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HWY. No. 532

LOCATION Adirigan Creek

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REMARKS:

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ACHIGAN CREEK  
BRIDGE  
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

SHEET

METRIC

DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES  
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ELEVATIONS, COORDINATES, CURVE  
AND ALIGNMENT DATA ARE IN METRES.  
STATIONS ARE IN KILOMETRES + METRES.



### NOTES.

**CLASS OF CONCRETE.**  
DECK, BARRIER WALLS, ABUTMENTS  
AND WINGWALLS 30 MPa  
REMAINDER 20 MPa

**REINFORCING STEEL.**  
GRADE 400 EXCEPT AS NOTED.  
BARS MARKED WITH SUFFIX 'C'  
SHALL BE COATED BARS.

**CLEAR COVER TO REINFORCING STEEL.**  
FOOTINGS 100 ± 25mm  
DECK BOTTOM 40 ± 10mm  
DECK TOP 70 ± 20mm  
ABUTMENTS, WINGWALLS  
FRONT FACE 80 ± 20mm  
REMAINDER OR AS NOTED ON  
DRAWINGS 70 ± 20mm

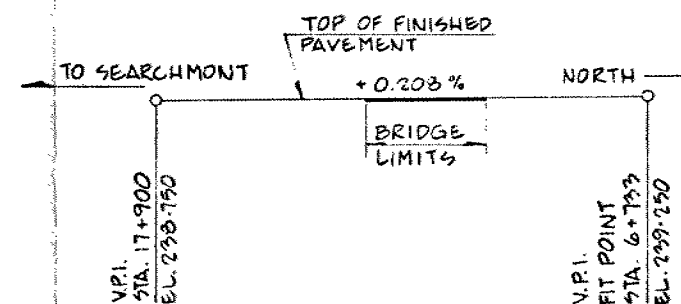
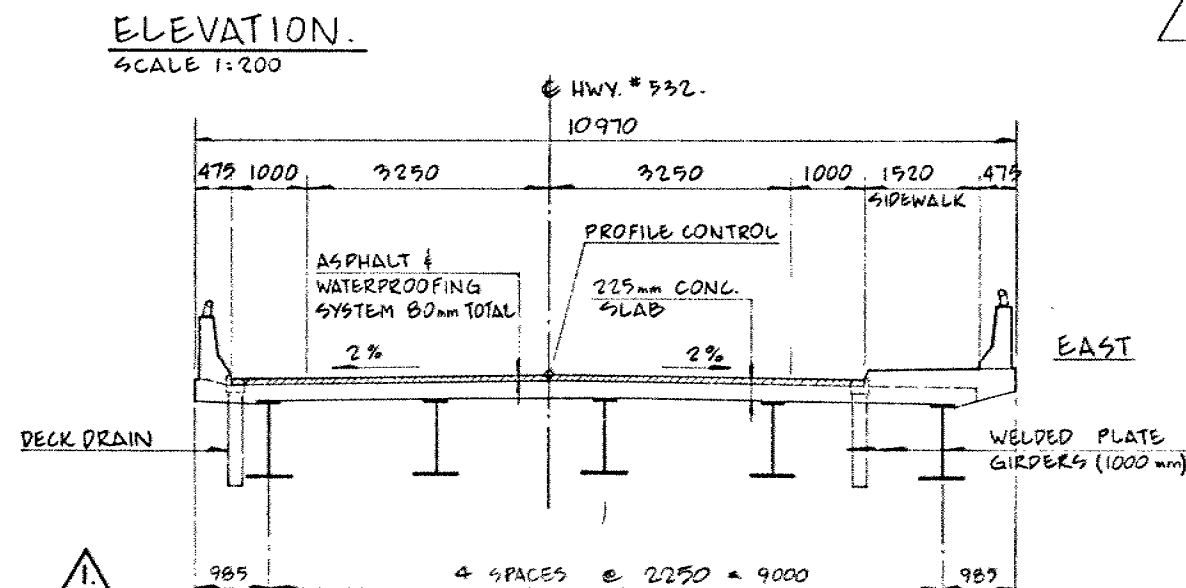
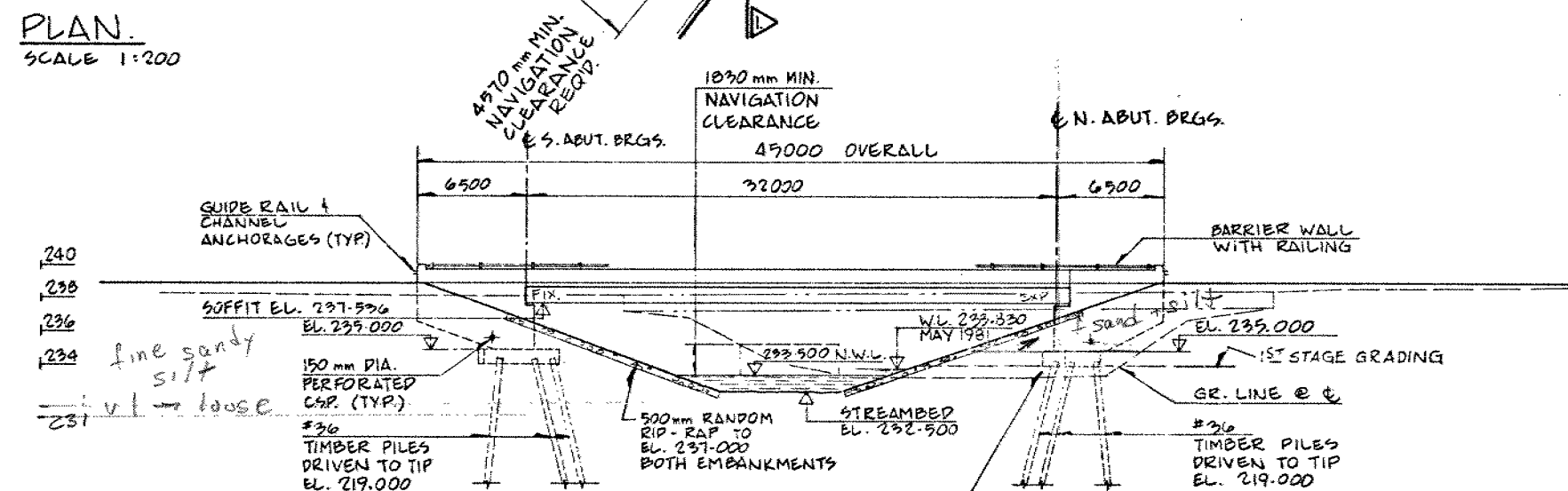
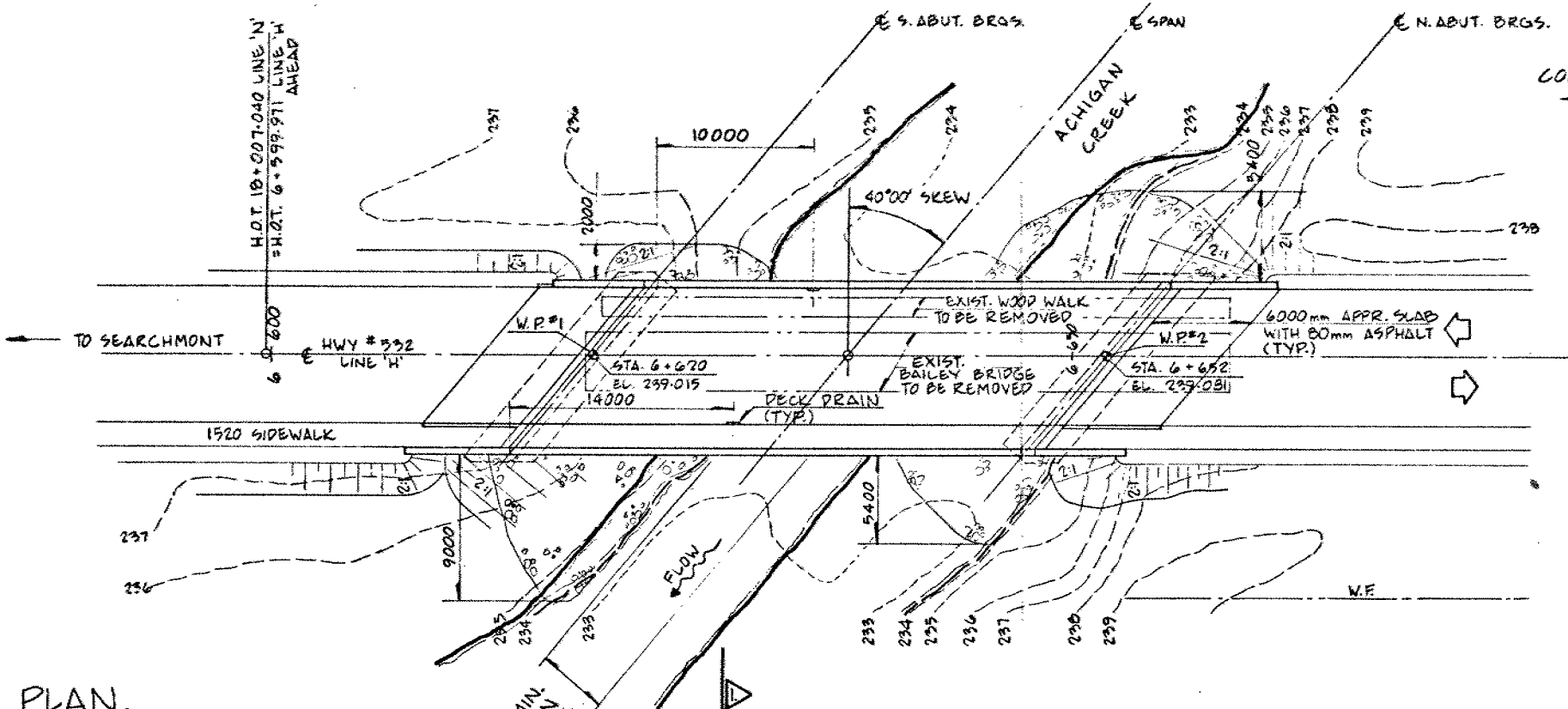
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THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FINISH THE  
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SPECIFIED ELEVATIONS TO A TOLERANCE  
OF ± 3 mm.

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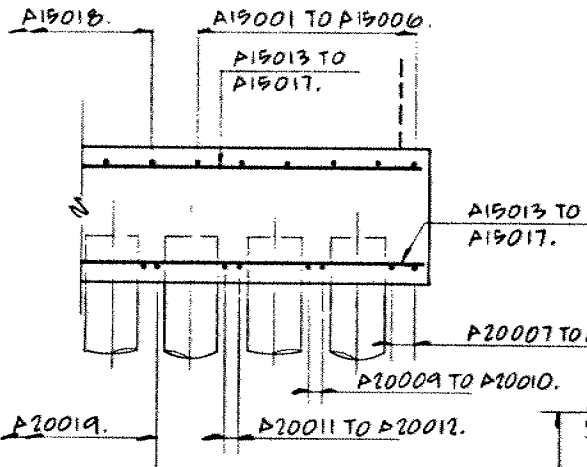
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BM 238.955  
GEODETIC DATUM  
N: & W. IN FACE  
OF HYDRO POLE  
6.9 LT 17+966.0



DRAWING NOT TO BE SCALED  
100 mm ON ORIGINAL DRAWING

REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
DESIGN PCB	CHECK A.W.	LOADING 04B0079-3	DATE 02-07
DRAWING LV	CHECK PCB	SITE No 355-41	DWG 1



PILE DATA.			PILE DESIGN DATA.	
LOCATION.	NO.	LENGTH.	LOAD & SL. TYPE II	FACTORED CAPACITY @ 0.05
SOUTH ABUTMENT 1:4. 1:10.	26	16.000.	185 KN	320 KN
	14	15.500.	185 KN	320 KN
NORTH ABUTMENT 1:4. 1:10.	26	16.000.	185 KN	320 KN
	14	15.500.	185 KN	320 KN

CONSTRUCTION NORTH.

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ACHIGAN CREEK BRIDGE		
FOOTING LAYOUT AND DETAILS.		



SCALE 1:25.

SKW 40°00'00"  
WP. N°1  
STA. 6+620.

HWY 632.

BATTERED PILES SHOWN THUS - 14 REQUIRED.

BATTERED PILES SHOWN THUS - 26 REQUIRED.

1-A19001 TO 1-A19006 @ 300 TOP.  
1-A20007 TO 1-A20008 @ 100 BOT.  
1-A20009 TO 1-A20010 @ 100 BOT.  
1-A20011 TO 1-A20012 @ 100 BOT.

### SOUTH ABUTMENT FOOTING AND PILE LAYOUT.

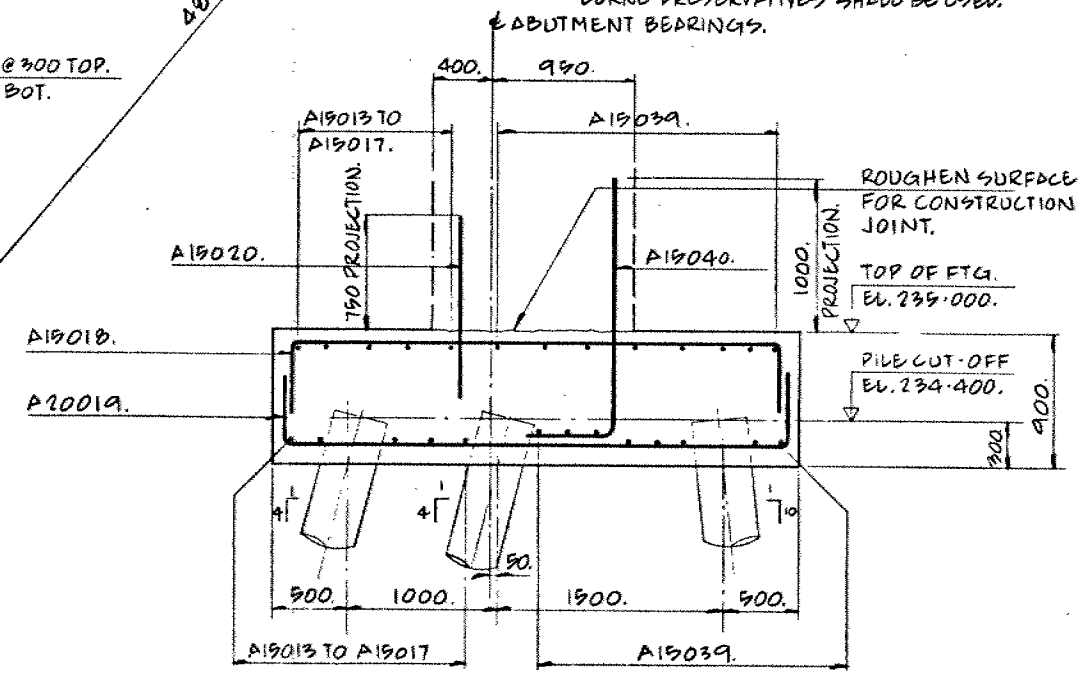
NORTH ABUTMENT SIMILAR BUT OPPOSITE HAND EXCEPT AS NOTED.  
SCALE 1:50.

### NORTH ABUTMENT FOOTING REINFORCEMENT.

SOUTH ABUTMENT SIMILAR BUT OPPOSITE HAND.  
SCALE 1:50.

### NOTES

1. ALL PILES #30 TIMBER PILES.
2. PILE LENGTH ON DRAWING IS THEORETICAL LENGTH BELOW CUT-OFF.
3. DRIVING SHOES TO BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD DD-3303.
4. PILES TO BE TREATED WITH CREOSOTE - RETENTION OF 130 KG/M<sup>3</sup>. TREATMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CSA STANDARDS 080.14 AND AWPA STANDARDS M1, M2 AND M4. ONLY OIL BORNE PRESERVATIVES SHALL BE USED.



SCALE 1:25.

DRAWING NOT TO BE SCALED  
100 mm ON ORIGINAL DRAWING

REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
DESIGN	2008	CHEK 20	LOADING 24-20-29-0
DRAWING	2008	CHEK 20	SITE 24-20-29-0
			DATE 02-07
			DWG 3

# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

CONTRACT NO 84-214



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NOTE: For purposes of the contract this report supersedes all other foundation reports prepared by or for the Ministry in connection with the above-mentioned project.

# EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

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

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

SS	SPLIT SPOON	TP	THINWALL PISTON
WS	WASH SAMPLE	OS	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
ST	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	RC	ROCK CORE
BS	BLOCK SAMPLE	PH	TW ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
CS	CHUNK SAMPLE	PM	TW ADVANCED MANUALLY
TW	THINWALL OPEN	FS	FOIL SAMPLE

### STRESS AND STRAIN

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

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	kPa <sup>-1</sup>	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{v0}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_t$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

## FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

ACHIGAN CREEK CROSSING AND HIGHWAY 532  
W. P. 148-65-00, Site 38S-41  
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

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INTRODUCTION

This report contains the results of a foundation investigation that was performed at the above-mentioned site. The investigation was commenced on September 5, 1981 and continued to completion on September 6, 1981. Two boreholes were advanced using hollow stem continuous flight augers. The boreholes ranged in depth from 26.1 metres to 26.8 metres. One dynamic cone penetration test was also conducted and advanced to a depth of 27.5 metres. Bedrock was not encountered in any of the borings to the depths investigated at the site.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND GEOLOGY

The site is located 28.2 kilometres east of secondary Highway 552 just north of Searchmont in the Townships of Hodgins and Gaudette, District of Algoma.

The existing structure is a single lane, approximately 23 metre span bailey bridge founded on timber pads. The existing bailey bridge has been assembled directly over an old timber trestle bridge which shows signs of being reinforced, however, has lost much of its structural integrity. The wood walk shows signs of severe deterioration and it is recommended that in the interim some of the timber decking be replaced.

Achigan Creek is a slow meandering creek with negligible velocities at the time of the investigation, however, velocities are known to be quite high at peak runoff periods. The creek is approximately 20 metres

wide and 0.5 to 1 metre deep at this location with relatively steep banks. Some river bank distress caused by erosion and undercutting of the creek bank has been observed both upstream and downstream from the bridge, however, due to the amount of growth on these slopes, this erosion does not present any serious problem.

The topography at the site is relatively flat to gently rolling and the vicinity of the crossing is heavily wooded, although there are scattered residential areas both north and south of this location. The Achigan Creek is located in an ancient glacial river valley with the relative relief in the distance greater than 60 metres.

According to available information, the bedrock in parts of the Goulais River Valley, which encompasses Achigan Creek, is covered by extensive deposits of thick overburden. The underlying materials in the Goulais River Valley are of a glaciofluvial landform (outwash) and vary from varied silt and clay to glacial till and bedrock. The bedrock is of the Middle Precambrian era and consists of a felsic intrusive and metamorphic rock.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The predominant deposit underlying the site is a grey stratified silty clay (CL - CI). This silty clay deposit was explored to a maximum depth of 27.5 metres below the ground surface, i. e., elevation 210.8. The lower boundary of this deposit was not established.

The overlying material consists of a fine sandy silt to a fine sand with some silt, with traces of clay, gravel and organics. This non-cohesive material was encountered for a maximum thickness of 6.2 metres of which 2.0 metres is a native fill material.



The boundaries between the various soil types, insitu and laboratory test results are shown on the attached Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with an estimated stratigraphical profile based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 2.

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

#### Surficial Material

Overlying the site in the vicinity of the approaches to the river, and encountered for depths ranging from 2.8 metres to 6.2 metres, is a brown non-cohesive fine sandy silt to a fine sand with some silt, with traces of clay, gravel and organics. The south bank consists of a surficial deposit of fill approximately 2 metres in depth. This fill material is a native soil and consists of a fine sandy silt with traces of gravel and clay.

Based on the interpretation of the 'N' values obtained from the Standard Penetration Test, it can be inferred that the surficial material is in a very loose to loose state.

Typical grain size distribution curves obtained in this strata are shown in envelope form on Figure 1.

#### Silty Clay

The predominate strata underlying the surficial material and explored to a maximum depth of 27.5 metres, i. e., elevation 210.8, is a grey stratified silty clay with alternating layers of silty clay of low plasticity and silty clay of medium plasticity (CL - CI). The silty clay

deposit behaved in a brittle manner with moderately high sensitivity.

Typical grain size distribution curves obtained in this strata are shown in envelope form on Figure 1. Results of insitu vane testing and laboratory testing indicate shear strengths for this deposit ranging from a low of 49 kPa in the upper portion of the deposit to greater than 106.7 kPa in the lower portion of the deposit. Based on these values, the consistency of this silty clay deposit can be described as stiff in the upper portion of the deposit to very stiff in the lower portion of the deposit.

The results of the Atterberg Limit Tests are plotted on the Plasticity Chart, Figure 2, and indicate the deposit to be an inorganic silty clay of low to medium plasticity.

The following is a summary of the foundation field and laboratory results obtained for the silty clay stratum.

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (W)%	32-50	38
Liquid Limit (W <sub>L</sub> )%	28-40	35
Plastic Limit (W <sub>P</sub> )%	18-20	19
Plasticity Index (I <sub>P</sub> )%	10-20	16
Bulk Unit Weight (γ) kN/m <sup>3</sup>	17.7-18.6	18.2
Shear Strength (Cu) kPa		
- field vane test	61- >106.7	95
- unconfined compression test	49-68	54.5
- triaxial compression test	68.6-106.0	80.5
Sensitivity (field)	2-10	6

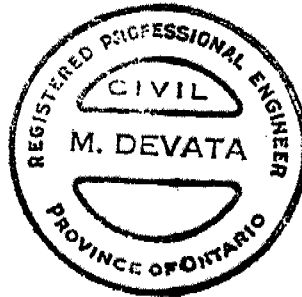
#### GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Groundwater elevations were obtained in both Borehole No. 1 and Borehole No. 2 at the time of the investigation and were found to be at elevation 234.1 and 233.5 respectively. As can be seen, a more stabilized groundwater level, as is the case in Borehole No. 1, generally

reflects the creek water levels at the crossing which varied from elevation 234.1 (81 09 05) to 234.2 (81 09 06). According to available information, normal creek water levels are approximately elevation 233.5 with a 3.5 metre flood rise.

*Brian Ruck*

Brian Ruck  
Trainee Engineer



M. Devata, P. Eng.  
Senior Foundations Engineer

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APPENDIX



# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC 9

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+624.1; o/a 6.1 m Lt. of Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Continuous Flight Augers COMPILED BY N. S.  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 05 CHECKED BY [Signature]

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 Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
237.8	Ground Surface													
0.0	Fine sandy silt with traces of clay and gravel and organics		1	SS	3		236							4 39 48 9
	Very loose to loose		2	SS	5									
			3	SS	3		234							2 40 52 6
	Brown		4	SS	1									
			5	SS	4		232							
231.6			6	SS	5									
6.2	Stratified silty clay with alternating layers of silty clay of low plasticity and silty clay of medium plasticity		7	TW	PH		230						18.5	0 0 60 40
	Moderately high sensitivity		8	TW	PH		228							
	stiff						226							
	very stiff						224						17.7	0 0 54 46
			9	TW	PH		222							
	Brittle						220							
	Grey		10	TW	PH		218							
							216							
			11	SS	2		214							
							212							
211.0			12	SS	4									
			13	SS	5									
26.8	End of Borehole													
	*Water level obtained on 81 09 06													

+3, x5: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
20  
15 5 (% STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10



# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC 10

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+657.2; o/s 6.9 m Rt. of Q Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Continuous Flight Augers COMPILED BY N. S.  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 06 CHECKED BY [Signature]

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 Y 3 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					
237.8	Ground Surface																
0.0	Fine sand with some silt and traces of clay and organics Loose Brown		1	SS	5		236										0 77 15 8
235.0			2	SS	5												
2.8	Stratified silty clay with alternat- ing layers of silty clay of low plasticity and silty clay of medium plasticity		3	SS	6	*	234										
			4	SS	4	+											
							232										
			5	TW	PH		230	b								18.6	0 1 54 45
	Very stiff						228										
			6	SS	3												
	Brittle						226										
							224										
	Grey		7	SS	1												
							222										
			8	SS	5		220										
			9	SS	3		218										
							216										
			10	TW	PH		214	a								18.0	0 1 50 49
211.7			11	SS	9		212										
26.1	End of Borehole																
	*Water level obtained on 81 09 06																

+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  $\diamond$  5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

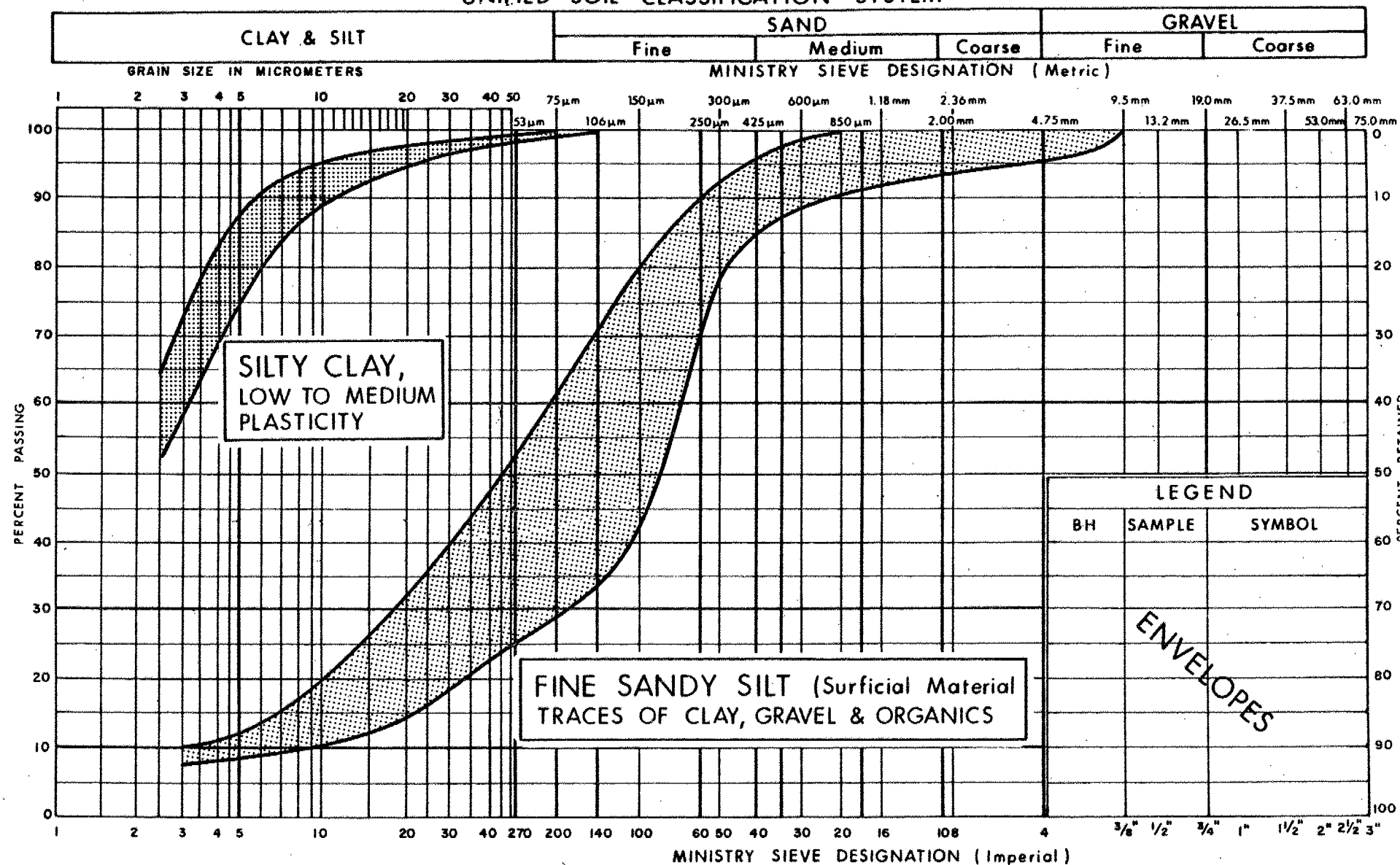
METRIC 11

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+661.7; o/s 4.8 m Lt. of Q Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
 DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY N. S.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 06 CHECKED BY [Signature]

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
238.1	Ground Surface													
0.0							238							
							236							
							234							
							232							
							230							
							228							
							226							
							224							
							222							
							220							
							218							
							216							
							214							
							212							
210.8														
27.5	End of Cone Test													

+3, x5: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15  $\diamond$  5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

## UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



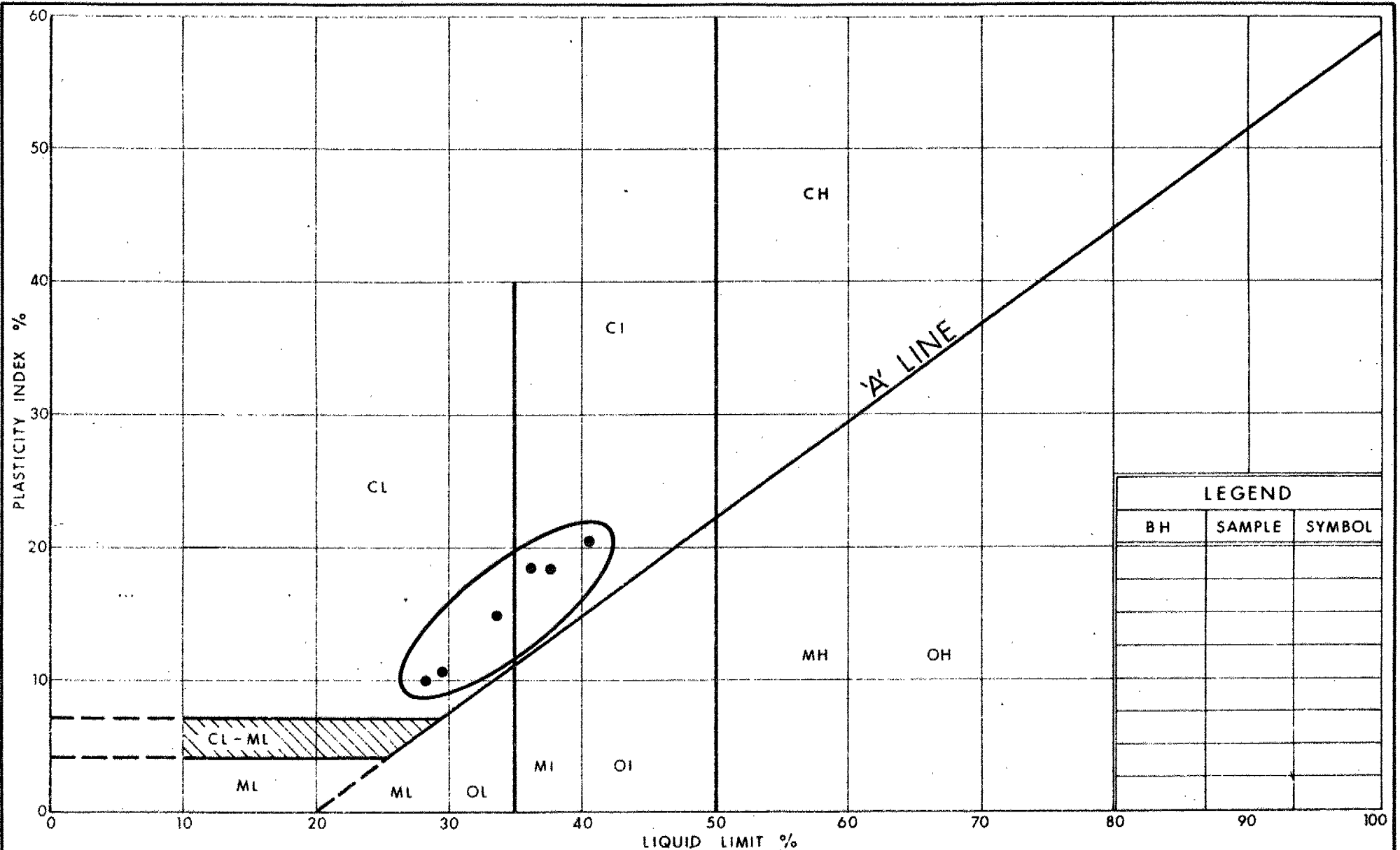
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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIG No 1

W P 148-65-00





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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
For  
ACHIGAN CREEK CROSSING AND HIGHWAY 532  
W. P. 148-65-00, Site 38S-41  
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

INTRODUCTION

This Report contains the results of a foundation investigation that was performed at the above-mentioned site and provides recommendations to the structure foundations and the related earthworks. The investigation was commenced on September 5, 1981 and continued to completion on September 6, 1981. Two boreholes were advanced using hollow stem continuous flight augers. The boreholes ranged in depth from 26.1 metres to 26.8 metres. One dynamic cone penetration test was also conducted and advanced to a depth of 27.5 metres. Bedrock was not encountered in any of the borings to the depths investigated at the site.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND GEOLOGY

The site is located 28.2 kilometers east of secondary Highway 552 just north of Searchmont in the Townships of Hodgins and Gaudette, District of Algoma.

The existing structure is a single lane, approximately 23 metre span bailey bridge founded on timber pads. The existing bailey bridge has been assembled directly over an old timber trestle bridge which shows signs of being reinforced, however, has lost much of its structural integrity. The wood walk shows signs of severe deterioration and it is recommended that in the interim some of the timber decking be replaced.

Achigan Creek is a slow meandering creek with negligible velocities at the time of the investigation, however, velocities are known to be quite high at peak runoff periods. The creek is approximately 20 metres

wide and 0.5 to 1 metre deep at this location with relatively steep banks. Some river bank distress caused by erosion and undercutting of the creek bank has been observed both upstream and downstream from the bridge, however, due to the amount of growth on these slopes, this erosion does not present any serious problem.

The topography at the site is relatively flat to gently rolling and the vicinity of the crossing is heavily wooded, although there are scattered residential areas both north and south of this location. The Achigan Creek is located in an ancient glacial river valley with the relative relief in the distance greater than 60 metres.

According to available information, the bedrock in parts of the Goulais River Valley, which encompasses Achigan Creek, is covered by extensive deposits of thick overburden. The underlying materials in the Goulais River Valley are of a glaciofluvial landform (outwash) and vary from varied silt and clay to glacial till and bedrock. The bedrock is of the Middle Precambrian era and consists of a felsic intrusive and metamorphic rock.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The predominant deposit underlying the site is a grey stratified silty clay (CL - CI). This silty clay deposit was explored to a maximum depth of 27.5 metres below the ground surface, i. e., elevation 210.8. The lower boundary of this deposit was not established.

The overlying material consists of a fine sandy silt to a fine sand with some silt, with traces of clay, gravel and organics. This non-cohesive material was encountered for a maximum thickness of 6.2 metres of which 2.0 metres is a native fill material.

The boundaries between the various soil types, insitu and laboratory test results are shown on the attached Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with an estimated stratigraphical profile based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 1486500-A.

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

#### Surficial Material

Overlying the site in the vicinity of the approaches to the river, and encountered for depths ranging from 2.8 metres to 6.2 metres, is a brown non-cohesive fine sandy silt to a fine sand with some silt, with traces of clay, gravel and organics. The south bank consists of a surficial deposit of fill approximately 2 metres in depth. This fill material is a native soil and consists of a fine sandy silt with traces of gravel and clay.

Based on the interpretation of the 'N' values obtained from the Standard Penetration Test, it can be inferred that the surficial material is in a very loose to loose state.

Typical grain size distribution curves obtained in this strata are shown in envelope form on Figure 1.

#### Silty Clay

The predominate strata underlying the surficial material and explored to a maximum depth of 27.5 metres, i. e., elevation 210.8, is a grey stratified silty clay with alternating layers of silty clay of low plasticity and silty clay of medium plasticity (CL - CI). The silty clay

deposit behaved in a brittle manner with moderately high sensitivity.

Typical grain size distribution curves obtained in this strata are shown in envelope form on Figure 1. Results of insitu vane testing and laboratory testing indicate shear strengths for this deposit ranging from a low of 49 kPa in the upper portion of the deposit to greater than 106.7 kPa in the lower portion of the deposit. Based on these values, the consistency of this silty clay deposit can be described as stiff in the upper portion of the deposit to very stiff in the lower portion of the deposit.

The results of the Atterberg Limit Tests are plotted on the Plasticity Chart, Figure 2, and indicate the deposit to be an inorganic silty clay of low to medium plasticity.

The following is a summary of the foundation field and laboratory results obtained for the silty clay stratum.

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (W)%	32-50	38
Liquid Limit (W <sub>L</sub> )%	28-40	35
Plastic Limit (W <sub>P</sub> )%	18-20	19
Plasticity Index (I <sub>P</sub> )%	10-20	16
Bulk Unit Weight (γ) kN/m <sup>3</sup>	17.7-18.6	18.2
Shear Strength (Cu) kPa		
- field vane test	61- >106.7	95
- unconfined compression test	49-68	54.5
- triaxial compression test	68.6-106.0	80.5
Sensitivity (field)	2-10	6

#### GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Groundwater elevations were obtained in both Borehole No. 1 and Borehole No. 2 at the time of the investigation and were found to be at elevation 234.1 and 233.5 respectively. As can be seen, a more stabilized groundwater level, as is the case in Borehole No. 1, generally

reflects the creek water levels at the crossing which varied from elevation 234.1 (81 09 05) to 234.2 (81 09 06). According to available information, normal creek water levels are approximately elevation 233.5 with a 3.5 metre flood rise.

#### DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A new permanent structure, maintaining the same alignment, is proposed to replace the existing single lane bailey bridge carrying Highway 532 over Achigan Creek. The new single span structure will be approximately 30 metres long and 11 metres wide. A grade raise in the order of 1.0 metre (i. e., profile elevation of 239.0) is also contemplated for the proposed bridge.

Recommendations pertaining to the foundations of the replacement structure and related earthworks follow.

#### Structure Foundations

It is recommended that the structure be supported on friction piles driven a sufficient depth to mobilize the required capacity. A size 36 treated timber pile driven to a minimum embedment of 12.0 metres can be designed for a safe design loading of 145 kN/pile. Alternatively, the same pile embedded a minimum of 15 metres can be designed for 185 kN/pile. Net settlements of the pile foundations under these recommended loads should not exceed 25 mm.

Recommended design parameters based on the O. H. B. D. C. are as follows:

<u>Size 36 Treated Timber Pile Embedded</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U. L. S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S. L. S. Type II</u>
12 metres	260 kN	145 kN
15 metres	320 kN	185 kN

#### Construction Considerations

Removal of the existing piles in the vicinity of the proposed abutments is required before placement of the new timber piles.

Although the subsurface soils investigation shows no signs of cobbles or boulders being encountered at the borehole locations, a surficial observation indicates that some difficulty may be anticipated in advancing the timber piles through the existing fills due to the presence of cobbles and boulders. In order to facilitate pile penetration through the fill, it is recommended that pre-augering techniques in the fill material or removal of the existing fill materials be employed in order to prevent any damage to the timber piles. If the existing fill material is removed, it should be backfilled with well compacted granular material having a maximum gradation of 150 mm.

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O. H. B. D. C.

For frost protection purposes, the underside of the pile caps should have a minimum 1.8 metres of earth cover.

No stability problems are anticipated for the proposed embankments, provided they are constructed not steeper than 2:1.

Adequate precautions should be taken to protect the river banks and approach embankment from river scour action. This may be achieved by a suitably placed rip rap scheme.



Dewatering difficulties are anticipated for excavation of the pile caps carried down below prevailing water level due to the pervious nature of the surficial material. In order to minimize major dewatering difficulties, the base of the pile cap should not be built below prevailing water levels. If high water levels in Achigan Creek prevail during excavation operations, a more elaborate procedure to prevent water infiltration must be implemented. This could be achieved by driving temporary sheet piles into the impervious silty clay stratum.

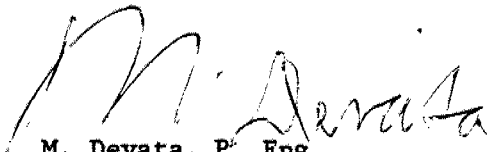
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The fieldwork for this investigation was carried out and written by Mr. N. Stea, Project Foundations Engineer and reviewed by Mr. M. Devata, Senior Foundations Engineer.

The equipment used for the investigation was owned and operated by Master Soil Investigation Ltd., Sudbury.



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## APPENDIX

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+624.1; o/s 6.1 m Lt. of Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
 DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Continuous Flight Augers COMPILED BY N. S.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 05 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		
237.8	Ground Surface												
0.0	Fine sandy silt with traces of clay and gravel and organics		1	SS	3								
	Very loose to loose		2	SS	5								
			3	SS	3								
	Brown		4	SS	1								
			5	SS	4								
231.6			6	SS	5								
6.2	Stratified silty clay with alternating layers of silty clay of low plasticity and silty clay of medium plasticity		7	TW	PH								
	Moderately high sensitivity		8	TW	PH								
	stiff												
	very stiff												
			9	TW	PH								
	Brittle												
	Grey		10	TW	PH								
			11	SS	2								
			12	SS	4								
211.0			13	SS	5								
26.8	End of Borehole												
	*Water level obtained on 81 09 06												

+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  
10

(%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+657.2; o/s 6.9 m Rt. of Q Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
 DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Continuous Flight Augers COMPILED BY N. S.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 06 CHECKED BY

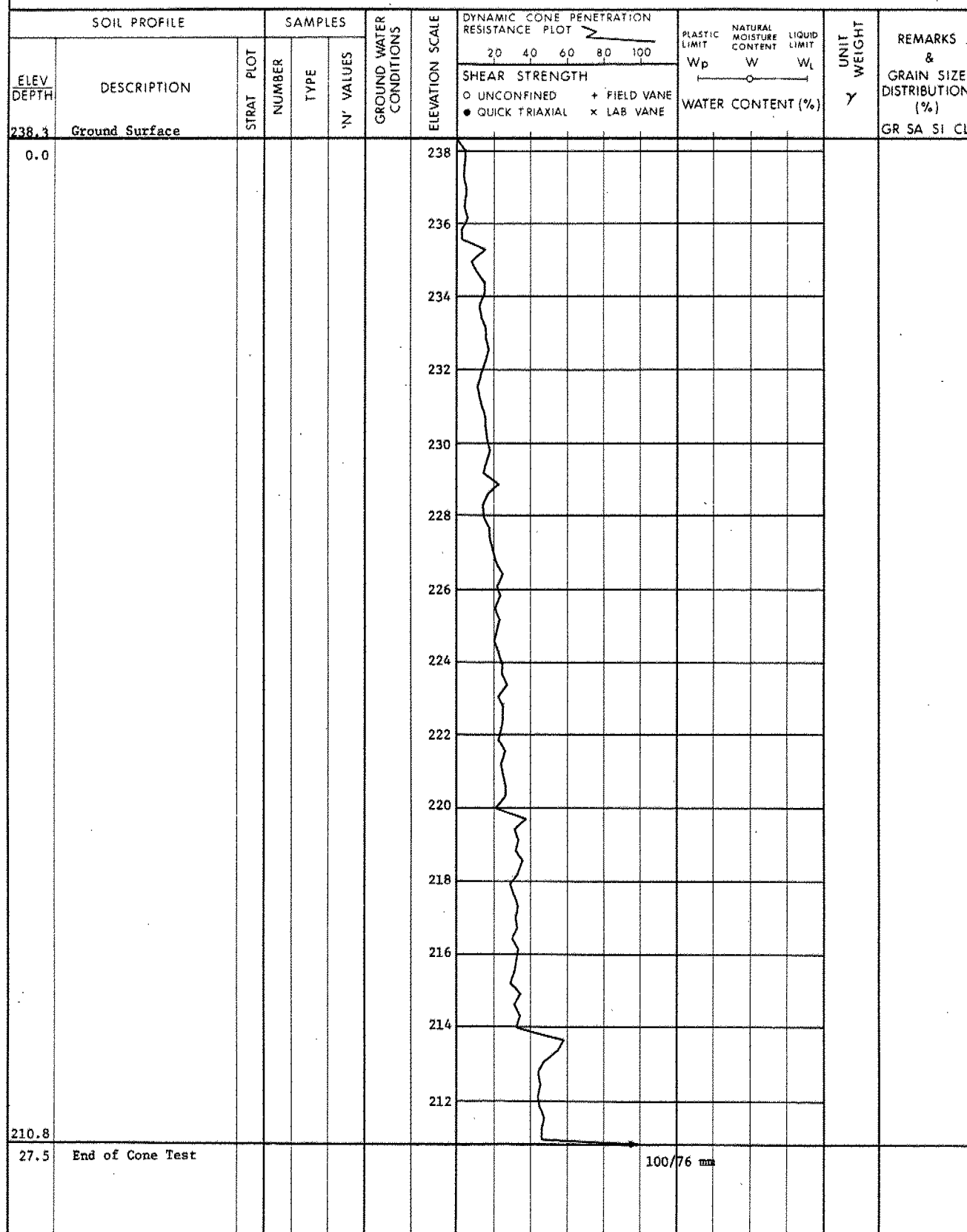
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ <sub>3</sub> kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									
237.8	Ground Surface							20	40	60	80	100					GR SA SI CL
0.0	Fine sand with some silt and traces of clay and organics	•••••	1	SS	5												0 77 15 8
	Loose		2	SS	5												
235.0	Brown						236										
2.8		▨▨															

+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

## METRIC

W P 148-65-00 LOCATION Sta. 6+661.7; o/s 4.8 m Lt. of C Highway 532 ORIGINATED BY N. S.  
DIST 18 HWY 532 BOREHOLE TYPE Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY N. S.  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 09 06 CHECKED BY 7/2/81



+3, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity



## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

W P 148-65-00



PLASTICITY CHART  
SILTY CLAY, OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

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

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

SS	SPLIT SPOON	TP	THINWALL PISTON
WS	WASH SAMPLE	OS	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
ST	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	RC	ROCK CORE
BS	BLOCK SAMPLE	PH	TW ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
CS	CHUNK SAMPLE	PM	TW ADVANCED MANUALLY
TW	THINWALL OPEN	FS	FOIL SAMPLE

### STRESS AND STRAIN

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

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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



# METRIC

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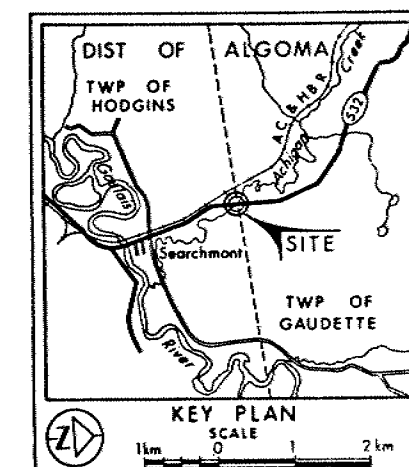
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ACHIGAN CREEK BRIDGE

BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



SHEET



## LEGEND

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W.L. at time of investigation 1981 09

No	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET
1	237.8	6+624.1	6.1m Lt
2	237.8	6+657.2	6.9m Rt
3	238.3	6+661.7	4.8m Lt

## NOTE

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

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