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for

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation carried out for the proposed replacement of the existing Willow Creek Bridge. This investigation was carried out by Peto MacCallum Ltd. (PML) for MMM Group Limited on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO).

**2. SITE DESCRIPTION, GEOLOGY AND BACKGROUND**

Willow Creek Bridge is located about 500 m south of the Highway 400/Highway 11 interchange, at the north end of the City of Barrie.

The bridge carries the Highway 400 NB and SB lanes over Willow Creek. At the bridge location, the Willow Creek flows from east to west, its channel is about 15 m wide and 2 m deep, and its invert at about elevation 229.0 m.

The site is located within the physiographic region known as the Simcoe Uplands, which includes pervious soil areas with sand and gravel deposits. The overburden at the project site is primarily sand and silt deposits with occasional clayey zones. The vegetation cover consists of grass, bushes and trees.

The existing three-span bridge was constructed in 1955, and widened in 1977. The bridge deck was replaced in 1992. The bridge deck is about 48.1 to 50.7 m wide with an approximate total length of 41.0 m between abutments. Span lengths of the existing bridge are 10.33 m – 19.28 m – 10.33 m. The deck area of this concrete slab on steel girder bridge is about 1982 m<sup>2</sup>.



The existing structure is founded on steel H-piles driven to depths ranging from 36 to 42 m. The underside elevation of the existing abutment and pier pile caps ranges from 228.0 to 230.0 m. The existing piers are surrounded by steel sheet piles extending to about elevation 222.0 m.

The existing approach embankments are about 2 m high (elevation 232.0 m) at the bridge site and original ground level is at approximately elevation 230.0 m.

According to Contract Drawing 55-12 dated November 23, 1954 (refer to Appendix FIR-A), the original single-span bridge (pre-1940's) that was located along the existing SB alignment, was abandoned and dropped into the creek between the piers of the existing three-span bridge.

### **3. INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

Subsurface information for this project was acquired from previous investigations as well as from new investigations for this project.

Previous investigations were performed by DHO for the Extension to the Structure at the Crossing of Highway 400 and Willow Creek - Township of Vespra - County of Simcoe (GEOCRE File No. 3ID-166)", dated January 1971. A total of four boreholes were carried out for this study; boreholes 1 and 2 were located near the south abutment and pier, respectively; boreholes 3 and 4 were located near the north pier and abutment, respectively. The boreholes were advanced to depths ranging from about 14.3 to 34.0 m. Locations of these boreholes are indicated on Drawing WC-1 of this report. Refer to Appendix FIR-B for Records of Boreholes No. 1 to No. 4.

A previous Preliminary Foundation Investigation and Design Report for MTO project GWP 30-95-00 dated January 2002, prepared by Golder Associates and based on the above-referenced DHO boreholes was also reviewed to obtain site information.



Additional field work for the replacement bridge was carried out during the period of November 3 to November 26, 2014 and consisted of 10 boreholes. A summary including borehole depths and locations is included in the Table 3 below.

**Table 3(a) – Summary of Borehole and Cone Test Depths**

Borehole No.	Borehole Location	Depth (m)	
		Auger	Dynamic Cone
14-1	South Approach	5.3	–
14-2	South Approach	8.0	–
14-3	New South Abutment	40.2	1.6
14-4	New South Abutment	9.8	24.4
14-5	New South Pier	9.8	21.9
14-6	New North Pier	41.4	–
14-7	New North Abutment	9.8	23.5
14-8	New North Abutment	16.0	17.5
14-9	North Approach	9.8	–
14-10	North Approach	9.8	–

The locations of the new boreholes for this project were established in the field by PML. The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were surveyed by MMM Group Limited. Locations of the boreholes from previous and current investigations are shown in the attached Drawing WC-1. All elevations in this report are geodetic and expressed in metres.

The new boreholes were advanced using continuous flight solid stem augers, powered by a track-mounted CME-55 and truck-mounted CME-75 drill rigs, supplied and operated by a specialist drilling contractor, working under the full-time supervision of a member of our engineering staff.

Representative samples of the soils were recovered at 0.75 m and 1.5 m depth intervals using a conventional split spoon sampler during drilling. Standard penetration tests were conducted simultaneously with the sampling operation to assess the strength characteristics of the substrata.



Dynamic cone penetration tests (cone) were also carried out in boreholes 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-7 and 14-8 extending from the termination of augering to the depth indicated for Dynamic Cone. In situ vane shear testing was performed at selected locations to assess the shear strength of the cohesive soils.

Groundwater conditions at the borehole locations were assessed during and immediately after drilling by visual examination of soil, the sampler and drill rods as the samples were retrieved and, when appropriate, by measurement of the water level in open boreholes. Piezometers, consisting of 19 mm diameter PVC pipes with slotted screens walled in sand, were installed in each of boreholes 14-4, 14-5 and 14-6 for longer term monitoring of the ground water levels.

The boreholes and piezometers were backfilled with a bentonite/cement mixture in accordance with the MTO guidelines and MOE Reg. 903 for borehole abandonment procedures.

The recovered samples were returned to the PML laboratory for detailed visual examination, classification and routine moisture content determination. Lab testing consisting of Atterberg Limits tests, grain size distribution analyses and organic content tests were conducted on selected samples.

#### **4. SUMMARISED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets for details of the subsurface conditions including soil classification, inferred stratigraphy, boundary elevations, standard and dynamic cone penetration test data, in situ vane shear strength values and groundwater observations. The results of laboratory Atterberg limits testing, grain size distribution analyses and moisture content determination are also shown on the Record of Borehole sheets. Borehole locations and stratigraphic profiles are shown on Drawing WC-1. Stratigraphic profiles along the centreline of Highway 400 and cross-sections at the abutments and piers of the bridge are presented on Drawings WC-2 and WC-3. The boundaries between soil strata have been established at the borehole locations only. Between and beyond the boreholes, the boundaries are assumed and may vary.

Generally, underlying roadway fill materials, embankment fill consists of silty sand to clayey silt extending up to 3.7 m in thickness. Underlying the fill, a deposit of very loose to dense silty sand extends for thicknesses in the order of 14 to 20 m. Underlying this noncohesive deposit is a cohesive deposit of soft to firm clayey silt to silty clay with a thickness ranging from 10 to 20 m.



The cohesive deposit is underlain by a deposit of generally compact to very dense silty sand in which the boreholes were terminated. The groundwater level is controlled by the level of Willow Creek, which is within 2 m of the natural ground level.

Debris, composed of the deck of the original single span bridge, is located between the piers of the southbound lanes of the existing three-span bridge. Geophysical investigations indicated that the plan extent of the debris extends from approximately Station 18+280 to Station 18+300. The actual plan extent of the debris may be larger. The elevation and vertical extent of the debris was not determined but is expected to consist of a reinforced concrete deck in the order of 0.5 m thick, located within the few metres below ground level. Details of the foundation type for the abandoned bridge were not available. The abandoned bridge could have been founded on spread footings or on timber piles, which may still be connected to the deck.

The following sections include detailed description of the recent subsurface conditions encountered at PML borehole locations.

#### **4.1 Topsoil**

Surficial topsoil was encountered in boreholes 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6 and 14-8. The topsoil had a thickness of 300 to 330 mm. The topsoil was encountered at elevations ranging 229.7 to 231.2. Topsoil was silty sand in all boreholes except borehole 14-6 where it was sandy silt. A low amount of organic materials was encountered within the topsoil at some boreholes.

A thin layer of topsoil was encountered in borehole 14-4 at a depth of approximately 2.1 m below ground surface, (elevation 229.1). A 200 mm thick topsoil layer was also encountered in borehole 14-10 at a depth of approximately 2.0 m below ground surface (elevation 229.9).

#### **4.2 Asphalt**

Boreholes 14-7, 14-9 and 14-10 were drilled through the paved areas of the north and south bridge approaches and shoulders of Highway 400. An approximately 140 mm thick layer of asphalt was encountered from the ground surface at elevations ranging 231.6 to 231.9.



#### 4.3 Fill

Fill was encountered in all boreholes underlying the topsoil / asphalt pavement except for boreholes 14-3 and 14-5. A summary of the thickness and elevations are summarized in Table 4.3.

**Table 4.3(a) – Summary of Thickness and Elevations of Fill at BH Locations**

<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Top of Fill Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Fill Thickness (m)</b>	<b>Base of Fill Elevation (m)</b>
14-1	231.7	0.8	230.9
14-2	230.8	0.6	230.2
14-4	231.2	3.7	227.5
14-6	230.1	2.0	228.1
14-7	231.6	2.6	229.0
14-8	230.3	0.9	229.4
14-9	231.9	1.8	230.1
14-10	231.9	2.0	229.9

The fill was very loose to compact (SPT-‘N’ values of 2 to 23) and moist to wet (moisture content of 6 to 77%).

Refer to the appended Record of Borehole sheets for details of encountered fill material in the boreholes.

#### 4.4 Organic Sand / Silty Sand

Underlying the topsoil / fill material a 0.3 to 1.8 m thick deposit of cohesionless organic sand / silty sand material was encountered at elevations ranging from 229.0 to 230.1 in boreholes 14-3, 14-5, 14-8 and 14-9. This deposit extended to a depths varying from 1.4 to 3.7 m (elevation 227.3 to 228.0).

This material was very loose to compact (SPT-‘N’ values of 1 to 11) and was moist to wet (moisture contents of 21 to 45%). The material had an organic content ranged between 2.1% to 2.6%.

#### 4.5 Upper Clayey Silt

Zones of very soft to stiff clayey silt (SPT-‘N’ values of 1 blow to 14 blows) underlies the organic sand to silty sand in boreholes 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4 and 14-6 and underlies the silty sand



deposit in borehole 14-10. The thickness of the deposit ranges from 1.4 to 3.3 m at the borehole locations. The deposit is moist to wet (moisture content of 22 to 37%). The results of in situ vane testing carried out in the clayey soils yielded undisturbed shear strength values in a range of 8 to 96 kPa (soil sensitivity of 2 to 9). The results of Atterberg limit testing on the Upper Clayey Silt layer are presented in the appended Figure WC-PC-1. The result of Atterberg limit testing of a silt layer encountered within the Upper Clayey Silt layer is illustrated in Figure WC-PC-2. The results of grain size distribution analysis are illustrated in Figure WC-GS-1.

#### **4.6 Upper Silty Sand**

A cohesionless soil stratum of silty sand was encountered in all boreholes at a depth ranging from 0.9 to 7.0 m (elevation 230.2 to 224.2). The silty sand contained occasional layers of silty clay / clayey silt. This stratum extended to depths ranging from 5.3 to 21.7 m (elevation 208.5 to 226.4). Dynamic cone penetration testing extended below this stratum in boreholes 14-4, 14-5, 14-7 and 14-8 to depths varying between 31.7 to 34.2 m (elevation 196.8 to 198.3). The soil within the dynamic cone penetration tests was not categorized and may extend to lower deposits.

The material was very loose to very dense (SPT-“N” values of 1 blow to 50 blows and was moist to wet (moisture contents of 17 to 52%). It is considered that the lower SPT values are disturbed measurements.

The results of grain size distribution analyses are illustrated in Figure WC-GS-2.

#### **4.7 Lower Clayey Silt to Silty Clay**

A deposit of cohesive clayey silt to silty clay was encountered in boreholes 14-3, 14-6 and 2 and 3 starting at a depth varied between 19.5 to 21.7 m (elevation 208.5 to 210.0). The cohesive layer extended to a depth varying between 29.9 to 40.5 m (elevation 189.6 to 199.6). Borehole 14-3 was terminated within this layer at a depth of 40.2 m (elevation 190.0). A dynamic cone penetration test extended below this stratum in borehole 14-3 to a depth of 41.8 m (elevation 188.4). The silty clay / clayey silt was very soft to hard in consistency (SPT-“N” values of 1 blow to 141) and was moist to wet (moisture contents ranging between 10 to 49%).

The results of grain size distribution analyses are illustrated in Figure WC-GS-3.



The results of Atterberg limit testing of clayey silt and silty clay components are presented in the appended Figures WC-PC-3.

#### 4.8 Lower Silty Sand

A deposit of silty sand underlies the clayey silt in Boreholes 2, 3 and 14-6, the only locations at which boreholes were extended to depths where this layer was penetrated. This deposit was encountered at elevations 199.6 at Boreholes 2 and 3 and at elevation and 189.6 at borehole 14-6, which corresponds to depths in the order of 30 to 40 m below ground. From this information, it is inferred that the lower silty sand deposit underlies the lower clayey silt to silty clay across the entire site. The material is in a compact to very dense state of compaction (SPT-'N' values of 20 to 133) and is moist (moisture contents of 8 to 22%). Grain size analysis of one sample of Borehole 2 indicated that the sample contains 8% gravel, 61% sand and 31% silt and clay.

#### 4.9 Groundwater

Water levels first observed in the boreholes during drilling and upon completion of drilling are summarized in Table 4.8 below.

**Table 4.8(a) – Summary of Groundwater Levels in Boreholes**

Borehole No.	Drilling Date	Groundwater Level (m)	
		Depth During Drilling / Elevation	Depth upon Completion of Drilling / Elevation
14-1	November 19, 2014	2.1 / 229.6	2.1 / 229.6
14-2	November 26, 2014	2.3 / 228.8	2.1 / 229.0
14-3	November 11, 2014	1.5 / 228.7	–
14-4	November 25, 2014	3.7 / 227.5	3.7 / 227.5
14-5	November 10, 2014	1.5 / 228.2	1.1 / 228.6
14-6	November 17, 2014	2.3 / 227.8	–
14-7	November 6 and 7, 2014	2.6 / 229.0	–
14-8	November 24, 2014	0.9 / 229.4	–
14-9	November 3 and 4, 2014	1.4 / 230.5	3.1 / 228.8
14-10	November 4 and 5, 2014	0.8 / 231.1	2.1 / 229.8

It is anticipated that the groundwater levels at the site are subject to seasonal fluctuations and rainfall patterns and is controlled by the creek level.



## 5. CLOSURE

The field work was carried out under the supervision of Mr. F. Portela and direction of Mr. K. Daly, BEng, Project Supervisor, Geotechnical Services. The equipment was supplied by Canadian Soils Drilling.

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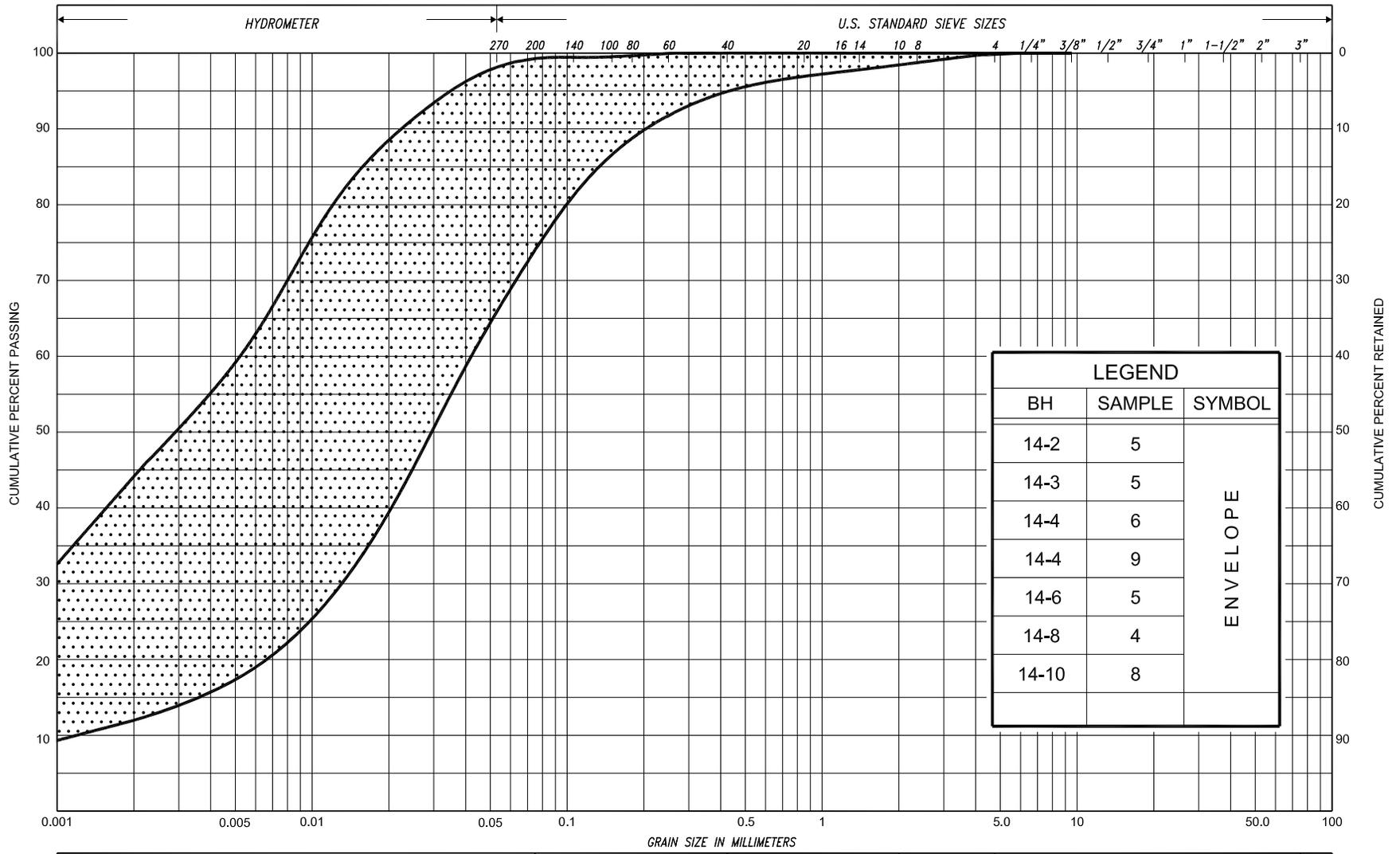


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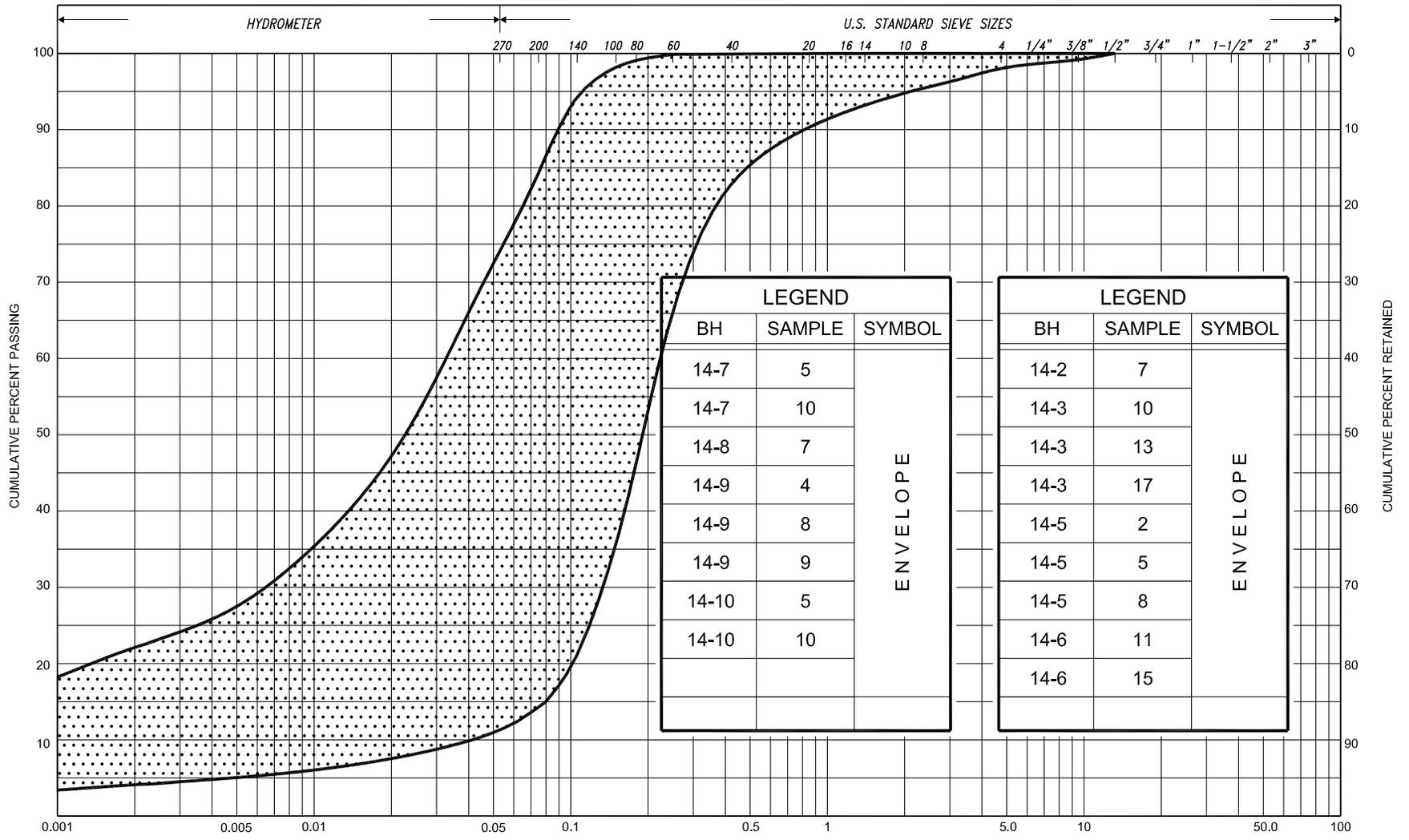
LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
14-2	5	ENVELOPE
14-3	5	
14-4	6	
14-4	9	
14-6	5	
14-8	4	
14-10	8	

SILT & CLAY				FINE SAND			MEDIUM SAND		COARSE SAND		GRAVEL		COBBLES	UNIFIED
CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	GRAVEL					COBBLES	M.I.T.	
CLAY		SILT		V. FINE	FINE	MED.	COARSE	GRAVEL						U.S. BUREAU

**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
UPPER CLAYEY SILT

FIG No. WC-GS-1  
 HWY: 400 / 11  
 G.W.P. No. 2360-10-00



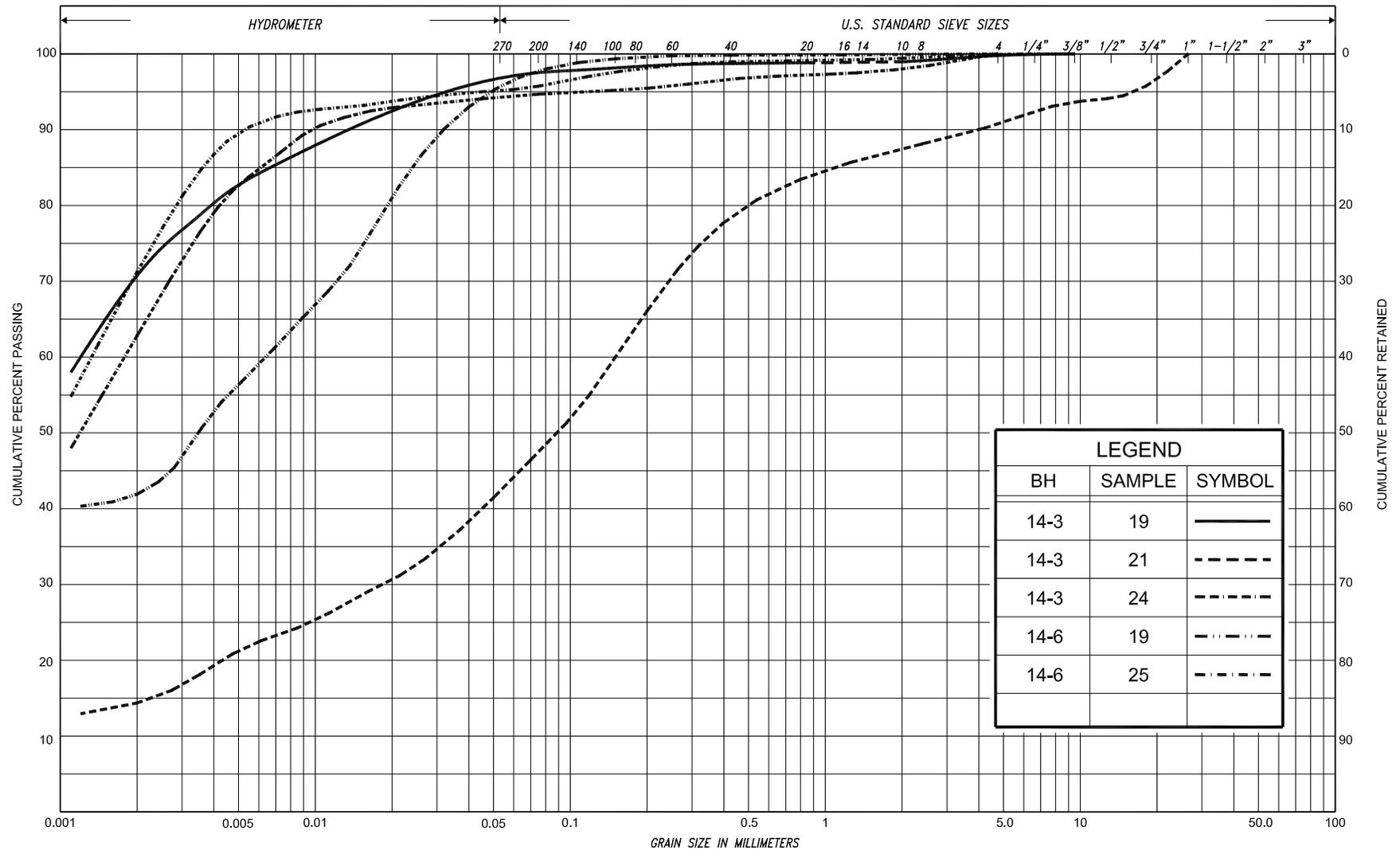


SILT & CLAY				FINE SAND			MEDIUM SAND		COARSE SAND		GRAVEL		COBBLES	UNIFIED
CLAY		FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	GRAVEL			COBBLES	M.I.T.		
CLAY		SILT		V. FINE		FINE	MED.	COARSE	GRAVEL				U.S. BUREAU	

**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
UPPER SILTY SAND

FIG No.	WC-GS-2
HWY:	400 / 11
G.W.P. No.	2360-10-00





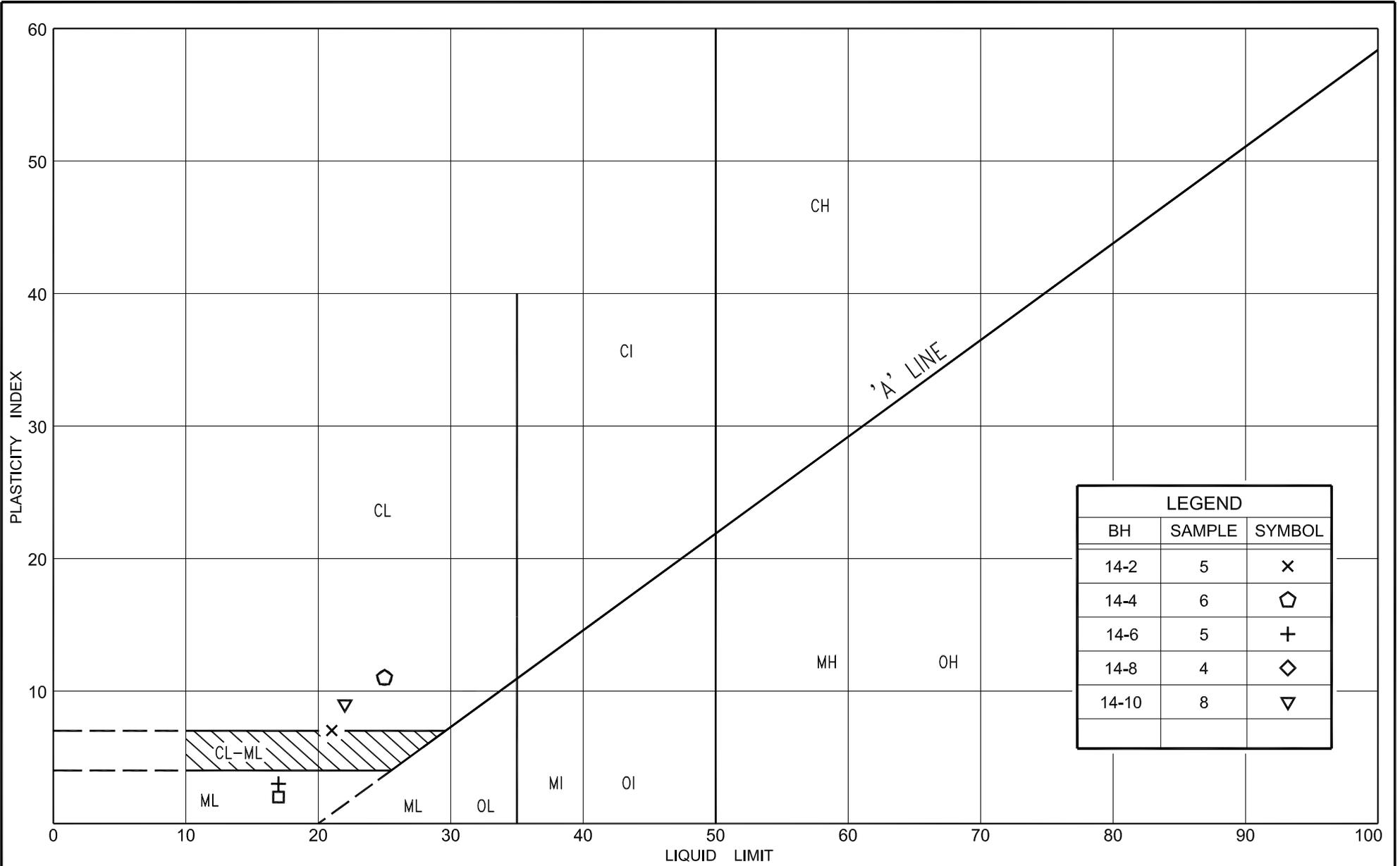
LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
14-3	19	—
14-3	21	- - -
14-3	24	- · - · -
14-6	19	- · - · - · -
14-6	25	- - - - -

SILT & CLAY				FINE			MEDIUM SAND			COARSE SAND			GRAVEL			COBBLES	UNIFIED			
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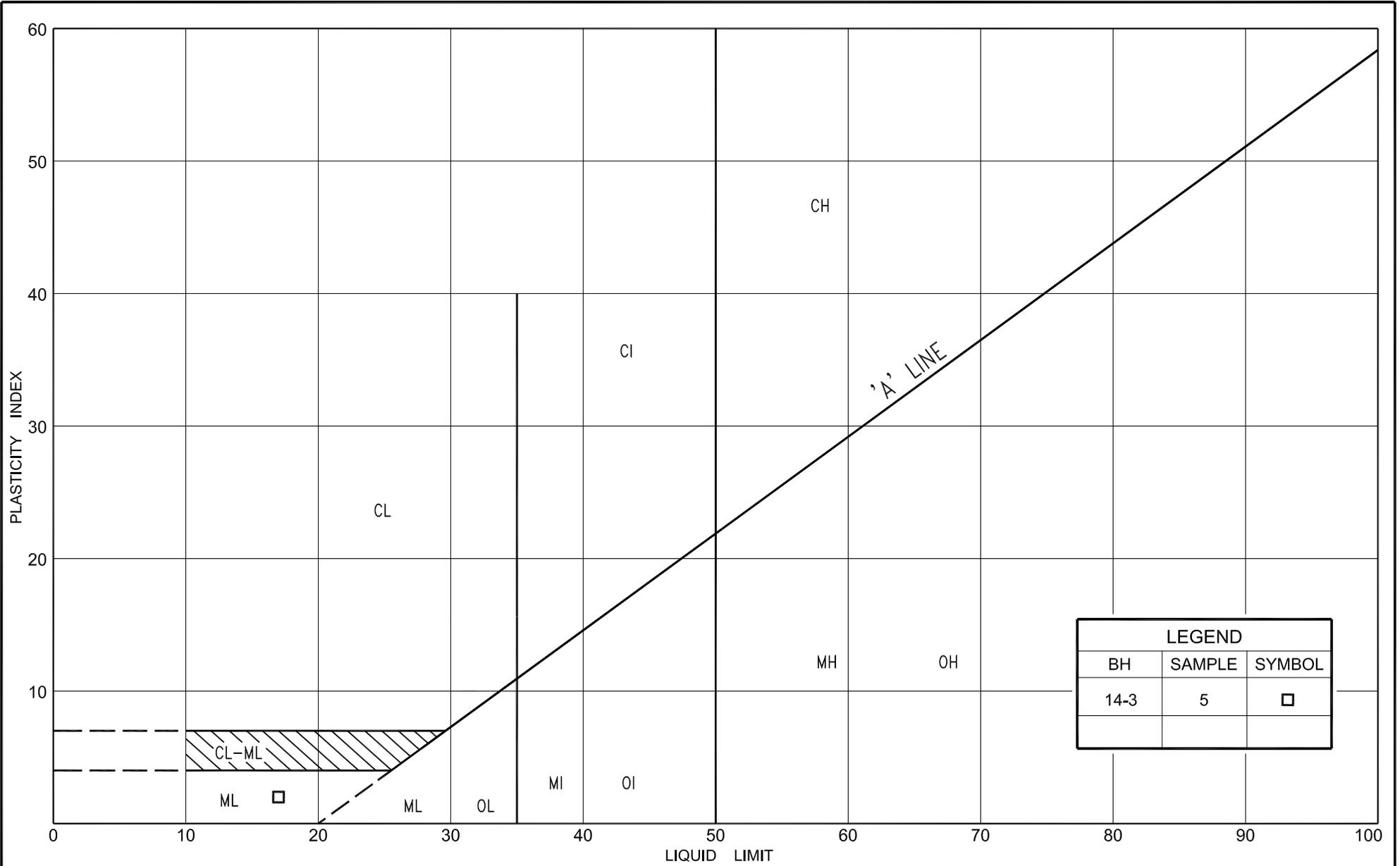
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
**LOWER CLAYEY SILT TO SILTY CLAY**

FIG No.	WC-GS-3
HWY:	400 / 11
G.W.P. No.	2360-10-00



PLASTICITY CHART  
UPPER CLAYEY SILT

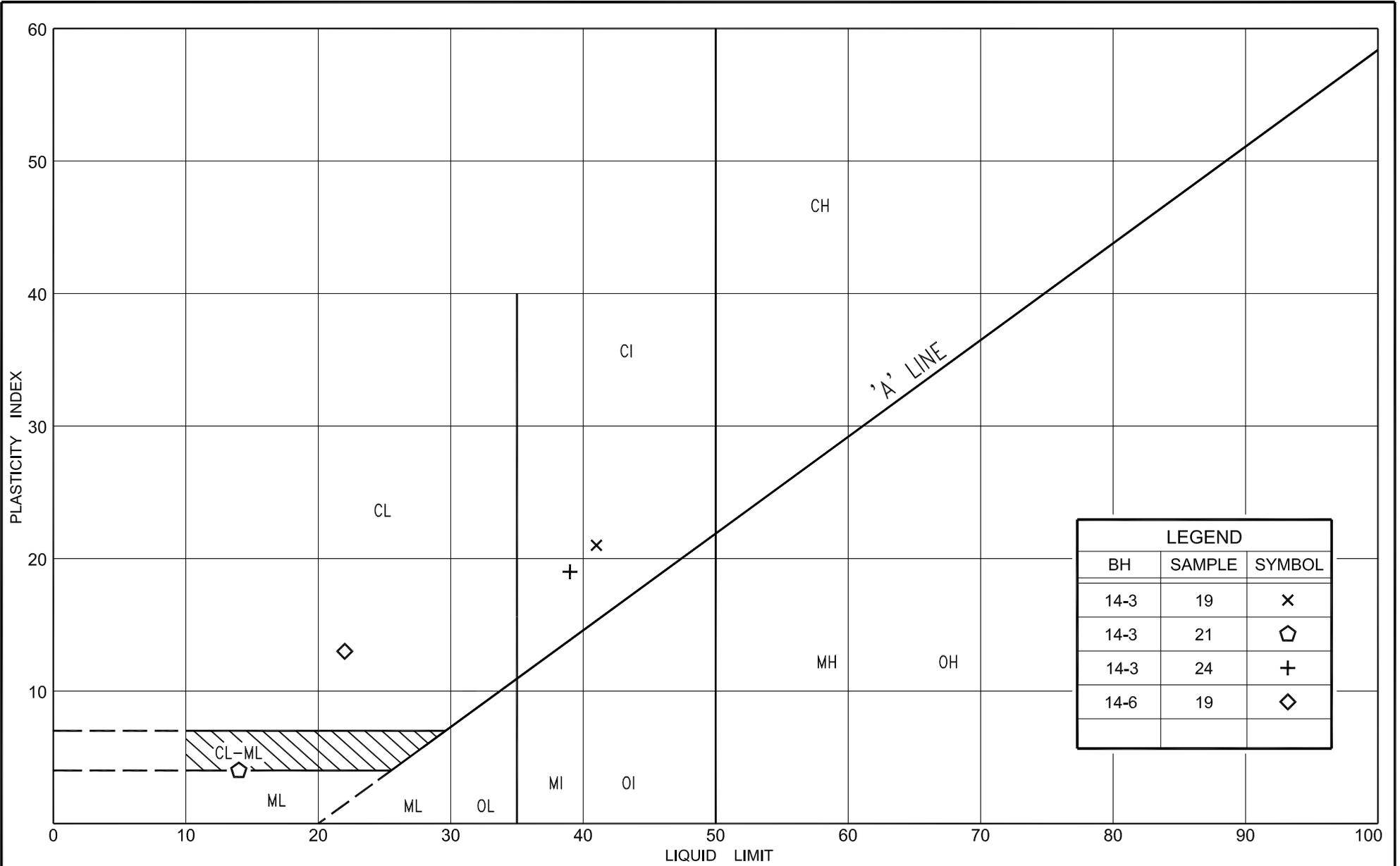
FIG No.	WC-PC-1
HWY:	400 / 11
G.W.P. No.	2360-10-00



PLASTICITY CHART

SILT layers

FIG No.	WC-PC-2
HWY:	400 / 11
G.W.P. No.	2360-10-00



**PLASTICITY CHART**  
 LOWER CLAYEY SILT to SILTY CLAY

FIG No.	WC-PC-3
HWY:	400 / 11
G.W.P. No.	2360-10-00

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

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

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

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

### STRESS AND STRAIN

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

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-1**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 488.7 N; 292 593.6 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Solid Stem Augers      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 12, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80					
											○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE					
											WATER CONTENT (%)					
231.7	Ground Surface															
0.0	Sand and gravel Sand, organic inclusions		1	SS	10											
230.9	Compact Brown Moist (FILL)															
0.8	Clayey silt, trace sand organic inclusions		2	SS	11											
230.8	Stiff to Dark Moist firm brown															
229.5	trace gravel		3	SS	6											
2.2	Silty sand layers of organic sandy silt		4	SS	3											
229.5	Very loose Brown Wet															
228.8			5	SS	3											
228.2	silty clay layer		6	SS	WH**											
227.8	Very soft Grey Wet to soft															
227.5	trace clay															
227.2																
226.4	Compact Grey Wet		7	SS	18											
5.3	End of borehole															

\* 2014 11 12  
 Water level observed during drilling  
 Water level measured after drilling



**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-3**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 507.4 N; 292 595.4 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A.and Mud Rotary + Dynamic Cone Penetration test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 10 & 11, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20
230.2	Ground Surface																	
0.0	Topsoil																	
229.9			1	SS	6													
0.3	Silty sand, organics																	
	Very loose Dark Moist grey (ALLUVIUM)		2	SS	4													
			3	SS	2													
228.0																		
2.2	Clayey silt to silty clay trace sand		4	SS	WH**													
	Very soft Grey Wet to firm			FV														
	layers of silt, with sand, some clay		5	TW	-													0 26 62 12
				FV														
			6	SS	5													
225.3																		
4.9	Silty sand occasional clayey silt to silty clay layers		7	TW	-													
	Very loose Grey Wet to compact																	
			8	SS	18													
			9	SS	12													
			10	SS	5													2 82 (16)
			11	SS	3													
			12	SS	5													
				FV														
			13	SS	12													0 80 16 4
			14	SS	17													
215.2	Sand, some silt trace clay, trace gravel																	

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 507.4 N; 292 595.4 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A.and Mud Rotary + Dynamic Cone Penetration test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 10 & 11, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ 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	
215.2	Silty sand occasional clayey silt to silty clay layers Compact to Grey dense Wet (Cont'd.)	[Strat Plot]	15	SS	5												
214																	
213			16	SS	2												
212																	
211			17	SS	WH											0 38 53 9	
210																	
209																	
208.5	Clayey silt to silty clay trace sand Soft to Grey Wet hard trace gravel	[Strat Plot]	18	SS	40												
208																	
207																	
206			19	SS	4											1 2 (97)	
205																	
204																	
203																	
202																	
201																	
200.2	Cont'd																

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-3**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 507.4 N; 292 595.4 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A. and Mud Rotary + Dynamic Cone Penetration test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 10 & 11, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		20	40	60	80	100						20	40
200.2 30.0	Clayey silt to silty clay trace sand, trace gravel  Soft to Grey Wet hard (Cont'd.)		21	SS	12													9 44 33 14
			22	SS	15													
			23	SS	11/23cm													
			24	SS	141													0 5 32 63
			25	SS	51													
190.0 40.2	End of borehole  Switched to dynamic cone penetration test  Probable silty clay to clayery silt																	
188.4 41.8	End of dynamic cone penetration test  * 2014 11 10 & 11  ▽ Water level observed during drilling ■ Penetrometer test  C.F.S.S.A. denotes continuous flight soil stem augers																	

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-4**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 483.9 N; 292 649.1 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Hollow Stem Augers      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 25, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20					
231.2	Ground Surface												
0.0	Topsoil		1	SS	3								
	Silty sand		2	SS	19								
	Loose to compact Dark Brown Moist (FILL)												
	Organic silty sand		3	SS	8								
	Loose Dark brown Moist Topsoil		4	SS	2								
	organic sand seams		5	SS	2								
227.5	Clayey silt, trace sand		6	SS	9								0 11 52 37
3.7	Stiff to very soft Grey Moist		7	SS	2								
			8	SS	WH**								
			9	SS	1								0 13 43 44
224.2	Silty sand		10	SS	2								
7.0	Very loose Grey to loose Wet		11	SS	8								
221.4	End of borehole												
9.8	Switched to dynamic cone penetration test												
216.2													

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-4**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 483.9 N; 292 649.1 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Hollow Stem Augers      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 25, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		ELEVATION SCALE	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
216.2	Dynamic cone penetration test (Cont'd.)												
15.0													
201.2		Cont'd											

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-4**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 483.9 N; 292 649.1 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Hollow Stem Augers      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 25, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		20	40	60	80	100						20	40
201.2 30.0	Dynamic cone penetration test (Cont'd.)																	
197.0 34.2	End of dynamic cone penetration test  * 2014 11 25  ▽ Water level observed during drilling ▼ Water level measured after drilling  WH** denotes penetration due to weight of rods and hammer  **Piezometer Readings: Date      Depth (m)      Elev. Jan.26,15      1.5      229.7  Piezometer Legend: ■ Bentonite seal ▨ Auger cuttings □ Filter sand □ Screen																	





**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-5**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 522.7 N; 292 606.8 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A. and Dynamic Cone Penetration Test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 10, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES				GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100					
											○ UNCONFINED	+ FIELD VANE					
											● QUICK TRIAXIAL	× LAB VANE	WATER CONTENT (%)				GR SA SI CL
199.7 30.0	Dynamic cone penetration test (Cont'd.)						199										
198.0 31.7	End of dynamic cone penetration test Refusal on probable bedrock						198										
	* 2014 11 10 ▽ Water level observed during drilling ▼ Water level measured after drilling  Piezometer Readings: Date      Depth      Elev. Jan.26,15      Frozen      (m)																
	Piezometer Legend: Bentonite seal Auger cuttings Filter sand Screen																

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-6**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 516.3 N; 292 673.8 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Hollow Stem Augers and Mud Rotary      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 17 -21, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa
											○ UNCONFINED	+ FIELD VANE						
											● QUICK TRIAXIAL	× LAB VANE						
											WATER CONTENT (%)							
230.1	Ground Surface																	
0.0	Topsoil		1	SS	2													
	Sandy silt, trace clay organics																	
	Very loose Dark to loose Brown Sand, organics (FILL)		2	SS	5													
228.1			3	SS	9													
2.0	Clayey silt, some sand																	
	Very soft to soft Grey to soft		4	SS	1													
				FV														
			5	SS	3													0 15 63 22
225.8			6	SS	2													
4.3	Silty sand																	
	Compact Grey Wet		7	SS	13													
			8	SS	11													
			9	SS	12													
			10	SS	11													
	silt and sand layer trace clay		11	SS	3													0 44 48 8
	Very loose Grey to compact																	
			12	SS	3													
			13	SS	29													
			14	SS	29													
	silt layer, with sand with clay, trace gravel																	
	Loose to very loose Grey Wet		15	SS	5													1 22 55 22
215.1																		





**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-6**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 516.3 N; 292 673.8 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** Continuous Flight Hollow Stem Augers and Mud Rotary      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 17 -21, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES				GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100						20
	<p><u>Piezometer Readings:</u></p> <p>Date      Depth      Elev. Jan.26,15      Frozen      (m)</p> <p><u>Piezometer Legend:</u></p> <p> Bentonite seal</p> <p> Grout</p> <p> Filter sand</p> <p> 19mm dia. Screen</p>																	

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-7**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 556.3 N; 292 622.5 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A.and Mud Rotary + Dynamic Cone Penetration test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 06 & 07, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20
231.6	Ground Surface																	
0.0	140mm asphalt over sand and gravel (PAVEMENT FILL)		1	SS	19													
230.8	Sand and gravel trace silt Loose Brown Moist (FILL)		2	SS	8													
			3	SS	4													
229.0	Silty sand, some clay Very loose Grey Wet to compact occasional silt layer		4	SS	3													
2.6			5	SS	5													0 30 55 15
			6	SS	4													
			7	SS	11													
			8	SS	7													
			9	SS	3													
			10	SS	7													0 65 31 4
221.8	Switched to dynamic cone penetration test																	
9.8																		
216.6																		



**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-7**

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**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 556.3 N; 292 622.5 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A.and Mud Rotary + Dynamic Cone Penetration test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 06 & 07, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES				GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40					
201.6 30.0	Dynamic cone penetration test (Cont'd.)													
198.3 33.3	End of dynamic cone penetration test													
	* 2014 11 06/07 ▽ Water level observed during drilling ▼ Water level measured after drilling ■ Penetrometer test  C.F.S.S.A. denotes continuous flight solid stem augers													





**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 14-8**

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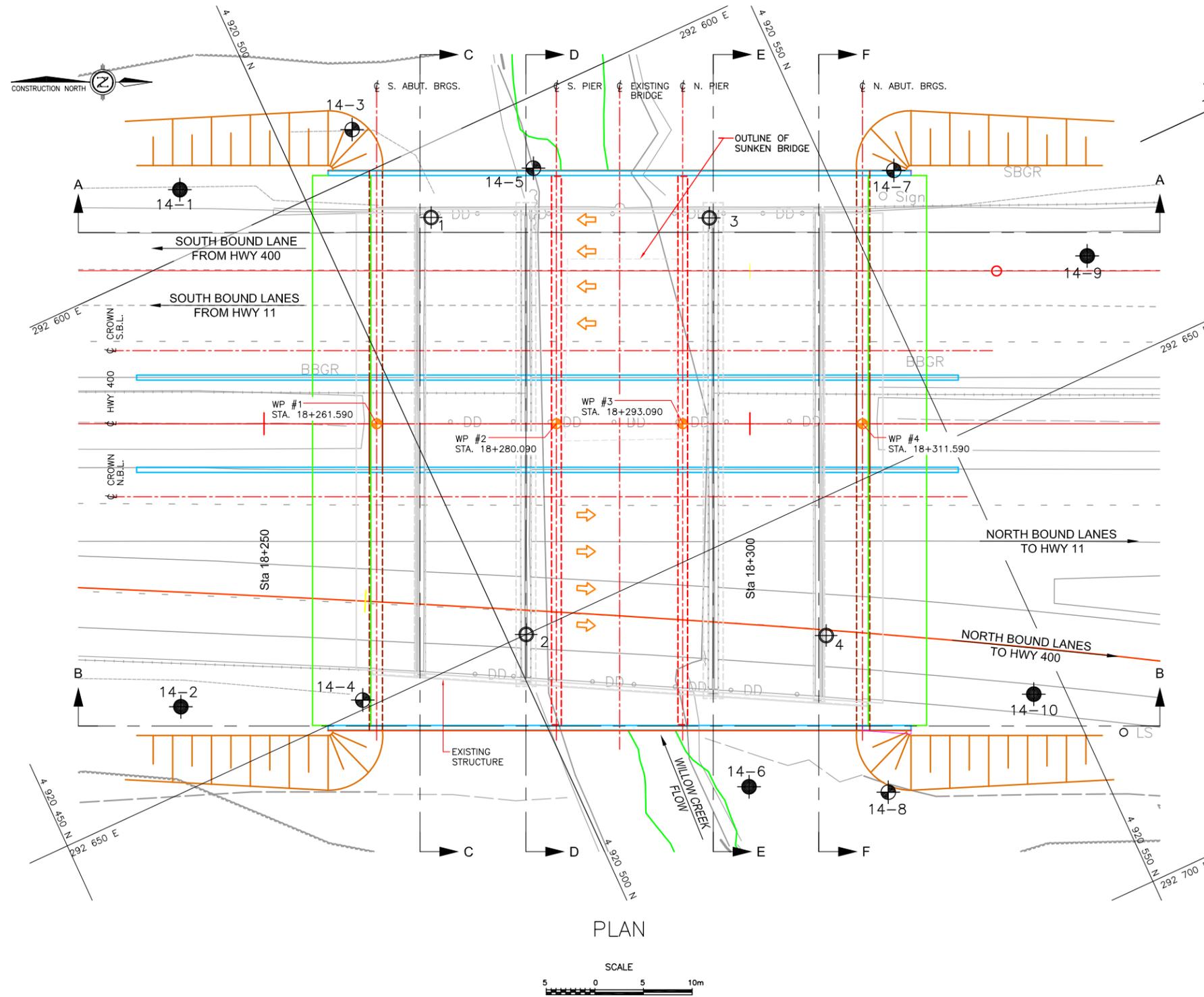
**METRIC**

**G.W.P.** 2360-10-00      **LOCATION** Coords: 4 920 529.1 N; 292 680.3 E      **ORIGINATED BY** F.P.  
**DIST** Central      **HWY** 400      **BOREHOLE TYPE** C.F.S.S.A. and Dynamic Cone Penetration Test      **COMPILED BY** S.D.  
**DATUM** Geodetic      **DATE** November 24, 2014      **CHECKED BY** D.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100					
200.3 30.0	Dynamic cone penetration test (Cont'd.)						200										
196.8 33.5	End of dynamic cone penetration test Refusal on probable bedrock  * 2014 11 24 ∇ Water level observed during drilling						197										







(Legend Continued)  
(Geocres Boreholes)

BH No	ELEVATION	NORTHINGS	EASTINGS
1	230.7	4 920 511	292 607
2	229.5	4 920 502	292 650
3	229.5	4 920 537	292 619
4	230.8	4 920 530	292 663

LEGEND

- Borehole
- Borehole and Cone
- ⊕ Geocres Borehole (31D-166)
- N Blows/0.3m (Std. Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60 Cone, 475 J/blow)
- ▽ WL at time of investigation Nov. 2014
- ▽ Head
- ▽ ARTESIAN WATER Encountered
- PIEZOMETER

(Legend Continues)

BH No	ELEVATION	NORTHINGS	EASTINGS
14-1	231.7	4 920 488.7	292 593.6
14-2	231.1	4 920 466.6	292 641.9
14-3	230.2	4 920 507.4	292 595.4
14-4	231.2	4 920 483.9	292 649.1
14-5	229.7	4 920 522.7	292 606.8
14-6	230.1	4 920 516.3	292 673.8
14-7	231.6	4 920 556.3	292 622.5
14-8	230.3	4 920 529.1	292 680.3
14-9	231.9	4 920 570.7	292 638.8
14-10	231.9	4 920 546.9	292 677.4

NOTES:

- THIS DRAWING SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXT OF REPORT AND RECORD OF BOREHOLE LOGS.
- FOR PROFILES A-A AND B-B REFER TO DRAWING WC-2 AND FOR SECTIONS C-C, D-D, E-E, AND F-F DRAWING WC-3
- THIS DRAWING IS FOR SUBSURFACE INFORMATION ONLY. SURFACE DETAILS AND FEATURES ARE FOR CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATION.
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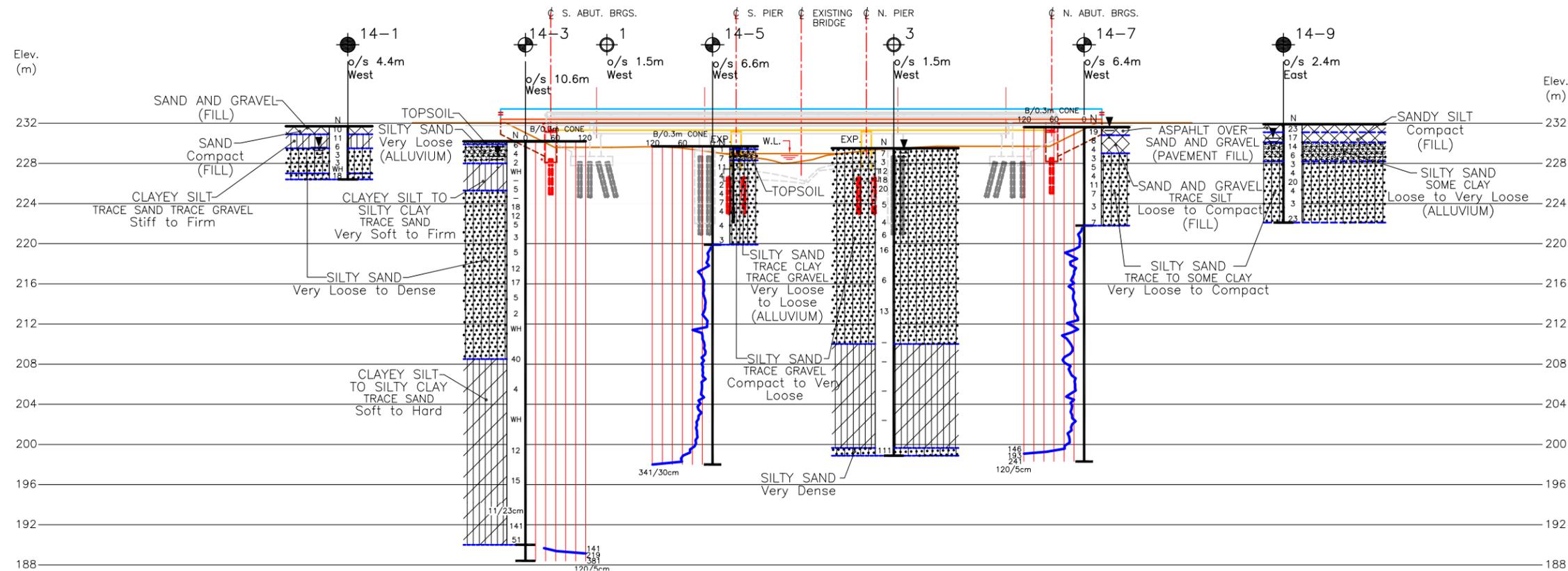
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The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

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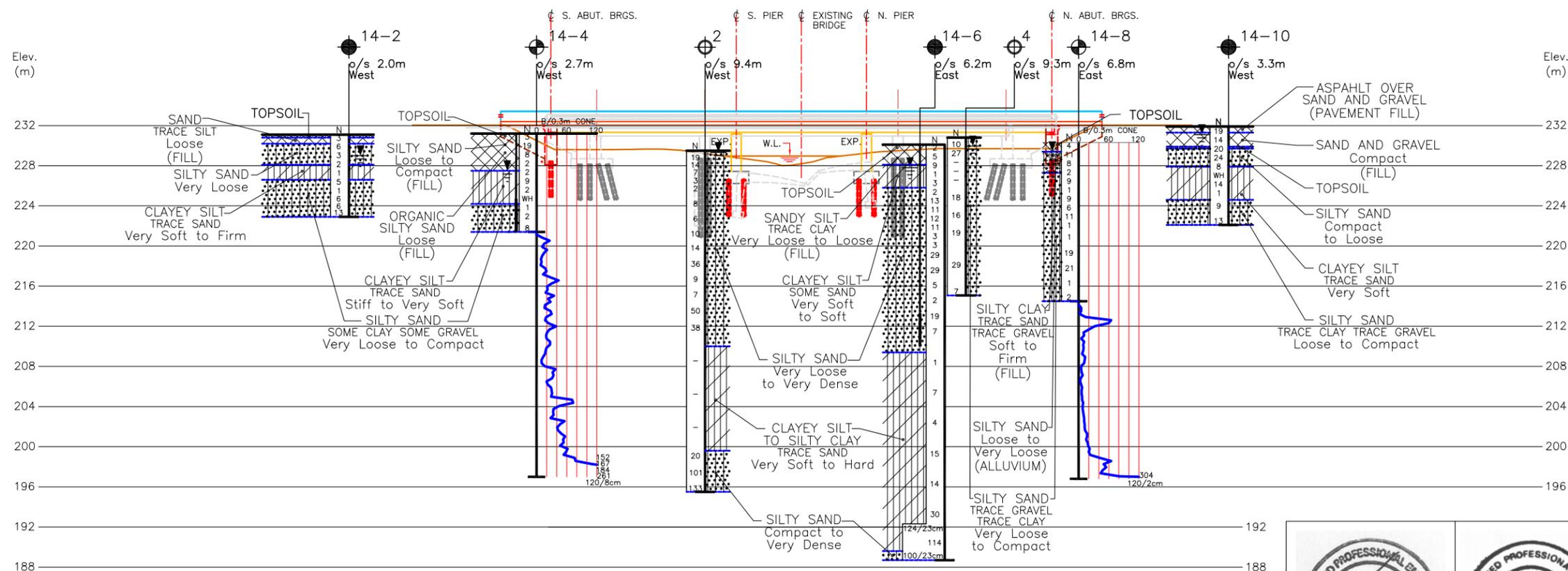
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		DWG	WC-1



PROFILE A-A



PROFILE B-B

LEGEND

- Borehole
- Borehole and Cone
- Geocross Borehole (31D-166)
- N Blows/0.3m (Std. Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60 Cone, 475 J/blow)
- WL at time of investigation Nov. 2014
- \* Water level not established
- Head
- ARTESIAN WATER Encountered
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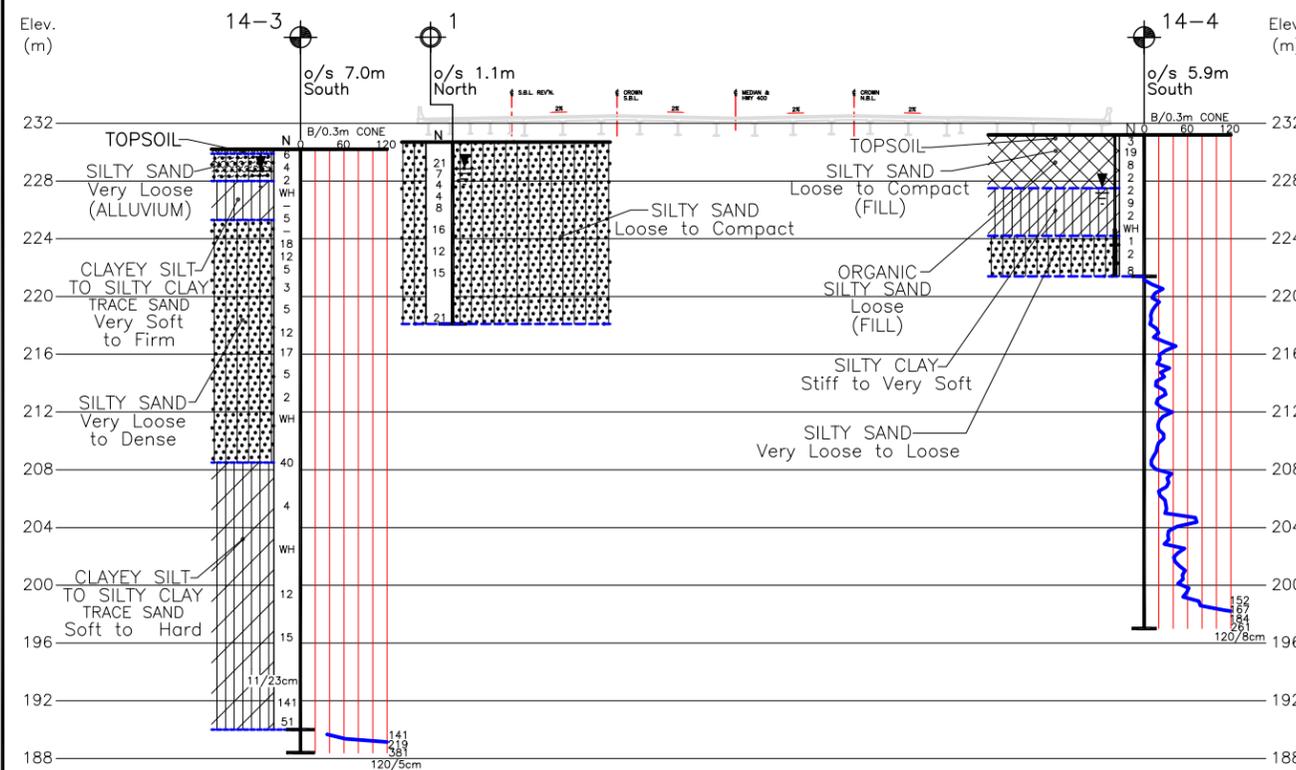
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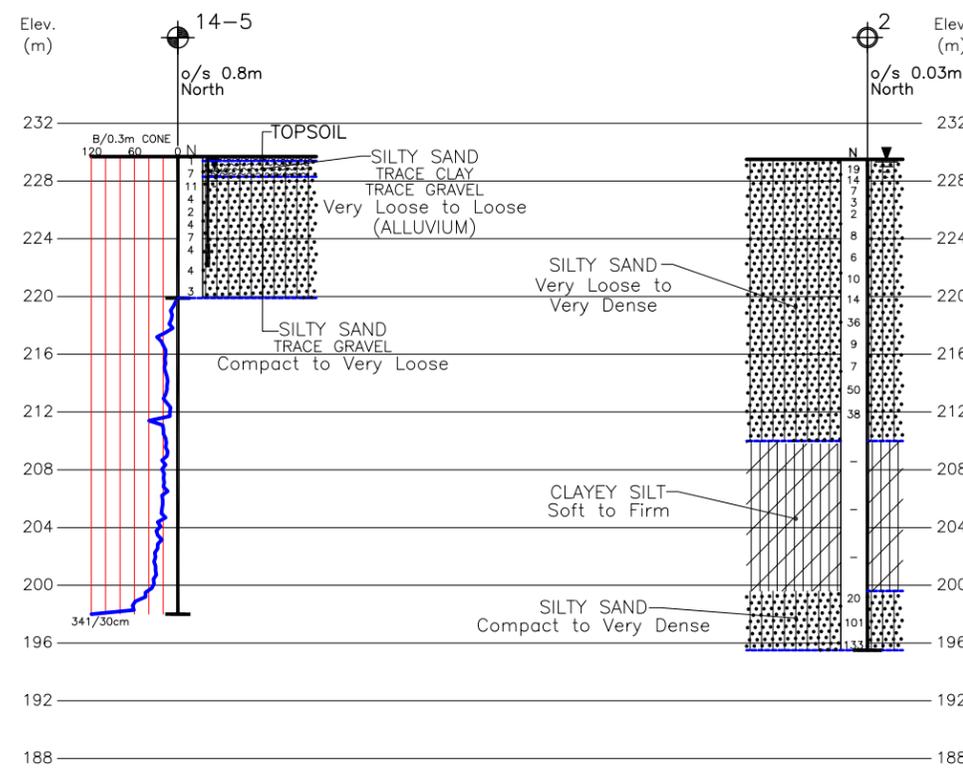
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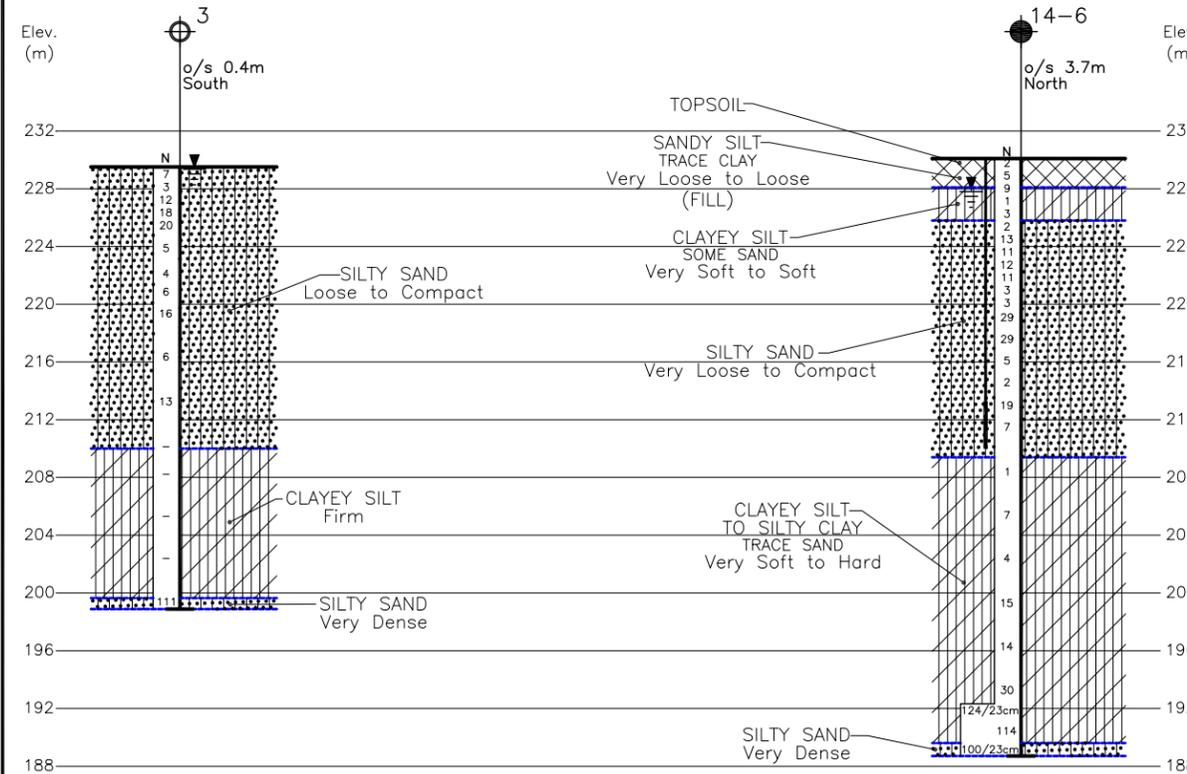
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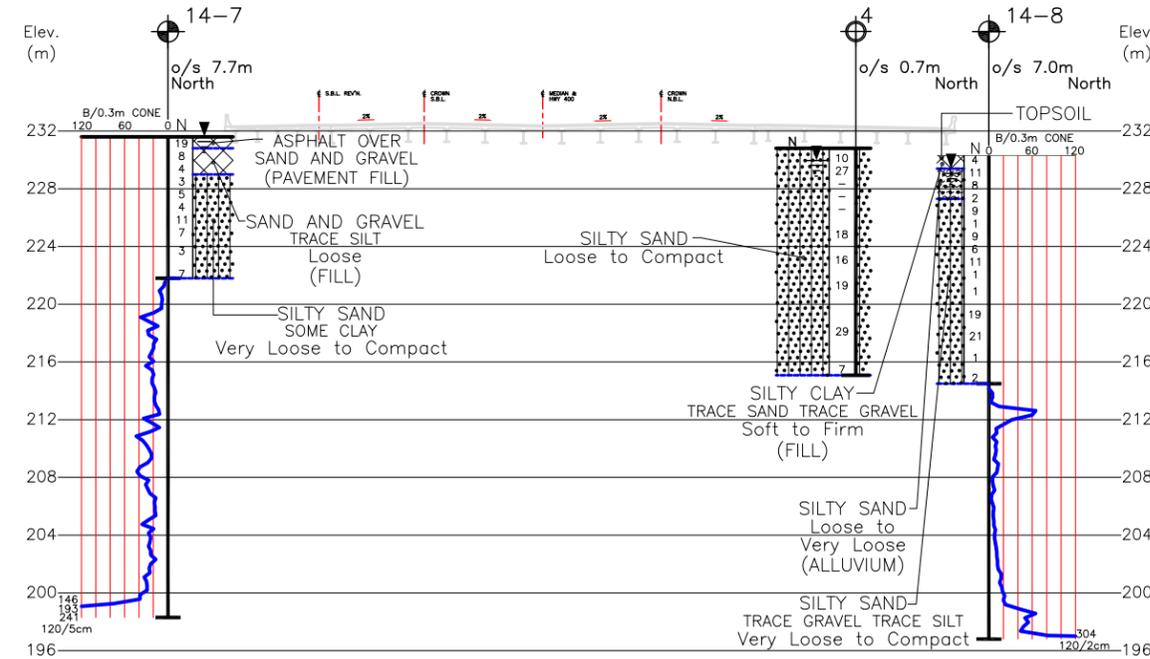
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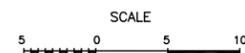
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LEGEND

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- Geocross Borehole (31D-166)
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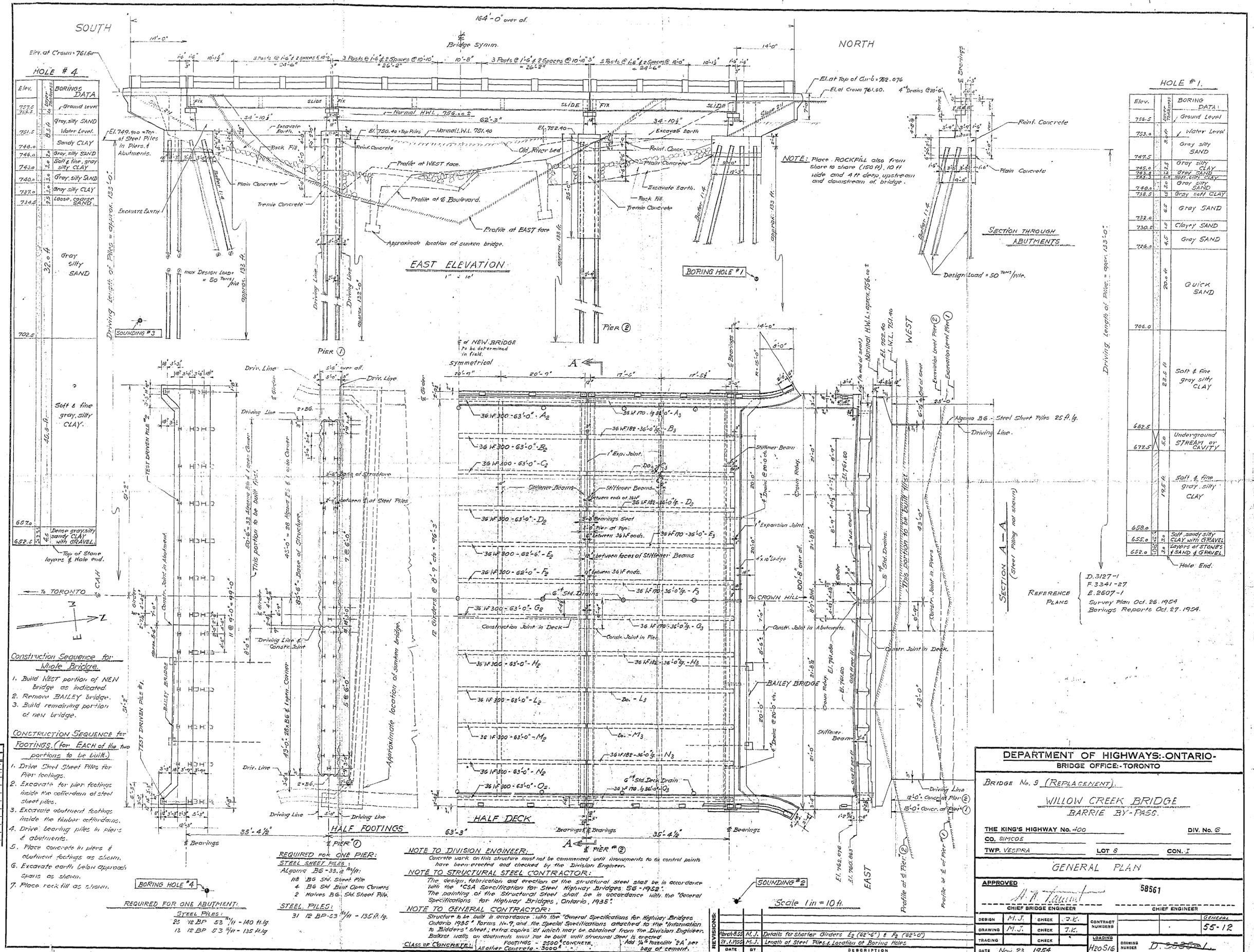
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## **APPENDIX FIR-A**

Contract Drawing 55-12



**HOLE # 4 BORINGS DATA**

Elev.	BORINGS DATA
757.5	Ground level
755.5	Gray silty SAND
751.5	Water Level
748.0	Sandy CLAY
746.0	Gray silty SAND
743.0	Soft fine gray silty CLAY
740.0	Gray silty SAND
737.0	Gray silty CLAY
734.5	Loose coarse SAND

Driving length of Piles = approx. 133'-0"

**HOLE # 1 BORINGS DATA**

Elev.	BORINGS DATA
756.5	Ground Level
753.0	Water Level
747.5	Gray silty SAND
745.0	Gray silty CLAY
743.5	Gray silty CLAY
740.0	Gray SAND
738.5	Gray soft CLAY
732.0	Gray SAND
730.5	Clayey SAND
726.0	Gray SAND
706.0	QUICK SAND
682.5	Soft & fine gray silty CLAY
677.5	Underground STREAM or CAVITY
658.0	Soft & fine gray silty CLAY
655.0	Soft sandy silty CLAY with GRAVEL layers at STONES ISLAND & GRAVEL
632.0	Hole End

Driving length of Piles = approx. 123'-0"

- Construction Sequence for Whole Bridge**
1. Build WEST portion of NEW bridge as indicated.
  2. Remove BAILEY bridge.
  3. Build remaining portion of new bridge.
- CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE FOR FOOTINGS (for EACH of the two portions to be built)**
1. Drive Steel Sheet Piles for Pier footings.
  2. Excavate for pier footings inside the coffer-dam of steel sheet piles.
  3. Excavate abutment footings inside the timber coffer-dams.
  4. Drive bearing piles in piers & abutments.
  5. Place concrete in piers & abutment footings as shown.
  6. Excavate earth below approach spans as shown.
  7. Place rock fill as shown.

**REQUIRED FOR ONE PIER:**

**STEEL SHEET PILES:**  
 Algonia B.G. - 23 1/2' Min.  
 18 B.G. Std. Sheet Pile  
 4 B.G. Std. Sheet Pile  
 2 Haines B.G. Std. Sheet Pile

**STEEL PILES:**  
 31 12 BP 53 1/4" - 140 H.Lg  
 13 12 BP 53 1/4" - 135 H.Lg

**NOTE TO DIVISION ENGINEER:**  
 Concrete work on this structure must not be commenced until instruments to the control points have been erected and checked by the Division Engineer.

**NOTE TO STRUCTURAL STEEL CONTRACTOR:**  
 The design, fabrication and erection of the structural steel shall be in accordance with the "CSA Specifications for Steel Highway Bridges, 5th Edition, 1952". The painting of the structural steel shall be in accordance with the "General Specifications for Highway Bridges, Ontario, 1935".

**NOTE TO GENERAL CONTRACTOR:**  
 Structure to be built in accordance with the "General Specifications for Highway Bridges Ontario, 1935", Form No. 9 and the Special Specifications attached to the "Information to Bidders" sheet, extra copies of which may be obtained from the Division Engineer. Bidders' sheets on abutments must be built with structural steel as shown.

**CLASS OF CONCRETE:**  
 Footings - 2500' CONCRETE. Add 1/2% Pozzolite "SA" per bag of cement.  
 All other Concrete - 3000'

**PRINT RECORD**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS-ONTARIO**  
**BRIDGE OFFICE-TORONTO**

BRIDGE No. 9 (REPLACEMENT)

**WILLOW CREEK BRIDGE**  
 BARRIE BY-PASS.

THE KING'S HIGHWAY No. 400 DIV. No. 6  
 CO. SIMCOE  
 TWP. VESPREA LOT 9 CON. I

**GENERAL PLAN**

APPROVED: *M. J. ...* 58561  
 CHIEF BRIDGE ENGINEER CHIEF ENGINEER

DESIGN	CHECK	DATE	CONTRACT NUMBER	GENERAL
M. J.	J. E.	7.12.		55-12
M. J.	J. E.	7.12.		

LOADING: H20S16  
 DRAWING NUMBER: D. 55561  
 DATE: Nov. 23, 1954



## **APPENDIX FIR-B**

Previous Borehole Logs 1 to 4

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 1**

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 70-11097 LOCATION Hwy. 400 & Willow Creek Sta. 371 + 24 70' Lt. ORIGINATED BY VK  
 W.P. 105-70-08 BORING DATE Nov. 25, 1970 COMPILED BY VK  
 DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring with BX & NX Casing CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT ——— $w_L$ PLASTIC LIMIT ——— $w_p$ WATER CONTENT ——— $w$			BULK DENSITY $\gamma$ P.C.F.	REMARKS
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS / FOOT		20	40	60	80	100	WATER CONTENT %				
757.0	Ground Level															
0.0	with organic matter		1	SS	21											
	with layers of clayey silt		2	SS	7	750									0 70 19 5	
			3	SS	4										0 9 56 35	
			4	SS	4											
	Silty fine sand Loose to compact		5	SS	8	740										
			6	SS	16											
			7	SS	12	730									0 91 ( 9 )	
			8	SS	15											
715.5			9	SS	21	720										
41.5	End of Borehole					710										
710.0																
47.0	End of D.C.P.															

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 2

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 70-11097 LOCATION Hwy. 400 & Willow Cr. Sta. 371 + 61 70' Rt. ORIGINATED BY VK  
W.P. 105-70-08 BORING DATE Nov. 5, 1970 COMPILED BY VK  
DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring with BX & NX Casing, Pendrill CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT — WL PLASTIC LIMIT — WP WATER CONTENT — W			BULK DENSITY γ P.C.F.	REMARKS
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		20	40	60	80	100	WP	W	WL		
752.8	Ground Level														
0.0	with organic matter		1	SS	19										
			2	SS	14										5 62 27 6
			3	SS	7										
			4	SS	3										
			5	SS	2										
			6	SS	8										
			7	SS	6										
	Silty fine sand		8	SS	10										0 62 34 1
	Loose to Dense		9	SS	14										
			10	SS	36										
			11	SS	9										
			12	SS	7										
			13	SS	50										
			14	SS	38										
688.8															
64.0	Clayey silt to clay		15	TW	FM										
			16	TW	FM										104.5 00 5 32 63
	Soft to Firm		17	TW	FM										
654.8															
98.0	Silty sand		18	SS	20										
	Compact to Vary Dense		19	SS	101										8 61 (31)
641.3			20	SS	133										
111.5	End of Borehole														

20  
10 5 % STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 3

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 70-11097 LOCATION Hwy. 400 & Willow Cr. Sta. 372 + 24 70' Lt. ORIGINATED BY VK  
W.P. 105-70-08 BORING DATE Nov. 23, 1970 COMPILED BY VK  
DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring with NX & BX Casing CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE					LIQUID LIMIT — W <sub>L</sub> PLASTIC LIMIT — W <sub>P</sub> WATER CONTENT — W			BULK DENSITY Y P.C.F.	REMARKS
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/FOOT		20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>		
753.0	Ground Level														
0.0	with organic mater	1	SS	7	750										
		2	SS	3											
		3	SS	12											
		4	SS	18	740										
		5	SS	20											
	Silty sand, layers of clayey silt up to 10" thick below elev. 740.	6	SS	5	730										0 90 (10)
		7	SS	4											
		8	SS	6	720										
		9	SS	16											
	Loose to Compact	10	SS	6	710										0 5 71 2
		11	SS	13	700										
689.0		12	TW	FM	690										
64.0		13	TW	FM	680								118		0 1 49 50
	Clayey silt	14	TW	FM	670										
	Firm	15	TW	FM	660										
655.0		16	SS	111	650										
652.5	Silty Sand, Very Dense														
100.5	End of Borehole														

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS- ONTARIO  
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 4

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 70-11097 LOCATION Hwy. 400 & Willow Cr. Sta. 372 + 60 70' Rt. ORIGINATED BY VK  
W.P. 105-70-08 BORING DATE Nov. 23, 1970 COMPILED BY VK  
DATUM Geodetic BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring with BX & NE Casing CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

ELEV. DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS / FOOT					LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT WATER CONTENT			BULK DENSITY $\gamma$	REMARKS	
			NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS / FOOT		20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>L</sub>	W <sub>P</sub>	W			P.C.F.
757.2	Ground Level																
0.0	with organic matter		1	SS	10												752.0
	layers of clayey silt		2	SS	27	750											
	soft to firm		3	TW	IM												0 5 8 11
			4	TW	IM												0 68 29 3
			5	TW	IM	740											
			6	SS	18												
			7	SS	16	730											2 72 (26)
	Silty fine sand		8	SS	19												
	Loose to Compact		9	SS	29	720											
705.7						710											
51.5	End of Borehole		10	SS	7	700											
691.7						690											
65.5	End of D.C.P.																



**FOUNDATION DESIGN REPORT**

**for**

**WILLOW CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
GWP NO. 2360-10-00; SITE NO. 30-139/1&2  
HIGHWAY 400  
BARRIE, ONTARIO**

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**FOUNDATION DESIGN REPORT**

**for**

Willow Creek Bridge Replacement  
Highway 400  
GWP No. 2360-10-00  
Barrie, Ontario

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report provides foundation engineering comments and recommendations regarding design and construction of bridge foundations and approach fill embankments for the proposed replacement of existing Willow Creek Bridge. This investigation was carried out by Peto MacCallum Ltd. (PML) for MMM Group Limited (MMM) on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO).

The existing Willow Creek bridge is located about 500 m south of the existing overpass structure at the Highway 400/Highway 11 interchange. The site is located at the north end of the City of Barrie.

Refer to the Foundation Investigation Report for site description and geology of the site.

The existing three-span bridge was constructed in 1955, and widened in 1971 and 1977. A partial bridge deck replacement was carried out in 1992. The existing bridge deck is about 48.1 to 50.7 m wide with an approximate total length of 41.0 m between abutments. Span lengths of the existing bridge are 10.33 m - 19.28 m – 10.33 m. The deck area of this concrete slab on steel girder bridge is about 1982 m<sup>2</sup>.

The existing structure is founded on steel H-piles driven to depths ranging from 36 m to 42 m. The underside elevation of the existing abutment and pier pile caps ranges from 228.0 m to 230.0 m. The existing piers are surrounded by steel sheet piles extending to about elevation 222.0 m.

Refer to Appendix FDR-A for the General Arrangement of for Contract 77-112 for design values for pile resistances and pile lengths for the Willow Creek Bridge Widening.

The existing approach embankments are about 2 m high (elevation 232.0 m) at the bridge site and original ground level is at approximately elevation 230.0 m.

According to Contract Drawing 55-12 dated November 23, 1954, the original single-span bridge (pre-1940's) that was located along the existing SB alignment, was abandoned and dropped into the creek between the piers of the existing three-span bridge. The location of sunken bridge was



investigated-by Global GPR Services on behalf of MMM using ground penetrating radar. Refer to the Foundation Investigation portion of this report for interpretations of the location of the sunken bridge based on this information.

According to the preliminary general arrangement drawing prepared by MRC (currently MMM) and dated July 2013, the proposed new bridge will also have 3-spans to be placed on new abutments and new piers. Span lengths of the new bridge are 18.5 m - 13.0 m – 18.5 m. The centreline of the new abutments are to be at approximately 4.5 m from the existing abutments centreline and the new piers centreline are at approximately 3.0 m from the existing piers centreline. The new bridge will be comprised of two independent three span structures. The northbound and southbound bridge superstructure widths are 27.05 and 21.55 m, respectively. The grade of the Highway 400 will be raised by 0.25 to 0.5 m at the two ends.

## 2. EVALUATION OF FOUNDATION ALTERNATIVES

The following Table 2 presents an evaluation of the advantages, disadvantages, risks/consequences and relative costs of considered alternatives for comparison purposes and to support the selection of the preferred alternative.

**Table 2 – Evaluation of Foundation Alternatives**

FOUNDATION TYPE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	RISKS / CONSEQUENCES	RELATIVE COST
Spread footings on native soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conventional construction techniques</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relatively low bearing resistance in comparison to deep foundation options</li> <li>Less reliable settlement performance than deep foundation options</li> <li>Dewatering becomes critical to prevent disturbance of the founding soil below the footing</li> <li>Potential obstructions due to debris of old sunken bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undermining of travelled portion of bridge during construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost</li> </ul>
Driven piles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior axial and lateral resistance</li> <li>Superior differential settlement performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vibrations induced during pile driving</li> <li>Potential obstructions to pile driving due to debris of old sunken bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vibration damage to foundations of travelled portion of bridge during construction</li> <li>Difficult pile driving or pile damage if driving through debris from sunken bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate cost</li> </ul>



FOUNDATION TYPE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	RISKS / CONSEQUENCES	RELATIVE COST
Caissons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superior axial and lateral resistance</li> <li>• Superior differential settlement performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging site conditions consisting of high water table and ground susceptible to disturbance</li> <li>• Potential obstructions to caisson installation due to debris of old sunken bridge</li> <li>• Installation would probably require temporary liners and mud drilling/tremie concreting techniques required for caisson installation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undermining of travelled portion of bridge during construction</li> <li>• Necking of concrete in caisson reducing the reliability to support axial or lateral loads</li> <li>• Caisson installation difficulties could result in construction delays and cost overrun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High cost</li> </ul>

Based on this evaluation, steel H-piles driven to the lower competent very dense / hard soils is the preferred option from a Foundations Engineering perspective. The soil conditions are not favourable for spread footings due to their relatively low bearing resistance. The combination of high groundwater table and loose noncohesive deposits present risks of caisson installation difficulties through loss of ground and associated ground settlement and potential necking of the caisson concrete column.

### 3. CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

The anticipated construction sequence and traffic staging should be considered in the design. Portions of the bridge will be removed and reconstructed in stages. Traffic will be maintained using the remaining portion of the existing bridge and/or portions of the new bridge, depending on the construction stage. Temporary roadway protection will probably be required to facilitate this operation. Following transfer of traffic to the newly constructed half of the bridge, the remaining portion of the old bridge will be removed and reconstructed.

### 4. DRIVEN H-PILES

#### 4.1 Pile Driving

Debris from the sunken bridge should be removed under the plan limits of pile caps to facilitate pile driving at these locations. The Contractor will be responsible to select and implement the appropriate method of demolition and excavation to remove the bridge while preserving the integrity of remaining or new portions of the bridge and any shoring. It is anticipated that the Contractor may give consideration to using conventional excavation equipment with hoe rams.



Backfill placed beneath the plan limits of pile caps should be restricted to a maximum nominal size of 75 mm to facilitate driving of the piles. Free draining noncohesive material such as Granular B Type II is recommended if backfill is required below the water table.

The piles should be installed, controlled and monitored in accordance with the requirements of SP 903S01 and with Standard Drawing SS103-11 (Hiley Formula). Piles should be equipped with driving shoes and driven to elevation 200 m and then controlled by the Hiley formula assuming an ultimate resistance of twice the Factored Resistance at ULS used for design.

In response to comments from MTO, alternative methods for pile driving control will be considered subject to the conditions of the NSSP for pile driving control in Appendix FDR-B, which should be included in Contract Documents.

Estimated pile lengths at the foundations elements are provided in Table 4.1. Actual pile lengths will be determined by the pile driving control method during pile driving. The pile lengths should be such that welds in the portion of piles above the point of contraflexure are avoided.

**Table 4.1 – Estimated Pile Lengths at Foundation Elements**

<b>Pile Location</b>	<b>Cutoff Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Pile Tip Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Pile Length (m)</b>
North Abutment	228.2	196.0	32.2
North Pier	226.2	192.0	34.2
South Pier	226.2	196.0	30.5
South Abutment	228.2	194.0	34.2

The Contractor should be responsible for using pile driving hammers that deliver the required energy to drive the piles to the design refusal elevation considering the length of piles and the subsurface conditions presented in the Foundation Investigation portion of this report.

#### **4.2 Axial Geotechnical Resistance**

The H-piles should be designed using the following values for axial resistance at factored ultimate limit states (ULS) and at the serviceability limit states (SLS) for steel HP 310 x 110 H-piles.

<b>Pile Section</b>	<b>Factored Geotechnical Axial Resistance at ULS (kN)</b>	<b>Geotechnical Axial Resistance at SLS (kN)</b>
HP 310 x 110	1600	1250



The resistance at serviceability limit states (SLS) assumes a maximum 25 mm settlement. The amount of structural compression should also be considered. In accordance with CHBDC Clause 6.8.9.2, where the centre-to-centre spacing of piles at the underside of the footing is less than  $2.5b$  or less than 750mm, the effects of interaction between piles shall be considered.

### 4.3 Lateral Geotechnical Resistances

Recommendations for lateral geotechnical resistance of vertical piles are provided below. If greater lateral resistance is required, the horizontal component of battered piles may be used to provide lateral resistance.

The lateral resistance for those portions of piles within the frost penetration depth and for those portions of piles within installations where annular space has been provided for pile flexibility at integral abutments should be disregarded.

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

$$\begin{aligned} k_s &= n_h z / b && (\text{kN/m}^3) \text{ for cohesionless soil} \\ &= 67 S_u / b && (\text{kN/m}^3) \text{ for cohesive soil} \\ &= 125 S_u / b && (\text{kN/m}^3) \text{ for clayey silt till} \\ \\ p_{ult} &= 3 \gamma' z K_p && (\text{kPa}) \text{ for cohesionless soil} \\ &= 0 && (\text{kPa}) \text{ for cohesive soil between ground surface and } 3b \\ &= 9 S_u && (\text{kPa}) \text{ for cohesive soil at and below a depth of } 3b \end{aligned}$$

where  $n_h$  = coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )  
 $z$  = depth of pile embedment (m)  
 $b$  = pile width (m)  
 $S_u$  = undrained shear strength (kPa) (sometimes expressed as  $C_u$ )  
 $\gamma'$  = unit weight ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )  
 $K_p$  = passive earth pressure coefficient

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



The parameters recommended for design with the above equations are provided in the following Tables 4.3(c) and 4.3(d) – one for above the groundwater and one for below groundwater. Refer to the Record of Borehole Sheets for elevations of various soil layers.

**Table 4.3(c) – Soil Parameters for Subgrade Reaction Calculation  
 For Ground Above Groundwater**

Soil Unit above Groundwater	Soil Parameters			
	$\gamma'$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	$n_h$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	$K_p$	$S_u$ (kPa)
Mixed Fills	20	3000	3.0	–
Noncohesive Deposits	20	6000	3.3	–
Cohesive Deposits	20	2000	2.7	5 x SPT value

**Table 4.3(d) – Soil Parameters for Subgrade Reaction Calculation  
 For Ground Below Groundwater**

Soil Unit below Groundwater	Soil Parameters			
	$\gamma'$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	$n_h$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	$K_p$	$S_u$ (kPa)
Mixed Fills	10	2500	3.0	–
Noncohesive Deposits	10	5000	2.8	–
Cohesive Deposits	10	1700	2.6	5 x SPT value

The spring constant,  $K_s$ , for analysis may be obtained by the expression,  $K_s = k_s * L * D$  (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 the 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.

However, it is recommended that the design value used for lateral pile resistance should not exceed 160 kN for Factored Resistance at ULS and 125 kN for Resistance at SLS. If greater lateral resistance is required, it can be provided by the horizontal component of battered piles.

The coefficient of subgrade reaction and ultimate lateral resistance may have to be reduced, based on pile spacing. The reduction factors to be used for a pile group oriented perpendicular or parallel to the direction of loading are provided in the following Table 4.3(e):



**Table 4.3(e) – Lateral Resistance Reduction for Pile Spacing**

Condition	Pile Spacing (Centre to Centre)	Reduction Factor
Pile group oriented <b>perpendicular</b> to the direction of loading	4 D	1.0
	1 D	0.5
Pile group oriented <b>parallel</b> to direction of loading	8 D	1.0
	6 D	0.7
	4 D	0.4
	3 D	0.25

Since H-piles are low displacement piles, the dense cohesionless soils under the tips of the existing piles are not expected to be affected by pile driving.

Refer to MTO Report SO-96-11 for procedures to determine the earth pressure coefficient to be employed in design of integral abutments.

The soil adjacent to the upper portion of the abutment piles is expected to consist of granular fill over loose to compact sand. The lowest risk configuration to accommodate movement of the integral abutment piles is to place two concentric CSPs that extend at least 3.0 m below the bottom of the abutment placed around the pile to create an annular space. The inner CSP of 600 mm diameter should be filled with sand meeting the gradation requirements of Granular B Type I. Alternatively, a slightly higher risk configuration would consist of installing the pile within a single CSP filled with loose uniform sand meeting the requirements given in Table 4.3(b) below. The single CSP configuration is recommended for this structure.

**Table 4.3(b) – Gradation Specification for Sand Fill in  
Pre-Augered Single CSP's at Integral Abutments**

MTO Sieve Designation	Percentage Passing by Mass
2 mm (#10)	100
600 µm (#30)	80 – 100
425 µm (#40)	40 – 80
250 µm (#60)	5 – 25
150 µm (#100)	0 – 6

Note: From MTO Report SO-96-01, Revision 1 – July, 1996.



## 5. ABUTMENT AND WING WALLS

The abutment walls should be designed to resist the unbalanced horizontal earth pressure imposed by the backfill adjacent to the wall. The lateral earth pressure,  $p$  (kPa), may be computed using the equivalent fluid pressure diagrams presented in section 6.9 of the CHBDC or employing the following equation, assuming a triangular pressure distribution:

$$p = K(\gamma h + q) + C_p + C_s$$

- where
- $K$  = coefficient of lateral earth pressure (dimensionless)
  - $\gamma$  = unit weight of free-draining granular material ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )
  - $h$  = depth below final grade (m)
  - $q$  = surcharge load (kPa) if present
  - $C_p$  = compaction pressure (kPa) (refer to clause 6.9.3 of CHBDC)
  - $C_s$  = earth pressure induced by seismic events, (kPa)  
(refer to clause 4.6.4 of CHBDC)

Free-draining granular material should be used as backfill behind the wall. The following Table 5 presents soil parameters recommended for earth pressure design for identified granular materials.

**Table 5 – Soil Parameters for Lateral Earth Pressure Design under Static Load**

PARAMETERS	GRANULAR A or GRANULAR B TYPE II
Internal Friction Angle, $\emptyset$ (degrees)	35
Unit weight, $\gamma$ ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )	22.8
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure, $K_a$	0.27
Coefficient of Earth Pressure At Rest, $K_o$	0.43
Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure, $K_p$	3.69

- where
- $\emptyset$  = angle of internal friction of retained soil ( $35^\circ$  for Granular A or Granular B Type II or Type III)
  - $\delta$  = angle of friction between the soil and wall ( $23.5^\circ$  for Granular A or Granular B Type II or Type III)

The coefficient of earth pressure at rest should be used for design of rigid and unyielding walls, the active earth pressure coefficient for unrestrained structures.



A weeping tile system (OPSS 405 and OPSD 3190.100) should be installed to minimise the build-up of hydrostatic pressure behind the walls. The weeping tiles should be surrounded by a properly designed granular filter or geotextile to prevent migration of fines into the system. The drainage pipe should be placed on a positive grade and lead to a frost-free outlet.

The backfill placed adjacent to the abutments should be placed and compacted in accordance with the requirements of OPSS 902.

Heavy vibratory compaction equipment adjacent to retaining structures should be restricted to limit the compaction pressure noted in clause 6.9.3 of the CHBDC. Refer to OPSS 501 for additional information in this regard.

## **6. FROST PROTECTION**

Pile caps should be provided with a minimum of 1.5 m of earth cover or equivalent thermal insulation as protection against frost action. Equivalent thermal insulation can be provided by appropriate thickness of rigid polystyrene. Polystyrene insulation should meet requirements of National Standards of Canada CAN/ULC-S701 (Standard for Thermal Insulation, Polystyrene, Boards and Pipe Covering). Appropriate thickness can be determined from manufacturer's literature.

## **7. SEISMIC DESIGN**

For design, the seismic site coefficient for the conditions at this site is 1.5 (Type III soil profile as per clause 4.4.6 of the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC), CAN/CSA-S6-00). The noncohesive deposits at this site are susceptible to disturbance under seismic loading.

With reference to earth pressure design for abutments and retaining walls under seismic loading, free-draining granular material should be used as backfill. The following Table 6 presents soil parameters recommended for earth pressure design for identified granular materials.

**Table 6 – Lateral Earth Pressure Coefficients under Seismic Load**

<b>Wall Movement Category</b>	<b>GRANULAR A or GRANULAR B TYPE II</b>
Yielding	0.26
Non-yielding	0.30



## **8. APPROACH EMBANKMENTS**

The existing embankments are constructed with side slopes of approximately 2H:1V. The existing road grade will be raised by 0.50 m at the south end of the bridge and by 0.25 m at the north end of the bridge. As the existing highway embankment is in the order of 2 m high, embankments along widened portions of the highway alignment may be in the order of 2.9 m above existing ground.

The anticipated magnitudes of settlement range from 10 mm to 15 mm under the plan limits of the existing highway embankment where grade raises are in the order of 0.25 m to 0.5 m. Outside of the plan limits of the existing highway embankment and under the existing embankment slopes where proposed grade raises are up to 2.9 m, the anticipated magnitude of settlement is up to 75 mm. However, much of that settlement will be relatively immediate and can be realized prior to paving provided that the following recommendations for subexcavation and a preload wait period are implemented.

The upper 0.3 m of ground under the plan limits of embankment widening should be subexcavated and the excavated surface should be proof rolled to identify underlying zones of compressible soil. All compressible soil identified during the proof rolling operation should be subexcavated and replaced with Granular A or Granular B Type II.

Embankment widening and raising should be designed and constructed in conformance with OPS.PROV 206 (Construction Specification for Grading). Benching should be in conformance with OPSD 208.01. The widened portion of the embankment, outside the existing edge of shoulders, should be preloaded for as long as possible prior to paving but at least for a period of 1 month. Preloading of the embankments under the plan area between the existing shoulders is not required.

The side slopes of the approach embankments should be inclined no steeper than 2H:1V for earth fill.

Earth fill slopes should be protected against surface erosion by sodding and suitable vegetation. Refer to OPSS 803 or 804 for time constraints and the type of seed and mulch required.



## **9. CREEK CHANNEL EROSION PROTECTION**

Sheet piling may be used to define the river channel under the plan limits of the bridge and to provide erosion protection for the bridge foundations adjacent to the river channel. The sheet piling for this purpose should be designed with consideration of the scour depth. The erosion protection sheet piling may be integrated into temporary dewatering schemes.

The previously noted abandoned sunken bridge deck should be removed under the plan limits of sheet pile installations prior to installing sheet piles.

If sheet piling is not required, erosion and scour protection for the bridge and approach embankment foreslopes may consist of placing 0.6 m of rock protection (OPSS 511) on the banks of the Willow Creek channel under the plan limits of the bridge. Rock protection should extend from the high water level to the toe of slope and a minimum distance equivalent to the embankment height across the creek bottom.

## **10. CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

### **10.1 Excavation, Pile Installation and Obstructions**

Excavation and pile installation for construction of foundations at the pier and abutment locations is expected to extend through the embankment fill and very loose to compact sand to a depth of about 3 m below existing grade. Debris from the abandoned sunken bridge should be removed before proceeding with the foundation excavation. It is anticipated that the debris is underlying the existing SBL's only. Refer to Appendix FDR-B for the related NSSP's recommended for inclusion in the contract documents to provide notice of obstructions and requirements to avoid disturbing the foundations of the travelled portion of existing structures.

Excavations should be carried out in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Ontario Regulation 213/91). The fill material and loose to compact sand at this site have been classified as Type 3 and the very loose sand has been classified as Type 4 soils according to OHSAA criteria. Since open cut procedures are governed by soils with the highest number, temporary cut slopes over the full depth of excavation inclined at 3 horizontal to 1 vertical should be stable.



Although the method of shoring should be the responsibility of the Contractor, where shoring is required, it may consist of soldier pile/lagging systems above groundwater level or sheet pile systems above or below groundwater level. Shoring should be designed and installed in accordance with OPSS 539 Level 2 performance.

### **10.2 Dewatering**

The prevailing groundwater should be lowered a minimum of 0.5m below the base of excavations for construction in-the-dry. Due to the noncohesive soils and the high groundwater table, conventional sump pump dewatering will not suffice. Although the responsibility for designing temporary dewatering to achieve this dewatering performance should remain with the Contractor, it is expected that sheet pile cofferdams will be required. The NSSP in Appendix FDR-B should be included in Contract Documentation.

### **10.3 Permission to Take Water (PTTW)**

Although the requirement for a permit to take water (PTTW) will depend on the water tightness of the Contractor's selected dewatering system, it is recommended that a PTTW be obtained due to the noncohesive nature of the subsoils and the proximity to the creek.

### **10.4 Vibration and Settlement Monitoring**

Construction activities that induce vibrations may cause consolidation of native soils and associated settlements of bridge foundations. Monitoring of vibration and settlement at the travelled portion of bridge foundations is required during removals, sheet pile installation and H-pile driving. Refer to Appendix FDR-B for the NSSP for vibration and settlement monitoring that should be included in the Contract Documentation.



## 11. CLOSURE

The field work was carried out under the supervision of Mr. F. Portela and direction of Mr. K. Daly, BEng, Project Supervisor, Geotechnical Services. The equipment was supplied by Canadian Soils Drilling.

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## **APPENDIX FDR-A**

General Arrangement - Contract 77-112 (Willow Creek Bridge Widening)

**DISTRICT 5**  
**CONT No 77-112**  
**WP No 99-75-06**



**WILLOW CREEK BRIDGE**  
**WIDENING**  
**GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**

**SHEET**  
**90**

**C.C. PARKER & ASSOCIATES LTD.**  
 CONSULTING ENGINEERS - HAMILTON

B.M. #104, EL. 763.94'  
 CUT 'X' ON TOP OF N. END OF  
 N.E. CORNER, CONC. ABUT.  
 145' RT. 280+47

NOTE:  
 FOR DETAILS OF TRAFFIC PROTECTION  
 SEE GRADING DRAWINGS.

**GENERAL NOTES**

**CLASS OF CONCRETE**  
 DECK AND BARRIER WALLS 4,000 PSI  
 REMAINDER 3,000 PSI

**CLEAR COVER ON REINFORCING STEEL**  
 FOOTINGS ABUTMENTS AND PIERS DECK  
 3" 3" TOP 2"  
 BOT. 1-1/2"

**BARRIER WALLS END POSTS APPROACH SLABS**  
 1-1/2" 1-1/2" 2"

**CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

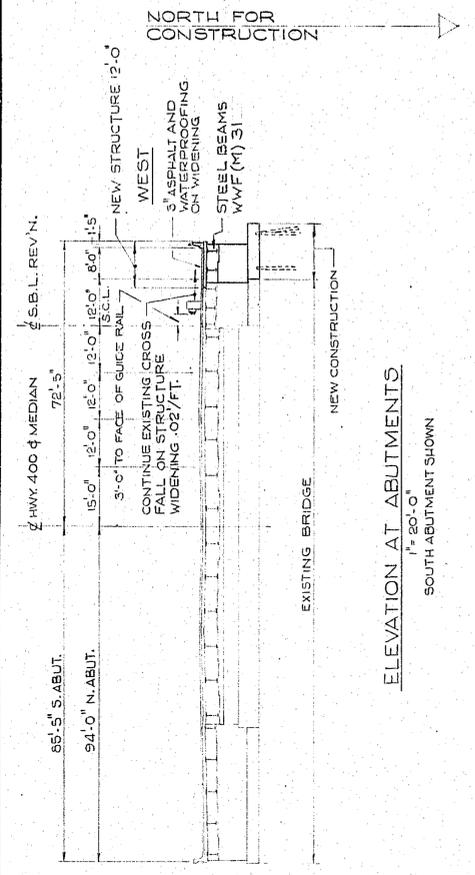
CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINISHING THE BEARING SEATS  
 DEAD LEVEL TO THE SPECIFIED ELEV. WITH TOLERANCE OF 1/8"  
 NO CONCRETE SHALL BE PLACED IN THE BALLAST WALLS UNTIL  
 THE STRUCTURAL STEEL HAS BEEN ERECTED.

**REINFORCING STEEL**

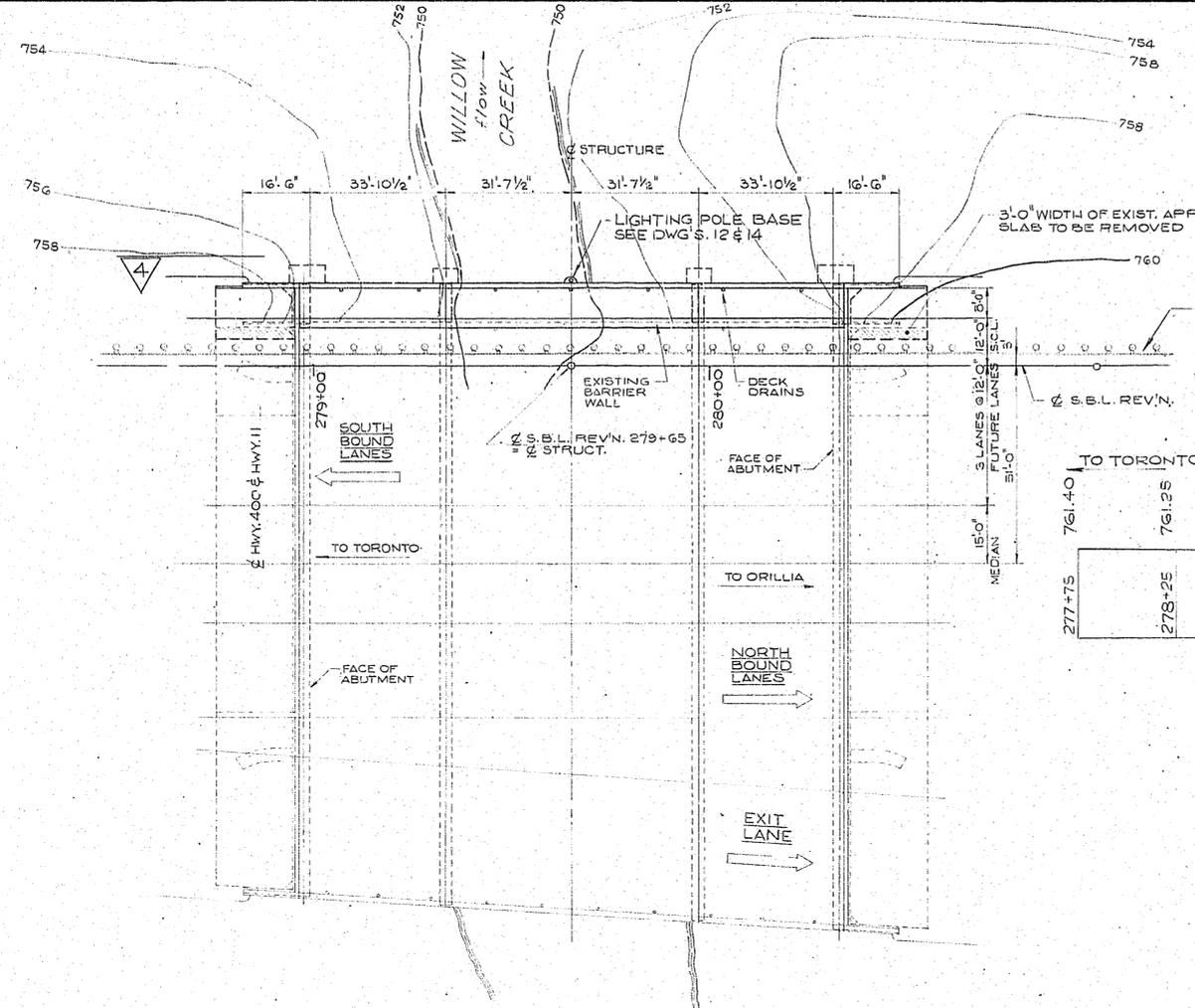
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**ELEVATIONS OF EXISTING BRIDGE**

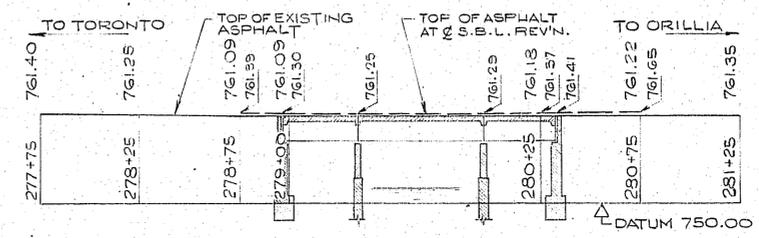
FOR NOTES ON ELEVATIONS OF EXISTING BRIDGE, SEE DRAWING 6.



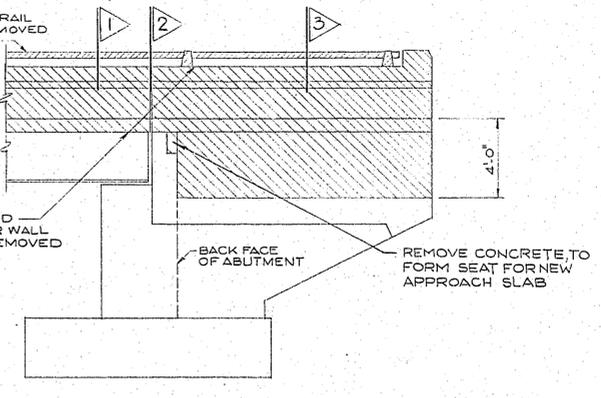
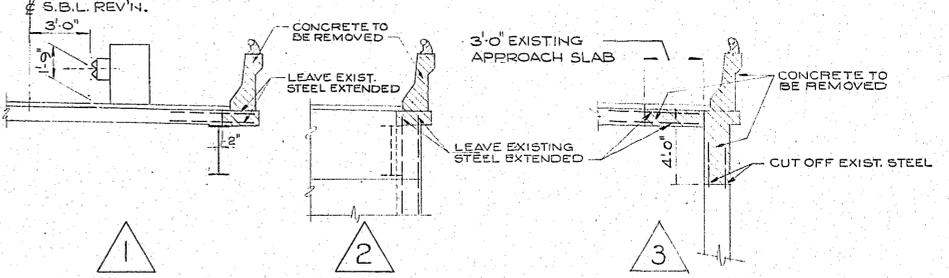
**ELEVATION AT ABUTMENTS**  
 1" = 20'-0"  
 SOUTH ABUTMENT SHOWN



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



**PROFILE, 10' LT. OF S.B.L. REV'N.**  
 SCALE VERT. 1" = 10'-0" HORIZ. 1" = 40'-0"

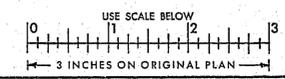


**WINGWALL ELEVATION (EXIST)**

**REMOVAL DETAILS**



FOR REDUCED PLAN



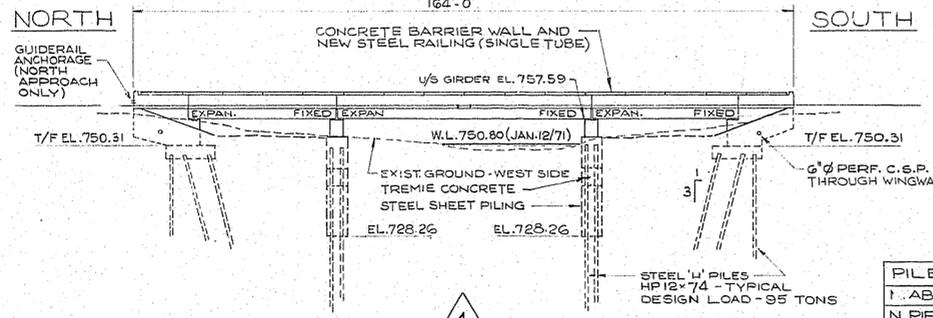
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14. BRIDGE ELECTRICAL DETAILS - TYPE IV

CONCRETE QUANTITIES ARE LISTED BELOW FOR THE APPROPRIATE CONCRETE LUMP SUM TENDER ITEMS

QUANTITIES	
CONCRETE	
PIERS, ABUTMENTS AND WINGWALLS	50 cu. yd
DECK	45 cu. yd
BARRIER WALL	13 cu. yd
APPROACH SLABS	17 cu. yd

STRUCTURAL STEEL QUANTITY  
 TOTAL = 20.0 TONS



**WEST SIDE ELEVATION**  
 1" = 20'-0"

PILE TIP ELEV.

N. ABUT.	G24±
N. PIER	G18±
S. PIER	G23±
S. ABUT.	G24±

REVISIONS

DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
DESIGN	Q.M.I.	CHECK DCC. LOADING HS 20-44
DRAWING	GG.S.	CHECK Q.M.I. SITE No 30-139

DATE: MAR. 28/77  
 DWG: 1



## **APPENDIX FDR-B**

OPSS's and NSSP's



**OPSS's Relevant to Report**

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
OPSS 405	Construction Specification for Pipe Subdrains
OPSS 501	Construction Specification for Compacting
OPSS 511	Construction Specification for Rip-Rap, Rock Protection, and Granular Sheeting
OPSS 539	Construction Specification for Temporary Protection Systems
OPSS 802	Construction Specification for Topsoil
OPSS 803	Construction specification for Sodding
OPSS 804	Construction Specification for Seed and Cover
OPSS 902	Excavation and Backfilling of Structures
OPSS 903	Construction Specification For Deep Foundations
OPSS.PROV 206	Construction Specification for Grading
OPSD 3190.100	Walls Retaining and Abutment Wall Drain



## **NSSP's Relevant to Report**

### **NSSP for Presence of Obstructions in the Ground - Addition to OPSS 539, OPSS 902, OPSS 903**

The Contractor shall be advised that an abandoned sunken bridge deck, foundations (including piles) from existing and pre-existing structures and cobbles and boulders are present within the ground. The Contractor shall avoid disturbing the foundations of travelled portions of existing structures during construction activities including excavation, installation of sheet piles for channel lining or dewatering cofferdams and for installation or bridge foundation piles. Although the methods of construction shall remain the responsibility of the Contractor, the Contractor may consider removing the abandoned bridge deck under the plan limits of pile installations, prior to construction activities such as installing piles.

### **NSSP for Dewatering - Addition to OPSS 902**

The Contractor shall take measures to lower the prevailing groundwater level a minimum of 0.5 m below the base of excavations or foundation bases for construction in-the-dry. The Contractor shall be advised that the groundwater is at or near the natural ground surface and that the ground is susceptible to disturbance under conditions of unbalanced hydrostatic head. Although the Contractor shall be responsible for designing and implementing measures for surface water control and dewatering, the Contractor is advised that conventional sump pumping will not be effective and that consideration could be given to utilizing sheet pile cofferdams as appropriate.

### **NSSP for Structure Foundation Vibration and Settlement Monitoring during Removal, Sheet Pile Installation and H-Pile Installation - Addition to OPSS 902 and OPSS 903**

Construction activities that induce vibrations may cause consolidation of native soils and associated settlements of bridge foundations. Monitoring of vibration and settlement at the travelled portion of bridge foundations is required during removals, excavations, sheet pile installation and H-pile driving. The Contractor shall monitor vibration and settlements at three (3) equally spaced points on each foundation element of travelled portions of the bridge during these operations.

Vibration and settlement monitoring shall be carried out on a daily basis, from 2 days prior to the commencement of the noted operations to establish a baseline. The Contractor shall submit to the CA, at the completion of each day during the specified construction operations, a cumulative tabular report indicating the current and previous readings to date of the vibration measurements and of the total amount of settlement change from the base line readings. If the vibration measurement exceeds 100 mm/sec and/or if the total amount of settlement change exceeds 10 mm, vibration inducing operations shall be stopped immediately and the issue shall be immediately referred to the CA for further instruction. The settlement monitoring shall consist of survey monitoring with minimum measurement precision of 1 mm.

### **NSSP for Pile Driving Control - Addition to OPSS 903**

The Contractor shall be advised that methods of pile driving control alternative to those prescribed for the Hiley Formula (Standard Drawing SS-103-11), including PDA testing, will be considered provided that the proposal or alternative methods is supported by sufficient evidence to confirm their equivalence or superiority to the Hiley formula method and subject to the acceptance of the CA.