piles driven about 10 ft. into the upper desiccated zone of the silty clay stratum - i.e., to about elevation 568. For piles driven to this depth, a design load of 20 tons per pile can be used.

Care should be taken to ensure that no bouldery fill is placed at the locations through which piles have to be driven.

It is estimated that the settlements of the abutments for the above alternatives will be of the same magnitude as those of the approach fills - i.e., about 5 inches - as described elsewhere in this report.

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8. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations: (cont'd.) ...

No major dewatering problems are anticipated during the construction of the pier footings, in view of the low permeable nature of the subsoil; however, care should be taken to prevent softening of the subsoil of the foundation levels by the surface run-off. In this regard, it is recommended that the foundation base be protected by pouring a mat of lean concrete as soon as subgrade level is reached.

An analysis, based on Skempton and Bjerrum's\* method, has been made to estimate the consolidation settlement of the foundation subsoil due to the pier footing and embankment loading. It is assumed in the computations, that  $\mu = 0.5$  for the upper crust and  $\mu = 0.6$  for the lower portion.

Results of the analysis are summarized as follows:

\* Skempton, A. W. and Bjerrum, L. -  
"A Contribution to the Settlement Analysis of  
Foundations of Clay" -  
Geotechnique - 1958, p. 168.

6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations: (cont'd.) ...

1.)	Ultimate settlements at the end pier locations	≈	2"
	Induced by embankment loading (footing size 7' x 40')	≈	1"
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	Total		3"
2.)	Ultimate settlement at the centre pier location (footing size 7' x 40')	≈	2"
3.)	Ultimate settlements at the abutment locations (Induced by embankment - 21-ft. height - 35-ft. width at the top with 2:1 slopes)	≈	5"

These figures represent the total long-term consolidation settlement, of which eighty percent should occur within about 10 years. Fifty percent of the settlement should take place within a 2-3 year period, and approximately thirty percent within one year.

In addition to the aforementioned consolidation settlements, there will be elastic or immediate settlements. It can be assumed that elastic settlements will take place during and immediately after construction.

If the footings and approach embankments are constructed at the same time, the maximum differential settlements between the centre and end piers will be in the order of 1". The maximum differential settlement between the end piers and the abutments will be in the order of 2".

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6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations: (cont'd.) ...

The differential settlements could be reduced by constructing the approach embankments well in advance of the construction of the structure foundations. For example, if the approach fills are constructed 12 months prior to the construction of the foundations, about 30% of the consolidation settlements will take place during this period. Consequently, the differential settlements between the centre pier and end piers will be in the order of 0.5 to 1.0 in. The differential settlements between the end piers and the abutments founded in the approach fills will be in the order of 1.0 in.

The total and differential settlements between the pier and abutment foundations could be eliminated by supporting the foundations of the entire structure on end-bearing piles driven to bedrock. Such piles would be of the order of 44 to 49 ft. long at the pier locations. The load carrying capacity of the piles will be dependent on the pile section used; for example, a 14 BP 74 steel H-pile could be designed for 90 tons/pile.

6.3) Approach Embankments:

The proposed approach embankments will be of the order of 21 ft. above existing ground surface. No stability problems are anticipated for embankments constructed of properly compacted fill, and with standard 2:1 slopes.

7. SUMMARY:

A foundation investigation for the proposed structure at the crossing of Baker Rd. and the Q.E.W. is reported.

Subsoil at the site consists of a deposit of hard to soft silty clay followed by a glacial till underlain by shale bedrock at 44 to 49 ft. below the ground surface.

7. SUMMARY: (cont'd.) ...

Pier foundations for the structure should be supported on spread footings some 4 ft. below ground surface where a safe bearing pressure of 2.5 t.s.f. can be applied.

The abutments can be founded: 1) within a zone composed of properly compacted granular fill using an allowable bearing pressure of 2.0 t.s.f., or 11) on 12-3/4" O.D. closed-end pipe piles driven about 10 ft. into the hard silty clay; the allowable load per pile will be about 20 tons. The anticipated settlement of the structure foundations and approach fills are discussed in the section, "Discussion and Recommendations".

As an alternative, the entire structure can be supported on steel H-piles driven to bedrock, as discussed in the report.

No major dewatering problems are anticipated for the pier footing excavations.

No stability problems are anticipated for the approach fills with standard 2:1 slopes.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

The field work, performed during the period October 4 to 18, 1967, was undertaken by Mr. P. B. Schnabel, Project Foundation Engineer, who also prepared this report.

The equipment was owned and operated by Dominion Soil Investigation Ltd.

The work was carried out under the general supervision of Mr. M. Devata, Supervising Foundation Engineer, who also reviewed this report.

December, 1967

APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 1

FOUNDATION SECTION

MATERIALS & TESTING DIVISION

JOB 67-F-96

LOCATION Q.E.W. - Baker Rd. 41 + 60 19' Lt.

ORIGINATED BY FBS

W.P. 445-65

BORING DATE Oct. 4 - 6, 1967

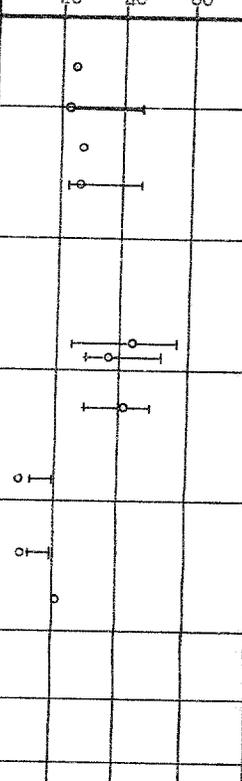
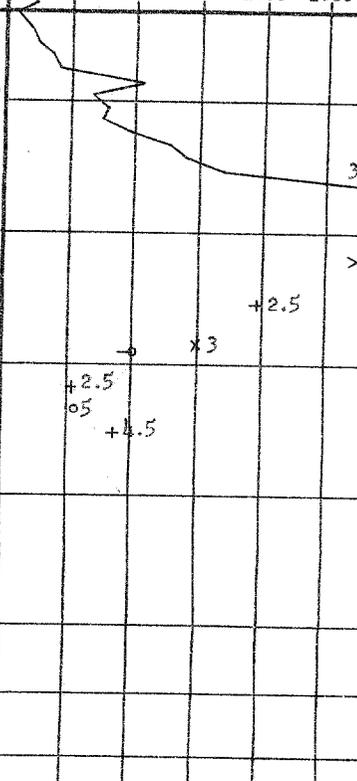
COMPILED BY FBS

DATUM Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring

CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT — WL PLASTIC LIMIT — wp WATER CONTENT — w			BULK DENSITY P.C.F.	REMARKS	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		BLOWS / FOOT	20	40	60	80	100	wp	w			wL
576.9	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty clay, trace of sand and occasional gravel.	[Hatched Area]	1	SS	35											
			2	SS	43	570										
			3	SS	21											
	Hard to soft.		4	TW	PM											
			5	TW	PM	560										
			6	TW	PM											
			7	TW	PM	550										
			8	TW	PM											
542.4																
34.5	Het. mixture of clayey silt, sand & gravel. (Glacial Till)		9	TW	PM											
			10	ss	55	540										
			11	SS	75											
532.4	Hard		12	SS	37/2"											
530.9	Weathered Bedrock															
46.0	Sound becrock															
525.0	Shale with gypsum inclusions		13	BXT	85%	530										
51.9	End of Borehole			RC	Rec											
						520										



566.0

125

Gr. 30, Sa. 23  
Si. 35, Cl. 12

0  
15 — 5 % Strain  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO  
MATERIALS & TESTING DIVISION

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 5

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 67-F-96 LOCATION Q.E.W. - Baker Rd. 39 + 39 hi Rt. ORIGINATED BY FBS  
 W.P. 445-65 BORING DATE August 24-25, 1967 COMPILED BY FBS  
 DATUM Geodatic BOREHOLE TYPE Power Auger CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT — WL PLASTIC LIMIT — wp WATER CONTENT — w			BULK DENSITY P.C.F.	REMARKS	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		BLOWS / FOOT	20	40	60	80	100	wp	w			WL
578.2																
0.0	Silty clay, trace of sand and occasional gravel.	[Hatched]	1	SS	14											
			2	SS	23											
			3	SS	20											
	Very stiff to firm.		4	TW	PM											
			5	SS	11											
			6	TW	PM											
			7	SS	7											
			8	TW	PM											
			9	SS	7											
536.2																
42.0	Silty sand with some gr. & trace of clay	[Dotted]	10	SS	>100											
532.2	Very dense (Glacial Till)															
530.7	Weathered Bedrock															
47.5	End of Borehole Refusal to augering Probably bedrock															

565.2

0  
15  
10  
5  
3 Strain

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 6 (Golder BH#18)

FOUNDATION SECTION

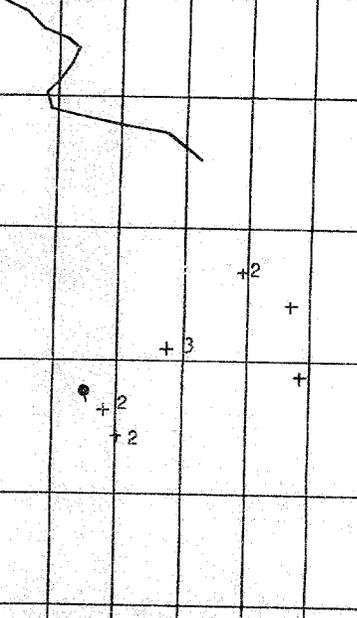
JOB 67-F-96 LOCATION G.E.W. - Baker Rd. 1/2 + 55 55' Pt. ORIGINATED BY PBS  
 W.P. 445-65 BORING DATE August 24-25, 1967 COMPILED BY PBS  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Power Auger Boring CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT — WL PLASTIC LIMIT — WP WATER CONTENT — W			BULK DENSITY P.C.F.	REMARKS	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS / FOOT		20	40	60	80	100	WP	W	WL			
577.4	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty clay, trace of sand and occasional gravel.  Hard to firm.	1	SS	13	570											
		2	SS	39												
		3	SS	26												
		4	SS	20												
		5	TW	PM												
		6	SS	6												
		7	TW	PM												
		8	SS	11												
540.4	Silty sand with gravel and a trace of clay. (Glacial Till)				540											
37.0		9	SS	48												
533.1	Dense															
532.1	Weathered Bedrock	10	SS	>100												
45.3	End of Borehole Refusal. Probable Bedrock				530											

SHEAR STRENGTH P.S.F.  
 ○ Quick Triaxial  
 + Field Vane

400 800 1200 1600 2000

WATER CONTENT %  
 20 40 60

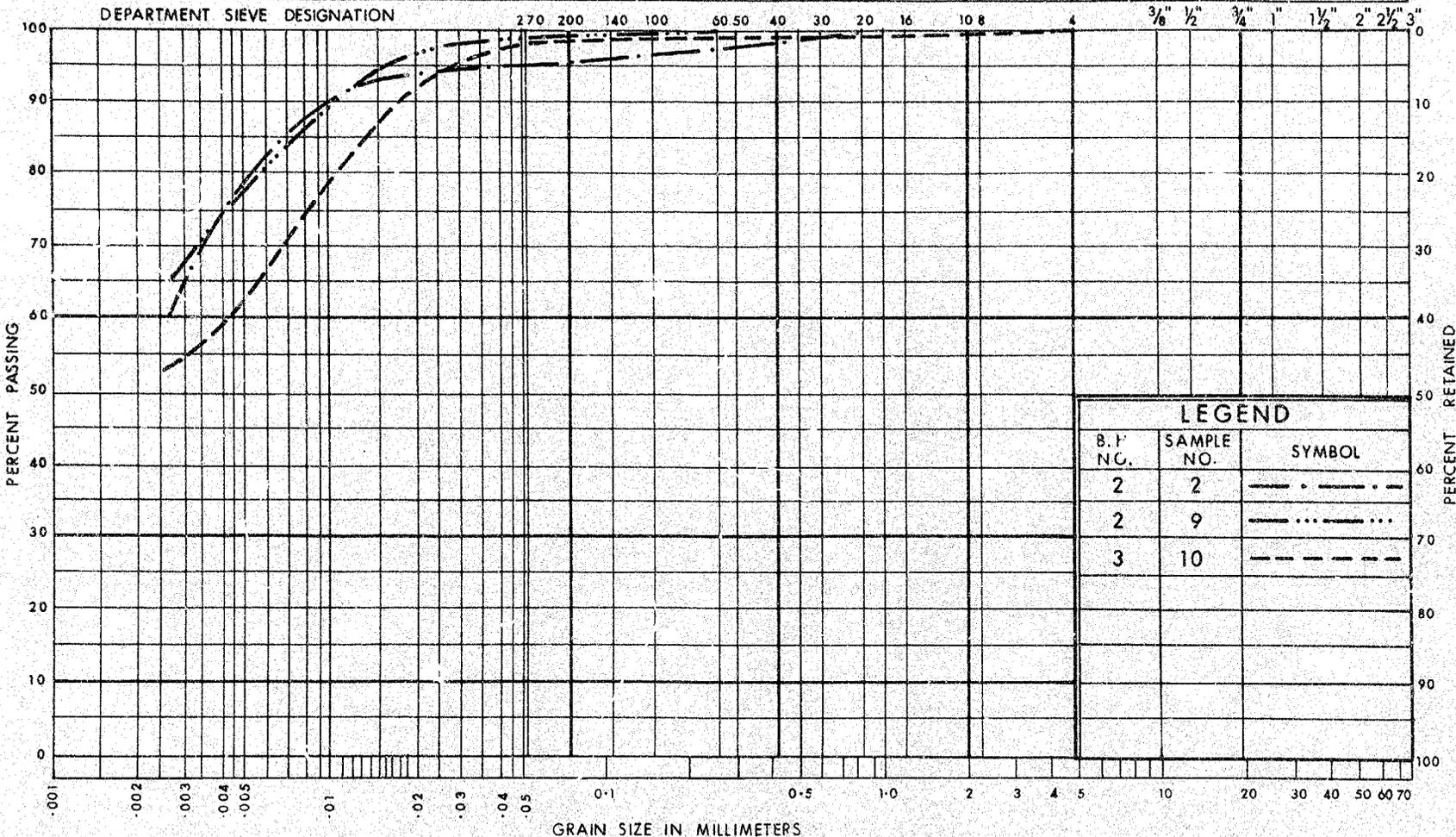


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 15 — 5 % Strain  
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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

CLAY & SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
 SILTY CLAY



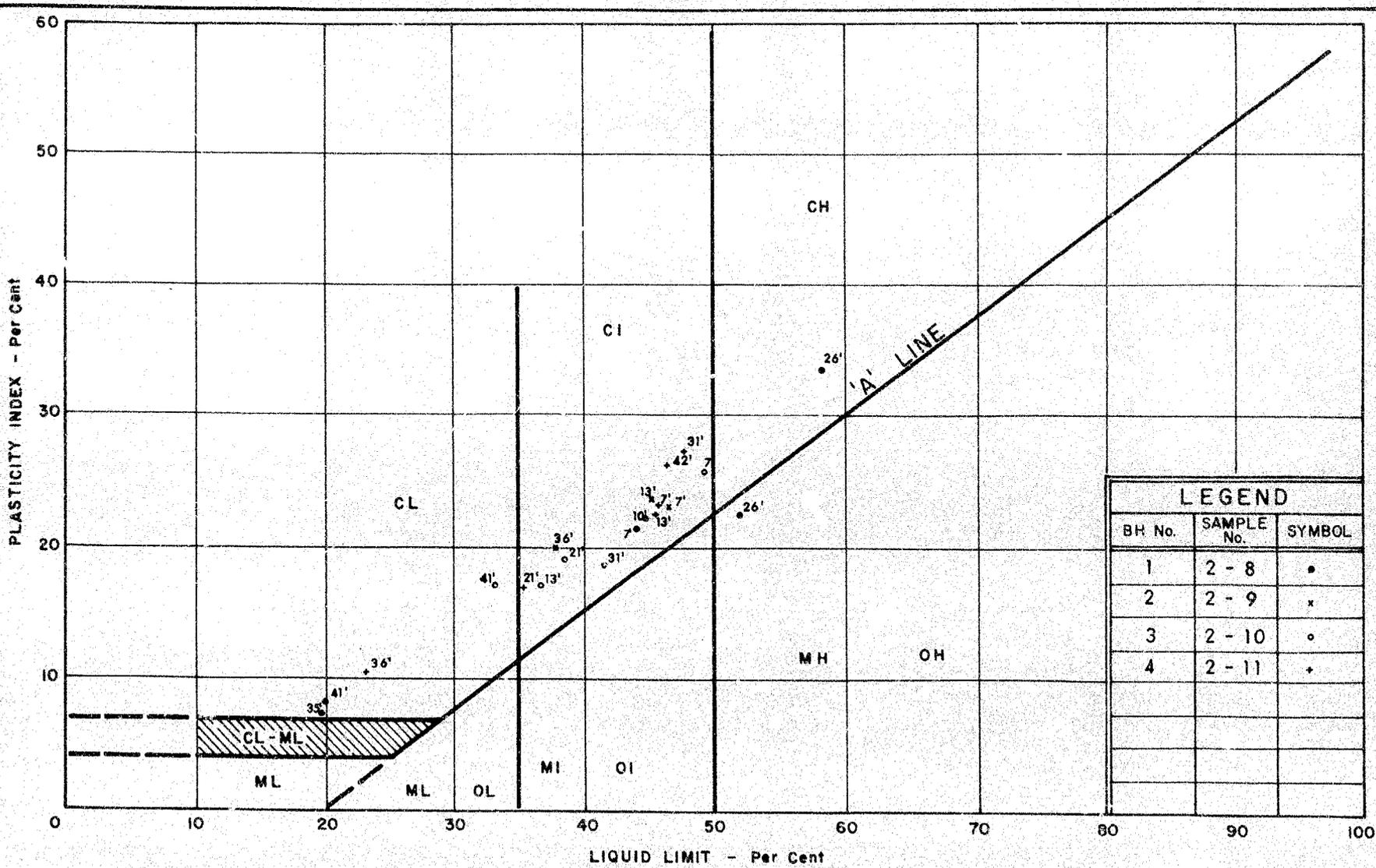
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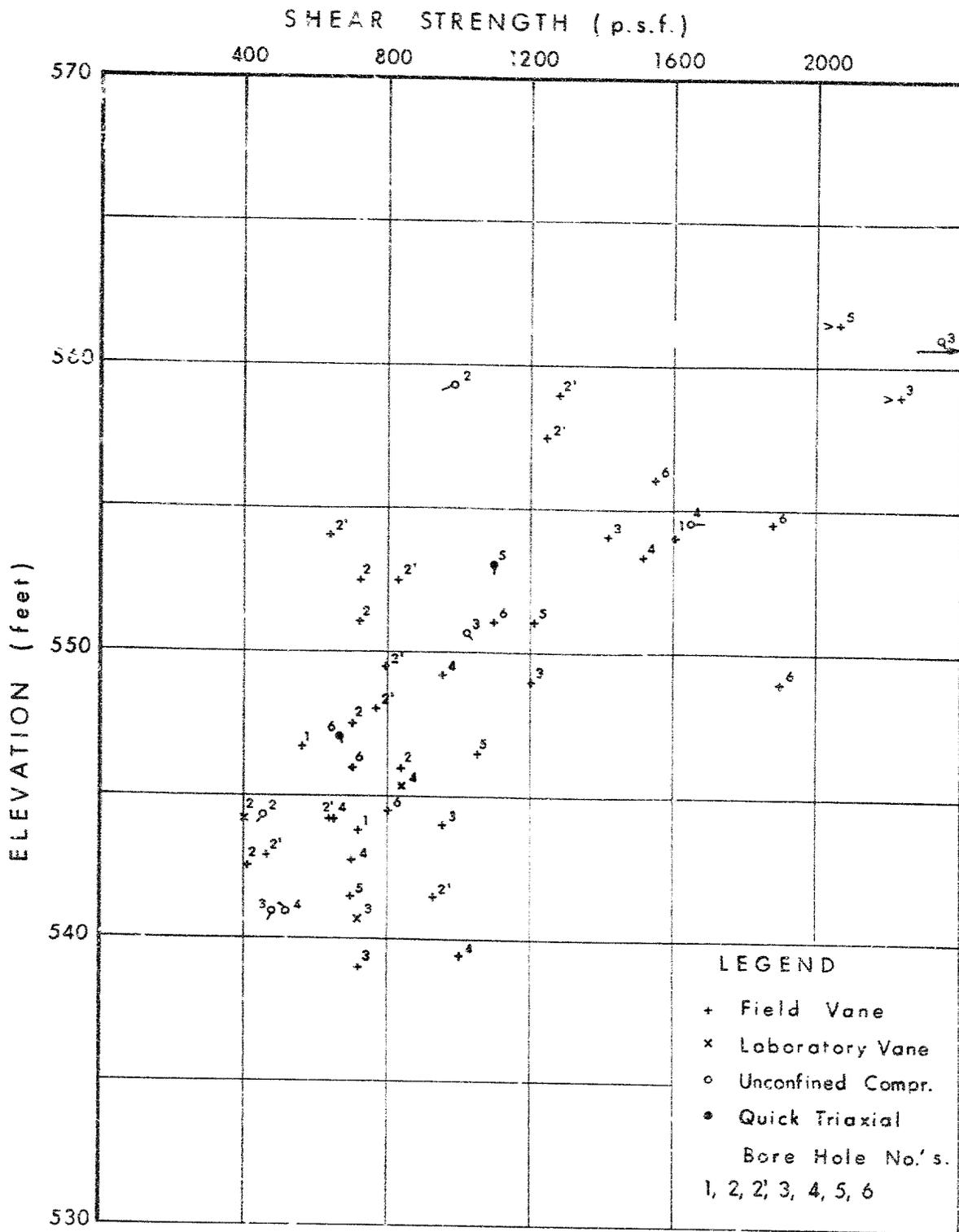
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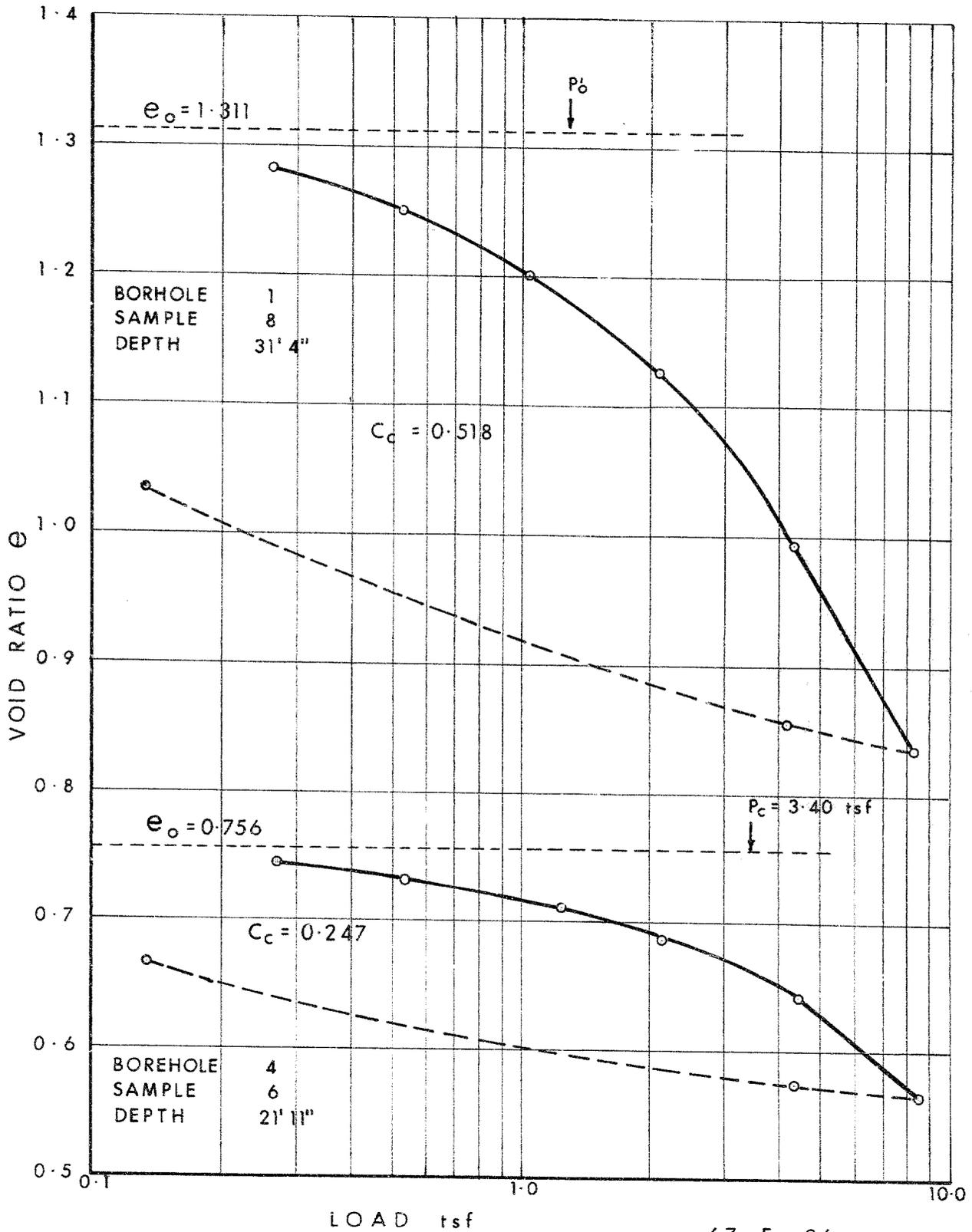
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# PLASTICITY CHART

WP. No. 445-65  
 JOB No. 67-F-96

# SHEAR STRENGTH vs DEPTH





# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

## PENETRATION RESISTANCE

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE 'N' :- THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A STANDARD SPLIT SPOON SAMPLE 12 INCHES INTO THE SUBSOIL, DRIVEN BY MEANS OF A 140 POUND HAMMER FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 30 INCHES.

DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE :- THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A 2 INCH, 60 DEGREE CONE, FITTED TO THE END OF DRILL RODS, 12 INCHES INTO THE SUBSOIL, THE DRIVING ENERGY BEING 350 FOOT POUNDS PER BLOW.

## DESCRIPTION OF SOIL

THE CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS AND THE RELATIVE DENSITY OR DENSENESS OF COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS :-

<u>CONSISTENCY</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS/FT.</u>	<u>c LB./SQ.FT.</u>	<u>DENSENESS</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS/FT.</u>
VERY SOFT	0 - 2	0 - 250	VERY LOOSE	0 - 4
SOFT	2 - 4	250 - 500	LOOSE	4 - 10
FIRM	4 - 8	500 - 1000	COMPACT	10 - 30
STIFF	8 - 15	1000 - 2000	DENSE	30 - 50
VERY STIFF	15 - 30	2000 - 4000	VERY DENSE	> 50
HARD	> 30	> 4000		

## TYPE OF SAMPLE

S.S.	SPLIT SPOON	T.W.	THINWALL OPEN
W.S.	WASHED SAMPLE	T.P.	THINWALL PISTON
S.B.	SCRAPER BUCKET SAMPLE	O.S.	OESTERBERG SAMPLE
A.S.	AUGER SAMPLE	F.S.	FOIL SAMPLE
C.S.	CHUNK SAMPLE	R.C.	ROCK CORE
S.T.	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE		
	P.H.		SAMPLE ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
	P.M.		SAMPLE ADVANCED MANUALLY

## SOIL TESTS

Qu	UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	L.V.	LABORATORY VANE
Q	UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	F.V.	FIELD VANE
Qcu	CONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	C	CONSOLIDATION
Qd	DRAINED TRIAXIAL	S	SENSITIVITY

# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

## SOIL PROPERTIES

$\gamma$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL (BULK DENSITY)
$\gamma_s$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES
$\gamma_w$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER
$\gamma_d$	UNIT DRY WEIGHT OF SOIL (DRY DENSITY)
$\gamma'$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL
G	SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF SOLID PARTICLES $G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$
e	VOID RATIO
n	POROSITY
w	WATER CONTENT
$S_r$	DEGREE OF SATURATION
$w_L$	LIQUID LIMIT
$w_p$	PLASTIC LIMIT
$I_p$	PLASTICITY INDEX
s	SHRINKAGE LIMIT
$I_L$	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$
$i_c$	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$
$e_{max}$	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE
$e_{min}$	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$I_D$	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
	RELATIVE DENSITY $D_r$ IS ALSO USED
h	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
q	RATE OF DISCHARGE
v	VELOCITY OF FLOW
i	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
k	COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY
j	SEEPAGE FORCE PER UNIT VOLUME
$m_v$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE = $\frac{-\Delta e}{(1+e)\Delta\sigma'}$
$c_v$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
$C_c$	COMPRESSION INDEX = $\frac{\Delta e}{\Delta \log_{10} \sigma'}$
$T_v$	TIME FACTOR = $\frac{c_v t}{d^2}$ (d, DRAINAGE PATH)
U	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\tau_f$	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE, OR FRICTION
$c_u$	APPARENT COHESION
$\phi_u$	APPARENT ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE, OR FRICTION
$\mu$	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION
$S_t$	SENSITIVITY

## GENERAL

$\pi$	= 3.1416
e	BASE OF NATURAL LOGARITHMS 2.7183
$\log_e a$ OR $\ln a$	NATURAL LOGARITHM OF a
$\log_{10} a$ OR $\log a$	LOGARITHM OF a TO BASE 10
t	TIME
g	ACCELERATION DUE TO GRAVITY
V	VOLUME
W	WEIGHT
M	MOMENT
F	FACTOR OF SAFETY

## STRESS AND STRAIN

u	PORE PRESSURE
$\sigma$	NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	NORMAL EFFECTIVE STRESS ( $\bar{\sigma}$ IS ALSO USED)
$\tau$	SHEAR STRESS
$\epsilon$	LINEAR STRAIN
$\gamma$	SHEAR STRAIN
$\nu$	POISSON'S RATIO ( $\mu$ IS ALSO USED)
E	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION (YOUNG'S MODULUS)
G	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
K	MODULUS OF COMPRESSIBILITY
$\eta$	COEFFICIENT OF VISCOSITY

## EARTH PRESSURE

d	DISTANCE FROM TOP OF WALL TO POINT OF APPLICATION OF PRESSURE
$\delta$	ANGLE OF WALL FRICTION
K	DIMENSIONLESS COEFFICIENT TO BE USED WITH VARIOUS SUFFIXES IN EXPRESSIONS REFERRING TO NORMAL STRESS ON WALLS
$K_0$	COEFFICIENT OF EARTH PRESSURE AT REST

## FOUNDATIONS

B	BREADTH OF FOUNDATION
L	LENGTH OF FOUNDATION
D	DEPTH OF FOUNDATION BENEATH GROUND
N	DIMENSIONLESS COEFFICIENT USED WITH A SUFFIX APPLYING TO SPECIFIC GRAVITY, DEPTH AND COHESION ETC. IN THE FORMULA FOR BEARING CAPACITY
$k_s$	MODULUS OF SUBGRADE REACTION

## SLOPES

H	VERTICAL HEIGHT OF SLOPE
D	DEPTH BELOW TOE OF SLOPE TO HARD STRATUM
$\beta$	ANGLE OF SLOPE TO HORIZONTAL

## MEMORANDUM

67-F-96

To: Mr. A. Stermac,  
Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107,  
Lab. Building.

FROM: Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario.

DATE: September 8th, 1967.

Attention: Mr. M. Devata.

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

SUBJECT: Baker Road Underpass,  
W.P. 445-65, Site 34-219,  
Q.E.W., District 4.

Job Number 67-F-96

Herewith are two prints of site plan E-4792 on which the probable location of footings has been marked in red.

Please arrange for a foundation investigation of sufficient scope to enable us to proceed with the design. No preliminary site investigation has been made due to the urgency of the project.

*Joseph F. Walshe*

JFW/cew  
Attach.  
cc R. Forrest  
A. Crowley

J. F. Walshe,  
for W. S. Melinshyn,  
Regional Bridge Location Engineer.

Oct 18/67  
Dec 13/67

Assigned to Per schmandel on Oct 1/1967

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H GREENLAND DIST ENGR

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RE BAKER ROAD UNDERPASS WP-445-65 SITE 34-219 WJ-67-F-96

Q E W DISTRICT & HAMILTON.

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION WORK FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT

WILL COME IN ON OCT 3/67 THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

M DEVATA SUPRVG FOUND ENGR FOR A G STERMAC PRINC FOUND ENGR

MATLS AND TESTG DIV

RB

401 & Keele Street  
Downsview, Ontario

October 4, 1967

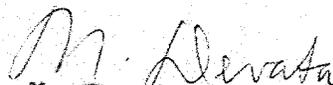
Dominion Soil Investigation Ltd.  
77 Crockford Blvd.  
Scarborough, Ontario

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm our request of Oct. 3, 1967 for the supply of a Diamond Drill together with all necessary equipment, as specified under the terms our Contract Agreement, at Baker Rd. & W.E.W. near Niagara Falls, Ontario, on October 4, 1967.

This job bears number 67-F-96.

Yours truly,



M. Devata  
Supervising Foundation Engineer  
for: A. G. Stermac  
Principal Foundation Engineer

MD:mt

cc: H. Konings  
Foundation Files 110  
General File

Department of Highways Ontario

Copy for the information of

Mr. A. G. Stermac,  
Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107,  
Lab. Bldg.

Mr. D. A. Barr,  
Advance Program Engineer,  
Program Section,  
Admin. Bldg.

Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario.

January 10th. 1968.

Q.E.W. - Welland River to Fort Erie,  
District #4.

The Foundation Section of the Materials and Testing Division has carried out subsoil investigations at the following structure locations:

W.P. 158-64-1	Lyons Creek Road Interchange
W.P. 442-65	Beck Road Underpass
W.P. 443-65	Bossert Road Underpass
W.P. 159-64	Sodom Road Interchange
W.P. 445-65	Baker Road Underpass

67-F-96

The reports indicate that a substantial amount of consolidation settlement will occur due to the approach fills. In order to reduce the effect of this on the structures they recommend that consideration should be given to constructing the approach embankments well in advance of the construction of the bridges.

It should however, be borne in mind that these structures, except for Lyons Creek Road, are on existing road alignments and consequently some detouring arrangement would have to be provided during the consolidation period.

RE: Q.E.W. - Welland River to Fort Erie,  
District #4.

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Investigations for the structures from Townline Road (W.P. 167-64-1) through to Gilmore Road (W.P. 448-65) have not yet been carried out. The need for pre-grading of the approaches is therefore not known at this time. However, settlement problems seem to diminish as we approach Fort Erie.

We would recommend that consideration be given to implementing the recommendations of the Foundation Section with regards to the calling of a grading contract approximately 12 months prior to the bridge construction.

JFW:ss  
cc. G. K. Hunter  
A. G. Stermac  
E. Cross

*J. F. Walsh*  
J. F. Walsh,  
for W. S. Melinyshyn,  
Reg. Bridge Location Engineer

*M. Devata*

Telephone: 248-3446

Mr. W. Wigle,  
Program Engineer,  
Administration Bldg.

E.J. McCabe,  
Toronto Regional Road Design.

March 13, 1968.

Re: Queen Elizabeth Way from  
Highway 405 to Fort Erie,  
District 4, Hamilton.

Your letter of February 12, 1968 requesting a program for placement of early fills as recommended by the Foundation Section has been passed on to me for comment.

This afternoon Mr. Devata, Foundations Section, Mr. Melnyshyn, Bridge Planning Section, and the writer met to consider our needs for early fill placement. It was determined that early fill would be placed:

- 1) If required for bridge construction.
- 2) If required for grading purposes. A 6 settlement or more was used as a basis to determine the need for early fill placement for grading purposes.

The following is a summary of our conclusions:

- 1) Mountain Road Interchange - W.P. 154-64.

Bridge Office to decide in one month whether early fill placement required for bridge purposes.

- 2) Thorold Stone Road - W.P. 155-64-03.

No early fill placement required.

- 3) McLeod Road - W.P. 156-64.

- 4) Northbound West Service Road - W.P. 157-64-2.

Both bridges will be on piles. An 8½ settlement is predicted. We propose delaying the final paving of the fill areas from one to two years.

March 13, 1968.

Mr. W. Wigle - Re: Queen Elizabeth Way.

- 5) Lyons Creek - W.P. 158-64-01.
- 6) Beck Road - W.P. 442-65.
- 7) Bossert Road - W.P. 443-65.
- 8) Sodom Road - W.P. 159-64.
- 9) Baker Road - W.P. 445-65. 67-F-76
- 10) Townline Road, Black Creek, Service Road - W.P. 167-64.
- 11) Ridgemount Road - W.P. 165-64.
- 12) Bowen Road
- 13) Sunset Drive - W.P. 447-65.
- 14) Gilmore Road - W.P. 448-65.

Considerable settlement can be anticipated for the above structure sites and approach thereto. We propose that early fill placement be considered two years in advance of the current construction program year.

- 15) West-North and South Ramp - W.P. 162-64-2.
- 16) Thompson Road - W.P. 162-64-1.
- 17) - W.P. 162-64-3.
- 18) G.M.R. Widening - W.P. 162-64-05.
- 19) Concession Road (Eric St.) - W.P. 161-64.
- 20) North Street Revision - W.P. 160-64.

No early fill placement required at these sites.

E.J. McCabe  
Expressway Consultant Control Engineer

For:  
G.K. Hunter  
Regional Road Design Engineer

EJA/GB

c.c. M. Devata  
W. Malinsghyn  
A.J. Fletcher  
E.A. Fletcher

Department of Highways Ontario

Copy for the information of

Mr. A. Stermac

Mr. W. Melinshyn,  
Reg. Bridge Location Engineer,  
Central Region,  
Admin. Building

C.S. Grebaki

May 21, 1969

Baker Road Underpass  
9.7 Miles South of Hwy. 20  
H.P. 445-65-03, Site 34-219  
C.E.S., District No. 4

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Attached herewith are prints of the Preliminary Bridge Plan Drawing D-6413-F1 for the above-mentioned structure.

The estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$121,000. This cost includes tender, materials, engineering and auxiliary construction.

Any comments or revisions you may have should be submitted within three weeks.

C.S. Grebaki,  
Bridge Design Engineer

CSS:rd

Attach.

c.c. S. McCamble  
A. Stermac (2)  
J. Anderson

In comment.  
M. Dwarka  
May 26/69

Department of Highways Ontario  
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Foundation Section

Mr. A. Stermac,  
Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107, Lab. Building

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Office

December 22, 1969

Baker Road Underpass  
9.7 Miles South of Hwy. 20  
W.P. 445-65-03, Site No. 34-219  
Q.E.W., District No. 4

67-F-96

Attached herewith we are submitting the final  
bridge drawings which show the foundation design for  
this structure.

Kindly give us your comments at your earliest  
convenience.

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer

Attach.

c.c. Foundation Section

no comments

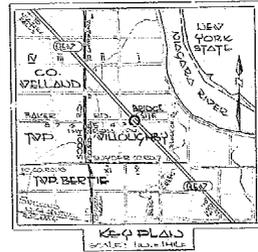
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M. Devata  
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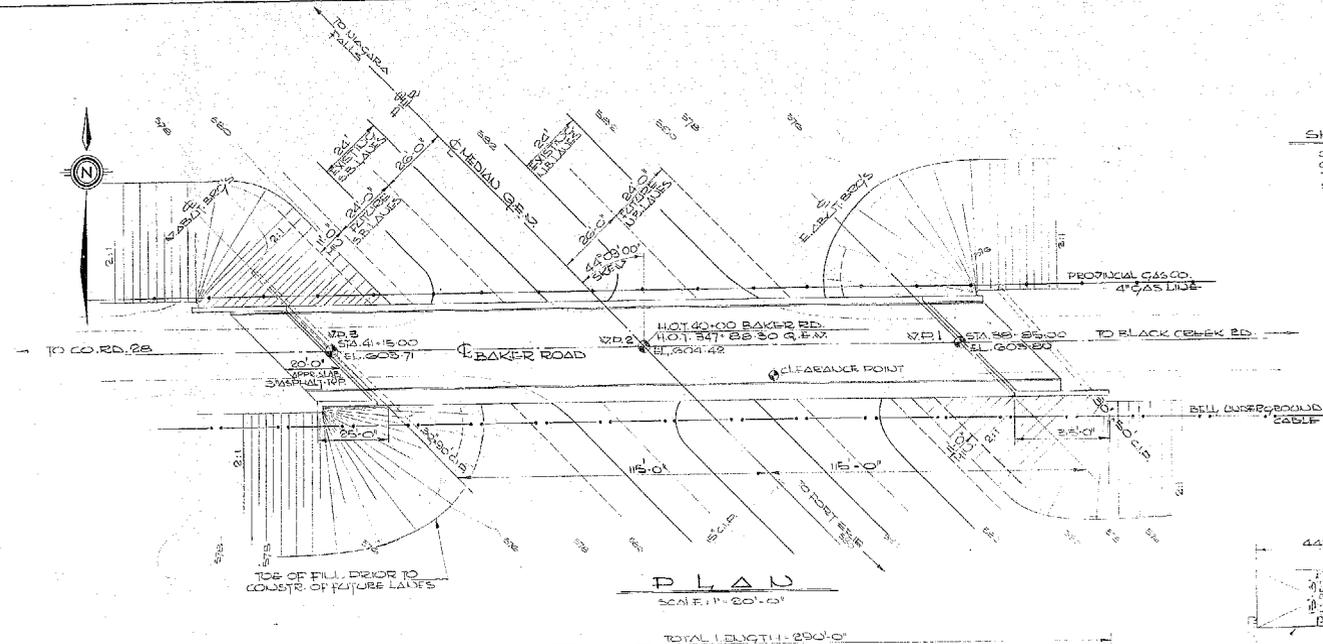
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Q.E.W.  
BAKER ROAD  
UNDERPASS





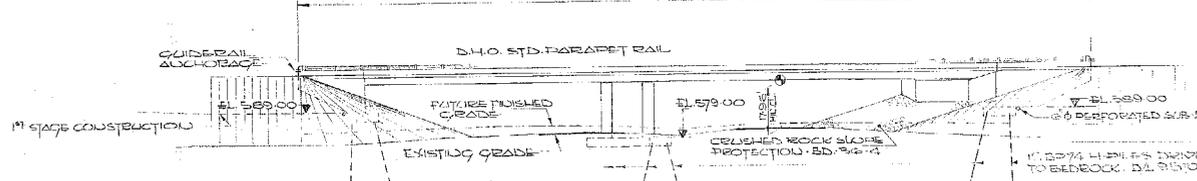
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**PLAN**  
 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"



EXISTING CLEAR LANES  
**CONSTRUCTION CLEARANCE**  
 44'-0" TO SCALE  
 NOTE: 44' CONSTRUCTION CLEARANCE IS PERPENDICULAR TO Q.L.M.

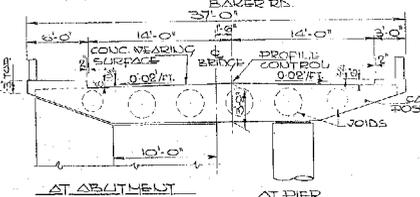


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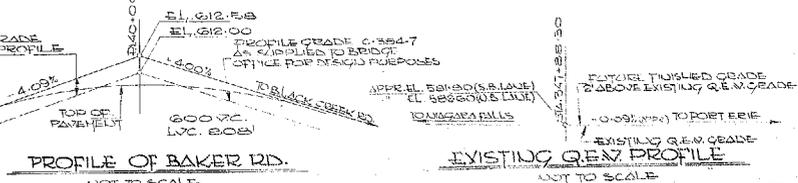
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 4.50' IN A. ROOT OF 1" HABLE  
 288.27' OF STA. 3+66.15 Q.L.M.

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**TOP DECK SECTION**  
 SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



**PROFILE OF BAKER RD.**  
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**EXISTING Q.L.M. PROFILE**  
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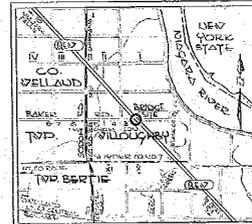
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 3.7 MILES SOUTH OF HWY. 20  
 KING'S HIGHWAY No. 20  
 CO. WELLS  
 TWP. WILLOUGHBY LOT 1 B E. CONTIN. CROSS

**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
 SHEET 34-219 OF 205 SHEETS  
 CONTRACT No. 205-65-03

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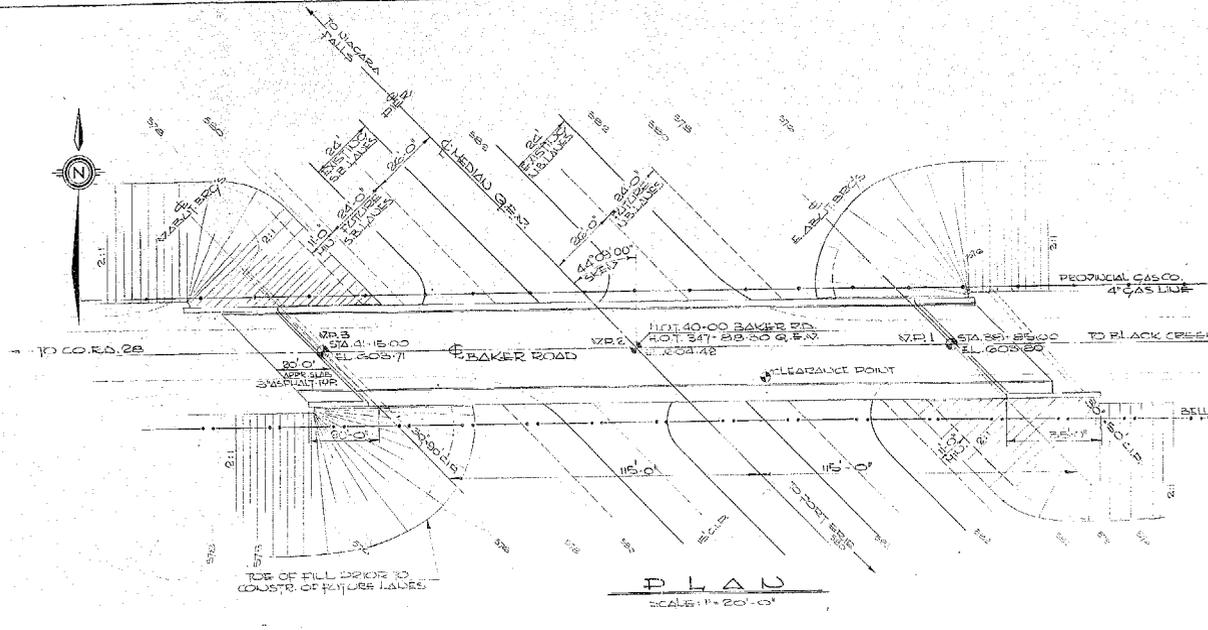


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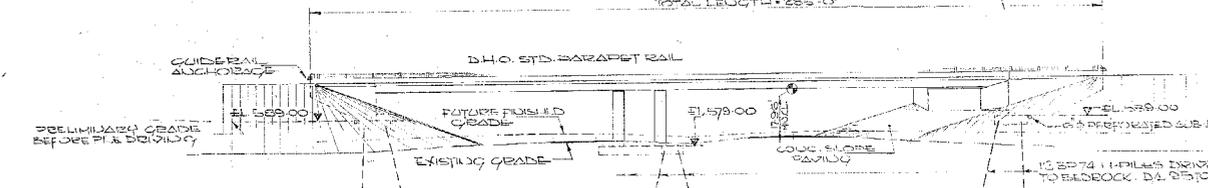
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- 1 GENERAL PLAN
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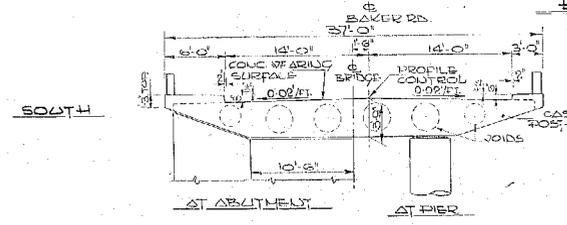


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SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

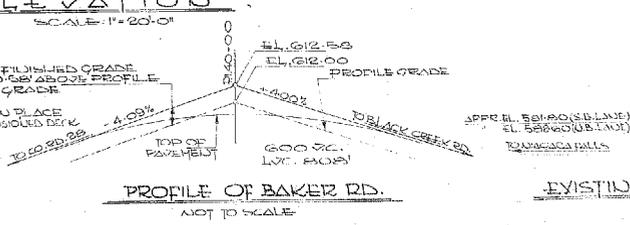
TOTAL LENGTH = 285'-0"



**ELEVATION**  
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"



**TOP DECK SECTION**  
SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"



**PROFILE OF BAKER RD.**  
NOT TO SCALE



**CONSTRUCTION CLEARANCE**  
NOT TO SCALE

NOTE: 44' CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED PERPENDICULAR TO Q.R.N. 2

- GENERAL NOTES**
- CLASS OF CONCRETE**
- CURBS & CONC. ABOVE CURBS 4000 PSI.
  - PIER & COLUMNS 5000 PSI.
  - DECK, RETAINING WALLS 5000 PSI.
  - SLABS 5000 PSI.
- CLEAR COVER ON REIN. STEEL**
- EXPOSURE ABOVE CURBS - DECK 2" TOP
  - 2" 3"
  - EXPOSED SLABS 3"
  - PIER & WALLS - COLUMNS 1 1/2" BOT.
  - 1 1/2"
  - RETAINING WALLS - COLUMNS 1 1/2"
- CONSTRUCTION NOTES**
- 1. CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING THE BEAMING SEATS TO THE SPECIFIED ELEV. WITH A TOLERANCE OF ± 1/4"
  - 2. ALL CONCRETE SHALL BE CAST AND CURED ABOVE THE SPECIFIED ELEV. CONCRETE TO BE CAST SHALL BE PLACED IN THE DECK HAS BEING TO BE CAST.
  - 3. ELECTION SHALL BE MADE WITH THE FUTURE APPLICANT.

B.M. ELEV. 578.29  
**GEODETIC DATUM**  
 3.67' W. 11.0000' OF T.O. MAPLE  
 228.12' OF S.P. 346.18' Q.R.N.

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 BRIDGE DIVISION

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**BAKER ROAD UNDERPASS**  
 5.7 MILES SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 20

KING'S HIGHWAY No. 20 EAST DIST. No. 4  
 CO. WELLAND  
 TWP. WILLOUGHBY 1ST. 1.8 E. TOWNLINE CROSS

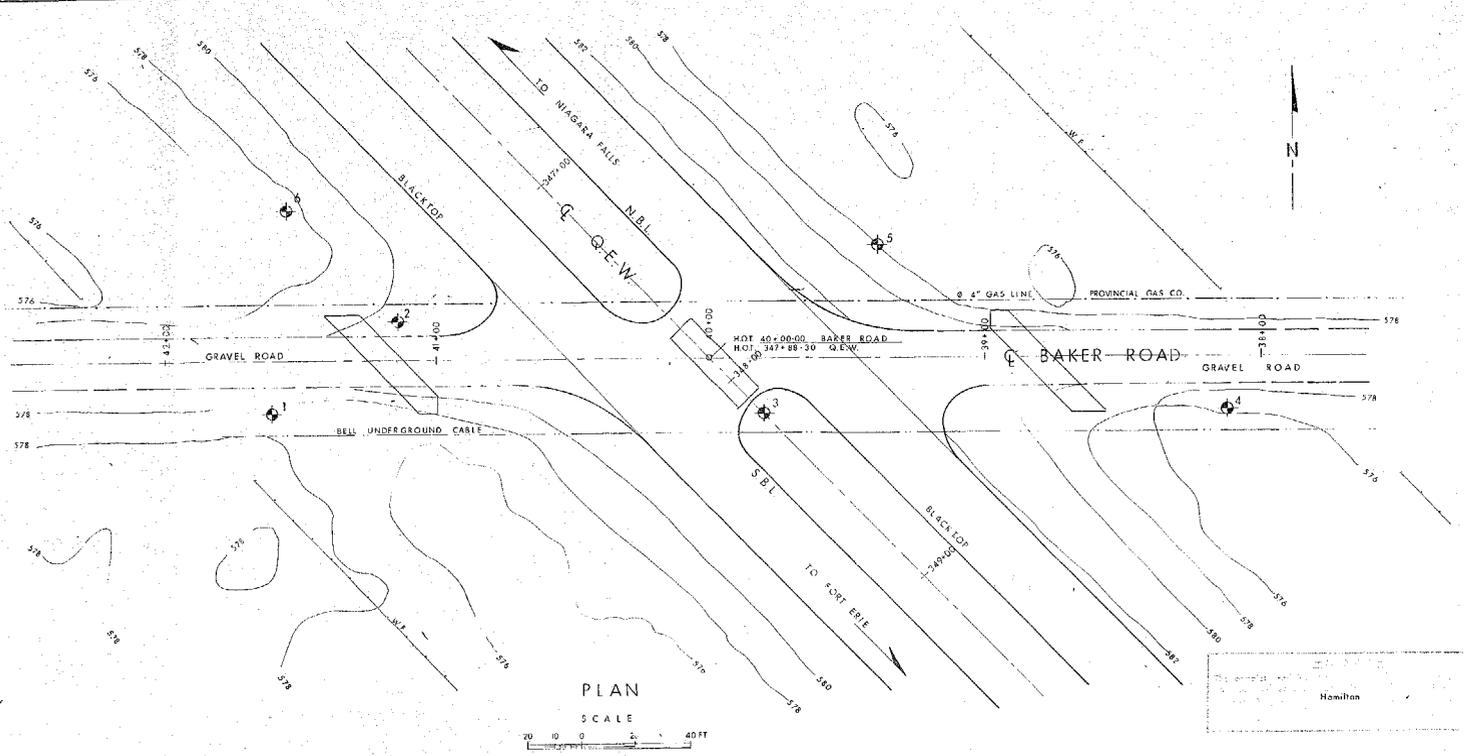
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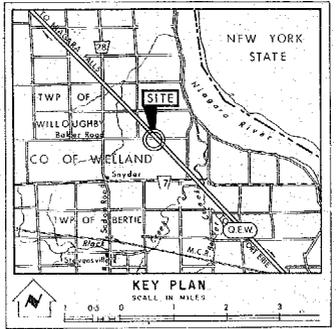
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PLAN  
SCALE  
0 20 40 FT



**LEGEND**

- Bore Hole
- Core Penetration Hole
- Bore-A Core Penetration Hole
- Water Levels established at time of field investigation, OCT. 1967

NO.	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET
1	576.95	11+60	19' LT
2	581.42	11+12	14' RT
3	582.13	19+40	20' LT
4	577.27	38+12	19' LT
5	578.20	39+39	31' RT
6	577.40	41+55	55' RT

**NOTE**  
The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at bore hole locations. Between Bore Holes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence and may be subject to considerable error.

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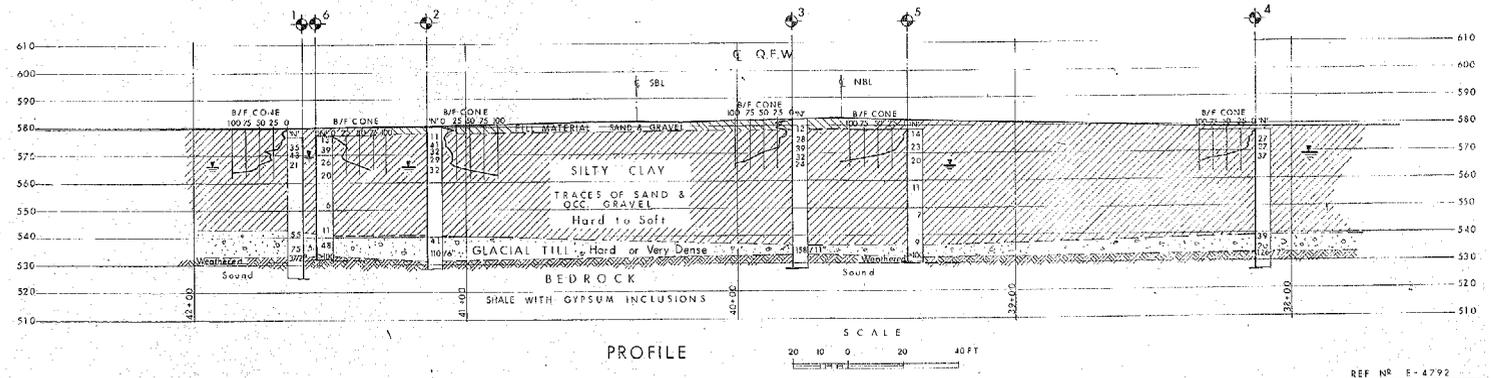
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO  
MATERIALS & TESTING DIVISION - FOUNDATION SECTION

**BAKER ROAD**

KING'S HIGHWAY NO. Q.E.W. DIST. NO. 4  
CO. WELLAND  
TWP. WILLOUGHBY LOT 1 & 2 CON. 1

**BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA**

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COLMAN A.S.		67-F-96	67-F-96 A
DATE	NOV. 20, 1967	SITE NO.	34-B19
APPROVED BY		SCALE	



PROFILE  
SCALE  
0 20 40 FT

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