

## MEMORANDUM

23-68-24.

To: Mr. B. R. Davis  
Bridge Engineer  
Bridge Division

FROM: Foundation Section  
Materials & Testing Div.  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

Attn: Mr. S. McCombie

DATE: May 16, 1967

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

MAY 24 1967

SUBJECT:

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For Bridge #21  
Hwy. #401, 27 and Richview  
Expressway Interchange  
District #6 (Toronto)

W.J. 67-F-38 --- W.P. 391-65

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.

AGS:mt  
Attach.

*A. G. Stermac*  
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PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION ENGINEER

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### 1. INTRODUCTION:

A foundation investigation at the site of Bridge #21 was requested by Mr. W. Melinyshyn, Regional Bridge Location Engineer, in a memo, dated April 27, 1967. Bridge #21 which is part of the proposed Hwy. #401, 27 and Richview Expressway Interchange was originally included in the yellow contract (Report #66-F-102). We were advised however, by the Bridge Location Section, that this structure would be built earlier, consequently it was taken out of the contract.

According to the request a field and laboratory investigation was undertaken by this section, the results of which are discussed in this report together with recommendations pertaining to the foundations.

### 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND THE FIELD INVESTIGATION:

The site of the proposed bridge is located south east of the existing Hwy. #401 West bound lanes, on each side of the existing Hwy. #27. East of Hwy. #27 the ground is rather flat, while west of it is somewhat hilly.

Two boreholes, numbers 27 and 28 were carried out during the preliminary investigation in December 1966. Three (3) additional boreholes (1, 2, 3) were placed for this present report at the locations of the proposed piers. The boreholes were performed by means of a continuous flight auger, taking split spoon samples at regular intervals. The penetration of

the samples, driven by a 140 lb. hammer, falling freely a distance of 30 inches, was recorded as Standard Penetration "N" values.

The locations and elevations of the boreholes, as well as the soil profile through the borings, are shown on Drawing #67-F-38A.

(3) SOIL CONDITIONS:

3.1) General:

The subsoil was found to be glacial till and it is divided into fine and coarse layers. It is believed that footing excavations within the cohesive strata may be achieved without major dewatering scheme; in the excavations extending to the coarse layer however, dewatering problems may be encountered.

Detailed description of the subsoils were presented in our preliminary report 66-F-102, therefore, just a brief summary is given here.

3.2) Clayey silt with sand:

This is the uppermost layer, extending from ground level down to El. 462 - 465', the total depth being 8 - 28 ft. The consistency of the layer is very stiff to hard, with penetration "N" values between 20 and over 100 blows per foot. The layer exhibits slight plasticity, the plastic limit averaging 18 - 20% and the liquid limit 28 - 31%. The natural moisture content was observed to be below the plastic limit.

3.3) Silty sand and sand:

Underlying the clayey silt a 6 - 10 ft. thick layer of silty sand and sand follows having very dense relative density. Some gravel and occasionally traces of clay were also found in the samples. Laboratory grain size analyses indicated some 1-37% of gravel, 37-62% of sand and 27-58% of silt and clay within the samples tested.

3.4) Clayey silt with sand and shale fragments:

The coarse layer was underlain by a hard stratum of clayey silt containing some sand and fragments of shale. This is a transition between overburden and bedrock, it changes gradually to weathered and sound shale. The obtained penetration "N" values were all much above 100 blows per foot.

3.5) Ground water:

Groundwater was observed in the boreholes in depths of 2-5ft. below ground level, corresponding to geodetic elevations of 466-489 feet.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bridge #21 is proposed to be a five span structure and will carry the east-south ramp of Hwy. #401 over Ramp N-E (local) and Brown's Line. According to the profiles provided by the Bridge Location Section, the top of pavement of Brown's Line at the crossing is assumed to be at approximate elevation 476 ft., and that of ramp N-E (local) about elevation 478 ft.

Subsoils at the site appear to display sufficient strength to support the structure on spread footings at relatively shallow depth.

Footing for the south abutment may be placed anywhere below elevation 486 ft., but a cover of min. 4 ft. above the base of the footing should be provided for frost protection. A safe design pressure of 4 TSF may be assumed on the footing.

Spread footings for Pier #1 and 2 (see plan on Drawing 67-F-38A) may be placed 4 ft. below finished grade, but not higher than elevation 475 ft., using a design pressure of 4 TSF.

Pier #3 should also be supported on spread footing at or below elevation 470 ft. with an allowable load of 4 TSF.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS (cont'd)

Pier #4 and the North Abutment might be supported on spread footing at elevation not higher than 463 ft. Since the footing excavations would be somewhat deep, piled foundation appears to be more practical. It is assumed that 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1/4" diam. steel tube piles will penetrate to approximate elevation 450-455 ft. and 12 BF @ 53 steel H piles to about elev. 445-455 ft. 70 T/pile safe load may be suggested on the above type piles. The working load on the piles however, must be checked during pile driving by means of the Hiley formula (D.H.O. Standard DD 1218 and 1219).

For perched abutment the pile cap may be placed within the approach fill. In this case care should be taken not to have bouldery fill at the location of the abutment footing.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

The field work performed during the period May 5 to May 8, 1967 was supervised by Mr. A. Prakash, Project Foundation Engineer. Equipment used was owned and operated by Canadian Longyear Ltd., Toronto. This report was written by Mr. A. K. Barsvary, Senior Foundation Engineer and reviewed by Mr. K. G. Selby, Supervising Foundation Engineer.

May 1967

APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO  
MATERIALS & TESTING DIVISION

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 1

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 67-F-38 LOCATION Hwy. 401 & 27, 870,400 N., 979,277 E ORIGINATED BY AP  
 W.P. 391-65 BORING DATE May 5, 1967 COMPILED BY KAL  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Flight 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		SHEAR STRENGTH P.S.F.			WP	WL	WATER CONTENT %		
483.2	GROUND LEVEL													
0.0	Clayey silt (1/2" thick seam of sand at 9.0 ft. depth)  Very stiff to Hard	[Hatched]	1	SS	23	480								WL. 477.6
			2	SS	82									
			3	SS	70	470								
			4	SS	100/7"									
463.7	Sand (fine to med.)	[Dotted]												Gr. 5, Sa. 37
20.1	End of Borehole					460								Sl. & Cl. 58









## 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

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

### PENETRATION RESISTANCE

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE 'N' :- THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A STANDARD SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER 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

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario.

Date: April 27th, 1967.

Our File Ref.

IN REPLY TO

Subject: W.P. 391-05, Bridge No. 21,  
Highway No. 401/27 Richview Interchange,  
District N. O.

67 F-38

Attached are two prints of site plan 3214-8A-21 showing the approximate location of pier and abutment footings for the proposed structure.

Two boreholes, No. 27 and No. 28 in report WJ. 66-F-102 have already been done for this structure; however staging of the interchange entails building of this structure and eastern approach will prior to the start of the "Yellow Contract" i.e. late summer award of this year. We expect to get the structure design underway this coming week and would like to have the foundation report as soon as possible.

JCM:aw  
Attach.

J. C. McAllister,  
for A. Melnyshyn,  
Regional Bridge Location Engineer.

c.c. A. Crowle  
P. Forrest

401 & Keele St.  
Downsview, Ontario

June 20, 1967

Canadian Longyear Limited  
35 Brydon Drive  
Rexdale, Ontario

Dear Sirs:

This is to confirm our request of May 2, 1967 for the supply of a Penn Drill together with all necessary equipment, as specified under the terms of our Contract Agreement, at Hwy. 401 and Hwy. 27 Interchange, Toronto, Ontario

This project bears Job Number <sup>67-F-</sup>38.

Yours truly,

*K. Selby*

KS:mt

K. Selby  
Supervising Foundation Engineer  
for A. G. Sternac  
Principal Foundation Engineer

Department of Highways Ontario

Copy for the information of  
Mr. A. Stermac, Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107, Lab. Building

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

Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario

June 15, 1967

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**Bridge #21**  
**Ramp E-S over Brown's Line**  
**W.P. 391-65, Site 37-914**  
**Rlys. 401 & 27, District 6**

Attached herewith are prints of the Preliminary Bridge Plan Drawing D-6236-F for the above-mentioned structure.

The estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$370,000. This cost includes tender, materials, engineering and sundry construction.

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

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebaki,  
Bridge Design Engineer

Attach.

c.c. S. McCombie  
A. Stermac  
P. Forrest  
E. Cross

PILES - 24 45 - 24 55

SOIL IS NOT BEDROCK BUT IS -  
CLAYEY SILT WITH SAND & SHALE FRAGMENTS

No other comment M. L. Sully June 27<sup>th</sup> 67

Mr. C. S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer,  
Bridge Division,  
Admin. Bldg.

Foundation Section,  
Materials & Testing Div.,  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

June 29, 1967

Bridge #21, W.P. 391-65, Contract #11, W.J. 67-F-38  
-- Hwy's. #401 & #27, District #6 (Toronto) --

We have reviewed Preliminary Plan D-6236-P for the above mentioned structure.

Our recommendations state that practical refusal of the piles should be reached between El. 445 and El. 455 in the 'clayey silt with sand and shale fragments' stratum. Your drawing shows bedrock at approximate elevation 440.0. This is incorrect. No bedrock was encountered in any boring for this structure.

KCS/MdeP

*K. G. Selby*  
K. G. Selby,  
SUPERVISING FOUNDATION ENGR.  
For:  
A. G. Stermac,  
PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION ENGR.

cc: Messrs. S. McCombie  
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401 & Keele Street  
Downsview, Ontario

November 10, 1967

Master Soil Investigation  
104 Kenhar Drive  
Weston, Ontario

Dear Sirs:

This is to confirm our request of October 24, 1967 for the supply of a Penn Drill together with all necessary equipment, as specified under the terms of our Contract Agreement, at Hwy. 401 & Hwy. 27, Toronto, Ontario, on October 26, 1967.

This project bears Job Number 67-F-38.

Yours truly,

*K. G. Selby*

KGS:mt

K. G. Selby  
Supervising Foundation Engineer  
for: A. G. Stermac  
Principal Foundation Engineer

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BRIDGE #21

