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**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
WABIGOON RIVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION  
HIGHWAY 17, UNORGANIZED KENORA DISTRICT, ONTARIO  
AGREEMENT 6020-E-0025, WORK ORDER 1  
G.W.P. 6117-17-00, SITE NO. 41S-0042/B0  
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**GEOCRES No.: 52F-68**

**Report**

to

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the factual data obtained from a foundation investigation carried out by Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Thurber) to support the detailed design of the Wabigoon River Bridge rehabilitation. Thurber's scope specifically included provision of geotechnical parameters for design of Temporary Roadway Protection Systems (TPS). The Wabigoon River Bridge is located on Highway 17, 6 km west of Dryden, in the District of Kenora, Ontario.

The purpose of this investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the TPS locations and, based on the data obtained, to provide a borehole location plan, stratigraphic profile, records of boreholes, laboratory test results and a written description of the subsurface conditions.

Thurber carried out the investigation as a sub-consultant to Morrison Hershfield, under the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Retainer Agreement Number 6020-E-0025, Work Order 1.

It is a condition of this report that Thurber's performance of its professional services is subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

## **2. SITE DESCRIPTION**

The site is located on Highway 17, approximately 6 km west of Dryden, in the Unorganized District of Kenora, Ontario. The existing bridge is aligned in a general west-east direction and crosses the Wabigoon River, which flows from south to north.

The March 2021 preliminary Structural Design Report (SDR) by WSP indicates that the existing structure is a single span, steel girder bridge, with a cast-in-place concrete deck, asphalt wearing surface and metal traffic barriers. The original Wabigoon River bridge was constructed in 1961, but has gone through several rehabilitations since, including a major rehabilitation in 2001 for a



replacement superstructure and concrete repairs to the substructure (Contract 2000-0220), cleaning and coating the steel in 2006 (Contract 2005-6005) and repaving the asphalt wearing surface in 2007 (Contract 2016-6270). The bridge deck is approximately 24.4 m long and has a width of 12.75 m. The bridge is supported on concrete abutments founded on bedrock. The road surface elevation at the existing bridge deck ranges from approximately 361 to 362 m. The water level of Wabigoon River was measured at Elevation 354.3 m in November 2014.

The lands surrounding the Wabigoon River bridge are heavily forested. An area of surficial erosion was observed near the toe of the northwest bridge approach embankment. Surficial vegetation loss was also observed at the southwest and southeast approach embankments. Also observed near the southwest approach embankment was a slide area on the south bank of the south ditchline (beyond the approach embankment toe of slope). Photographs of the bridge and surrounding area are presented in Appendix C, including the erosion and slide areas in Photos 5 to 10.

Based on an existing Geocres report (52F00-007) from 1960, the subsurface soils near the project site were anticipated to consist of mainly sand and gravel/rock embankment fill, underlain by old paper mill refuse fill mixed with sand and silt (in a very loose or liquid state), and thin layers of clay and sand and gravel overlying bedrock. The bedrock surface was anticipated to generally slope downwards from the west to east approaches to the bridge. The stratigraphic profile drawing showing the paper mill refuse fill is included in Appendix E.

Based on published geological information, the general site area lies within an area of glaciolacustrine deposits (silt and clay and minor sands), and is underlain by Pre-Cambrian bedrock (muscovite-bearing granitic rocks).

### **3. INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The site investigation and field-testing program for this project was carried out from October 13 to 17, 2022. The field program consisted of drilling and sampling two (2) boreholes, 22-01 and 22-02, to depths of 10.5 and 15.0 m below the ground surface (Borehole termination Elevation 350.5 and 346.7 m), respectfully. Both boreholes were drilled through the paved portion of Highway 17 at the approaches to the bridge. Borehole 22-01 was drilled near the proposed west TPS location and Borehole 22-02 was drilled near the proposed east TPS location. The Record of Borehole sheets are included in Appendix A. The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown on the Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing included in Appendix D.

Utility clearances were obtained prior to the start of drilling. The horizontal coordinates and ground surface elevations for the boreholes were estimated from field measurements relative to existing



site features and the topographic drawings provided to Thurber by Morrison Hershfield. The coordinate system MTM NAD 83, Zone 16 was used for the boreholes.

The boreholes for the project were advanced using a rubber tire-mounted CME750 drill rig, using hollow stem auger and/or wash boring techniques and NQ coring. In all boreholes, soil samples were obtained at selected intervals with a 50 mm outside diameter split spoon sampler driven in conjunction with the Standard Penetration Test (SPT), supplemented by Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests (DCPTs). Bedrock coring using an NQ size core barrel was used to advance both boreholes into bedrock.

Due to the anticipated presence of old paper mill refuse in the subsurface fill, the air quality was monitored using a gas reader throughout the drilling activities for health and safety purposes. The presence of sulfur-like odors was also noted where encountered when drilling in the embankment fill material. Due to strong sulfur-like odor in Borehole 22-01, the initial borehole was terminated and moved to an offset location of 1.4 m west to continue drilling.

Due to shearing of drilling casing within the gravel fill in Borehole 22-02, the initial borehole was terminated and moved to an offset location of 4.9 m east to continue drilling.

The drilling and sampling operations were supervised on a full-time basis by a member of Thurber's technical staff. The supervisor logged the boreholes and processed the recovered soil samples for transport to Thurber's laboratory for further examination and testing. The rock cores were logged, and the Total Core Recovery (TCR), Solid Core Recovery (SCR), Rock Quality Designation (RQD) and Fracture Indices (FI) were measured.

Details of the drilling program, including drilling depths and completion details are summarized in Table 3.1 below.

**Table 3.1: Borehole Completion Details**

<b>Borehole Number</b>	<b>Borehole Depth / Base Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Completion Details</b>
22-01	10.5 / 350.5	Borehole caved to 3.8 m and was backfilled with bentonite holeplug to 0.5 m, sand and gravel to 0.3 m, concrete to 0.1 m and asphalt to surface.
22-02	15.0 / 346.7	Borehole caved to 10.2 m and was backfilled with bentonite holeplug to 0.5 m, sand and gravel to 0.3 m, concrete to 0.2 m, and asphalt to surface.



#### **4. LABORATORY TESTING**

All recovered soil samples were subjected to visual identification and natural moisture content determination. Selected samples were subjected to grain size distribution analyses (sieve and hydrometer). Point Load Tests were also conducted on the bedrock core samples to estimate the bedrock strength. The results of this testing program are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and are shown on the figures included in Appendix B.

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

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

In general, the subsurface stratigraphy below the asphalt typically consists of sand and gravel to gravelly sand fill, sandy gravel to gravel fill, and a thin layer of silty clay, which are underlain by bedrock. Although no obvious paper mill refuse was observed in the boreholes, a sulfur-like odor was encountered within the embankment fill in both boreholes. More detailed descriptions of individual strata are presented below.

##### **5.1 Asphalt**

Both Boreholes were drilled through the paved portion of Highway 17. The asphalt ranged in thickness from 165 to 178 mm at these locations.

##### **5.2 Sand and Gravel to Gravelly Sand Fill**

Embankment fill ranging from sand and gravel to gravelly sand was encountered below the asphalt in both boreholes. The fill also contained trace to some silt. Cobbles and boulders were also encountered in the lower part of the fill in Borehole 22-02 as described below.

The sand and gravel to gravelly sand fill ranged in thickness from 2.8 to 5.4 m, with an underside depth ranging from 3.0 m to 5.6 m below ground surface (Elevation 358.0 m to 356.1 m).

SPT 'N' values in the sand and gravel to gravelly sand fill generally ranged from 34 to over 100 blows per 0.3 m penetration, indicating a dense to very dense relative density; typically very dense. In Borehole 22-02, coring methods were required to penetrate a 1.1 m thick zone of



cobbles and boulders of up to 225 mm in diameter from a depth of 4.4 to 5.5 m (Elevation 357.3 to 356.2 m). A sulfur-like odor was encountered within the fill at a depth of 5.6 m in Borehole 22-02.

The measured moisture contents generally ranged from 1 to 3%.

The results of grain size analyses conducted on selected samples of the sand and gravel to gravelly sand fill are provided on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and plotted on Figure B1 in Appendix B. The results are summarized as follows:

Soil Particle	Percentage (%)
Gravel	24 to 51
Sand	41 to 70
Silt & Clay	6 to 12

### 5.3 Sandy Gravel to Gravel Fill

A layer of sandy gravel to gravel fill was encountered below the upper granular fill in both boreholes. The fill ranged in composition from sandy gravel to gravel with trace sand, and also contained trace silt. Cobbles and possible boulders were also encountered in the lower part of the fill in Borehole 22-02 as described below.

The sandy gravel to gravel fill ranged in thickness from 3.7 to 5.1 m, with an underside depth ranging from 6.7 m to 10.7 m below ground surface (Elevation 354.3 m to 351.0 m).

SPT 'N' values in the fill ranged from 24 to 85 blows per 0.3 m penetration, indicating a compact to very dense relative density. A sulfur-like odor was encountered within the fill at a depth of 3.7 m in Borehole 22-01. In Borehole 22-02, the drilling casing sheared at a depth of 8.2 m within the gravel fill, and therefore a DCPT was conducted from 8.2 m depth to continue the borehole in lieu of sampling. The DCPT encountered refusal of 100 blows per 0.3 m penetration at a depth of 10.7 m (Elevation 351.0 m). The borehole was then offset to readvance the casing and continue drilling. Coring methods were required to penetrate a 0.7 m thick zone of cobbles of up to 125 mm in diameter from a depth of 9.8 to 10.5 m (Elevation 351.9 to 351.2 m).

The measured moisture contents generally ranged from 0.2 to 4%.

#### 5.4 Silty Clay

A 1.2 m thick layer of possibly native silty clay was encountered below the gravel fill in Borehole 22-02 from a depth of 10.7 to 11.9 m (Elevation 351.0 to 349.8 m). No samples of this material were recovered.

#### 5.5 Bedrock

The overburden soils described above are underlain by bedrock. The bedrock is described as granite, is red and grey in colour and is slightly weathered to fresh. Bedrock was proven by coring 3.1 to 3.8 m in both boreholes.

Table 5.1 summarizes the depths and elevations to the top of the bedrock at the borehole locations. Based on Boreholes 22-01 and 22-02, the bedrock surface slopes down in a general west to east direction. Photographs of the rock cores are included in Appendix B.

**Table 5.1 - Depths and Elevations of Top of Bedrock**

Borehole	Top of Bedrock	
	Depth Below Existing Grade Level (m)	Elevation (m)
22-01	6.7	354.3
22-02	11.9	349.8

Total Core Recovery (TCR) in the bedrock ranged between 98% to 100% throughout all runs, and Solid Core Recovery (SCR) ranged between 81% to 100%. The Rock Quality Designation (RQD) measures from the recovered cores ranged between 66% and 100%, which indicates fair to excellent rock quality; typically excellent. The Fracture Index (FI) of the rock, expressed as fractures per 0.3 m of core ranged from 0 to 3.

Average unconfined compressive strengths (UCS) of the rock ranged between 119 and 218 MPa, indicating the rock is typically very strong. These estimated rock strength values are interpreted from point load tests that were conducted on rock cores recovered from the boreholes. A summary of the point load tests results are presented in Appendix B.

#### 5.6 Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater conditions were observed during drilling operations and groundwater levels were measured in the open boreholes upon completion of drilling (inside the drill casing). The measured groundwater levels are summarized in Table 5. below.





**Table 5.2: Groundwater Measurements**

Borehole	Date	Water Level (m)		Remark
		Depth	Elevation	
22-01	October 15, 2022	6.7	354.3*	Open Borehole (inside drill casing)
22-02	October 17, 2022	7.7	354.0*	Open Borehole (inside drill casing)

\* May not represent stabilized water level as water was incorporated in the boreholes for drilling advancement and coring bedrock

The local surface water level of Wabigoon River was reportedly measured at Elevation 354.3 m in November 2014.

It should also be noted that groundwater levels are short term observations and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level are to be expected. In particular, the groundwater level may be at a higher elevation after periods of significant and/or prolonged precipitation and spring snow melts. The water level will also vary due to dam control near Wabigoon River.

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS**

RPM Drilling Ltd. of Thunder Bay, Ontario supplied a rubber tire-mounted CME750 drill rig to conduct the drilling, sampling and in-situ testing operations for the boreholes. Traffic control services conforming to Ontario Book 7 were provided by Men at Worx Inc.

The field investigation was supervised on a full-time basis by Mr. Greg Stanhope, E.I.T. of Thurber. Overall supervision of the field program was provided by Ms. Madisan Chiarotto, E.I.T. and Mr. Mark Farrant, P. Eng. of Thurber.

Interpretation of the field data and preparation of the report was carried out by Ms. Madisan Chiarotto, E.I.T. and Mr. Mark Farrant, P.Eng. The report was reviewed by Dr. P.K. Chatterji, P.Eng., a Designated Principal Contact for MTO Foundations Projects.

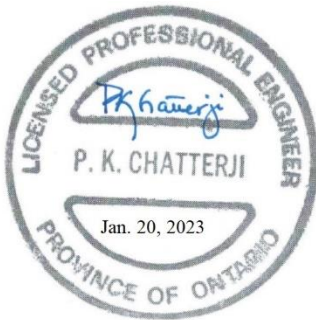


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## **Appendix A**

### **Record of Borehole Sheets**

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

### 1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

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



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

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

### 5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

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

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


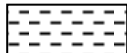



 Water Level  
 Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

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

# UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION

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

## EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

<u>ROCK WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION</u>		<u>SYMBOLS</u>	
<b>Fresh (FR)</b>	No visible signs of weathering.		
<b>Fresh Jointed (FJ)</b>	Weathering limited to the surface of major discontinuities.		CLAYSTONE
<b>Slightly Weathered (SW)</b>	Penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces, but only slight weathering of rock material.		SILTSTONE
<b>Moderately Weathered (MW)</b>	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass, but the rock material is not friable.		SANDSTONE
<b>Highly Weathered (HW)</b>	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass and the rock is partly friable.		COAL
<b>Completely Weathered (CW)</b>	Rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition, but the rock texture and structure are preserved.		Bedrock (general)

<u>DISCONTINUITY SPACING</u>		<u>STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION</u>			
Bedding	Bedding Plane Spacing	Rock Strength	Approximate Uniaxial Compressive Strength		Field Estimation of Hardness*
			(MPa)	(psi)	
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2m	Extremely Strong	Greater than 250	Greater than 36,000	Specimen can only be chipped with a geological hammer
Thickly bedded	0.6 to 2m				
Medium bedded	0.2 to 0.6m	Very Strong	100-250	15,000 to 36,000	Requires many blows of geological hammer to break
Thinly bedded	60mm to 0.2m	Strong	50-100	7,500 to 15,000	Requires more than one blow of geological hammer to break
Very thinly bedded	20 to 60mm				
Laminated	6 to 20mm	Medium Strong	25.0 to 50.0	3,500 to 7,500	Breaks under single blow of geological hammer.
Thinly Laminated	Less than 6mm				




<u>TERMS</u>					
Total Core Recovery: (TCR)	Core recovered as a percentage of total core run length.	Weak	5.0 to 25.0	750 to 3,500	Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty
Solid Core Recovery: (SCR)	Percent Ratio of solid core of full cylindrical shape recovered. Expressed with respect to the total length of core run.	Very Weak	1.0 to 5.0	150 to 750	Can be peeled by a pocket knife, crumbles under firm blows of geological pick.
Rock Quality Designation: (RQD)	Total length of sound core recovered in pieces 0.1m in length or larger as a percentage of total core run length.	Extremely Weak (Rock)	0.25 to 1.0	35 to 150	Indented by thumbnail
Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS)	Axial stress required to break the specimen				
Fracture Index: (FI)	Frequency of natural fractures per 0.3m of core run.				

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 22-01

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METRIC

GWP# 6117-17-00 LOCATION Wabigoon River Bridge; NAD83-16: N 5 519 740.1 E 313 849.0 ORIGINATED BY GS  
 DIST Kenora HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY MC  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2022.10.13 - 2022.10.15 LATITUDE 49.815131 LONGITUDE -92.874255 CHECKED BY MEF

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT      NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT      LIQUID LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT  <b>γ</b>  kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa				W <sub>P</sub> W      W <sub>L</sub>				
								20   40   60   80   100				20   40   60				
						○ UNCONFINED      + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL      × LAB VANE				WATER CONTENT (%)						
361.0	GROUND SURFACE														GR   SA   SI   CL	
0.0	ASPHALT: (165mm)															
0.2	SAND and GRAVEL, trace to some silt Very Dense Brown Moist (FILL)		1	SS	50/ 0.100											
			2	SS	59											
			3	SS	75											
			4	SS	92/ 0.250											
358.0																
3.0	Sandy GRAVEL, trace silt Very Dense Brown Moist (FILL)  Strong sulfur-like odor encountered at 3.7m  Below 3.7m, borehole offset 1.4m west		5	SS	85											
			6	SS	82											
	Becoming dense		7	SS	31											
354.3																
6.7	BEDROCK (GRANITE), slightly weathered to fresh, medium to large grained rock with clear foliation, very strong, red/grey		1	RUN												
			2	RUN												
			3	RUN												

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



# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 22-01

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METRIC

GWP# 6117-17-00 LOCATION Wabigoon River Bridge; NAD83-16: N 5 519 740.1 E 313 849.0 ORIGINATED BY GS  
 DIST Kenora HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers/NQ Coring COMPILED BY MC  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2022.10.13 - 2022.10.15 LATITUDE 49.815131 LONGITUDE -92.874255 CHECKED BY MEF

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE									
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350.5																	
10.5	END OF BOREHOLE AT 10.5m. OPEN BOREHOLE TO 3.8m WITH WATER LEVEL READING TAKEN AT 6.7m INSIDE CASING (UNSTABILIZED). BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE HOLEPLUG TO 0.5m, THEN SAND AND GRAVEL TO 0.3m, THEN CONCRETE TO 0.1m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.																

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 22-02

1 OF 2

METRIC

GWP# 6117-17-00 LOCATION Wabigoon River Bridge; NAD83-16: N 5 519 734.1 E 313 894.2 ORIGINATED BY GS  
DIST Kenora HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers/NW Boring/NQ Coring COMPILED BY MC  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 2022.10.14 - 2022.10.17 LATITUDE 49.815076 LONGITUDE -92.873626 CHECKED BY MEF

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				UNIT WEIGHT  <b>γ</b>  kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
361.7	GROUND SURFACE							20 40 60 80 100							
0.0	ASPHALT: (178mm)							20 40 60 80 100							
0.2	<b>SAND</b> and <b>GRAVEL</b> to Gravelly <b>SAND</b> , trace to some silt, trace cobbles and boulders Dense to Very Dense Brown Moist (FILL)  Auger grinding from 1.4m to 4.5m		1	SS	88										
			2	GS											
			3	SS	34										
			4	SS	46										
			5	SS	50/ 0.125										
	No recovery		6	GS											
	Cored though cobbles and boulders up to 225mm diameter from 4.4m to 5.5m		7	SS	100/ 0.050										
	Sulfur-like odor encountered at 5.6m														
356.1															
5.6	<b>GRAVEL</b> , trace sand, trace silt, trace cobbles and boulders Compact White to Black Wet (FILL)		8	SS	24										
			9	SS	35										
353.5															
8.2	NW Casing sheared at 8.2m. Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCPT) started at 8.2m. Re-advanced NW Casing from surface (offset 4.9m east). Cored through cobbles up to 125mm diameter from 9.8m to 10.5m (POSSIBLY FILL)														

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity 20 15 10 5 0 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 22-02

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METRIC

GWP# 6117-17-00 LOCATION Wabigoon River Bridge; NAD83-16: N 5 519 734.1 E 313 894.2 ORIGINATED BY GS  
 DIST Kenora HWY 17 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers/NW Boring/NQ Coring COMPILED BY MC  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2022.10.14 - 2022.10.17 LATITUDE 49.815076 LONGITUDE -92.873626 CHECKED BY MEF

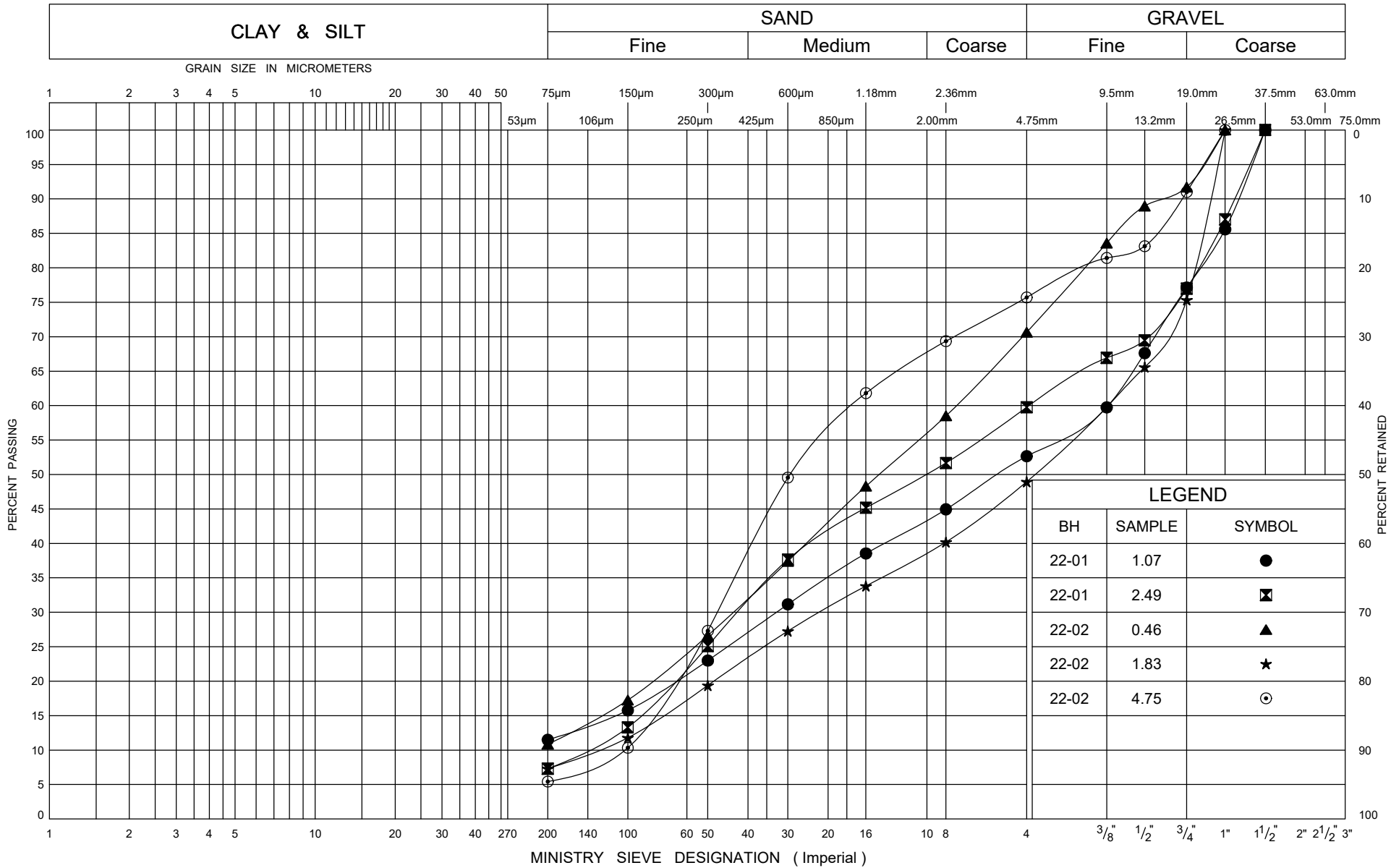
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT  $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED      + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL    x LAB VANE				
	Continued From Previous Page							20 40 60 80 100		20 40 60		
351.0	DCPT refusal at 10.7m											
10.7	No sampling from 10.7m to 11.9m. Driller notes possible silty clay soil (POSSIBLY NATIVE)											
349.8												
11.9	<b>BEDROCK (GRANITE)</b> , slightly weathered to fresh, medium to large grained rock with clear foliation, very strong, red/grey		1	RUN								
			2	RUN								
346.7												
15.0	END OF BOREHOLE AT 14.9m. OPEN BOREHOLE TO 10.2m WITH WATER LEVEL READING TAKEN AT 7.7m INSIDE CASING (UNSTABILIZED). BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE HOLEPLUG TO 0.5m, THEN SAND AND GRAVEL TO 0.3m, THEN CONCRETE TO 0.2m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.											

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## **Appendix B**

### **Laboratory Test Results**





# ASTM D5731-08

Date Drilled:	15-Oct-22
Date Tested:	15-Nov-22
Tester:	GA

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# POINT LOAD TEST SHEET

## ASTM D5731-08

Job No:	34752		
Client:	Morrison Hershfield		
Project Name:	Wabigoon River Bridge		
Core Size:	NQ	BH No :	22-02C

Date Drilled:	17-Oct-22
Date Tested:	15-Nov-22
Tester:	GA

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### Borehole 22-01 Bedrock Core: Runs 1, 2 and 3



### Borehole 22-02 Bedrock Core: Runs 1 and 2







## **Appendix C**

### **Site Photographs**



**Photo 1: Looking west at west approach to bridge on Highway 17 (October 2022)**



**Photo 2: Looking east at east approach to bridge on Highway 17 (October 2022)**



**Photo 3: Looking east along north side of bridge (October 2022)**



**Photo 4: Looking south at north side of bridge (October 2022)**





**Photo 5: Looking southwest at northwest corner of bridge (embankment toe erosion)  
(October 2022)**



**Photo 6: Looking down at toe erosion at northwest corner of bridge (October 2022)**





**Photo 7: Looking southeast at toe erosion at northwest corner of bridge (October 2022)**

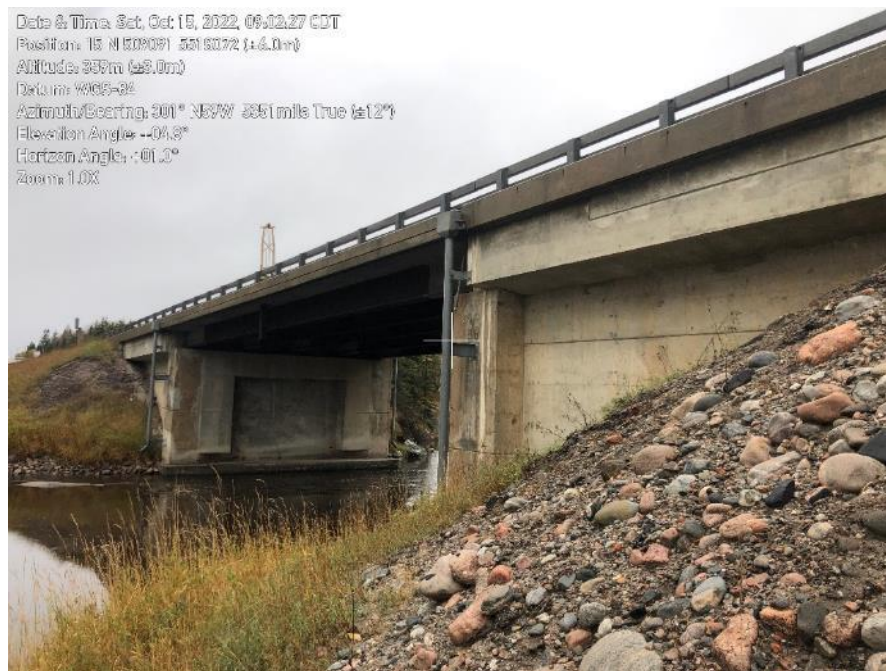


**Photo 8: Looking south towards slide beyond ditch at southwest corner of bridge (October 2022)**





**Photo 9: Looking east along south side of bridge (October 2022)**

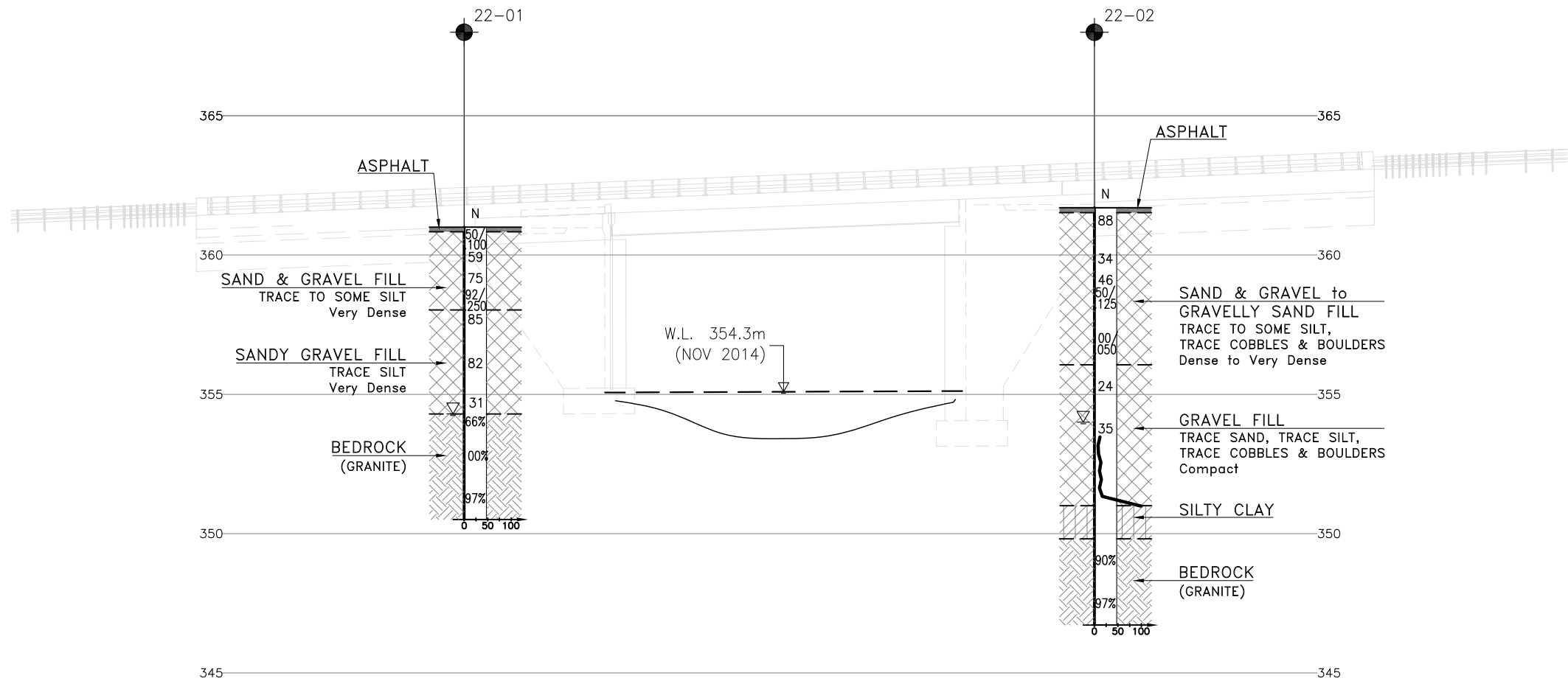
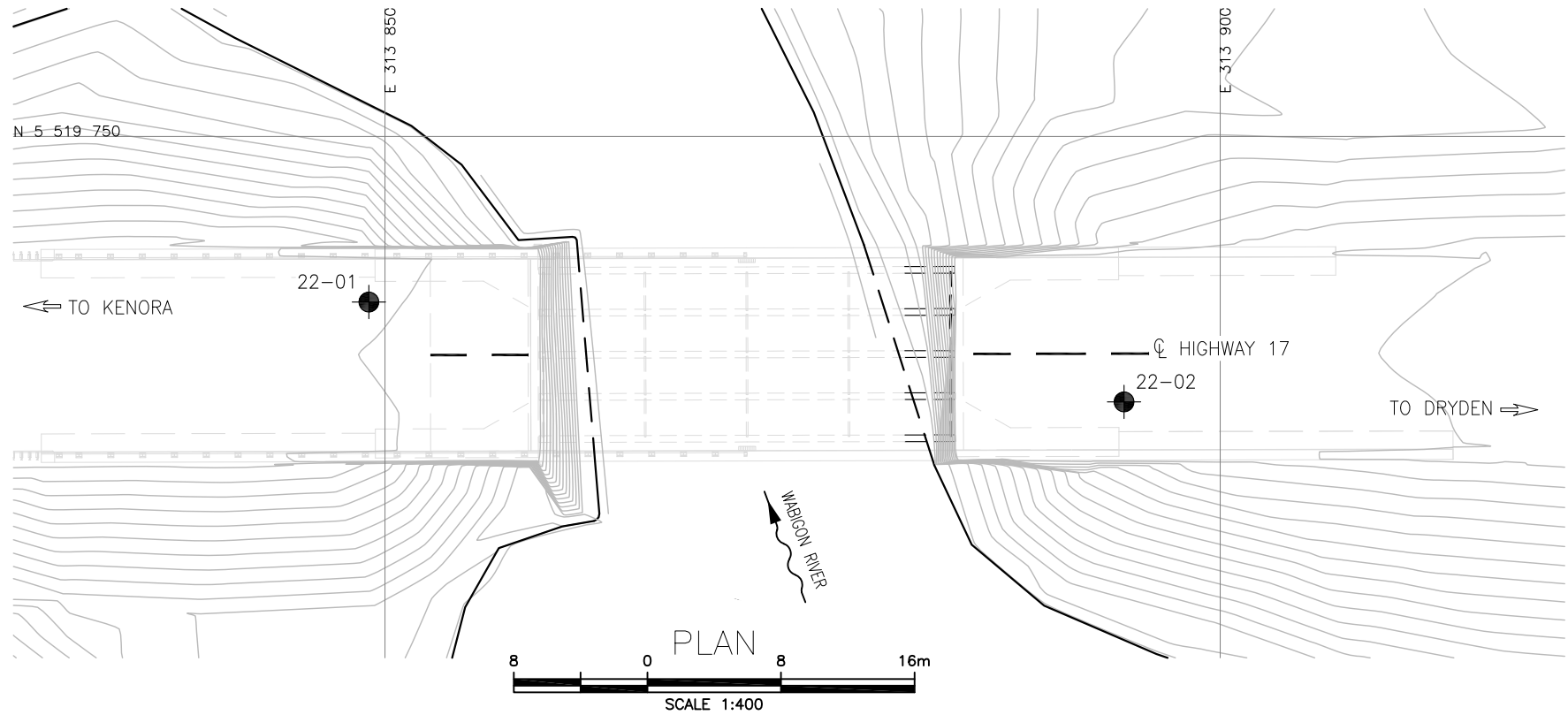


**Photo 10: Looking west along south side of bridge (October 2022)**



## **Appendix D**

### **Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing**



METRIC  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES  
AND/OR MILLIMETRES  
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HIGHWAY 11  
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REHABILITATION  
BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA



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### KEYPLAN

### LEGEND

●	Borehole
⊕	Borehole and Cone
N	Blows /0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475J/blow)
CONE	Blows /0.3m (60° Cone, 475J/blow)
PH	Pressure, Hydraulic
▽	Water Level
⌵	Head Artesian Water
⌵	Piezometer
90%	Rock Quality Designation (RQD)
A/R	Auger Refusal

NO	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
22-01	361.0	5 519 740.1	313 849.0
22-02	361.7	5 519 734.1	313 894.2

### -NOTES-

- The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.
- This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.
- Coordinate system is MTM NAD 83 Zone 16.

GEOCRES No. 52F-68

REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
DESIGN	MC	CHK MEF	CODE
DRAWN	AN	CHK MC	SITE 41S-0042/80
LOAD	DATE	JAN 2023	DWG 1





## **Appendix E**

### **Stratigraphic Profile Drawing from Geocres 52F00-007**

