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**FINAL  
FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE STRUCTURE No. 40-023  
HIGHWAY 35 GULL RIVER NORTH BRIDGE  
LUTTERWORTH TOWNSHIP  
G.W.P. 5087-11-00  
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**PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the factual data obtained from a foundation investigation conducted by Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Thurber) for the proposed rehabilitation of the Gull River North Bridge located on Highway 35, within Lutterworth Township. Thurber carried out the investigation as a subconsultant to McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers (MPCE) as part of Agreement No. 5015-E-0043.

The purpose of this investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the site and, based on this data, provide a borehole location plan, record of boreholes, a stratigraphic profile, laboratory test results and a written description of the subsurface conditions. A base plan survey drawing was provided by MPCE for the preparation of this report.

An earlier foundation investigation report that has been obtained from the Geocres Library and reviewed during preparation of this report is as follows:

Foundation Investigation Report for New Structure at Gull River & Hwy. #35, Moore's Falls, District #11 (Huntsville), W.J. 67-F-56 - W.P. 425-65 & 106-65 (Geocres 31D00-128), dated August 1967.

The boreholes from this historic report were drilled off the current alignment of Highway 35 and therefore may not reflect conditions at the existing bridge foundations. Furthermore, the position of the boreholes from the historical report relative to the boreholes completed as part of the current investigation are not known. For these reasons the historic boreholes have not been included in the description of the subsurface conditions within this report.

**2 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The existing structure (No. 40-023) is located on Highway 35, approximately 0.4 km north of Haliburton Road 2 (Deep Bay Rd) near Miner's Bay, Ontario. It is noted that for project orientation purposes, Highway 35 within the project limits, will be described with a north-south alignment. The location of the bridge is shown on the inset Key Plan on Drawing No. 1 in Appendix A.

Within the project limits, Highway 35 is a two-lane highway. Based on the September 2017 drawing provided by MPCE, the roadway cross-section consists of two, 3.75 m wide lanes, and paved shoulders with a width of 1.5 m and 1.2 m on the SBL and NBL respectively. There is a 1.5 m wide sidewalk just outside the shoulder on the south bound side. Steel guide rails are located on both sides of the highway for a short distance from the bridge.

The existing bridge is a 20 m single span concrete bridge. The bridge is noted in the RFP to have been constructed in 1968 with the north abutment of the bridge founded on steel H piles driven to bedrock and the south abutment founded on spread footings on bedrock.

The embankment slopes located adjacent to the abutment are inclined at approximately 2H:1V with the surface consisting of granular fill. Based on the drawing provided by MPCE, the elevation of the center line of roadway is approximately 274.0 m and 273.5 m at the north and south abutments, respectively.

Flow in the river is from west to east. Water control dams are located in close proximity to the downstream side of the bridge. Since the Gull River Bridge is located upstream of the water control structures it is expected that relatively quick changes in water levels may be encountered. The topography adjacent to the river at the site is rolling forested lands with frequent bedrock outcrops. The land in the vicinity of the bridge is occupied mainly by single-family dwellings and cottages with the exception of a restaurant which is present southwest of the bridge site. Traffic volumes are understood to be 3150 AADT (2013).

Site photographs showing the general conditions at the site during the time of the field investigation are presented in Appendix D.

### 3 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FIELD TESTING

Thurber contacted Ontario One Call in advance of the field investigation to obtain utility locate clearances in the vicinity of the proposed boreholes.

The field investigation for this site included advancing two boreholes drilled from May 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. The northing, easting and elevation of the boreholes are shown on the Borehole Location and Soil Strata Drawing No. 1 in Appendix A and are summarized in Table 3-1. The site is within MTM Zone 10.

**Table 3-1: Borehole Summary**

<b>Borehole No.</b>	<b>Drilled Location</b>	<b>Northing (m)</b>	<b>Easting (m)</b>	<b>Ground Surface Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Borehole Termination Depth Below Existing Ground Surface (m)</b>
17-1	North Abutment – southbound lane	4 963 088.2	359 963.9	274.3	17.6
17-2	South Abutment – northbound lane	4 963 103.5	359 926.2	273.4	8.7

Both boreholes were advanced through the roadway embankment with a truck mounted CME 75 drill rig equipped with NW casing. The subsurface stratigraphy encountered in the boreholes was recorded in the field by Thurber personnel. Split spoon samples were collected at regular depth intervals in the boreholes via the completion of Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), following the methods described in ASTM Standard D1586. Shallow bedrock was cored and collected using NQ coring equipment. All soil and rock core samples recovered from the boreholes were transported to Thurber’s Ottawa geotechnical laboratory for further examination and testing.

The boreholes were backfilled with a low-permeability mixture of auger cuttings and bentonite pellets in accordance with Ontario MOE Regulation 903. The backfill within Borehole 17-2 was supplemented with 4 bags of clean gravel due to a 0.6 m void encountered during drilling. Boreholes advanced within paved areas were capped with cuttings followed by 150 mm of cold patch asphalt to reinstate the travelling surface.

The as-drilled locations and ground surface elevation of the boreholes were surveyed by MPCE in July 2017.

### **3.1 Laboratory Testing**

Geotechnical laboratory testing consisted of natural moisture content determination and visual identification of all retained soil samples in accordance with the current MTO standards. Grain size distribution analyses testing was also carried out on selected samples to MTO and ASTM standards. All rock cores were photographed and their total core recovery (TCR), solid core recover (SCR) and rock quality designation (RQD) were determined. Chemical analysis for determination of pH, conductivity, resistivity, soluble sulphate and chloride concentrations was carried out on two soil samples.

The results of the geotechnical tests are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets included in Appendix B and all laboratory results are presented on the figures included in Appendix C.

## **4 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 Overview / General**

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix B for details of the soil stratigraphy encountered in the boreholes. A stratigraphic profile for the bridge area is presented on Drawing No. 1 in Appendix A for illustrative purposes. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs; however, the factual data presented in the Record of Boreholes governs any interpretation of the site conditions.

The stratigraphy encountered in the boreholes is generally characterized by the asphalt pavement, granular and embankment fill overlying native overburden at the north abutment and bedrock at the south abutment. At the north abutment, the native soil consists of clay underlain by silt, sandy silt and silty sand with gravel.

### **4.2 Asphalt**

Both boreholes were advanced through the Highway 35 pavement structure. The thickness of the asphalt ranged from 210 mm to 355 mm.

### **4.3 Embankment Fill**

A granular fill layer consisting predominantly of sand with silt and gravel to gravel with sand was encountered below the asphalt in both boreholes. The fill ranged in thickness from 3.5 to 4.8 m (bottom elevation of 268.2 m to 270.6 m). Occasional cobbles and boulders were present in the fill with frequent cobbles present in the gravel with sand fill in Borehole 17-2. The SPT 'N' values typically ranged from 9 blows to 100 blows for 200 mm of penetration; indicating a loose to very dense condition. In Borehole 17-02, a 0.6 m void was present in the fill from elevation 271.1 m to 270.5 m. In order to further understand the limits and extent of the void a ground penetrating radar

(GPR) survey was undertaken in the area of both the north and south bridge approaches. The final GPR report has been included in Appendix E for reference.

The moisture content of the granular fill samples tested ranged from 6% to 17%. The results of three grain size analyses conducted on samples of granular fill are summarized in Table 4-1 and illustrated on Figure C1 in Appendix C.

**Table 4-1: Gradation Results for Granular Fill**

Soil Particle	%
Gravel	23 to 56
Sand	40 to 67
Silt and Clay	4 to 10

#### 4.4 Clay (CL to CI)

A deposit of clay was encountered below the fill in Borehole 17-1. The clay had a thickness of 1.6 m with a base depth of 5.3 m (base elevation 268.9 m). The SPT 'N' values in the clay ranged from 5 to 9 blows per 300 mm penetration; indicating a firm to stiff condition.

The moisture content of the clay samples tested ranged from 33% to 37%. The results of a grain size analysis conducted on a sample of clay is summarized in Table 4-2 and is illustrated on Figure C2 in Appendix C.

**Table 4-2: Gradation Results for Clay (CL to CI)**

Soil Particle	%
Gravel	0
Sand	1
Silt	68
Clay	31

Atterberg Limit testing was completed on one sample of the clay. The results are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix B and the Atterberg Limit graph is included on Figure C5 in Appendix C. The laboratory results are summarized in Table 4-3 and indicate that the clay ranges from low to intermediate plasticity (CL to CI).

**Table 4-3: Atterberg Results for Clay (CL to CI)**

Parameter	Value
Liquid Limit	35
Plastic Limit	24
Plasticity Index	11

#### 4.5 Silt (ML)

A deposit of silt was encountered below the clay in Borehole 17-01. The silt had a thickness of 6.9 m with a base depth of 12.2 m (base elevation 262.1 m). The silt deposit was interbedded with clay from 5.3 m to 7.2 m. The SPT 'N' values in the silt ranged from 5 to 12 blows per 300 mm penetration; indicating a loose to compact condition.

The moisture content of the silt samples tested ranged from 23% to 35%. The results of a grain size analysis conducted on a sample of silt is summarized in Table 4-4 and is illustrated on Figure C3 in Appendix C.

**Table 4-4: Gradation Results for Silt (ML)**

Soil Particle	%
Gravel	0
Sand	2
Silt	95
Clay	3

Atterberg Limit testing was completed on one sample of the silt and the results indicated the material was not plastic.

#### 4.6 Sandy Silt (ML)

A deposit of sandy silt was encountered below the silt in Borehole 17-01. The sandy silt had a thickness of 4.6 m with a base depth of 16.8 m (base elevation 257.5 m). The SPT 'N' values in the sandy silt ranged from 4 to 9 blows per 300 mm penetration; indicating a loose condition.

The moisture content of the sandy silt samples tested ranged from 19% to 29%. The results of a grain size analysis conducted on a sample of sandy silt is summarized in Table 4-5 and is illustrated on Figure C4 in Appendix C.

**Table 4-5: Gradation Results for Sandy Silt**

Soil Particle	%
Gravel	1
Sand	26
Silt	71
Clay	2

Atterberg Limit testing was completed on one sample of the sandy silt and the results indicated the material was not plastic.

#### 4.7 Silty Sand with Gravel

A deposit of silty sand with gravel was encountered below the sandy silt in Borehole 17-01. The borehole was terminated at SPT refusal in this deposit at a depth of 17.6 m (base elevation 256.7 m). The SPT 'N' values in the silty sand with gravel ranged from 22 to 100 blows per 25 mm

penetration; indicating a compact to very dense condition. One moisture content recorded in the silty sand with gravel was 3%.

#### 4.8 Bedrock

Granite bedrock was encountered below the embankment fill in Borehole 17-02 which was advanced into the bedrock by coring. Borehole 17-01 was terminated upon spoon refusal on inferred bedrock. The elevation of the bedrock surface is summarized in the table below:

**Table 4-6: Summary of Bedrock Elevation**

Location	Borehole No.	Depth Below Existing Ground Surface (m)	Top of Bedrock Elevation (m)
North Abutment	17-1	17.6	256.7*
South Abutment	17-2	5.2	268.2

(\*) – *Inferred by split spoon refusal*

The Total Core Recovery (TCR) ranged from 95 to 100%, the Solid Core Recovery (SCR) ranged from 89 to 98% and the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) ranged from 0 to 80% with typical values from 76 to 80%. Based on the RQD values the bedrock below a surficial weathered zone is classified as good quality.

#### 4.9 Groundwater

The ground water level was measured to be at elevation 271.1 m upon completion of drilling in Borehole 17-2. No water level was obtained in Borehole 17-1 during drilling due to the introduction of water into the casing by the drilling method used. The hydrology report should be referenced for water levels in the Gull River.

Due to the permeable nature of the granular fill and approach embankments; it is expected that the groundwater level will respond rapidly to the water level changes in Gull River.

#### 4.10 Results of Analytical Tests

Two samples of soil recovered from within the boreholes were selected and submitted for analytical testing including pH, conductivity, resistivity, chloride and sulphate. The results are summarized below and presented in the Certificate of Analysis included in Appendix C.

**Table 4-7: Analytical Results Summary**

Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)	pH	Conductivity (uS/cm)	Resistivity (Ohm-cm)	Chloride (µg/g)	Sulphate (µg/g)
17-1	SS5	4.0	7.32	321	3120	149	7
17-2	SS7	4.9	7.13	585	1710	210	149

## 5 MISCELLANEOUS

Thurber obtained utility clearances prior to drilling and the borehole locations were positioned relative to existing site features and proposed works. MPCE surveyed the borehole locations and ground surface elevations. George Downing Estate Drilling Ltd. of Hawkesbury, Ontario supplied and operated the drilling equipment to carry out the drilling, sampling, in-situ testing and borehole decommissioning. The abutment GPR survey was completed by Geophysics GPR International Inc. of Longueuil, Québec. The drilling, and sampling operations in the field were supervised on a full-time basis by Mr. Jeffery Morrison, E.I.T. of Thurber. Laboratory testing was carried out in Thurber's MTO-approved laboratory in Ottawa.

Overall project management and direction of the field program was provided by Mr. Stephen Peters, P.Eng. Interpretation of the field data and preparation of this report was completed by Miss. Deanna Pizycki M.Eng., E.I.T. The report was reviewed by Dr. Fred Griffiths, P.Eng. and Dr. P.K. Chatterji, P.Eng., the Designated Principal Contact for MTO Foundations Projects.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**BOREHOLE LOCATION AND SOIL STRATA DRAWINGS**



**APPENDIX B**  
**RECORD OF BOREHOLE SHEETS**



## SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON TEST HOLE RECORDS

### TERMINOLOGY DESCRIBING COMMON SOIL GENESIS

Topsoil	mixture of soil and humus capable of supporting vegetative growth
Peat	mixture of fragments of decayed organic matter
Till	unstratified glacial deposit which may include particles ranging in sizes from clay to boulder
Fill	material below the surface identified as placed by humans (excluding buried services)

### TERMINOLOGY DESCRIBING SOIL STRUCTURE:

Desiccated	having visible signs of weathering by oxidization of clay materials, shrinkage cracks, etc.
Fissured	having cracks, and hence a blocky structure
Varved	composed of alternating layers of silt and clay
Stratified	composed of alternating successions of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand
Layer	> 75 mm in thickness
Seam	2 mm to 75 mm in thickness
Parting	< 2 mm in thickness

### RECOVERY:

For soil samples, the recovery is recorded as the length of the soil sample recovered.

### N-VALUE:

Numbers in this column are the field results of the Standard Penetration Test: the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer falling 0.76 m, required to drive a 50 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 0.3 m into undisturbed soil. For samples where insufficient penetration was achieved and N-value cannot be presented, the number of blows are reported over the sampler penetration in millimetres (e.g. 50/75).

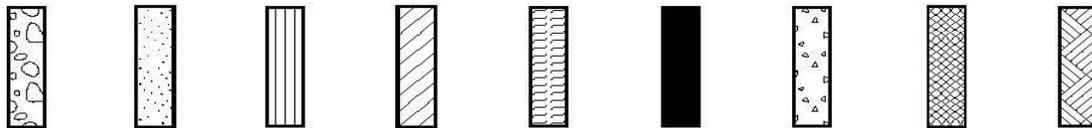
### DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST (DCPT):

Dynamic cone penetration tests are performed using a standard 60 degree apex cone connected to an "A" size drill rods with the same standard fall height and weight as the Standard Penetration Test. The DCPT value is the number of blows of the hammer required to drive the cone 0.3 m into the soil. The DCPT is used as a probe to assess soil variability.



**STRATA PLOT:**

Strata plots symbolize the soil and bedrock description. They are combinations of the following basic symbols. The dimensions within the strata symbols are not indicative of the particle size, layer thickness, etc.



Boulders  
Cobbles  
Gravel      Sand      Silt      Clay      Organics      Asphalt      Concrete      Fill      Bedrock

**TEXTURING CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS**

Classification	Particle Size
Boulders	Greater than 200 mm
Cobbles	75 – 200 mm
Gravel	4.75 – 75 mm
Sand	0.075 – 4.75 mm
Silt	0.002 – 0.075 mm
Clay	Less than 0.002 mm

**TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)**

Descriptive Term	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)
Very Soft	12 or less
Soft	12 – 25
Firm	25 – 50
Stiff	50 – 100
Very Stiff	100 – 200
Hard	Greater than 200

NOTE: Clay sensitivity is defined as the ratio of the undisturbed strength over the remolded strength.

**SAMPLE TYPES**

SS	Split spoon samples
ST	Shelby tube or thin wall tube
DP	Direct push sample
PS	Piston sample
BS	Bulk sample
WS	Wash sample
HQ, NQ, BQ etc.	Rock core sample obtained with the use of standard size diamond coring equipment

**TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)**

Descriptive Term	SPT "N" Value
Very Loose	Less than 4
Loose	4 – 10
Compact	10 – 30
Dense	30 – 50
Very Dense	Greater than 50



**MODIFIED UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION**

Major Divisions		Group Symbol	Typical Description
<b>COARSE GRAINED SOIL</b>	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.
<b>FINE GRAINED SOILS</b>	SILT AND CLAY SOILS $W_L < 35\%$	ML	Inorganic silts, 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.
		OL	Organic silts and organic silty-clays of low plasticity.
	SILT AND CLAY SOILS $35\% < W_L < 50\%$	MI	Inorganic compressible fine sandy silt with clay of medium plasticity, clayey silts.
		CI	Inorganic clays of medium plasticity, silty clays.
		OI	Organic silty clays of medium plasticity.
	SILT AND CLAY SOILS $W_L > 50\%$	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 high plasticity, organic silts.
<b>HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS</b>		Pt	Peat and other organic soils.

Note -  $W_L$  = Liquid Limit



## EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

### ROCK WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION

Fresh (FR)	No visible signs of weathering.
Fresh Jointed (FJ)	Weathering limited to surface of major discontinuities.
Slightly Weathered (SW)	Penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces, but only slight weathering of rock materials.
Moderately Weathered (MW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass, but the rock material is not friable.
Highly Weathered (HW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass and the rock is partly friable.
Completely Weathered (CW)	Rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition, but the rock texture and structures are preserved.

### TERMS

Total Core Recovery: (TCR)	Core recovered as a percentage of total core run length.
Solid Core Recovery: (SCR)	Percent ratio of solid core of full cylindrical shape recovered. Expressed with respect to the total length of core run.
Rock Quality Designation: (RQD)	Total length of sound core recovered in pieces 0.1 m in length or larger, as a percentage of total core length
Unconfined Compressive Strength: (UCS)	Axial stress required to break the specimen.
Fracture Index: (FI)	Frequency of natural fractures per 0.3 m of core run.

### DISCONTINUITY SPACING

Bedding	Bedding Plane Spacing
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2 m
Thickly bedded	0.6 to 2 m
Medium bedded	0.2 to 0.6 m
Thinly bedded	60 mm to 0.2 m
Very thinly bedded	20 to 60 mm
Laminated	6 to 20 mm
Thinly laminated	Less than 6 mm

### STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION

Rock Strength	Approximate Uniaxial Compressive Strength (MPa)
Extremely Strong	Greater than 250
Very Strong	100 – 250
Strong	50 – 100
Medium Strong	25 – 50
Weak	5 – 25
Very Weak	1 – 5
Extremely Weak	0.25 – 1

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-1

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**METRIC**

GWP# 5087-11-00 LOCATION Gull River North Bridge, MTM z10: N 4 963 088.2 E 359 963.9 ORIGINATED BY JM  
 HWY 35 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing COMPILED BY CM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.05.09 - 2017.05.09 CHECKED BY SP

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 (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					
						20 40 60 80 100 ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE WATER CONTENT (%) 20 40 60							
274.3													
0.0	<b>210 mm ASPHALT</b>												
0.2	SAND with Silt and Gravel, Occasional Cobbles Loose to Very Dense Brown <b>FILL</b>		1	SS	38								
			2	SS	13								45 47 8 (SI+CL)
			3	SS	9								
			4	SS	100/250mm								
	-840 mm Boulder at 2.8 m												
270.6													
3.7	<b>CLAY (CL-CI)</b> Firm to Stiff Brownish Grey		5	SS	9								0 1 68 31
			6	SS	5								
268.9													
5.3	<b>SILT (ML)</b> Loose to Compact Grey - interbedded with Clay from 5.3 m to 7.2 m		7	SS	9								
			8	SS	8								
			9	SS	10								0 2 95 3
			10	SS	12								

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

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-1

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**METRIC**

GWP# 5087-11-00 LOCATION Gull River North Bridge, MTM z10: N 4 963 088.2 E 359 963.9 ORIGINATED BY JM  
 HWY 35 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing COMPILED BY CM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.05.09 - 2017.05.09 CHECKED BY SP

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						
	Continued From Previous Page						20 40 60 80 100							
262.1	<b>SILT (ML)</b> Loose to Compact Grey		11	SS	5									
12.2	<b>Sandy SILT (ML)</b> Loose Grey		12	SS	6									
			13	SS	9									
			14	SS	4									1 26 71 2
257.5	<b>Silty SAND with Gravel</b> Compact Grey		15	SS	22									
256.7	End of Borehole		16	SS	100/ 25mm									

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 20  
 15  
 10  
 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 17-2

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**METRIC**

GWP# 5087-11-00 LOCATION Gull River North Bridge, MTM z10: N 4 963 103.5 E 359 926.2 ORIGINATED BY JM  
 HWY 35 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing / NQ Coring COMPILED BY CM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2017.05.10 - 2017.05.10 CHECKED BY SP

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 (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
273.4														
0.0	<b>355 mm ASPHALT</b>													
273.0														
0.4	SAND with Silt and Gravel Very Dense to Very Loose Brown <b>FILL</b>		1	SS	58						o			
			2	SS	35						o			
			3	SS	10						o			
271.1														
2.3	<b>VOID</b> - Possible 0.6 m void at 2.3 m		4	SS	WH									
270.5														
2.9	SAND with Silt and Gravel Compact Brown <b>FILL</b>		5	SS	25						o			
269.7														
3.7	GRAVEL with Sand, Frequent Cobbles Loose to Very Dense Brown <b>FILL</b>		6	SS	9						o			
			7	SS	100/ 200mm						o			
268.2														
5.2	-150 mm Boulder at 5.1 m <b>GRANITE BEDROCK</b> , Chlorite, Pyrite and Quartz Infills Very Strong Moderately Weathered Grey		1	RUN										
			2	RUN										
			3	RUN										
264.6														
8.7	End of Borehole Water at 271.1 m on completion of drilling													

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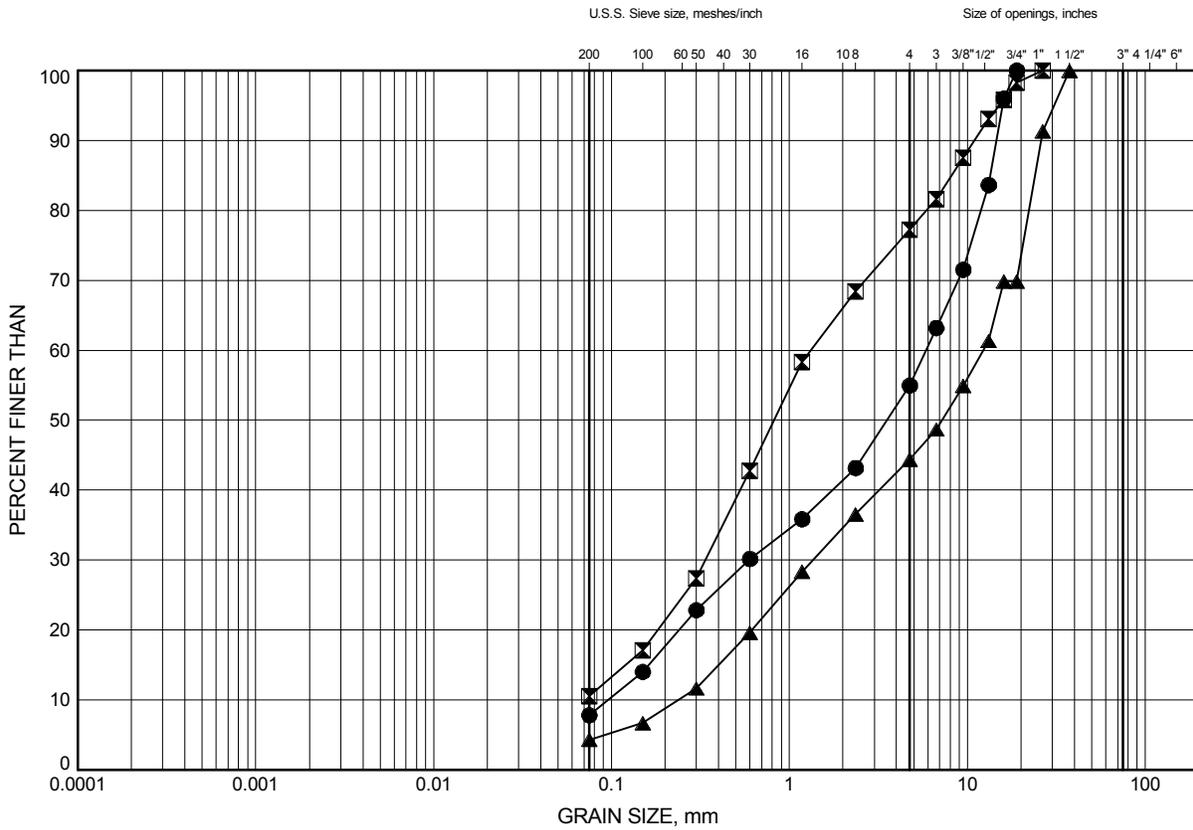
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 20  
 15  
 10  
 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

**APPENDIX C**  
**LABORATORY TEST RESULTS**

# Gull River North Bridge GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE C1

## Fill



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

### LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-1	1.12	273.14
⊠	17-2	1.27	272.11
▲	17-2	4.42	268.96

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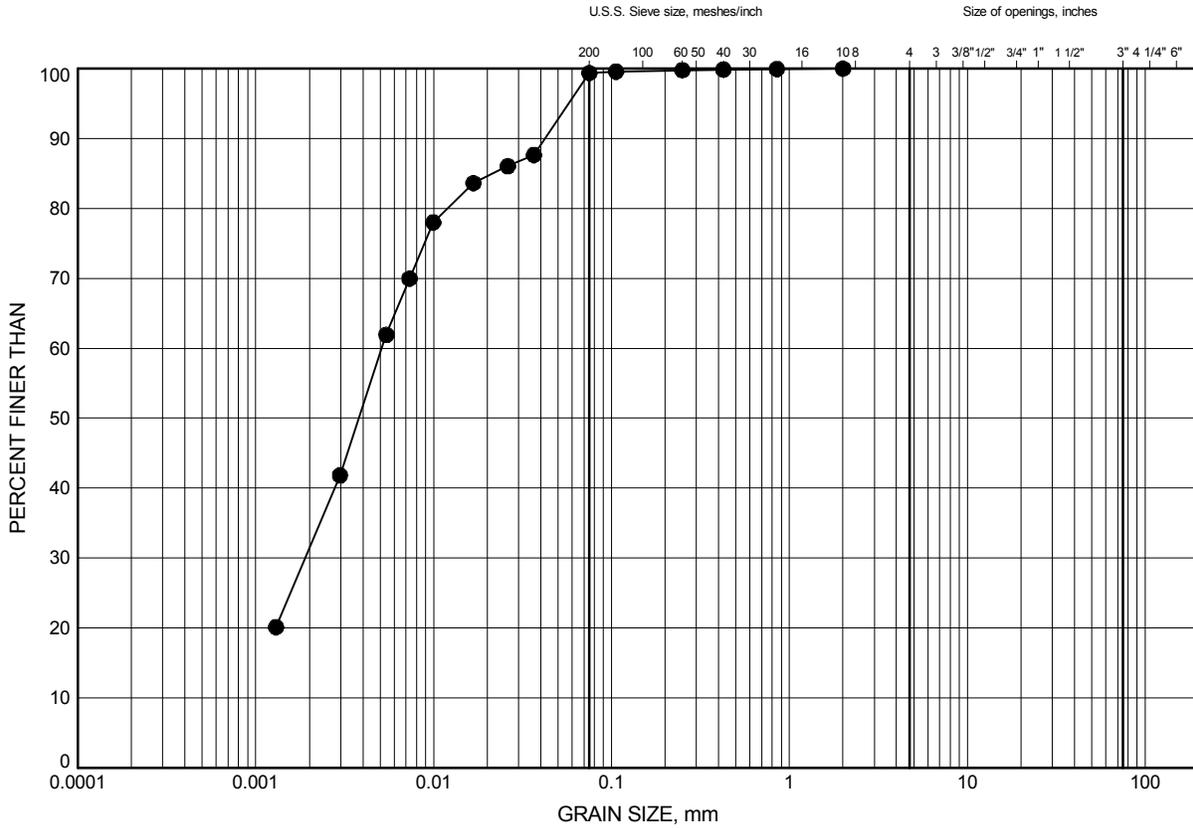


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Gull River North Bridge  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE C2

Clay (CL-CI)



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-1	4.11	270.14

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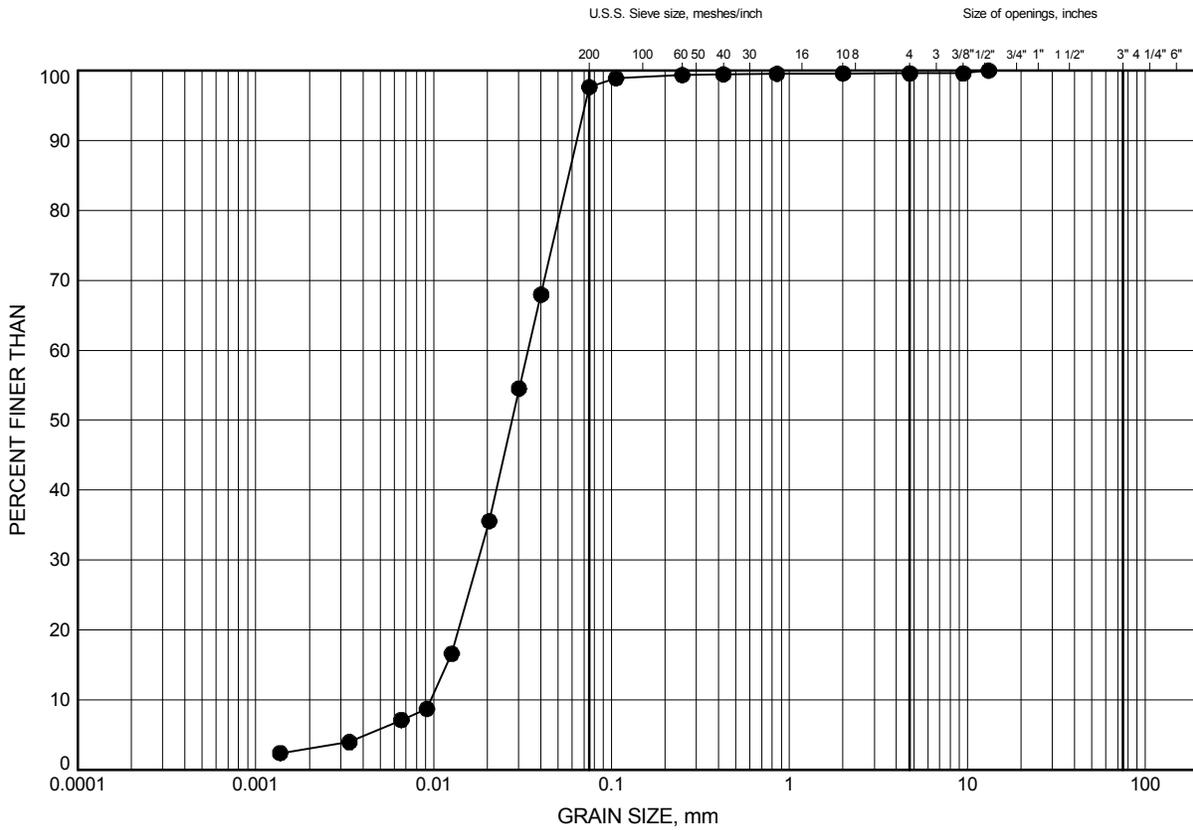


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Gull River North Bridge  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE C3

**Silt (ML)**



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-1	7.92	266.33

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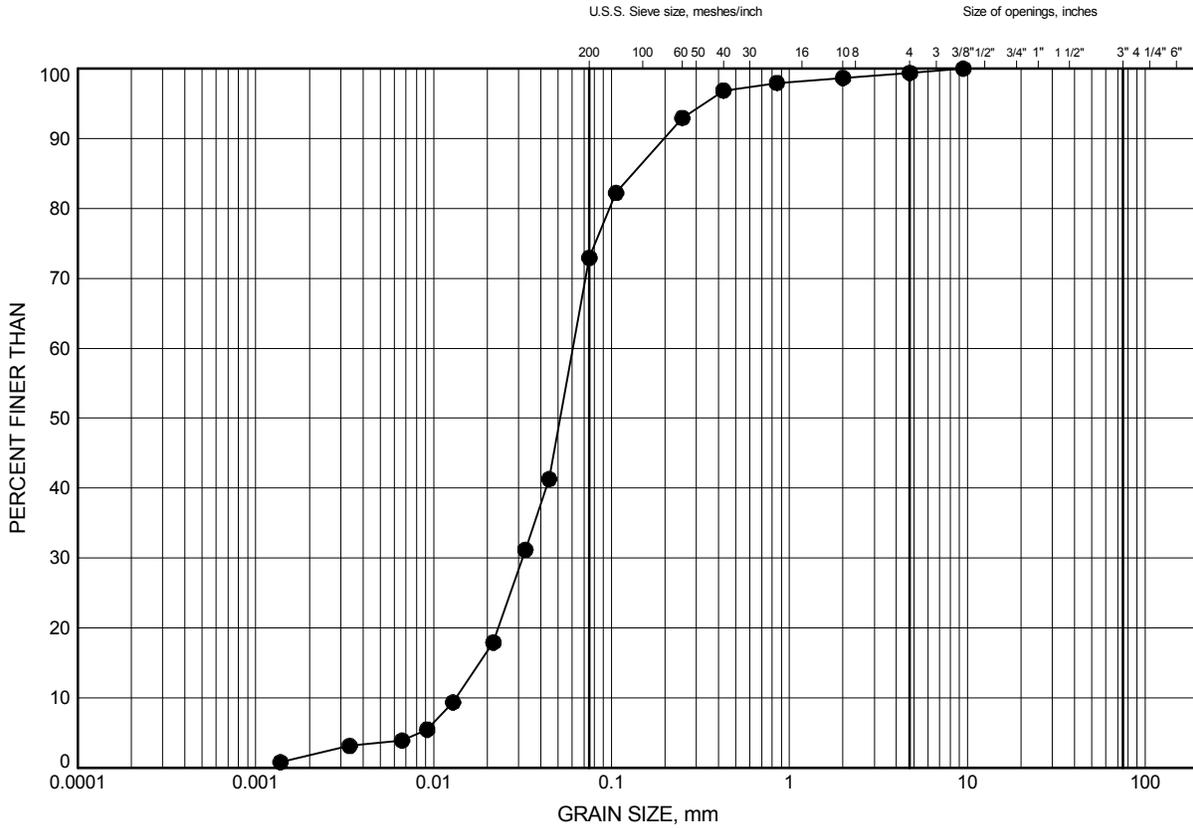


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Gull River North Bridge  
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

FIGURE C4

**Sandy Silt (ML)**



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-1	15.54	258.71

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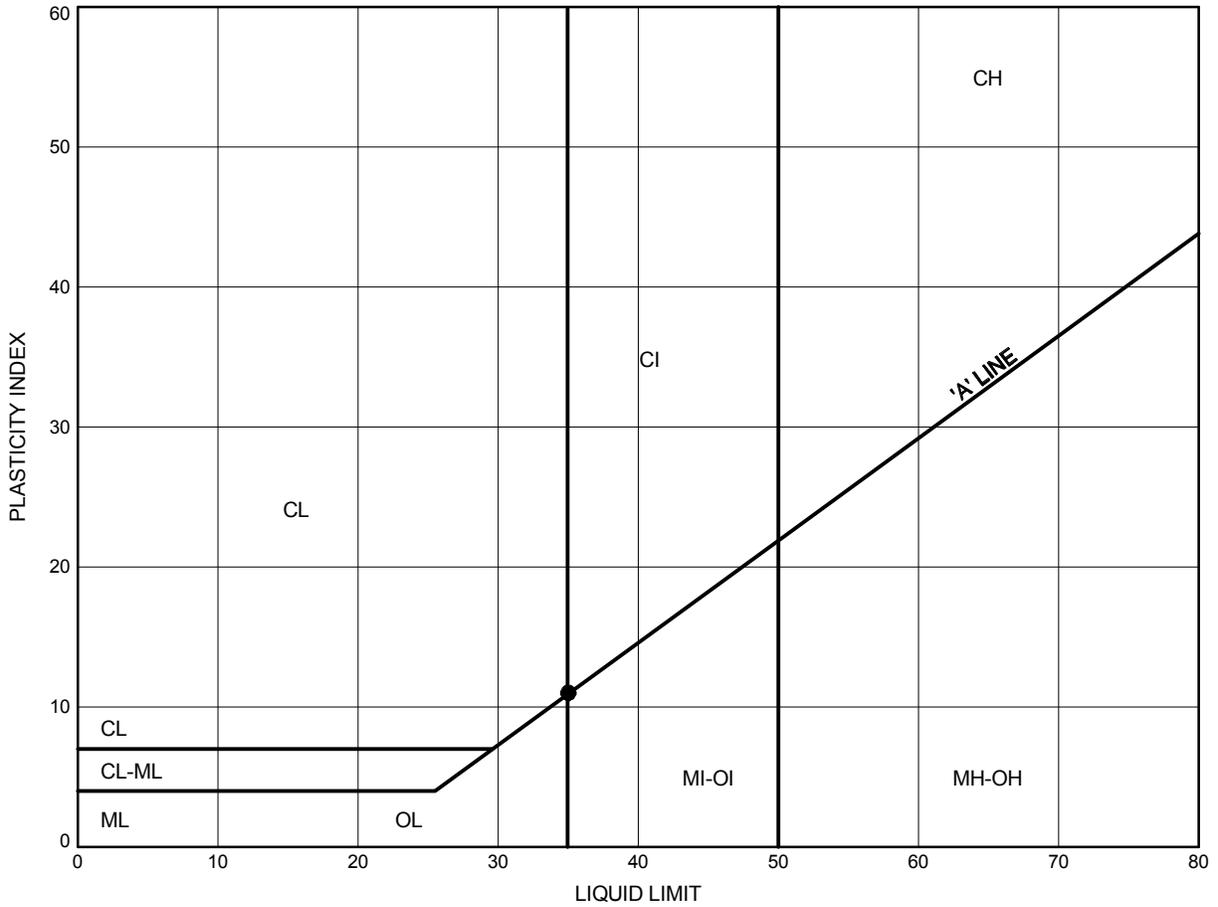


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Gull River North Bridge  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST RESULTS**

FIGURE C5

Clay (CL-CI)



**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	17-1	4.11	270.14

THURBALT 16284 GULL RIVER BRIDGE NORTH.GPJ 20/10/17

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**Borehole 17-2**  
**Runs 1 and 2 (of 3)**  
**Elevation 268.2 m to 266.2 m**



**Foundation Investigation**  
**Gull River North Bridge**  
**Lutterworth Township, Ontario**

**GWP: 5087-11-00**  
**Project No.: 16284**

**Borehole 17-2**  
**Run 3 (of 3)**  
**Elevation 266.2 m to 264.6 m**

Run 3 Start  
elev.266.2m



Run 3 End  
elev.264.6m



**Foundation Investigation**  
**Gull River North Bridge**  
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**GWP: 5087-11-00**  
**Project No.: 16284**

## Certificate of Analysis

**Thurber Engineering Ltd.**

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Attn: Stephen Peters

Client PO: 16284  
Project: North Gull River Bridge  
Custody: 14057

Report Date: 1-Jun-2017  
Order Date: 26-May-2017

**Order #: 1721508**

This Certificate of Analysis contains analytical data applicable to the following samples as submitted:

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Client ID</b>
1721508-01	17-1, SS5, 12'6"-14'6"
1721508-02	17-2, SS7, 15'6"-16'8"

Approved By:



Dale Robertson, BSc  
Laboratory Director

Certificate of Analysis  
Client: Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
Client PO: 16284

Report Date: 01-Jun-2017  
Order Date: 26-May-2017  
Project Description: North Gull River Bridge

## Analysis Summary Table

Analysis	Method Reference/Description	Extraction Date	Analysis Date
Anions	EPA 300.1 - IC, water extraction	29-May-17	29-May-17
Conductivity	MOE E3138 - probe @25 °C, water ext	1-Jun-17	1-Jun-17
pH, soil	EPA 150.1 - pH probe @ 25 °C, CaCl buffered ext.	28-May-17	28-May-17
Resistivity	EPA 120.1 - probe, water extraction	1-Jun-17	1-Jun-17
Solids, %	Gravimetric, calculation	28-May-17	28-May-17

Certificate of Analysis  
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<b>Client ID:</b>	17-1, SS5, 12'6"-14'6"	17-2, SS7, 15'6"-16'8"	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	09-May-17	10-May-17	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	1721508-01	1721508-02	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	Soil	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	74.9	86.4	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

Conductivity	5 uS/cm	321	585	-	-
pH	0.05 pH Units	7.32	7.13	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	31.2	17.1	-	-

**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	149	210	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	7	149	-	-

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 Project Description: **North Gull River Bridge**

**Method Quality Control: Blank**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	ND	5	ug/g						
Sulphate	ND	5	ug/g						
<b>General Inorganics</b>									
Conductivity	ND	5	uS/cm						
Resistivity	ND	0.10	Ohm.m						

Certificate of Analysis  
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**Method Quality Control: Duplicate**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	153	5	ug/g dry	151			1.5	20	
Sulphate	890	5	ug/g dry	884			0.7	20	
<b>General Inorganics</b>									
Conductivity	735	5	uS/cm	758			3.1	6.2	
pH	7.88	0.05	pH Units	7.85			0.4	10	
Resistivity	13.6	0.10	Ohm.m	13.2			3.1	20	
<b>Physical Characteristics</b>									
% Solids	85.6	0.1	% by Wt.	85.9			0.3	25	

Certificate of Analysis  
 Client: Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
 Client PO: 16284

Report Date: 01-Jun-2017

Order Date: 26-May-2017

Project Description: North Gull River Bridge

### Method Quality Control: Spike

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	256	5	ug/g	151	105	78-113			
Sulphate	972	5	ug/g	884	88.7	78-111			

Certificate of Analysis  
**Client: Thurber Engineering Ltd.**  
**Client PO: 16284**

Report Date: 01-Jun-2017  
Order Date: 26-May-2017  
**Project Description: North Gull River Bridge**

**Qualifier Notes:**

None

**Sample Data Revisions**

None

**Work Order Revisions / Comments:**

None

**Other Report Notes:**

n/a: not applicable  
ND: Not Detected  
MDL: Method Detection Limit  
Source Result: Data used as source for matrix and duplicate samples  
%REC: Percent recovery.  
RPD: Relative percent difference.

Soil results are reported on a dry weight basis when the units are denoted with 'dry'.  
Where %Solids is reported, moisture loss includes the loss of volatile hydrocarbons.

**APPENDIX D**  
**SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Figure 1: Roadway Platform at Bridge 40-023 looking South (05/11/2018)**



**Figure 2: Roadway Platform at Bridge 40-023 looking North (05/10/2017)**



**Figure 3: East Side of Bridge Looking North (05/11/2017)**



**Figure 4: West Side of Bridge Looking North (05/11/2017)**

**APPENDIX E**  
**GPR SURVEY REPORT**



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### **RE: GPR Scanning of Gull River North Bridge**

Geophysics GPR International Inc. was requested by Thurber Engineering Ltd to perform a high-resolution ground radar survey at the address above. The purpose of the survey was to search and delineate voids in the abutments of the bridge.

The survey was carried out on August 8, 2017.

This investigation utilized two ground penetrating radar antennas to generate a pseudo-cross section of the top 3m of the subsurface. A 1500 MHz antenna was utilized for it's high accuracy of the upper 50 to 70 centimeters. A 350 MHz antenna was also used for a deeper probe, reaching 3-4m below the surface, however, there is always a sacrifice of detail.

Profiles were collected perpendicular to the road with a line spacing of one meter.

### **South Abutment**

Four types of anomalies were found in the southern abutment (west side in terms of compass) of the Gull River North Bridge. The positions of all features are shown in Figure 1.

Anomalies found with the 1500 MHz are given an 'A' designation because they are shallow and a 'B' designation is assigned to the larger 350 MHz antenna because the targets are deeper.

Figure 2 highlights both anomaly types observed with the 1500MHz antenna.

A1: This appears to be a bold reflection from the base of the asphalt when compared to the rest of the survey area. There are two possibilities, something was laid on top of the granular before the asphalt was laid, which seems unlikely or there is a thin void.



A2: The base of the asphalt within a specific area has the appearance of caving slightly but a void has not formed. If there is a void it is very thin.

B1: Is a possible location where there was a former repair of granular base to a depth of 50 cm.

B3: Is a possible void observed with the 350 MHz antenna at an approximate depth of at least 1.5 m. Figure 4 is an example radar profile image over this target. The top of the void is apparent and the anomalous zone is only centimeters away from an existing borehole that encountered a void at 2.3 meters deep and 60 cm thick. Void thickness is somewhat difficult to measure for ground radar because the radar pulse travels so quickly through the air so it is difficult to observe a reflection from the bottom of the void. The reflector from the top of the void is at 1.5 meters and the follow-up reflection could be 15 cm later. This distance must be multiplied by 5 to account for the speed of the radar pulse in air so the void could be 75 cm thick. There is a stronger follow-up reflector that could double this thickness to 1.5 meters but this is quite uncertain.

There is roughly 7 meters of concrete (from the expansion joint) overlain by asphalt. The asphalt thickness is from 17 to 20 cm thick and the concrete is 15 to 17 cm thick.

The asphalt away from the abutment (> 7 meters from the expansion joint) is difficult to judge because there appears to be more than two lifts and if it is combined with the granular there may be 30 to 35 cm thick roughly.

Figure 3 is an example profile closer to the expansion joint that shows the asphalt over the concrete. From this area there is gleaned the following:

- 17 to 20 cm of asphalt
- depth of rebar is 7.5 to 10 into the concrete
- thickness of concrete 15 to 17 cm.
- spacing between rebars is 20 cm roughly.

### **North Abutment**

Three types of anomalies were found in the northern abutment (east side in terms of compass) of the Gull River North Bridge. The positions of all features are shown in Figure 5.

Anomalies found with the 1500 MHz are given an 'A' designation because they are shallow and a 'B' designation is assigned to the larger 350 MHz antenna because the targets are deeper.

Figure 6 highlights both anomaly types observed with the 1500MHz antenna.

A3: The base of the asphalt within a specific area has the appearance of caving slightly within the granular base but if there is a void it is likely very thin.

A4: This appears to be a bold reflection from the base of the asphalt when compared to the rest of the survey area. There are two possibilities, something was laid on top of the granular before the asphalt was laid, which seems unlikely or there is a thin void.



B2: Is a possible void at an approximate depth of at least 1.5 m. It is not certain but it may be partly under the concrete portion of the abutment. This is more difficult to observe due to the reinforcing steel within the concrete. Once again void thickness is somewhat difficult to measure for ground radar because the radar pulse travels so quickly through the air but the follow-up reflector after the top-of-void reflector is 60 cm if we factor in the speed of the radar pulse through air. It is not certain how reliable a thickness measurement can be when the void is likely an irregular shape.

There is roughly 4 meters of concrete (from the expansion joint) overlain by asphalt. The asphalt thickness is from 17 to 20 cm thick and the concrete is 15 to 17 cm thick.

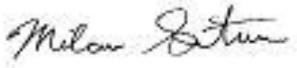
The asphalt away from the abutment (> 7 meters from the expansion joint) is difficult to judge because there appears to be more than two lifts and if it is combined with the granular there may be 30 to 35 cm thick roughly.

Figure 7 is an example profile closer to the expansion joint that shows the asphalt over the concrete. From this area there is gleaned the following:

- 15 to 20 cm of asphalt
- depth of rebar is 7 to 10 into the concrete
- thickness of concrete 15 to 17 cm, although not certain, could be double this
- spacing between rebars is 20 cm roughly.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Milan Situm, P.Ge.  
Manager



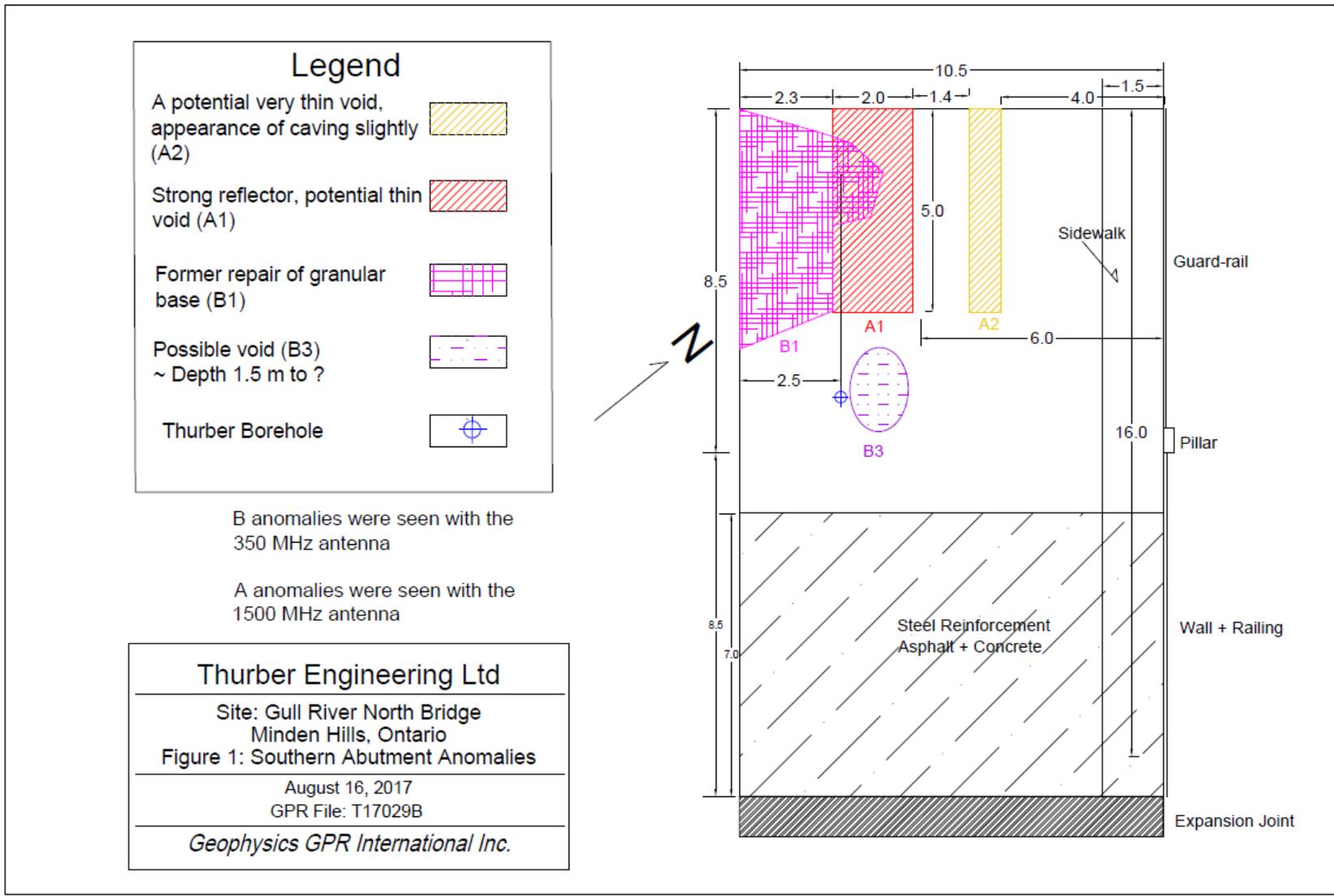


Figure 1: Gull River North Bridge, Southern section. Anomalies represented by coloured hatched areas.

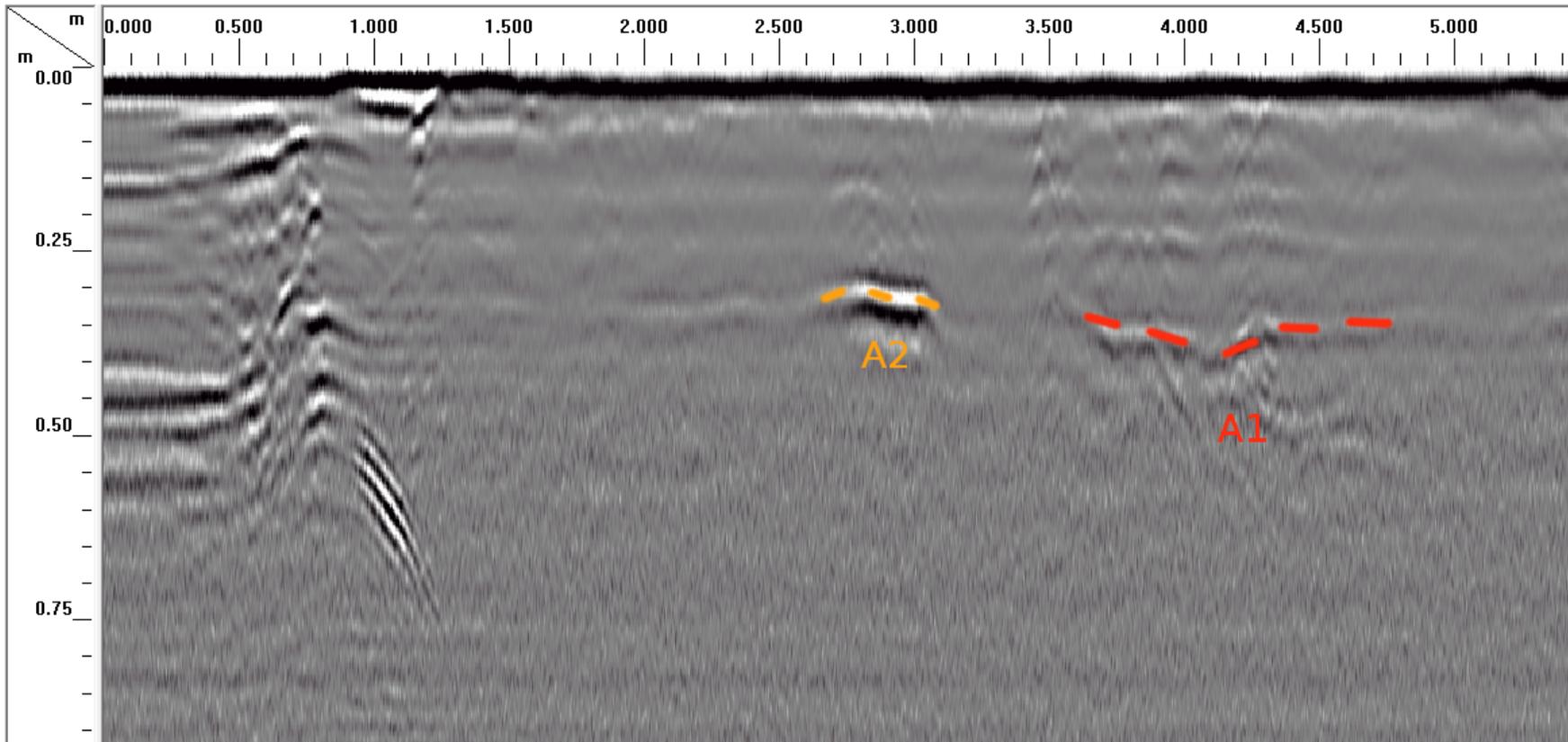


Figure 2: Data collected with the 1500 MHz antenna, showcasing anomalies A1 and A2.

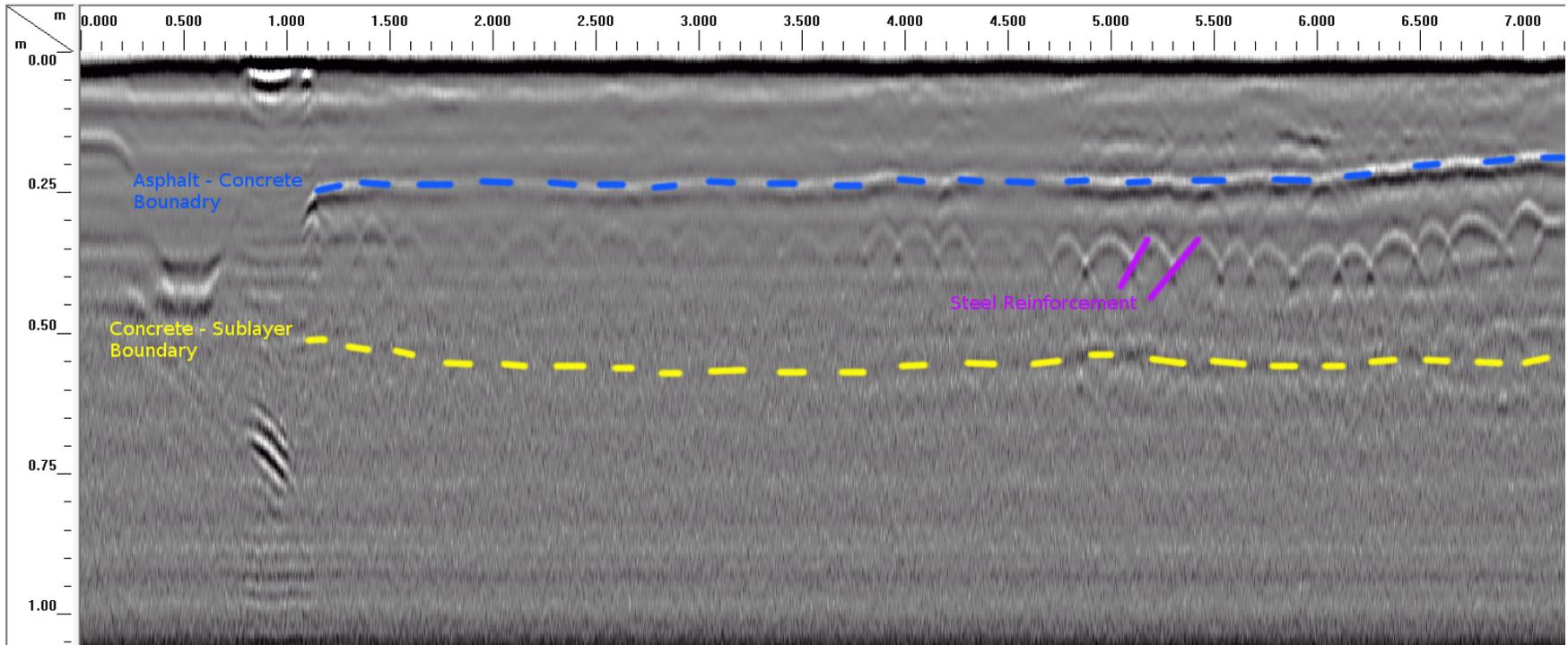


Figure 3: Example of steel reinforcement and subsurface boundaries from the Northern section. Evenly spaced steel reinforcement; 15cm spacing.

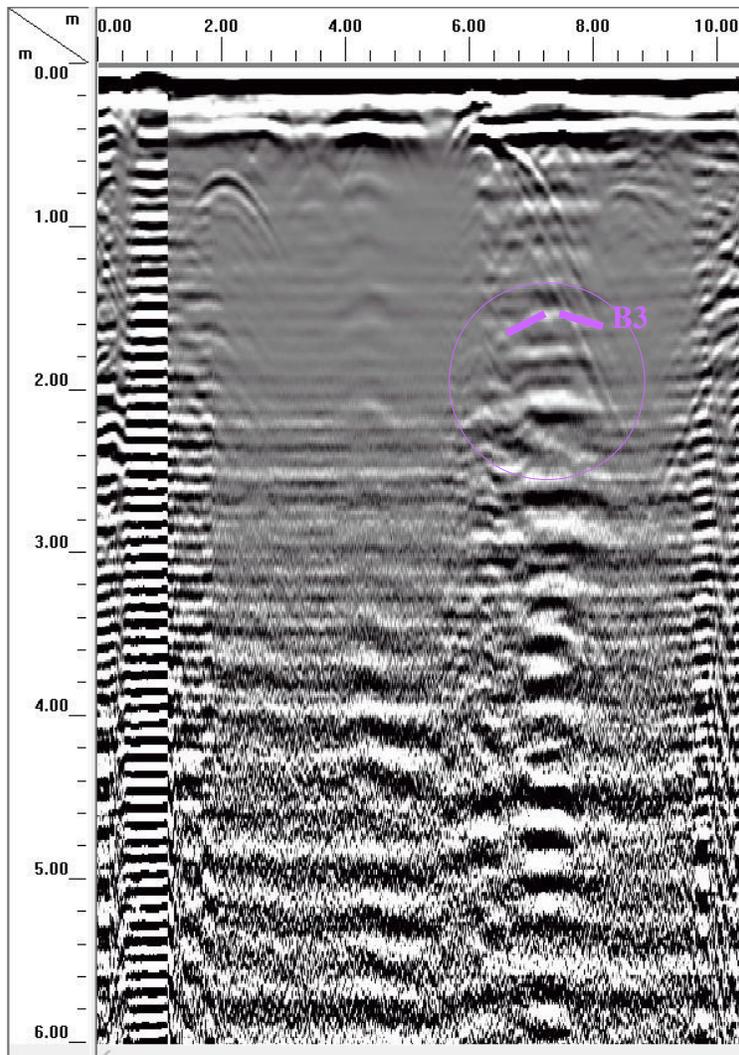


Figure 4: Data collected with the 350 MHz antenna, showcasing possible void at B3.

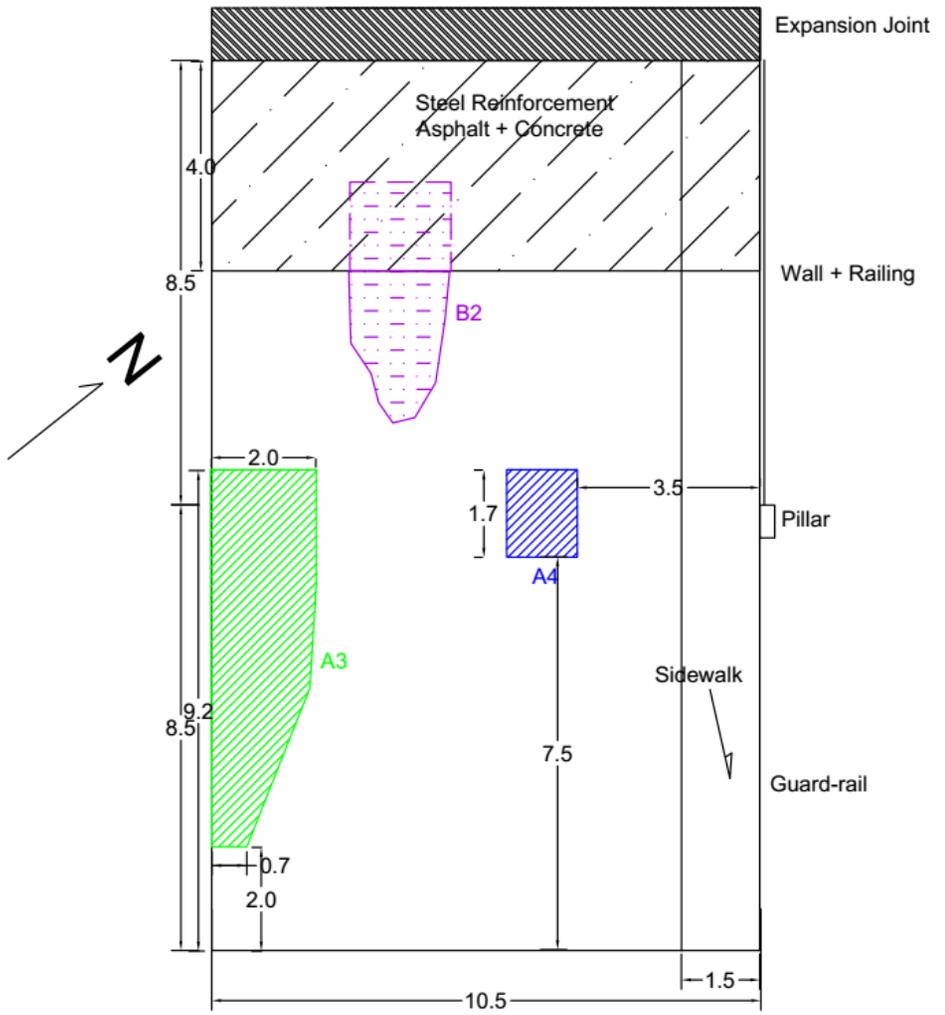
### Legend

A potential very thin void, appearance of caving slightly within the granular base (A3)	
Strong reflector, potential thin void (A4)	
Possible void (B2) ~ Depth 1.5 m to ?	

B anomalies were seen with the 350 MHz antenna

A anomalies were seen with the 1500 MHz antenna

<b>Thurber Engineering Ltd</b>
Site: Gull River North Bridge Minden Hills, Ontario
Figure 5: Northern Abutment Anomalies
August 16, 2017 GPR File: T17029B
<i>Geophysics GPR International Inc.</i>



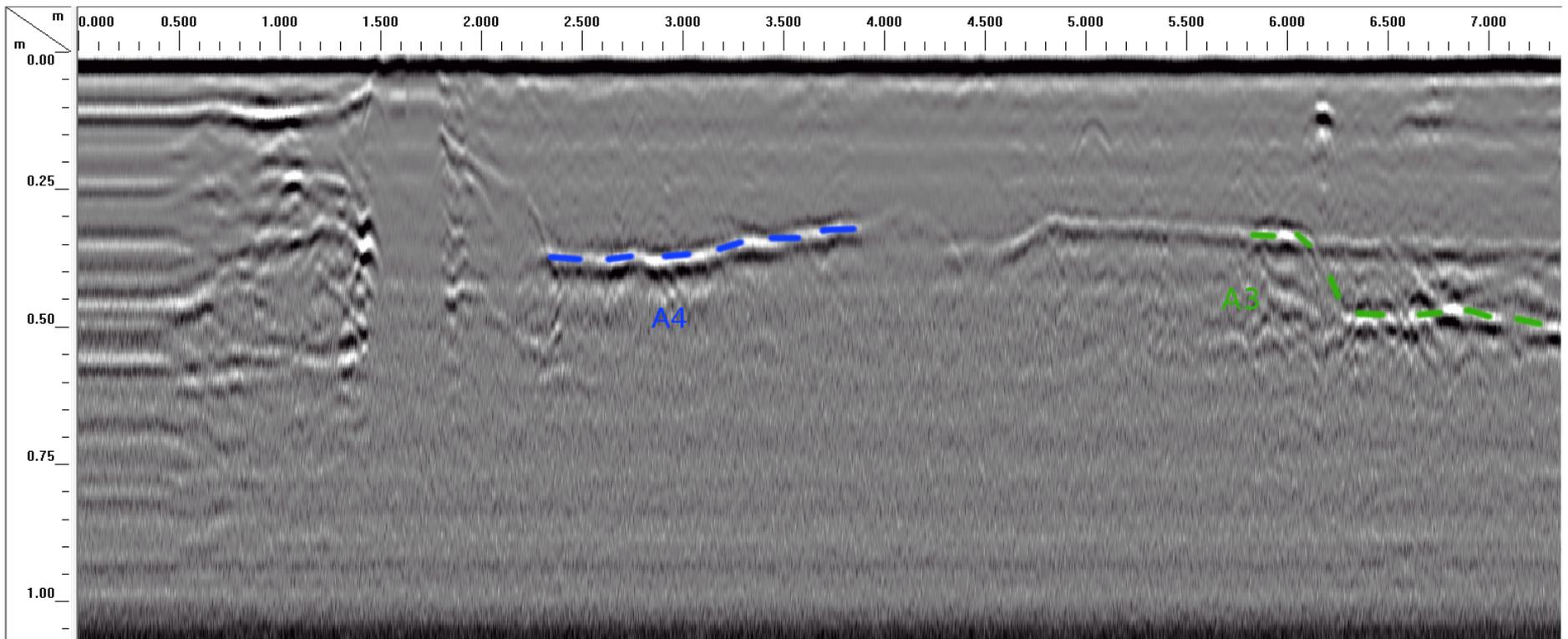


Figure 6: Data collected with the 1500 MHz antenna, showcasing anomalies A4 and A5.

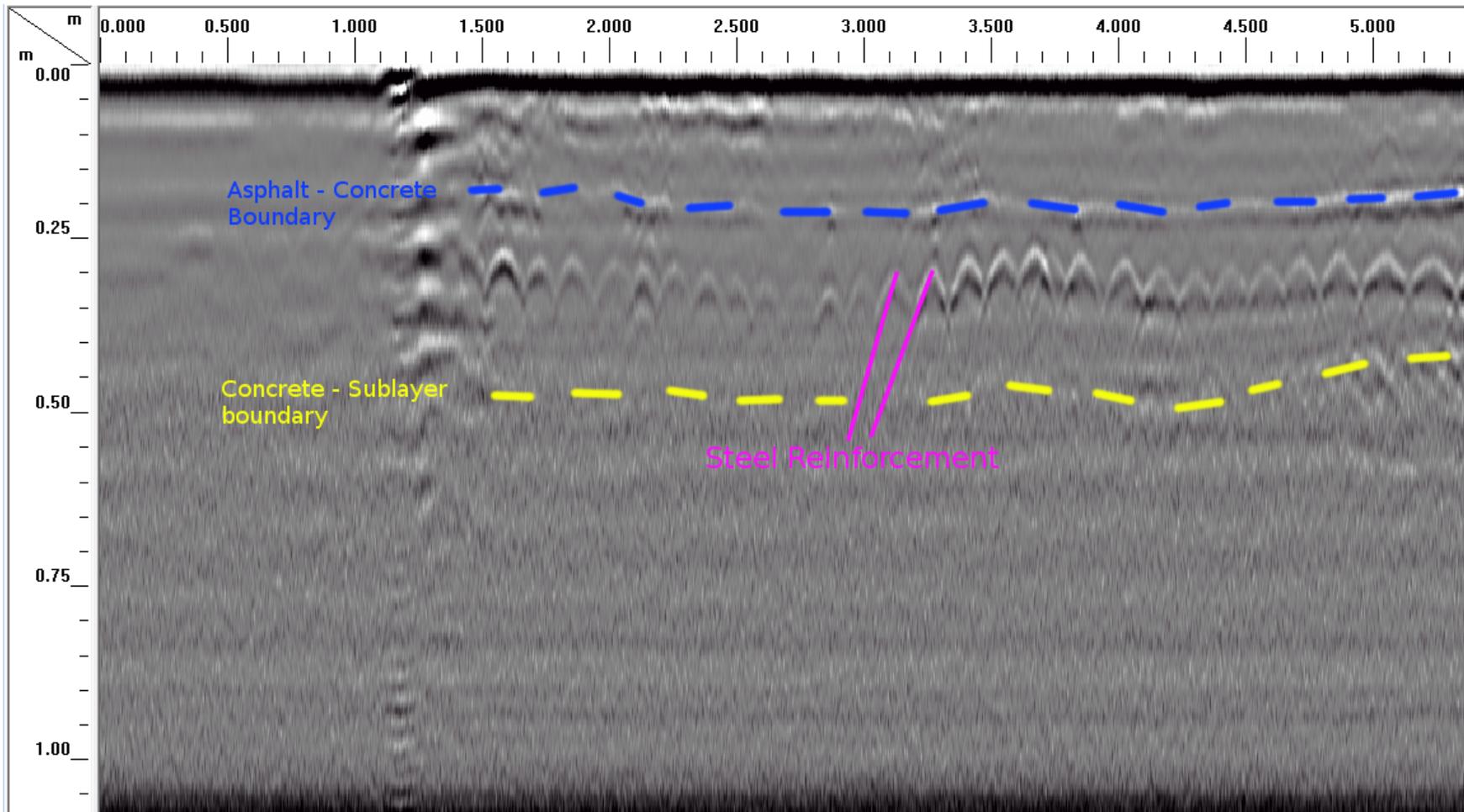


Figure 7: Example of steel reinforcement from the Southern segment, as well as subsurface boundaries. Evenly spaced steel reinforcement; 15cm spacing.