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LOCATION Bridge 26, 403 W.B. Core  
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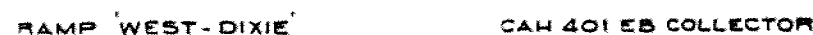
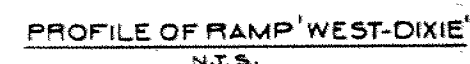
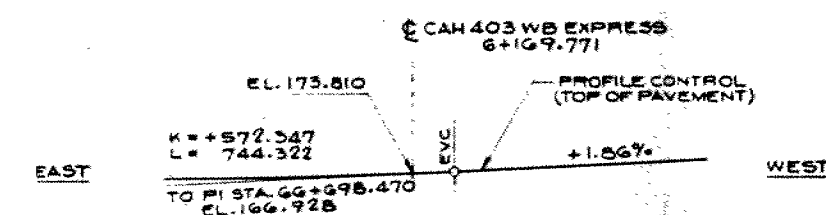
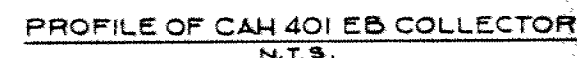
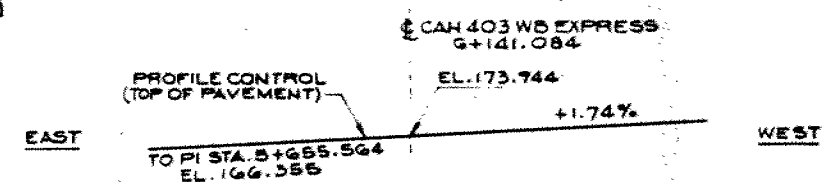
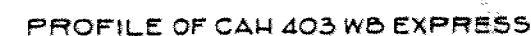
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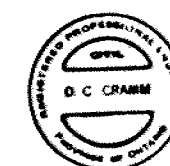
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CONCRETE QUANTITIES	
CONCRETE IN ABUTMENTS & WINGWALLS	277 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN RETAINING WALLS	15 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN PIER	51 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN PRESTRESSED DECK	1403 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN BARRIER WALLS	72 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN APPROACH SLABS	41 m <sup>3</sup>
CONCRETE IN	61 m <sup>3</sup>



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BRIDGE NO. 26  
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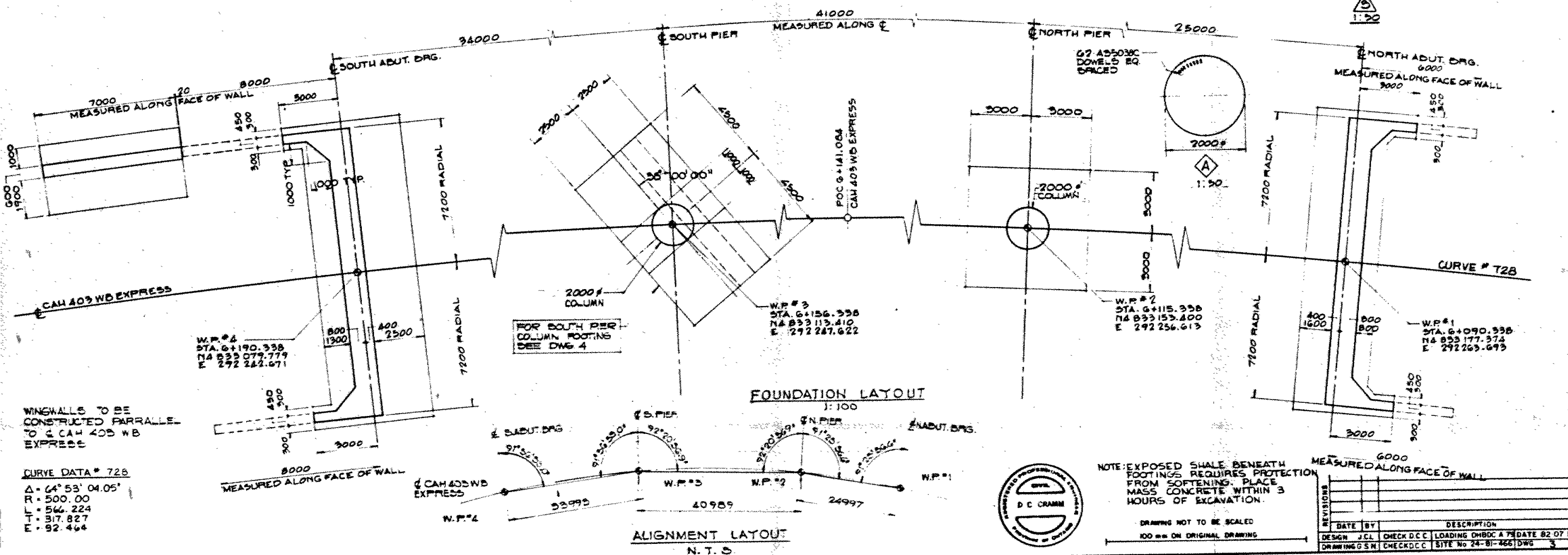
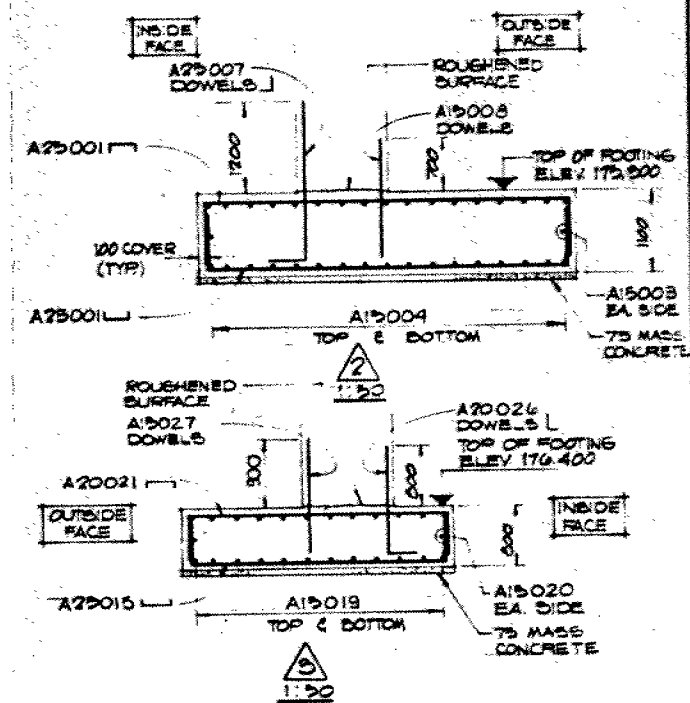
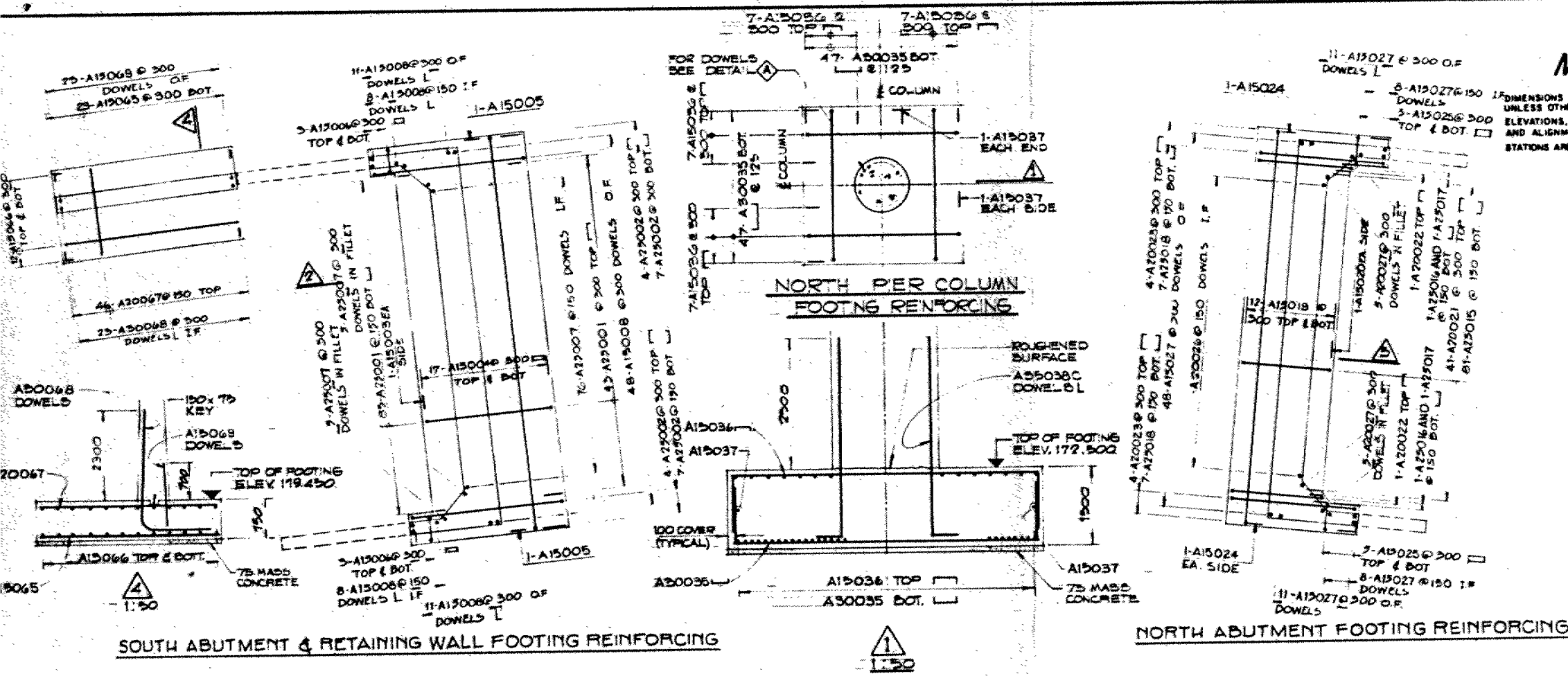
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NOTE: EXPOSED SHALE BENEATH  
FOOTINGS REQUIRES PROTECTION  
FROM SOFTENING. PLACE  
MASS CONCRETE WITHIN 3  
HOURS OF EXCAVATION.

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# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

Bridge #26

Highway 403 W.B. Expressway Over

Highway 401 E.B. Collector and

Dixie Road Sub-Collector

W.P. 127-66-72, Site 24-81-466

Hwy. 403, District 6, Toronto.

## INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the factual information obtained from a foundation investigation program performed at the above-mentioned structural site and provides detailed recommendations pertaining to the structure foundations and related earthworks.

The fieldwork was carried out between 82 02 16 and 82 02 19 and consisted of advancing 3 sampled boreholes using solid stem continuous flight augers with bedrock being cored in two of the borings. The depth of borings ranged from 2.6 metres to 12.3 metres terminating within the shale bedrock.

## Site Description and Geology

The structure site is located immediately east of the existing Hwy. 403 W.B. Collector structure (Bridge #27) over Hwy. 401 E.B. Collector and Dixie Road Sub-Collector which was constructed under Contract 75-16 as part of the Hwy. 401/403 Interchange complex.

Land use in the area is changing from predominately farming to industrial subdivision development. Topography across the site is generally flat to gently undulating with ground surface sloping gradually towards Lake Ontario.

The site is located in the physiographic region known as the "Peel Plain". The characteristic deposit, in the vicinity of the area under investigation, is composed of cohesive glacial till, whose thickness varies from nil to 15 metres. The overburden is underlain by shale bedrock of the Meaford-Dundas Formation, Ordovician Period.

### Subsurface Conditions

Borings carried out at the structure site indicates generally uniform subsurface conditions. The overburden consists of a shallow deposit of cohesive glacial till underlain by shale bedrock. The upper portion of the shale was found to be weathered. In previous highway cut areas, exposed shale has been covered with a thin veneer of fill.

The boundaries between the various soil types, insitu and laboratory test results are shown on the attached Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with a profile showing an estimated soil stratigraphy based on borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 1276672-A.

The various soil types encountered are briefly described in the following paragraphs.

#### Silty Clay, Gravel and Sand (Glacial Till)

The surficial deposit overlying the site consists of a shallow deposit of glacial till composed of a silty clay of intermediate plasticity with varying amounts of gravel and some sand. Typical grain size distribution curves for representative samples from this deposit are shown on Figure 1. An increasing frequency of fragments, and detached slabs of weathered shale and limestone were encountered within the lower portion of this till. A thin veneer of fill consisting of the reworked parent till of the area was found to overly shale where previous highway cuts had been advanced.

Results of limited water content and Atterberg Limit testing are plotted on the Plasticity Chart (Figure 2) and summarized as follows:

		<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Water Content	(w) %	8-22	16
Liquid Limit	(W <sub>L</sub> ) %	40-43	42
Plastic Limit	(W <sub>p</sub> ) %	19-20	20
Plasticity Index	(I <sub>p</sub> ) %	19-24	22

These results indicate the cohesive matrix of the glacial till consists of an inorganic silty clay of intermediate plasticity (CI).

Based on interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values ranging from 27 to in excess of 100 blows per 0.3 metres, the consistency of this deposit ranges from very stiff to hard.

#### Bedrock

The shale bedrock was encountered immediately beneath the glacial till deposit across the site. The upper 0.8 to 2.1 metres of the bedrock is in a weathered condition. The natural bedrock surface varies between elevations 177.1 to 177.5 corresponding to depths of approximately 2.6 to 2.1 metres below original ground surface prior to cut excavations for the existing Hwy. 401 collectors.

Bedrock surface is sloping gently in a northeasterly direction across the site.

The rock is described as a dark grey, fine textured, soft shale interbedded with thin layers of light grey, fine to medium texture, medium hard limestone. This formation is generally weathered in the upper layers and frequently transitional with the overlying till layer containing frequent fragments and detached slabs of shale and limestone. The badly weathered zone of shale near the top of bedrock grades through a zone of moderate weathering into intact bedrock.

#### Groundwater Conditions

No stabilized water levels were obtained during augering operations in the three borings. Upon completion of rock coring, the induced drill water remained perched within the borings, indicating a low permeability for both the till and shale strata. The depressed profile grades of the existing Hwy. 401/Dixie Road Sub-collector geometry effectively drains the immediate structure site to an minimum elevation of approximately 173, however a perched water table within the glacial till can be expected during periods of high rainfall.



## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

As part of the upgrading of Highways 401 and 403 to a collector/core network, East and West Bound Collector Overpass structures are required at the crossing of Hwy. 401 E.B. Expressway and Dixie Road Sub-collector. The proposed W.B. structure (Bridge #26) will consist of a 3 span (34 - 41 - 25 metres) continuous post-tensioned voided concrete structure some 14.5 metres wide. A proposed Hwy. 403 profile grade ranging from 182.4 to 183.1, existing Hwy. 401 E.B. profile grade of 173.9, and average natural ground surface elevation of roughly 180 will necessitate maximum approach fill heights in the order of 3.0 metres.

In consideration of the proximity of competent shale bedrock to ground surface across the site, recommendations pertaining to the foundations of the new structure and related earthworks are summarized as follows:

The design of shallow foundations founded on an unyielding medium such as shale bedrock will not be governed by settlement since the bearing capacity at the S.L.S. Type II is much larger than the factored capacity at U.L.S. Perched abutments can be supported on spread footings founded within the weathered shale for a factored bearing capacity at the U.L.S. of 1,000 kPa.

Pier footings can be supported on shallow spread footings located and designed in a similar manner as the abutment footings or within the intact shale for a factored capacity at the U.L.S. of 1500 kPa.

A minimum earth cover of 1.25 metres should be provided to the underside of the footings, since the shale is considered susceptible to frost action.

The base of all footing excavations should be covered immediately upon exposure with a working slab of lean concrete to protect the exposed shale from weathering and softening.

Earth pressures against the abutment walls should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O. H. B. D. C. Manual with provisions made from adequate drainage behind the abutment.

Provided backfill to the abutments consists of free draining granular material and adequate provisions are made for an appropriate drainage scheme, the following equivalent fluid pressures may be assumed for computation of earth pressures.

- a) At ultimate limit state
  - active condition 8.0 kPa/m
  - at rest condition 10.0 kPa/m
- b) At serviceability limit state
  - active condition 6.5 kPa/m
  - at rest condition 8.5 kPa/m

All organic and softened material should be stripped from within the plan limits of the immediate approach embankments prior to placement of any fill.

In addition, all new fill material should be properly benched in the existing slopes as per current MTC standards.

A constraint on the use of heavy vibratory equipment within a restricted distance to the back of abutment wall should be included as per current MTC directives.

Resistance to sliding of the abutment footings can be calculated assuming a coefficient of friction of 0.8 between the underside of the concrete footing and the rough shale surface.

No major dewatering difficulties are anticipated for footing excavations in consideration of the relatively low permeability of the shale bedrock. Localized seepage into excavations can be controlled by perimeter ditches and pumping from corner sumps.

No stability problems are anticipated for permanent embankment slopes constructed to a 2:1 geometry.

Temporary cut slopes will stand at a 1:1 geometry or steeper, however, these slopes will weather rapidly and show signs of surficial distress if not protected in a reasonable length of time.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for this investigation was carried out under the supervision of Mr. V. Parker, Field Technician, utilizing equipment owned and operated by Atcost Drilling Co., Toronto. This report was written by Mr. T. J. Kazmierowski, Foundations Engineer and reviewed by Mr. M. Devata, Senior Foundations Engineer.



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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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DIST 6 HWY 401/403 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY V.P.  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 82-02-16 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100					
179.7	Ground Surface																
0.0	(Glacial Till)																
	Silty Clay, some Sand & Gravel, fragments and slabs of Lime- Stone & Weathered Shale V. Stiff to Hard		1	SS	27		178										
177.1			2	SS	70/13	cm											
			3	SS	70/13	cm											
2.6	End of Borehole Refusal to Augers on probable bedrock.						176										

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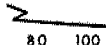





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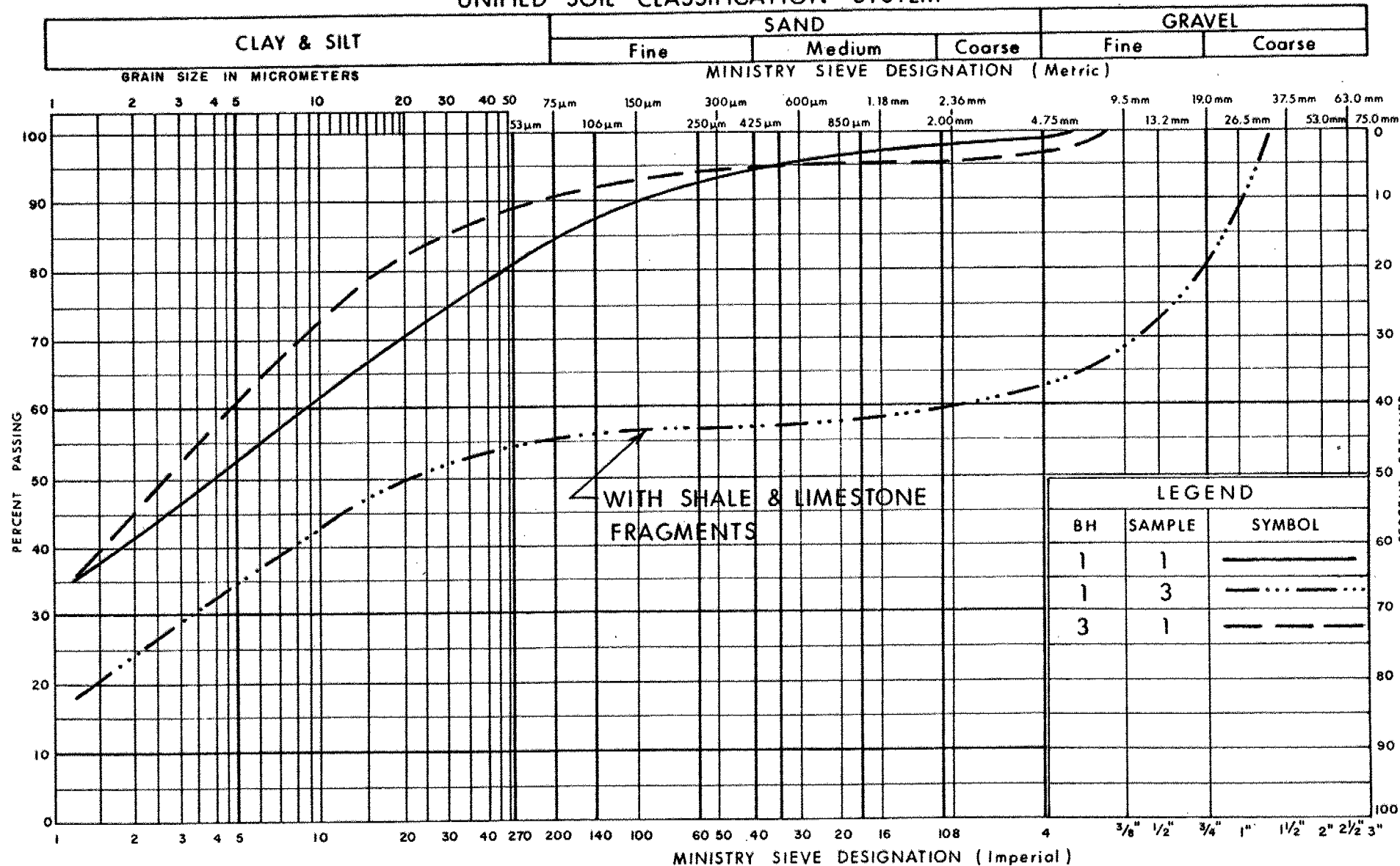
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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 			PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)  GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH								WATER CONTENT (%)
								○ UNCONFINED	+ FIELD VANE	● QUICK TRIAXIAL						
179.6	Ground Surface															
0.0	(Glacial Till) Silty Clay with Sand & Gravel occ. Limestone frag- ments.		1	SS	50/	3 cm	178									
177.5	Grey, brown, hard		2	SS	75/	11 cm										
2.1	Grey  <u>weathered</u>  Shale Bedrock with layers of Limestone		3	SS	70/	8 cm	176									
			4	SS	70/	6 cm										
			5	SS	75/	11 cm	174									
			6	SS	50/	2 cm										
			7	SS	50/	3 cm	172									
			8	SS	50/	0 cm										
			9	BXL RC	--	170										
			10	BXL REC RC 100%												
			11	BXL REC RC 100%												
167.3																
12.3	End of Borehole															
							166									

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## UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



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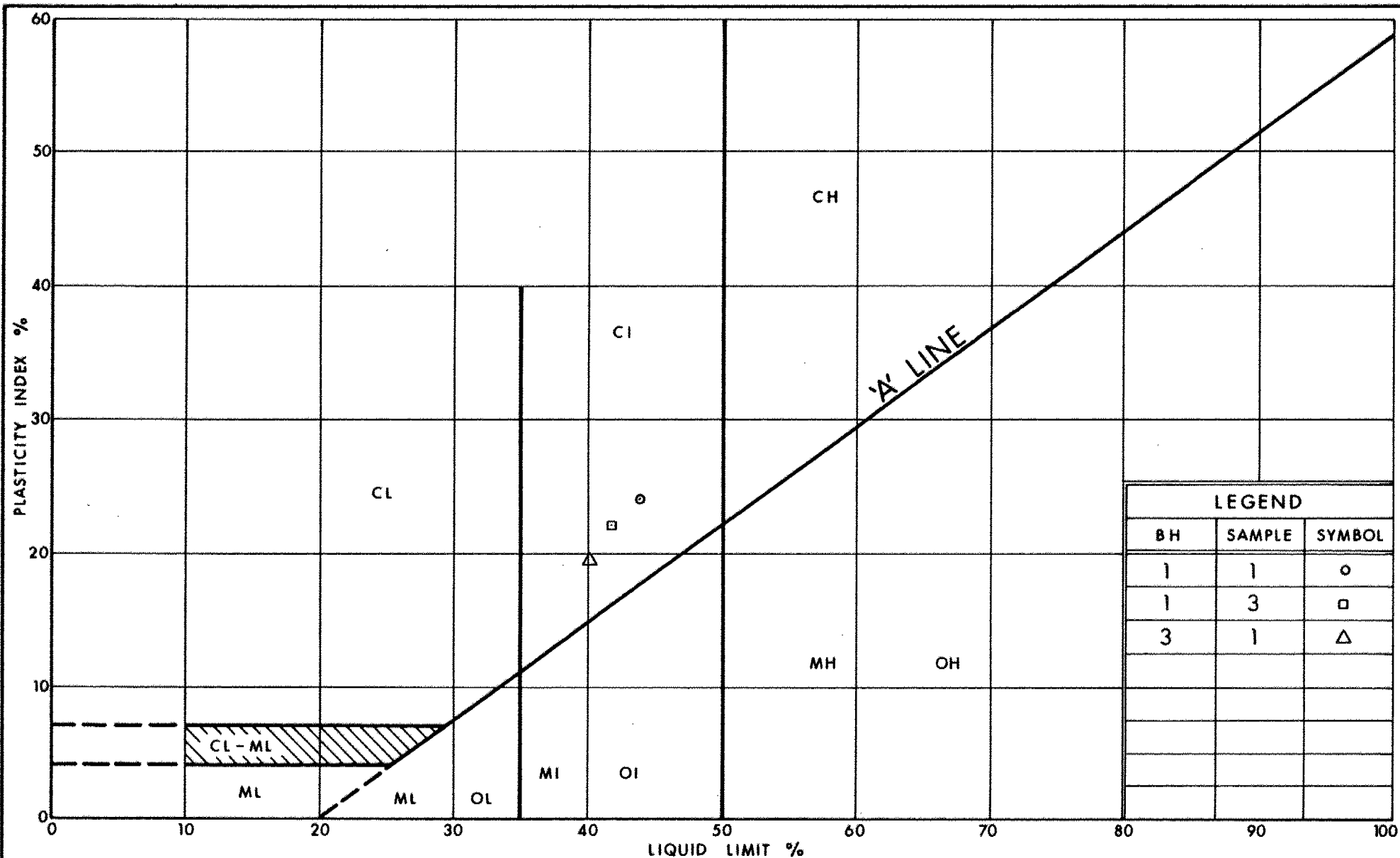
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
(GLACIAL TILL)  
SILTY CLAY SOME SAND & GRAVEL

FIG No 1

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PLASTICITY CHART  
(GLACIAL TILL MATRIX)  
SILTY CLAY OF INTERMEDIATE PLASTICITY

FIG No 2

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RQD (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

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

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

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

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

### STRESS AND STRAIN

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

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

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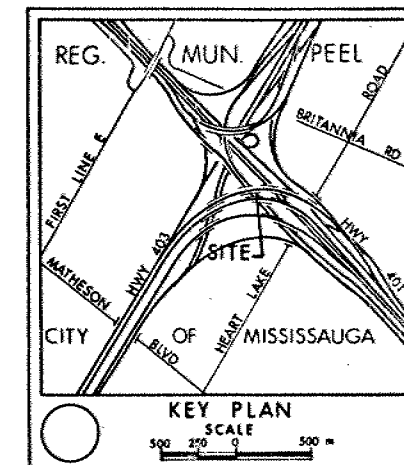
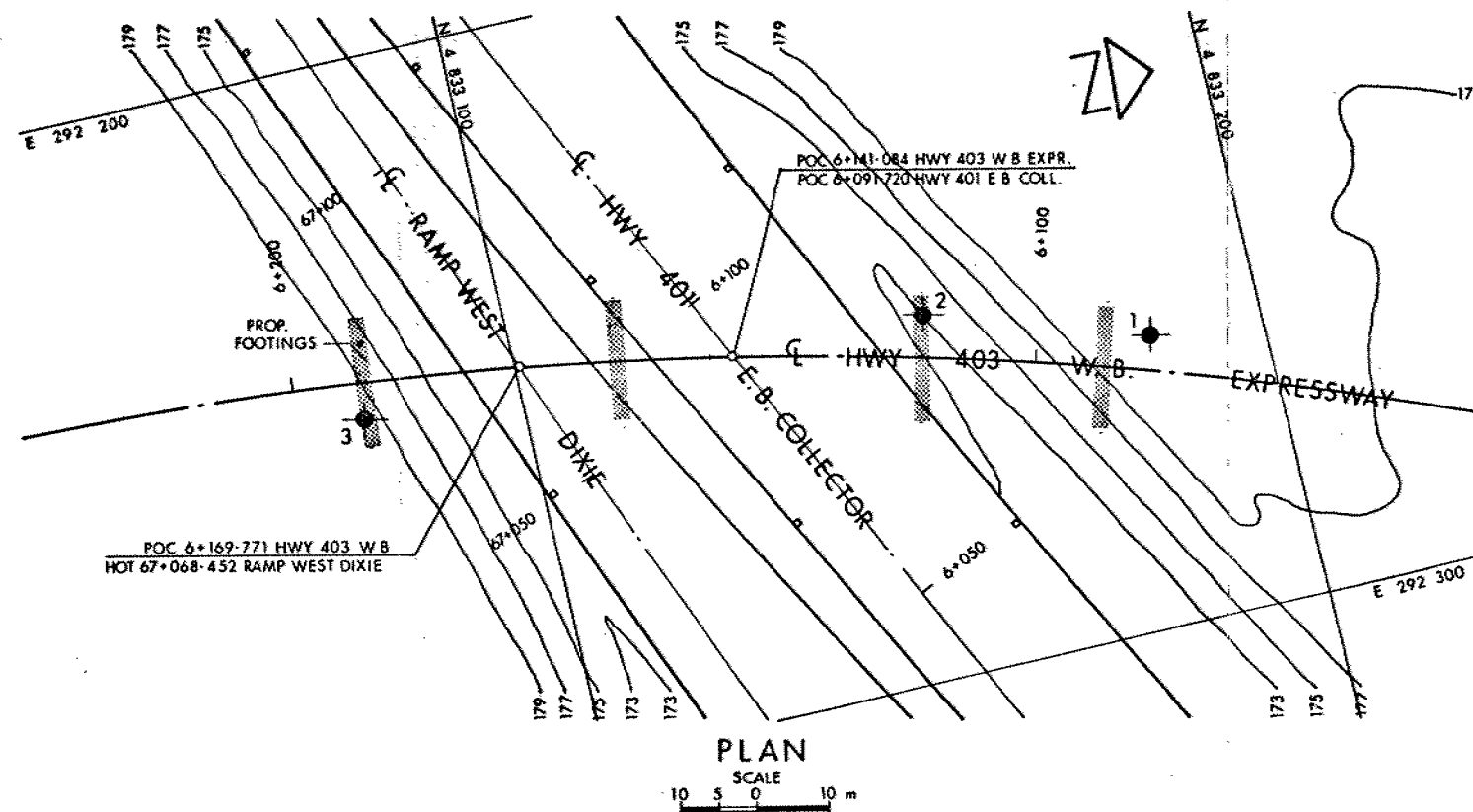
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HWY 401 E.B. COLLECTOR & DIXIE RD  
SUB COLLECTOR  
BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA

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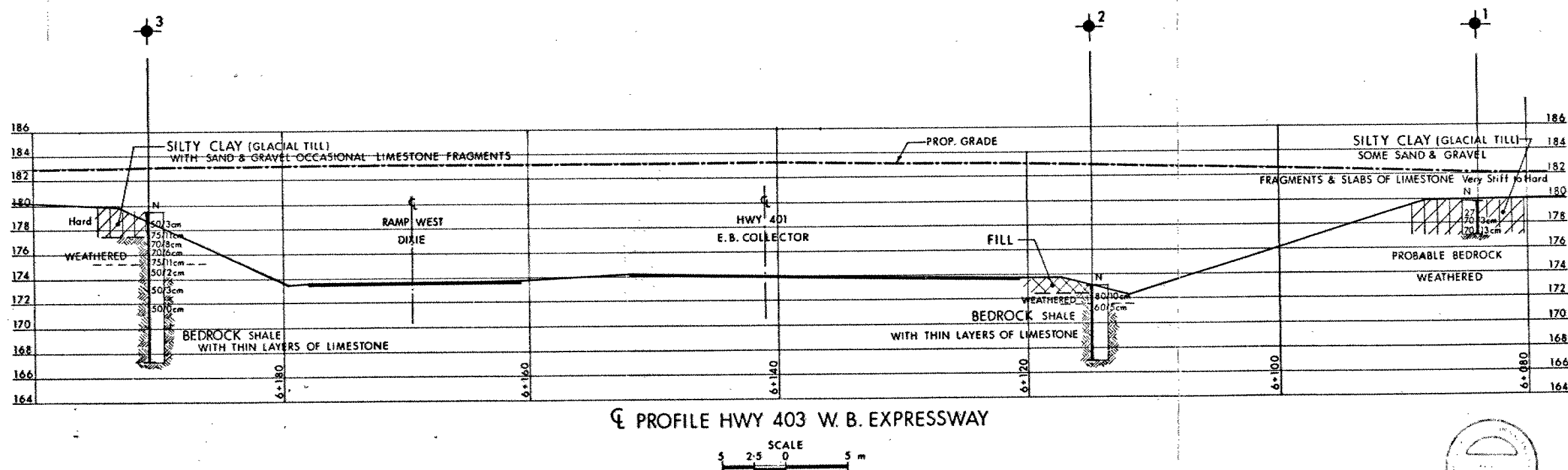
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# LEGEND

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- ✚ W.L. at time of investigation

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
1	179.7	4 833 185	292 261
2	173.0	4 833 155	292 252
3	179.6	4 833 078	292 248



PROFILE HWY 403 W.B. EXPRESSWAY

NOTE:  
The boundaries between soil strata have been established  
only at Bore Hole locations. Between Bore Holes the  
boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

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HWY No	401 & 403	DIST	6
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