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Directional Drilling Crossing  
Highway 404 South of Sheppard Ave East  
Toronto, Ontario- - Bell Conduit**

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(Geocres No. 30M14-398)

## 1. Introduction

EXP Services Inc. (EXP) was retained by Tolossi Group Inc. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed Bell conduit crossing Highway 404. The conduit alignment is located to the south of Sheppard Avenue East in the City of Toronto, Ontario.

It is our understanding that the project involves installing a new Bell line along the south side of Sheppard Avenue East from about Parkway Forest Drive to Yorkland Road. The proposed Bell conduit will cut through narrow boulevard, sloping ground and thick vegetation areas that exist along the south side of Sheppard Avenue East. The borehole program consisted of one (1) borehole each on the east and west side of Highway 404 in the vicinity of the Bell crossing.

Based on preliminary project information provide, the proposed Bell conduit will be about 1 m in diameter and will be installed using directional drilling method. The invert of the proposed Bell conduit under Highway 404 will be set at El. ~171.0 m, approximately 6.3 to 6.9 m below the existing road grade of Highway 404. Bore pits will be located to the east and west of Highway 404 beyond the area of investigation.

The purpose of this geotechnical investigation was to determine the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions at the site by drilling one (1) borehole each on the on the east and west side of Highway 404 and, based on this information, to provide an engineering report with geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the proposed crossing.

The comments and recommendations given in this report are based on the assumption that the above-described design concept will proceed into construction. If changes are made either in the design phase or during construction, this office must be retained to review these modifications. The result of this review may be a modification of our recommendations or it may require additional field or laboratory work to check whether the changes are acceptable from a geotechnical viewpoint.

## 2. Site and Geology

The proposed Bell crossing under Highway 404 will be located to the south of Sheppard Avenue East. The area of the investigation is within the Ministry of Transportation Right-of-Way.

The topography across Highway 404 is generally flat. Concrete jersey barriers were placed along the east and west limit of Highway 404 to separate the highway from the grassy embankments beyond.

Geological mapping indicates that the site is underlain by Young tills of clayey to sandy silt tills which were deposited during the late Wisconsinan times. The till lies on shale with interbedded limestone of the Georgian Bay Formation (Ordovician Age).

### 3. Methodology

The fieldwork for the investigation was carried out on March 30 and 31, 2020 when two (2) sampled boreholes (designated as Boreholes EAST and WEST) were drilled at the locations shown on Drawing No. 1.

The boreholes were advanced to depths of about 14 m below existing ground surface using a drill rig, which is adapted for soil sampling purposes, owned and operated by a specialist drilling contractor.

In each borehole, representative samples of the subsurface overburden soils were recovered at regular intervals using conventional 50 mm O.D. split barrel sampler driven in accordance with Standard Penetration Test procedures (ASTM D1586). Water level observations were carried out in the open boreholes during the course of the fieldwork. Subsequent water level observations were carried out in a piezometer installed in each borehole.

The fieldwork was supervised throughout by EXP personnel who directed the drilling and sampling operations, logged the borings, made groundwater observations during and upon completion of drilling, processed the recovered samples and prepared the field borehole logs.

The locations of the boreholes were established in the field by EXP personnel based on drawings provided by Tolossi Group Inc. Ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were derived from SOKKIA TopNET Live RTK Network with the use of a SOKKIA GCX3 Controller.

As noted above two boreholes were drilled at each portal (BH-West and BH-East) for this project. The middle borehole was not drilled because its location would be within the busy intersection and there is no a safe spot for drilling in the middle of Hwy 404. However, EXP obtained from the MTO Geocres library the geotechnical report related to the same site "Site Investigation for Proposed Don Valley Parkway Underpass at Sheppard Ave East, Toronto, Ontario" done by H. Q. Golder & Associate Ltd., dated August 1964 (Geocres No. 30M14-398). The report is attached in Appendix B of this report. The report shows three historical boreholes (BH-21, BH-23 and BH-25) drilled in the vicinity of the proposed Bell crossing. Based on geotechnical data in these boreholes it is evident that the subsurface at the site is similarly described as that in the recently drilled boreholes. Therefore, it is reasonable to anticipate that the subsurface conditions defined in the historical BH-23 do not changed, and can be used in the assessment of the subsurface conditions between BH-West and BH-East. This allows for the appropriate subsurface model to be developed.

## 4. Laboratory Testing Program

All recovered split barrel samples were transported to our laboratory for detailed examination and classification testing. The laboratory testing program consists of the following:

- Moisture content determinations on all recovered soil samples (LS701/22) with results shown on the appended log of borehole sheets.
- Unit weight determination on selected soil samples (LS-705), with result shown on the log of borehole sheets.
- Grain size distribution analyses on selected soil samples (LS702/ASTM B422 and ASTM B1140) with results shown in Table 1, on the log of borehole sheets and in Appendix A.
- Atterberg limit tests on selected samples (LS-704 & 704/ASTM D4318) with results shown in Table 2, on the log of boreholes sheets and in Appendix A.

## 5. Subsurface Conditions

The detailed soil profiles encountered in each borehole presented on the on the attached Drawing No.1 and borehole logs, Drawings No. 2 and 3. It should be noted that the soil boundaries indicated on the borehole logs are inferred from non-continuous sampling and observations during drilling. These boundaries are intended to reflect approximate transition zones for the purpose of geotechnical design and should not be interpreted as exact planes of geological change.

The "Notes on Sample Description" preceding the borehole logs form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this report.

The following is a brief description of the soil conditions encountered during the investigation:

### ***Asphalt***

Asphalt with thicknesses of about 50 and 120 mm was encountered at the surface of Boreholes EAST and WEST, respectively.

### ***Fill***

Fill was encountered below the asphalt cover at both borehole locations. The fill encountered generally comprised of sand and gravel to clayey silt with some sand and a trace of gravel. Hydrocarbon odour was noted in the clayey silt fill samples recovered from Borehole EAST. The fill stratum extends to a depth of about 3.4 and 2.2 m below existing ground surface (El. ~173.3 and 175.5 m) in Boreholes EAST and WEST, respectively.

### ***Clayey Silt Till***

A clayey silt till was encountered below the fill at both borehole locations. This deposit contains some sand and a trace of gravel. With recorded 'N'-values ranging from 14 to 27, the clayey silt till has a stiff to very stiff consistency. This deposit extends to depths of about 7.0 m below existing ground surface at both borehole locations (El. ~169.7 and 170.7 m).

### **Sandy Silt Till**

A sandy silt till deposit was encountered below the clayey silt till in Boreholes EAST and WEST. The sandy silt till contains some clay and a trace of gravel. This deposit is brown to grey in colour and exists in a dense to very dense state of compactness (recorded 'N'-values of 38 to over 100). The sandy silt till extends to depths of about 13.8 and 11.8 m below existing ground surface (El. ~162.8 and 165.9 m), respectively.

### **Sand**

The sandy silt till is underlain by a fine to medium sand deposit at both borehole locations. This deposit is brown to grey in colour and exists in a dense to very dense state with recorded 'N'-values of 34 to over 100. Boreholes EAST and WEST were terminated in the sand deposit at depths of about 13.9 and 14.0 m below existing grade (El. ~162.8 and 163.7 m), respectively.

Grain size analysis and Atterberg limits were carried out on selected samples. The test results are presented in Appendix A and summarized in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1: Summary of Grain Size Analysis

<b>Borehole and Sample No.</b>	<b>Soil Type</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Sand</b>	<b>Silt</b>	<b>Clay</b>
BH EAST SS6	Clayey Silt Till	4.6 – 5.2	3	24	44	29
BH EAST SS8	Sandy Silt Till	7.6 – 8.2	4	34	45	17
BH West SS8	Sandy Silt Till	7.6 – 8.2	2	36	46	16
BH West SS9	Sandy Silt Till	9.1 – 9.8	2	38	44	15

Table 2: Summary of Atterberg Limits

<b>Borehole and Sample No.</b>	<b>Soil Type</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Liquid Limit (LL)</b>	<b>Plastic Limit (PL)</b>	<b>Plasticity Index</b>
BH EAST SS7	Clayey Silt Till	6.1 – 6.7	39	16	23
BH West SS7	Clayey Silt Till	6.1 – 6.7	29	14	15

### **Groundwater Conditions**

Groundwater conditions were assessed by taking readings in open boreholes during the course of the fieldwork and in piezometers installed in each borehole. Short-term observations are recorded on the attached borehole logs and summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summary of Observed Groundwater Levels

<b>Borehole Number</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Depth to Groundwater Level Below Existing Grade (m)</b>		
		<b>On Completion</b>	<b>April 6, 2020</b>	<b>April 14, 2020</b>
EAST	March 30, 2020	No Free Water	~9.7 (~167.0)	~9.4 (~167.3)
WEST	March 31, 2020	No Free Water	~13.4 (~164.3)	~13.2 (~164.5)

The observed water levels may not be representative of the true groundwater conditions due to the short observation period.

Seasonal fluctuations in groundwater levels should be anticipated.

## 6. Engineering Discussion and Recommendations

### 6.1 General

This section of the report provides discussions and geotechnical recommendations for the proposed Bell crossing under Highway 404. It is understood that the horizontal directional drilling method is the preferred method selected to install the proposed Bell conduit.

The interpretations are based on factual data presented in this report.

### 6.2 Expected Ground Condition along Pipe Alignment

Based on the investigation data, the ground conditions along the pipe alignment are summarized in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Expected Ground Conditions along Pipe Alignment

Borehole	Approximate Elevation of Tunnel invert (m)	Anticipated Soil Conditions	Comments
EAST	171.0	Clayey Silt Till, stiff	Possible boulders
WEST	171.0	Clayey Silt Till, stiff	Possible boulders

### 6.3 Trenchless Installation Methods

It is our understanding that the directional drilling method is the preferred installation method being considered for installing the proposed Bell conduit crossing under Highway 404. We further understood that two (2) bore pits will be excavated for launching and receiving the proposed conduit. These bore pits, located on the south side of Sheppard Avenue East, will be located beyond our area of investigation. To assess the soil conditions between these two boreholes the historical data provided in Appendix B has been used.

Based on the results of the investigation, it is our opinion that trenchless methods will be feasible for installing the proposed conduit. The procedures should follow OPSS 450 and industrial standards. The advantages, disadvantages and ranking of trenchless methods considered to be applicable at this site are presented in Table 5 for completeness. We understand that HDD has been selected as the preferred approach.

**Table 5: Trenchless Installation Methods Comparison and Ranking**

<b>Installation Method</b>	<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Jack and Bore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handles wide variety of ground conditions</li> <li>• Minimal surface disruption</li> <li>• Very accurate (slope of 0.2% easily achieved)</li> <li>• Relative simple operation</li> <li>• Common use in Ontario</li> <li>• Short mobilization time</li> <li>• Suitable for steel pipes up to 1.8 m in diameter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires large area for jacking shaft and support equipment</li> <li>• Relatively high construction costs</li> <li>• Obstructions problematic</li> <li>• Short and long term settlement</li> <li>• Fluid to support annular space</li> <li>• Pipe can be difficult to steer/direct</li> <li>• Dewatering required along route, if the GW is high</li> </ul>	3
Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handles wide variety of ground conditions</li> <li>• Steerable both horizontally and vertically to maintain and adjust alignment</li> <li>• Does not require staging pits if site is able to accommodate maximum entry and exit angles</li> <li>• Suitable for tunneling under groundwater table</li> <li>• Local contractors available</li> <li>• Short mobilization time</li> <li>• Rapid drilling</li> <li>• Only minor settlement if fluid well controlled</li> <li>• Suitable for installation of pipes up to 1.2 m in diameter and longer lengths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for inadvertent drilling returns</li> <li>• Requires drilling fluid to maintain the bore which could allow subsidence</li> <li>• May require longer bore or staging pits</li> <li>• Obstructions problematic, but alignment can be adjusted to avoid obstructions</li> </ul>	1
Microtunneling Technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handles wide variety of ground conditions</li> <li>• Steerable horizontally to maintain and adjust alignment</li> <li>• Suitable for tunneling under groundwater table</li> <li>• Alignment can be adjusted to avoid obstructions</li> <li>• Suitable for installation of pipes with minimum 1.5 m in diameter and 150 m length</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High construction cost</li> <li>• Obstructions problematic</li> <li>• Requires large area for jacking shaft and support equipment</li> <li>• Requires sophisticated equipment</li> </ul>	2

### 6.3.1 Jack and Bore

The jack and bore method involves drilling a borehole from a jacking pit (entry pit) with a rotary cutter head within the confines of a steel casing or liner jacked ahead for support. The casing is pushed through the soil with a hydraulic ram, and soil is removed with an auger. A cutting head is fixed to the leading edge of the pipe. The auger transports spoils from the cutting head back to the jacking pit. The procedures must conform to all relevant OPSS standards and industrial standards.

Based on the information from the boreholes drilled in the vicinity of new conduit, it is expected that the tunnel boring will be carried out mostly in clayey silt till and the groundwater level will be below the pipe invert. Considering these conditions as well as the proposed pipe diameter of about 1,000 mm, pipe jacking using mechanical means is feasible for the proposed installation.

To reduce loss of ground and groundwater ingress (if any), consideration may be given to jacking the casing across the alignment as far as possible, prior to auguring. Lubricant selected based on the characteristics of the surrounding soil, may be provided to reduce the friction between the casing and the borehole walls. However, obstacles such as deleterious debris, e.g. wood, which should be anticipated in the fill could make this difficult or impractical. EXP recommends the lead auger be kept at least one casing diameter behind the lead end of the casing to minimize the potential for ground losses. Furthermore, any significant voids between the casing and the surrounding soil should be filled with pressurized cementitious grout to prevent / minimize ground loss. In addition, the installation of the proposed conduit must not interfere with existing utilities. Therefore, driving of the pipe has to be fairly accurate noting that there is only limited steering ability, where minor adjustments can be made should it be necessary or to address obstructions. Generally, utility tunneling using pipe jacking method is a relatively slow and labor-intensive process. The actual tunnel advance rate is a function of soil conditions encountered, method of soil excavation, spoil removal, pipe liners materials, and field conditions.

To minimize possible negative impact on the existing roadway due to excavations required for the bore/jacking pits and installation of the pipe using the pipe jack and auger bore method, a protection system might be required for the existing roadway. Excavation shoring for the pits will be addressed in the following sections of this report.

### 6.3.2 Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)

Based on the borehole findings, the tunneling of the Bell conduit will be confined within the clayey silt till deposit. HDD, considered feasible for this installation, can drill up to about 1,500 m in length with steering capacity for typical pipe diameters ranging between 100 mm and 1,200 mm. The diameter of the proposed tunnel constructed by HDD for the proposed conduit is expected to be around 1,000 mm.

Primary support is not required, as a drilling fluid is used for temporary support and transportation of the cuttings. The risk of loss of drilling fluid is minimal since the tunnel is at least 3 m below the road grade of Highway 404 and located primarily within a glacial till deposit. High density polyethylene or steel pipes can be utilized at this site.

Directional drilling is a two-step process. First, a small diameter pilot hole is drilled through the entire length of the proposed pipeline. Behind the bit, the motor is powered by bentonite slurry, which is pumped through the drill string from the bore entrance. The slurry acts as a lubricant and helps force the soil back to the surface. After the pilot hole is complete, pulling back reaming tools, from the pipe insertion point to the rig side, enlarges the pilot hole. To achieve the appropriate bore size it may be necessary to perform several reaming operations. Generally, all reaming procedures prior to the actual product installation are referred to as pre-reams, and the final ream to which the product pipe is attached is referred to as the back-ream. After the pre-reams, the pulling head and connecting product pipe are attached to the reamer using a swivel, a device that isolates the product pipe from the rotation of the drill pipe. The product pipe is then pulled behind the final reamer back through the directional drill path to the exit pit on the rig side. Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications (OPSS 450), Construction Specifications for Pipeline and Utility Installation by HDD should be applied during construction.

According to OPSS 450 the work site for pipeline installation in soil by HDD should be graded or filled to provide a level working areas for the drilling rig. However, if the space for the entry and exit points is restricted so bore entry and exit angles exceed the recommended values in ASTM F1962-11 (bore entry angles should be in the range of 8° to 20° from the ground surface, while bore exit angles should be relatively shallow; preferably 10°) the bore would be initiated from bore pits.

One of the risks associated with directional drilling is the escape of drilling mud into the environment as a result of a spill, tunnel collapse or the rupture of mud to the surface, commonly referred to as “frac-out”. Frac-outs are caused when excessive drilling pressure results in drilling mud propagating vertically toward the surface. The risk of frac-outs can be reduced through proper mix design and careful monitoring.

The drilling fluid used for the HDD operation should be selected by the HDD contractor taking into account that the drilling fluid should be able to:

- transport all drill cuttings to the surface;
- cleaning off build-up on drill bits and reamer cutters;
- cooling the downhole tools;

- lubricating to reduce the friction between the product pipe and the bore wall; and,
- stabilize the bore path against squeezing by exerting a positive hydraulic pressure against the bore wall.

Proper control of the gel strength is important to minimize the possibility of hydrofracture caused by excessive downhole pressures.

The possible presence of cobbles and boulders within the till deposit along the tunnel alignment might create problems for directional drilling construction as well. A high torque capacity boring machine will help in breaking down cobbles and boulders.

Contractors bidding on this project should be required to submit their bore plan and methodology, including specifications for drilling fluid, maximum and minimum pressures utilized for excavation during the HDD process, prevention of hydrofracturing, locations of relief pits, drilling fluid recycling and disposal plan, emergency measures and materials to be used in case of hydrofracture etc., for review by the geotechnical engineer. All components of the drilling fluid must meet the requirements of ANSI (American National Standard Institute) Certified 60.

### 6.3.3 Microtunneling

Microtunneling should be feasible to install the proposed Bell conduit. Microtunneling method is a non-entry, remotely controlled, guided 2-stage process, which provides continuous support to the excavation face. In this method a Micro Tunneling Boring Machine (MTBM) is used for soil cutting, while a pipe is jacked into place behind the cutting head with hydraulics. The MTBM is equipped with a slurry spoil removal system to control the groundwater inflow and counterbalance the earth and hydrostatic pressure while tunneling through the mixed face conditions. The cutting tool and the drilling fluid must be able to handle the different materials and the "mixed face" condition. In order to minimize the resistance along the pipe exterior, a bentonite grout lubricant can be injected behind the cutting face. Steel, concrete or fibreglass pipes can be installed with this method.

The major advantage of microtunneling method is that its performance is not affected by high groundwater levels, so the dewatering is not required; which is not a case for this project. Major disadvantage of microtunneling for this project is the relatively high cost. This option may become more attractive if potential bidders have available equipment in house.

For excavation of the launching pit, a protection system might be required to minimize possible negative impact on the stability of the existing roadway.

#### **6.3.4 Discussion of Drilling Methods**

Both HDD and jack and bore methods are feasible for installation of Bell conduit at this site. However, the HDD installation is less expensive than the jack and bore.

The microtunneling method is a feasible method and local, experienced contractors have successfully installed pipes using this method. If a qualified and experienced contractor is used for construction, the required alignment/slope can be achieved with minimal risk for short- and long-term settlements. However, the initial installation cost is anticipated to be higher than the alternatives.

## 6.4 Bore Pit Excavation

It is understood that two (2) bore pits will be excavated to about El. 171.0 m for launching and receiving the proposed conduit. These bore pits will be located to the east of Borehole EAST and to the west of Borehole WEST along the south side of Sheppard Avenue East.

Since the bore pits are located beyond our area of investigation, comments provided in this section are based on the findings in Borehole EAST and WEST. Assuming the soil conditions at the bore pit locations are similar to those revealed in the boreholes, the excavation will generally be carried out through the fill and into the stiff to very stiff clayey silt till. It should be noted that the subsurface conditions can be significantly different from those indicated in the boreholes if there are backfilled existing service trenches immediately adjacent to the excavations. If such is the case, more fill material should be anticipated during excavations.

Open cut excavation can be considered if space constraint is not an issue at the pit locations. The side slopes should be cut as per the OSHA regulations. The fill and the clayey silt till can both be considered as Type 3 soil.

If shoring is considered, the overburden soil can be supported by steel sheet piles. The sheet piles should be designed for the lateral earth pressure given in Section 6.6 of this report. Since boulders and other obstructions may exist in the overburden soil, provision may be made in the shoring contractor for their removal. Alternatively, soldier piles and lagging schemes can be considered. Design and installation of temporary shoring is the responsibility of the Contractor.

The overburden materials may be excavated with large conventional equipment such as a mechanical backhoe. It should be noted that the clayey silt till may contain boulders and other obstructions. Provisions must be made in the excavation contract for the removal of possible obstructions.

Seepage from water perched in the fill or upper level of the till deposits should be anticipated. It should be feasible to handle the seepage by gravity drainage and pumping from filtered sumps within the excavation.

## 6.5 Temporary Shoring

Temporary shoring should be designed for the lateral earth pressures presented in the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (4<sup>th</sup> Edition). A rectangular shaped earth pressure diagram can be considered for the granular soil as per Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual Figure 26.8(a). Water pressure and surcharge loads should be taken into consideration as appropriate. The lateral earth pressure acting at the base of the temporary support system may be calculated from the following equation:

$$p = 0.65K_a\gamma h + K_aq$$

where  $p$  = lateral earth pressure in kPa acting at depth  $h$ ;

$K_a$  = earth pressure coefficient, a value of 0.35 is recommended

$\gamma$  = unit weight of retained soil, a value of 22 kN/m<sup>3</sup> is recommended

$h$  = depth to point of interest in m; and

$q$  = equivalent value of any surcharge on the ground surface in kPa.

The above expression assumes that there will be no hydrostatic pressure behind the shoring/sheeting.

The parameters recommended for horizontal earth pressures are for horizontal back slopes. For sloping backfill, the design requirements outlined in Section C6.91(c) of the Canadian highway Bridge Design Code should be used.

Temporary shoring system should be designed and constructed in accordance with OPSS.PROV 539 as amended by SP105S09. The lateral movement of the temporary shoring system should meet Performance Level 2 as specified in OPSS.PROV 539.

It is considered that a sheet pile of sufficiently robust cross section could be driven through glacial till encountered at this site location. Difficulties with installation may occur where occasional boulders are encountered in the till, requiring their removal before further driving. Alternatively, an H-pile with lagging wall can be used as a vertical temporary shoring system. The H-piles are installed, and lagging is inserted between installed H-piles during excavation. Space between the excavation and lagging must be suitably backfilled and drained. Lagging wall material can be selected as wood (timber), steel or concrete.

For design of the timber lagging, earth pressures can be reduced by 25 percent to account for soil arching effects. This is provided if the center-to-center spacing of the soldier piles does not exceed 2.5 m. Soldier piles should extend a minimum depth of 3.0 m below the planned excavation depth. The actual depth of embedment should be determined by balancing moments about the pile tip. Excavation can proceed following installation of the soldier piles. The unshored height of the excavation should not exceed 1.2 m at any given time. No excavation height should remain unshored for more than 24 hours. Any loose zones from behind the shoring should be prevented during installation of the protection system. If required, backfill Granular A should be placed and compacted behind the shoring wall.

For the relatively shallow depth of excavation anticipated, cantilevered systems may be adequate. However, depending on the actual excavation depth and shoring system used, additional anchorage or tiebacks may be required. This must be confirmed by the shoring designer. Conventional practice is to incorporate either buried deadman anchors, rakers or grouted soil anchors.

## 6.6 Backfilling Operations

It is anticipated that backfilling work will be required at the entry and exit pits to reinstate the site to preconstruction conditions. Backfill for all excavations should be clean compactable fill, i.e. inorganic soil with its moisture content close to its optimum moisture content determined in a standard Proctor test. It is anticipated that the excavated soils from the bore pits will be predominantly clayey materials. This material will have to be sorted to remove any topsoil, organic stained soils, cobbles greater than 150 mm in diameter and/or other unsuitable materials if it is for reuse as backfill. Some moisture content adjustment may be required. Imported granular soils should be considered for backfilling confined areas.

Any organic, excessively wet or otherwise deleterious material should not be used for backfilling purposes. Any shortfall of suitable on-site excavated material can be made up with imported and approved materials. In areas where long term settlements are to be avoided, the backfills should be placed in lifts not exceeding 200 mm and compacted to minimum 98 percent standard Proctor maximum dry density. Alternatively, the use of unshrinkable fill for backfilling can be considered.

All backfill and compaction operations should be monitored by qualified geotechnical personnel to approve material, to evaluate placement operations, and to verify that the specified degree of compaction is being achieved throughout the fill. The drill mud in the annular space should be permitted to solidify to provide support for the pipe and surrounding soils.

## 6.7 Ground Settlement

Settlement around the tunnel would be due ground loss or “immediate” settlement caused by tunneling.

The immediate settlement is a direct result of the overcut and movement of ground at the heading during tunneling. The factors that influence the immediate settlement include the soil strength and the method of tunneling. Based on soil characteristics of the site, an experienced contractor should be able to keep the settlement under the MTO’s required limit of 10 mm. Technical specifications should ensure that:

- The use of over-cutters (excavating to a diameter greater than the pipe diameter) is kept under 10 mm; and
- The program of instrumentation is carried out as per MTO guidelines.

## 7. Instrumentation and Monitoring

### 7.1 General

Monitoring of the impact of trenchless installation of the conduit below the Hwy 404 on other MTO infrastructure such as bridge/retaining wall foundation and underground utilities e.g. sewers, should be carried out. Provided that the unwatering/dewatering, shoring and tunneling are carried out in accordance with specifications and good practice significant impact on the existing bridge/ retaining walls is not anticipated, since the existing bridge is founded on deep foundations. Based on available information about clearances from all MTO and other utilities it is anticipated that none of them will be affected by the construction of this Bell conduit. However, ground surface settlements along the alignment should be monitored during construction to ensure compliance with MTO guidelines and the contract requirements.

The instrumentation program should adequately verify effects of tunneling on the overlying highway and obtain advance warning of ground movements. The scope and layout of settlement instruments should be in general accordance with the MTO guidelines (Settlement Monitoring Guideline – Tunneling). This should include a series of surface monitoring points placed at a maximum spacing of 5 metres along the entire length of the proposed tunnel. All monitoring points located in the unpaved portion of the right-of-way are to be founded below the frost penetration depth, which is typically 1.2 metres in this area.

A reading schedule should be as follows:

- A minimum two (2) sets of readings prior to construction.
- A minimum of three (3) sets of readings each day during construction provided the movements are within the anticipated limits. Otherwise, the reading frequency may have to be increased.
- Monitoring of movements is required during work stoppages, such as non-operation periods (off-shifts) or weekends, where a minimum of 3 sets of reading shall be taken daily.
- Following the completion of the installation, reading must be taken once per day for seven (7) days and then weekly for one month.
- The frequency of monitoring at any stage can be adjusted based on the magnitude of movements observed during and after the completion of installation.

Instrumentation plans should be finalized once the contractor and installation method are selected. The instrumentation plans and monitoring schedule should be submitted to the MTO for final approval.

Control of ground settlement on this project depends on the behavior of soil at the tunnel face and on the tunneling methodology employed by the contractor. It is recommended that the volume of the material removed from the tunnel be monitored and continuously compared to the rate of tunnel advance. This would provide some indication if any over-excavation was taking place.

## 7.2 Criteria for Assessment of Roadway Subsidence

The criteria for evaluation of settlement should be based on the following action levels:

1. *Review Level:* If a maximum value of 10 mm relative to the baseline readings is reached, the method, rate or sequence of construction, or ground stabilization measures shall be reviewed or modified to mitigate further ground displacements.
2. *Alert Level:* If a maximum of 15 mm relative to the baseline readings is reached, the contractor shall be required to cease construction operation or to execute pre-planned measures to secure the site to mitigate further unacceptable settlement and to assure safety of public.

## 8. General Comments

Our comments are restricted to the site evaluated and to the topics discussed in this report. The comments and recommendations given are based on the assumption that the current design concept as described above will proceed into construction. If changes are made either in the design phase or during construction, this office must be retained to review these modifications from a geotechnical viewpoint.

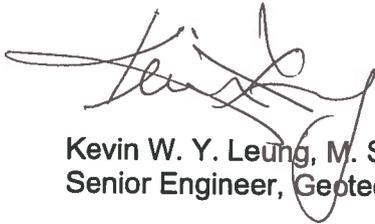
The comments given in this report are intended only for the guidance of design engineers. The number of boreholes required to determine the localized underground conditions between boreholes affecting construction costs, techniques, sequencing, equipment, scheduling, etc. could be greater than has been carried out for design purposes. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the works should, in this light, decide on their own investigations, as well as their own interpretations of the factual borehole results, so that they may draw their own conclusions as to how the subsurface conditions may affect them.

The information contained in this report in no way reflects on the environmental aspects of the soils, which has not been addressed as this is beyond our terms of reference. Should specific information be required, additional drilling and/or testing may be required. More specific information with respect to the conditions between samples, or the lateral and vertical extent of materials may become apparent during excavation operations. The interpretation of the borehole information must, therefore, be validated during excavation operations. Consequently, during the construction phase of the project, conditions not observed during this investigation may become apparent; should this occur, EXP Services Inc. should be contacted to assess the situation and additional testing and reporting may be required.

EXP Services Inc. should be retained for a general review of the final design and specifications to verify that this report has been properly interpreted and implemented. If not accorded the privilege of making this review, EXP Services Inc. will assume no responsibility for interpretation of the recommendations in the report.

We trust this report is satisfactory for your purposes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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# Drawings: Borehole Location Plans and Borehole Logs

**METRIC**

DIMENSIONS ARE IN METERS AND/OR MILLIMETERS UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS ARE IN KILOMETERS +METERS

DIRECTIONAL DRILLING OF BELL CONDUIT  
HIGHWAY 404 & SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST  
TORONTO, ONTARIO



BOREHOLE LOCATION PLAN AND SOIL STRATA

SHEET  
1

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- LEGEND**
- Borehole Location (2020)
  - Standard Penetration Test (Blows/0.3 m)
  - Groundwater Level in Piezometer
  - Piezometer

- SIMPLIFIED STRATIGRAPHY**
- ASPHALT
  - CLAYEY SILT (TILL)
  - SAND
  - FILL
  - SANDY SILT (TILL)

BH No.	ELEV.	UTM COORDINATE (ZONE UTM17)	
		NORTHING	EASTING
BH EAST	176.7	4848316.0	633844.0
BH WEST	177.7	4848325.0	633576.0

- NOTES**
- The boundaries and soil type have been established only at the borehole locations. Between boreholes the boundaries are assumed and may be subject to considerable error.
  - Soil samples will be retained in storage for 3 months and then destroyed unless the client advises otherwise.
  - Topsoil quantiles and/or volume of unsuitable fill should not be established from the information provided at the borehole locations.
  - Borehole elevation should not be used to design building(s) or floor slab(s), or parking lot(s) grades.
  - The drawing to be read with subject report, project number as shown below.
  - See report text for site datum.
  - Test hole locations are approximate.
  - Dimension shown on this drawing are in metric units, unless otherwise noted.

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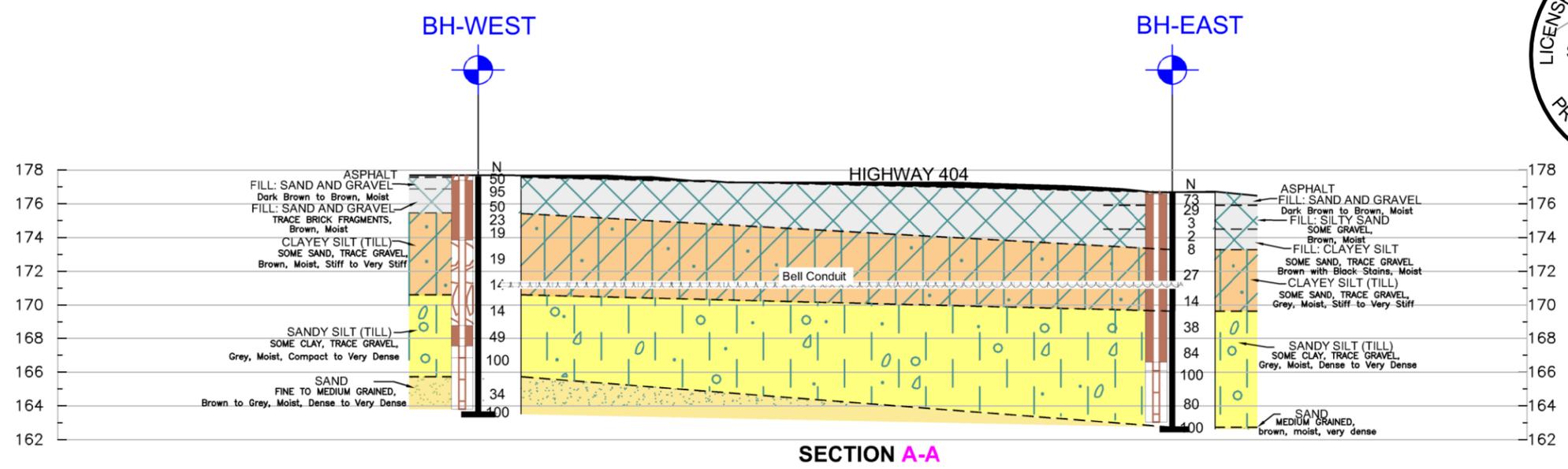
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		GEOCRES NO. 30M14-518	
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**PLAN**



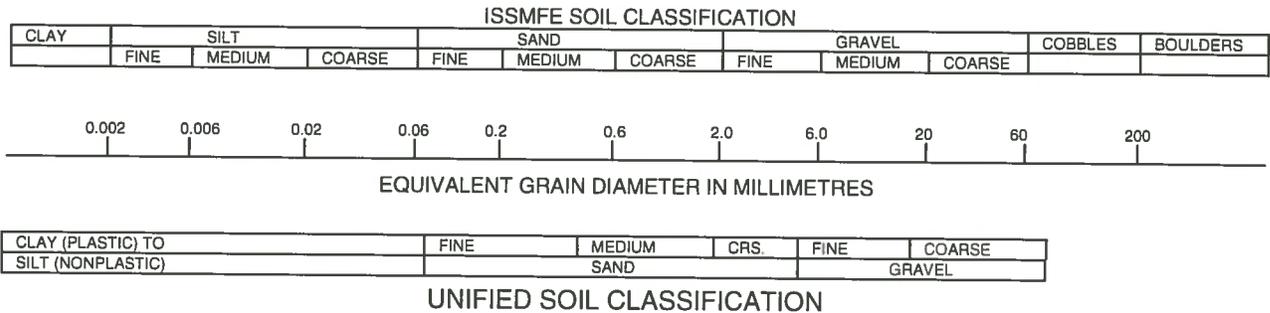
**SECTION A-A**



# Notes On Sample Descriptions

# Drawing 1A

1. All sample descriptions included in this report follow the Canadian Foundations Engineering Manual soil classification system. This system follows the standard proposed by the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering. Laboratory grain size analyses provided by EXP Services Inc. also follow the same system. Different classification systems may be used by others; one such system is the Unified Soil Classification. Please note that, with the exception of those samples where a grain size analysis has been made, all samples are classified visually. Visual classification is not sufficiently accurate to provide exact grain sizing or precise differentiation between size classification systems.



2. **Fill:** Where fill is designated on the borehole log it is defined as indicated by the sample recovered during the boring process. The reader is cautioned that fills are heterogeneous in nature and variable in density or degree of compaction. The borehole description may therefore not be applicable as a general description of site fill materials. All fills should be expected to contain obstruction such as wood, large concrete pieces or subsurface basements, floors, tanks, etc.; none of these may have been encountered in the boreholes. Since boreholes cannot accurately define the contents of the fill, test pits are recommended to provide supplementary information. Despite the use of test pits, the heterogeneous nature of fill will leave some ambiguity as to the exact composition of the fill. Most fills contain pockets, seams, or layers of organically contaminated soil. This organic material can result in the generation of methane gas and/or significant ongoing and future settlements. Fill at this site may have been monitored for the presence of methane gas and, if so, the results are given on the borehole logs. The monitoring process does not indicate the volume of gas that can be potentially generated nor does it pinpoint the source of the gas. These readings are to advise of the presence of gas only, and a detailed study is recommended for sites where any explosive gas/methane is detected. Some fill material may be contaminated by toxic/hazardous waste that renders it unacceptable for deposition in any but designated land fill sites; unless specifically stated the fill on this site has not been tested for contaminants that may be considered toxic or hazardous. This testing and a potential hazard study can be undertaken if requested. In most residential/commercial areas undergoing reconstruction, buried oil tanks are common and are generally not detected in a conventional geotechnical site investigation.
3. **Till:** The term till on the borehole logs indicates that the material originates from a geological process associated with glaciation. Because of this geological process the till must be considered heterogeneous in composition and as such may contain pockets and/or seams of material such as sand, gravel, silt or clay. Till often contains cobbles (60 to 200 mm) or boulders (over 200 mm). Contractors may therefore encounter cobbles and boulders during excavation, even if they are not indicated by the borings. It should be appreciated that normal sampling equipment cannot differentiate the size or type of any obstruction. Because of the horizontal and vertical variability of till, the sample description may be applicable to a very limited zone; caution is therefore essential when dealing with sensitive excavations or dewatering programs in till materials.

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No EAST**

SHEET 1 OF 1

**METRIC**

PROJECT NO. BRM-00607084-BG LOCATION Bell Crossing Hwy. 404 South of Sheppard Avnue East, Toronto ORIGINATED BY DP  
 North: \_\_\_\_\_ East: \_\_\_\_\_ BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY KL  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 3/30/2020 - 3/30/2020 CHECKED BY KL

ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	SPT TEST (N-Value) ●		DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION 20 40 60 80 100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL X LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT PL	NATURAL WATER CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT LL	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40							
176.7 0.0	-50 mm ASPHALT over FILL - sand and gravel, dark brown to brown, moist		1	SS	73											
175.9 0.8	FILL - silty sand, some gravel, brown, moist		2	SS	29											
			3	SS	3											
174.5 2.2	FILL - clayey silt, some sand, trace gravel, brown with black stains, moist		4	SS	2											
	- hydrocarbon odour		5	SS	8									22.4		
173.3 3.4	CLAYEY SILT TILL - some sand, trace gravel, grey, moist, stiff to very stiff		6	SS	27									21.6	3 24 44 29	
			7	SS	14									20.6		
169.7 7.0	SANDY SILT TILL - some clay, trace gravel, grey, moist, dense to very dense		8	SS	38									23.3	4 34 45 17	
			9	SS	84									23.6		
			10	SS	100											
			11	SS	80									23.3		
162.9 13.9	SAND - medium grained, brown, moist, very dense End of Borehole		12	SS	100											

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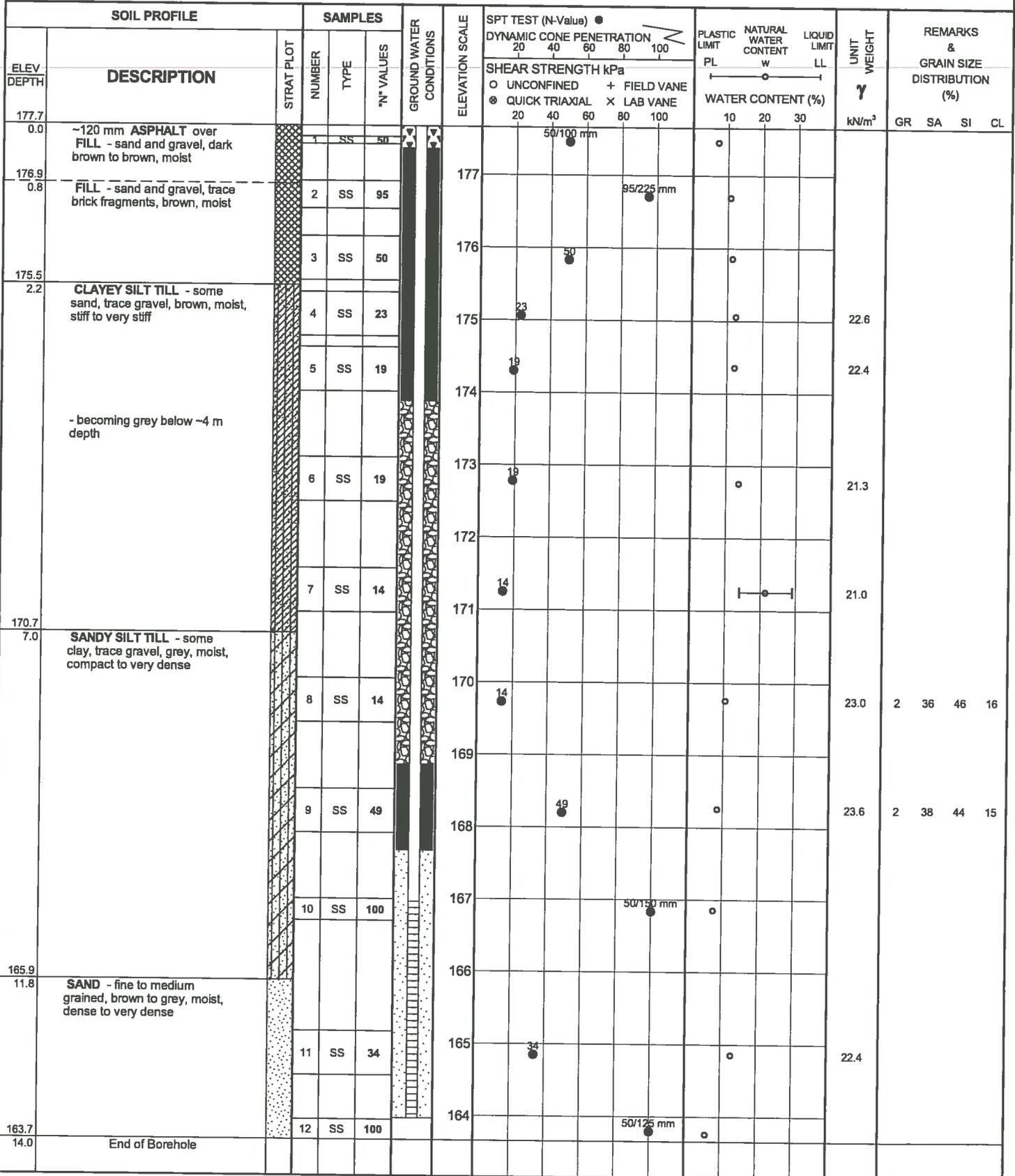
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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No WEST**

SHEET 1 OF 1

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 North: \_\_\_\_\_ East: \_\_\_\_\_ BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Augers COMPILED BY KL  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 3/31/2020 - 3/31/2020 CHECKED BY KL



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# Appendix A: Laboratory Test Results



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# Grain Size Analysis & Hydrometer Test Report

ST08

Sample Test No.: 340259-1

Report No.: 1

Date Reported: 09-Apr-20

Project No.: brm-00607084-bg

Project Name: GEO KL- Bell Crossing Hwy 404 at Sheppard Ave East,  
Toronto, Ontario- Geotechnical Investigation for

**Grain Size Proportion (%)**

Gravel (> 4.75mm): **2.5**  
 Sand (> 75µm, < 4.75mm): **24.0**  
 Silt (> 2µm), < 75µm): **44.2**  
 Clay (< 2µm): **29.3**  
 Total: **100.0**

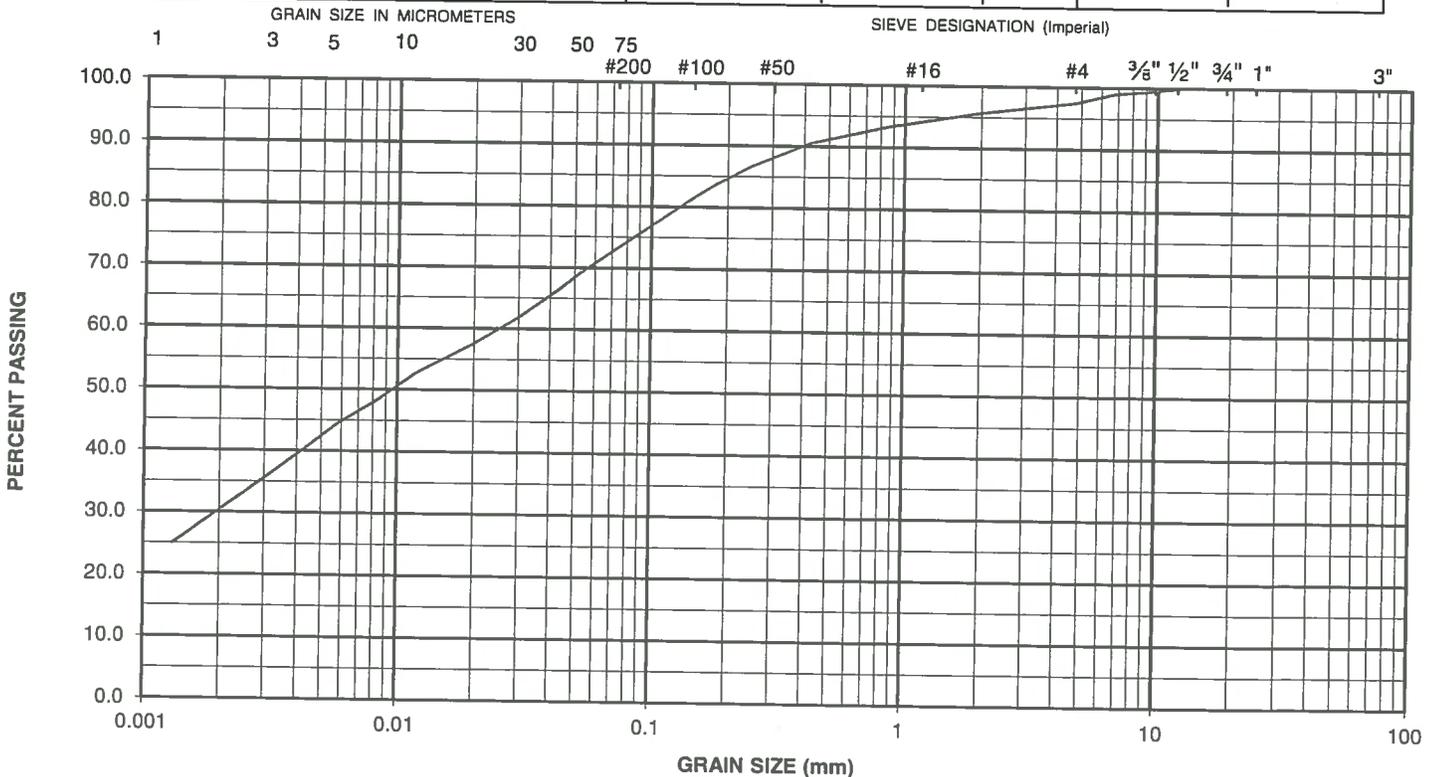
**Sample Information**

Location: BH East  
 Sample Method: SS  
 Sample No.: 6  
 Depth: 4.6 - 5.2 m  
 Sample Description: Sandy, Clayey Silt; trac Gravel; Brown  
 Sampled By: exp Brampton  
 Sampling Date: 3/30/2020  
 Date Received: 4/6/2020  
 Client Sample ID:  
 Comments:

Grain Size (mm)	% Passing	Grain Size (mm)	% Passing
26.5	100.0	0.0424	66.2
22.4	100.0	0.0305	62.0
19	100.0	0.0197	57.4
16	100.0	0.0116	52.6
13.2	100.0	0.0083	48.3
12.5	100.0	0.0059	44.7
9.5	99.5	0.0030	35.6
6.7	98.9	0.0013	24.9
4.75	97.5		
2	95.7		
0.85	93.3		
0.425	90.5		
0.25	86.7		
0.18	83.8		
0.15	81.7		
0.075	73.5		
0.053	69.3		

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

CLAY AND SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



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# Grain Size Analysis & Hydrometer Test Report

ST08

Sample Test No.: 340260-1

Report No.: 2

Date Reported: 09-Apr-20

Project No.: brm-00607084-bg

Project Name: GEO KL- Bell Crossing Hwy 404 at Sheppard Ave East,  
 Toronto, Ontario- Geotechnical Investigation for

**Grain Size Proportion (%)**

Gravel (> 4.75mm): **4.0**  
 Sand (> 75µm, < 4.75mm): **33.9**  
 Silt (> 2µm, < 75µm): **45.1**  
 Clay (< 2µm): **17.0**  
 Total: **100.0**

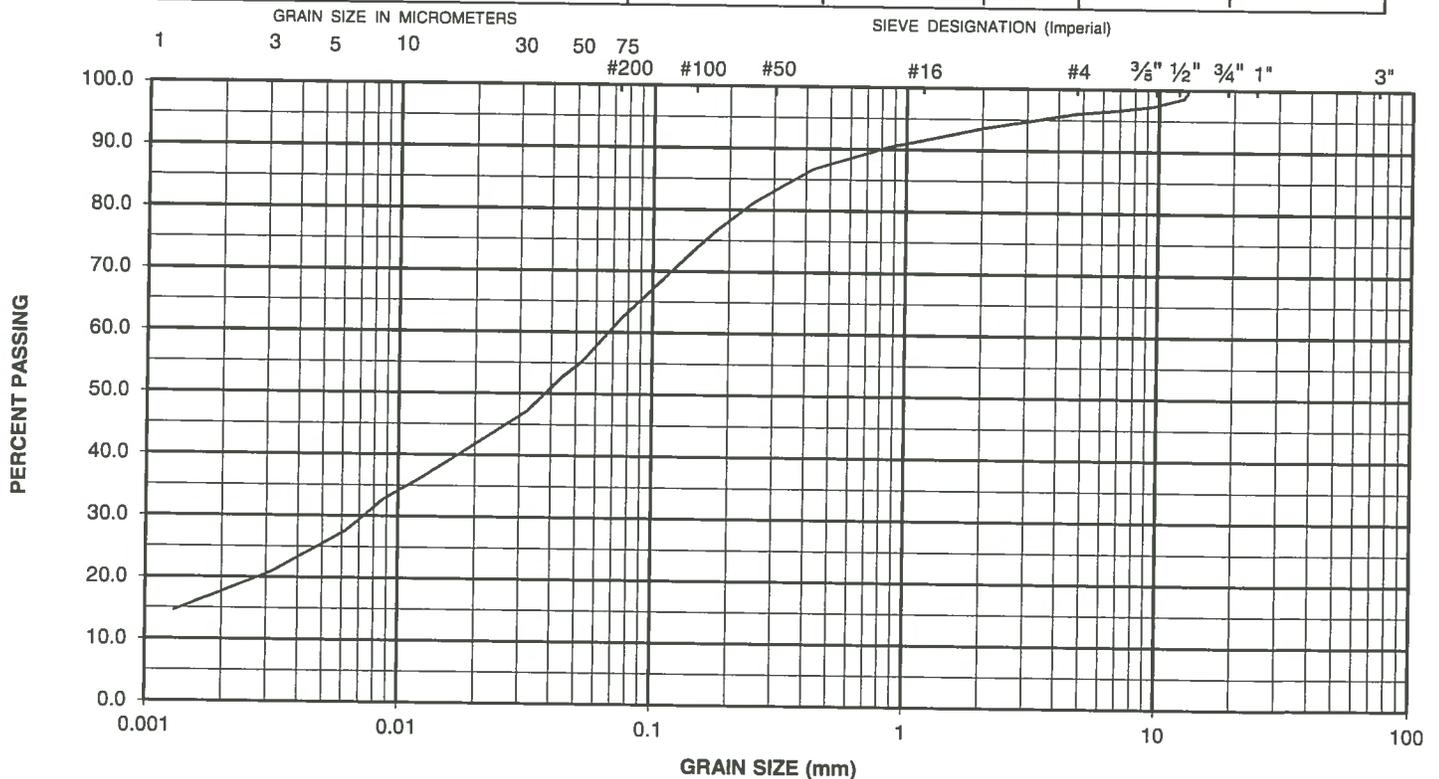
**Sample Information**

Location: BH East  
 Sample Method: SS  
 Sample No.: 8  
 Depth: 7.6 - 8.2 m  
 Sample Description: Sandy Silt, some Clay; trace Gravel; Grey  
 Sampled By: exp Brampton  
 Sampling Date: 3/30/2020  
 Date Received: 4/6/2020  
 Client Sample ID:  
 Comments:

Grain Size (mm)	% Passing	Grain Size (mm)	% Passing
26.5	100.0	0.0446	52.9
22.4	100.0	0.0322	47.2
19	100.0	0.0208	42.2
16	100.0	0.0122	36.2
13.2	100.0	0.0087	32.7
12.5	98.6	0.0062	27.6
9.5	97.3	0.0031	20.8
6.7	96.6	0.0013	14.6
4.75	96.0		
2	93.5		
0.85	90.4		
0.425	86.7		
0.25	81.2		
0.18	76.8		
0.15	74.0		
0.075	62.2		
0.053	55.3		

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CLAY AND SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



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ST08

Sample Test No.: 340261-1

Report No.: 3

Date Reported: 09-Apr-20

Project No.: brm-00607084-bg

Project Name: GEO KL- Bell Crossing Hwy 404 at Sheppard Ave East,  
 Toronto, Ontario- Geotechnical Investigation for

**Grain Size Proportion (%)**

Gravel (> 4.75mm): **2.1**  
 Sand (> 75µm, < 4.75mm): **35.9**  
 Silt (> 2µm), < 75µm): **45.9**  
 Clay (< 2µm): **16.1**  
 Total: **100.0**

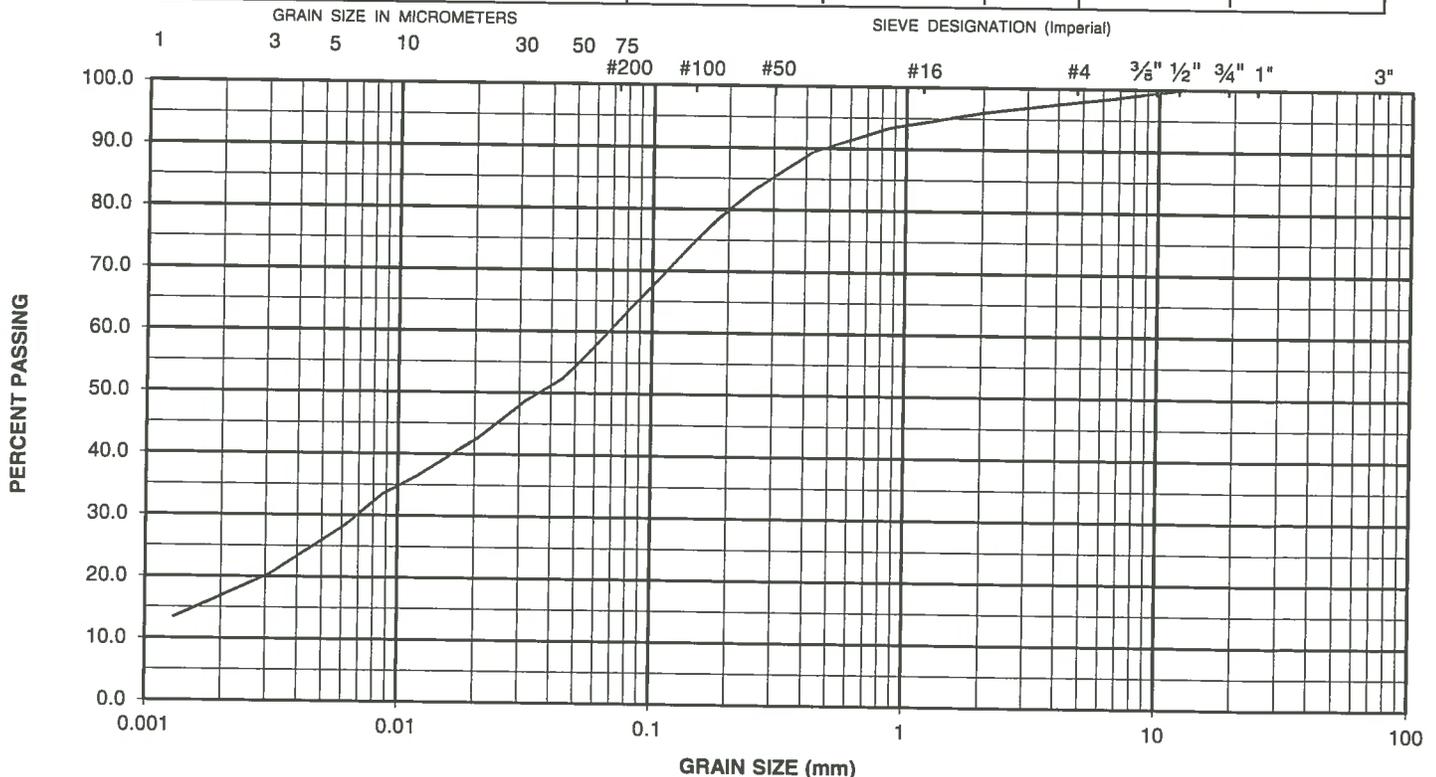
**Sample Information**

Location: BH West  
 Sample Method: SS  
 Sample No.: 8  
 Depth: 7.6 - 8.2 m  
 Sample Description: Silt and Sand, some Clay; trace Gravel; Grey  
 Sampled By: exp Brampton  
 Sampling Date: 3/30/2020  
 Date Received: 4/6/2020  
 Client Sample ID:  
 Comments:

Grain Size (mm)	% Passing	Grain Size (mm)	% Passing
26.5	100.0	0.0444	52.4
22.4	100.0	0.0318	48.8
19	100.0	0.0206	42.7
16	100.0	0.0121	36.6
13.2	100.0	0.0087	33.5
12.5	100.0	0.0062	28.4
9.5	99.4	0.0031	20.4
6.7	98.5	0.0013	13.4
4.75	97.9		
2	96.0		
0.85	93.3		
0.425	89.4		
0.25	83.2		
0.18	78.4		
0.15	75.2		
0.075	62.0		
0.053	55.4		

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# Grain Size Analysis & Hydrometer Test Report

ST08

Sample Test No.: 340262-1

Report No.: 4

Date Reported: 09-Apr-20

Project No.: brm-00607084-bg

Project Name: GEO KL- Bell Crossing Hwy 404 at Sheppard Ave East,  
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**Grain Size Proportion (%)**

Gravel (> 4.75mm): **2.3**  
 Sand (> 75µm, < 4.75mm): **38.3**  
 Silt (> 2µm), < 75µm): **44.1**  
 Clay (< 2µm): **15.3**  
 Total: **100.0**

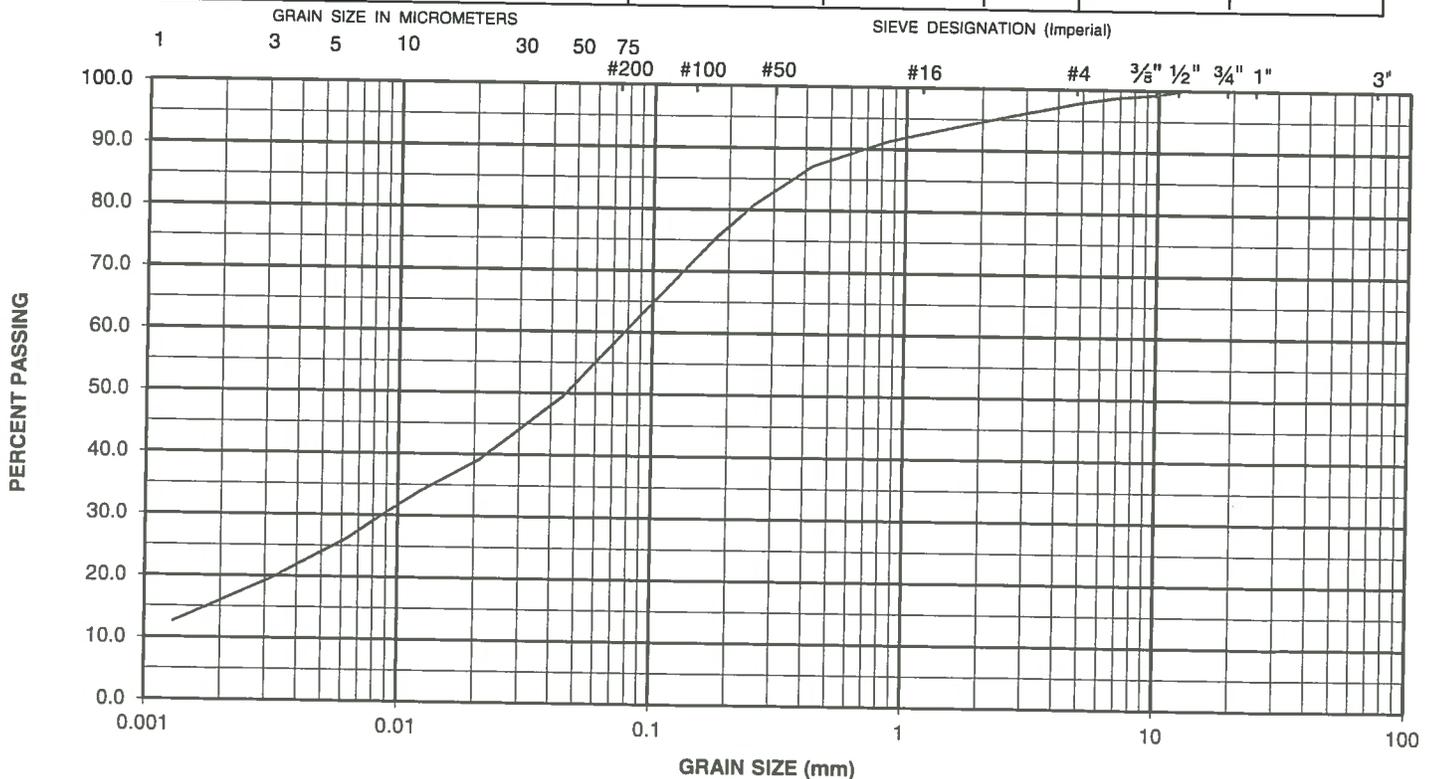
**Sample Information**

Location: BH West  
 Sample Method: SS  
 Sample No.: 9  
 Depth: 9.1 - 9.8 m  
 Sample Description: Silt and Sand, some Clay; trace Gravel; Grey  
 Sampled By: exp Brampton  
 Sampling Date: 3/30/2020  
 Date Received: 4/6/2020  
 Client Sample ID:  
 Comments:

Grain Size (mm)	% Passing	Grain Size (mm)	% Passing
26.5	100.0	0.0447	49.6
22.4	100.0	0.0322	45.1
19	100.0	0.0208	39.1
16	100.0	0.0122	34.0
13.2	100.0	0.0087	30.1
12.5	100.0	0.0063	26.2
9.5	99.2	0.0031	19.5
6.7	98.7	0.0013	12.6
4.75	97.7		
2	94.7		
0.85	91.3		
0.425	87.1		
0.25	80.8		
0.18	75.6		
0.15	72.3		
0.075	59.4		
0.053	52.7		

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# Plasticity Index Test Report

ST03

Project No.: Brm-00607084-BG  
 Sample Number: 340144-3  
 Date Sampled: March 20, 2020  
 Date Received: March 31, 2020  
 Sample Location: Depth: 6.1 - 6.7 m

Date Reported: April 8, 2020  
 Borehole No: BH East / SS7

### Liquid Limit

Trial Number	1	2	3	4
Number of Blows	32	22	13	
Moisture Tin No.	17	15	1	
Mass of Soil and Tin, g	28.258	28.050	28.613	
Mass of Dry Soil and Tin, g	25.085	24.763	25.089	
Mass of Tin, g	16.702	16.517	16.763	
Mass of Water, g	3.173	3.287	3.524	
Mass of Dry Soil, g	8.383	8.246	8.326	
Water Content	37.9%	39.9%	42.3%	

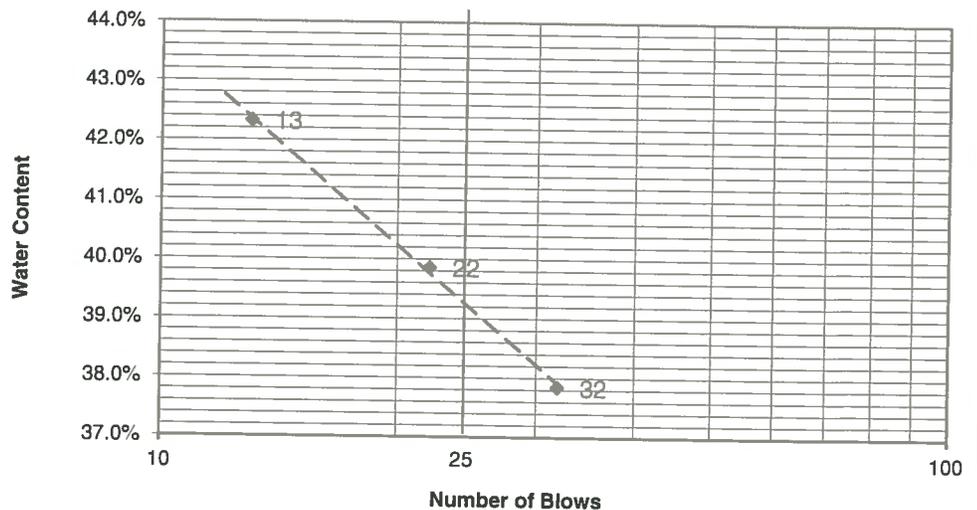
### Plastic Limit

Trial Number	1	2	3
Moisture Tin No.	6	10	11
Mass of Soil and Tin, g	27.055	27.360	28.210
Mass of Dry Soil and Tin, g	25.658	25.746	26.653
Mass of Tin, g	16.723	15.490	16.742
Mass of Water, g	1.397	1.614	1.557
Mass of Dry Soil, g	8.935	10.256	9.911
Water Content	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%

### Summary of Results

Liquid Limit (LL): 39  
 Plastic Limit (PL): 16  
 Plasticity Index (PI): 23  
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### Flow Curve



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# Plasticity Index Test Report

ST03

**Project No.:** Brm-00607084-BG  
**Sample Number:** 340158-3  
**Date Sampled:** March 31, 2020  
**Date Received:** March 31, 2020  
**Sample Location:** Depth: 6.1 - 6.7 m

**Date Reported:** April 8, 2020  
**Borehole No:** BH West / SS7

**Liquid Limit**

Trial Number	1	2	3	4
Number of Blows	38	22	13	
Moisture Tin No.	19	27	32	
Mass of Soil and Tin, g	28.702	26.975	27.563	
Mass of Dry Soil and Tin, g	25.865	24.296	24.701	
Mass of Tin, g	15.630	15.160	15.628	
Mass of Water, g	2.837	2.679	2.862	
Mass of Dry Soil, g	10.235	9.136	9.073	
Water Content	27.7%	29.3%	31.5%	

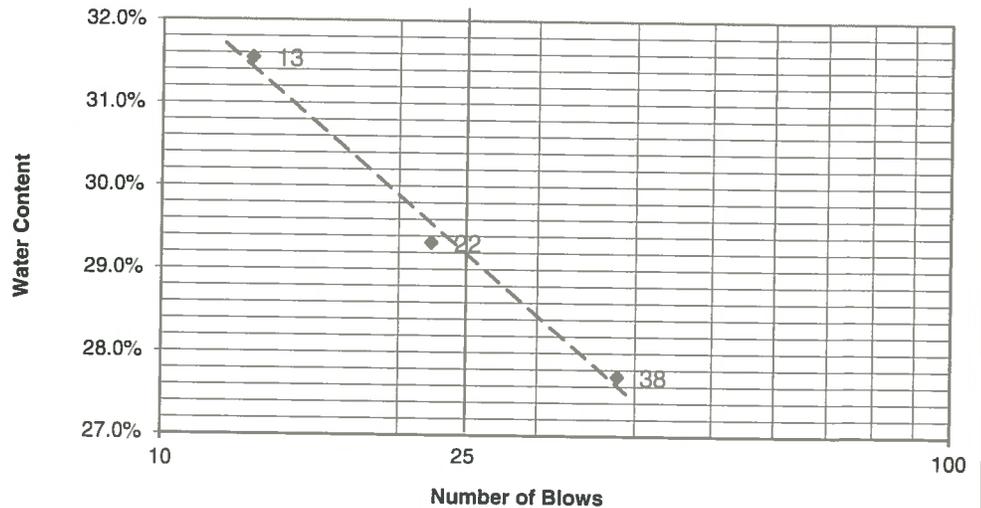
**Plastic Limit**

Trial Number	1	2	3
Moisture Tin No.	12	13	21
Mass of Soil and Tin, g	27.399	26.728	28.017
Mass of Dry Soil and Tin, g	25.951	25.507	26.521
Mass of Tin, g	15.398	16.673	15.574
Mass of Water, g	1.448	1.221	1.496
Mass of Dry Soil, g	10.553	8.834	10.947
Water Content	13.7%	13.8%	13.7%

**Summary of Results**

Liquid Limit (LL): 29  
 Plastic Limit (PL): 14  
 Plasticity Index (PI): 15  
 CL

**Flow Curve**



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**Appendix B:**  
H.Q. Golder & Associate Ltd., (1964) “Site Investigation for  
Proposed Don Valley Parkway Underpass at Sheppard  
Ave East, Toronto, Ontario”  
(Geocres No. 30M14-398)

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## ABSTRACT

The results of a site investigation for a proposed structure to carry Sheppard Ave. East over the proposed Don Valley Parkway are reported. Recommendations are made for the foundations of the structure and the stability of the approach embankments is considered.

The soil in the area under consideration is topsoil or pavement with underlying fill for depths up to 3.5 feet. Beneath the surface deposits is a silt till 12 to 18 feet thick in a very stiff to hard condition. A layer of stiff silty clay about 3 feet thick underlies the till. Beneath the clay is a lower till 9 to 14 feet thick which, except for the top few feet, is in a hard to very hard state. Very dense sand underlies this lower till.

It is recommended that the central pier be founded on a spread footing with a design net bearing pressure of 3 tons/sq. ft. The abutments may be founded on piles driven through the embankment to practical refusal in the lower till. Twelve in. circular piles driven to practical refusal in the lower till may be loaded to 35 tons each or Franki type piles in the lower till to 100<sup>+</sup> tons.

It is anticipated that foundations as above will result in a differential settlement of from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Other methods of founding are recommended in the report if this differential settlement is too great for the structure.

No stability problem is anticipated for embankments built of good quality fill at the usual slopes of two horizontal to one vertical.

## INTRODUCTION

H. Q. Golder and Associates Ltd. were retained by Ewbank, Pillar and Associates Limited to carry out a site investigation for the grade separation at the proposed Don Valley Parkway (now Woodbine Ave) and Sheppard Ave in the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. The purpose of the investigation was to determine the subsoil conditions at the site, to make recommendations for the foundations of the structure that will provide the grade separation and to assist in determining the stability of the approach embankments for the structure.

At this location the Don Valley Parkway will run in a north-south direction with the pavement surface one to two feet above the pavement level of the existing Woodbine Ave. Sheppard Ave. East will be carried over the Parkway by a structure. A site plan and cross sections are given on Figure 1.

## PROCEDURE

The field work for this investigation was carried out during the period June 4, 1964 to June 9, 1964 using a power auger for the borings. A total of 6 boreholes were put down at this site to depths ranging between 30.5 and 50.5 feet. Dynamic cone penetration tests were carried out at each borehole.

The locations of the borings are given on the accompanying Figure 1 and a detailed log for each boring is given on the Records of Boreholes following the text of this report.

The samples obtained during the investigation were brought to our laboratory for examination and testing. The results of the testing are shown on the Records of Boreholes and on Figures 2, 3 and 4 which give the grain size distribution of selected samples.

#### SITE GEOLOGY AND CONDITIONS

The site lies on what is known geologically as the "Peel Plain". This plain is largely composed of a till resulting from the most recent glaciation of the area. The till overlies interglacial and interstadial sands and is itself overlain in places by post glacial sands and clays.

The area of the site is relatively flat with less than three feet difference in elevation between any two points in the vicinity of the structure and under a considerable proportion of the approach embankments. No usual drainage or surface conditions are evident.

SOIL CONDITIONS

The general soil conditions are shown schematically on the cross sections on Figure 1.

The surface of the site is covered by pavement and fill varying in thickness from 0.4 to 3.5 feet with some areas of topsoil up to at least two feet thick in the west portion of the site.

Beneath the pavement, fill and topsoil is a clayey silt till containing some sand and a trace of gravel. This till stratum varies in thickness from 12 to 18 feet and is generally in a very stiff to hard condition. The upper portion of the stratum is weathered and brown in colour and in all boreholes except No. 24 the lower part of the stratum, varying in thickness from 2.5 to 6 feet, is grey.

Underlying the till is a stratum of grey silty clay two to three feet thick that was encountered in all boreholes. This clay is in a stiff to very stiff consistency.

Grey clayey silt till containing some sand and a trace of gravel occurs beneath the silty clay stratum. This lower till which varies in thickness from 9 to 14 feet, is similar to

the unweathered portion of the upper till but is generally in a hard to very hard condition except for the top few feet of the stratum which is very stiff.

Very dense brown silty fine to medium sand was encountered under the lower till in four of the six boreholes at depths varying from 31 to 27 feet below the surface.

#### WATER CONDITIONS

Standpipes were installed in the six boreholes and readings of water level taken on five occasions between June 9 and August 5, 1964. The highest water level measured during that period is shown on the Record of Boreholes. The measured water elevations indicate that the water table is four or five feet from the surface at the west end of the site, boreholes 20 and 21, and from 17 to 42 feet from the surface at the remainder of the site. It is noticeable that the deeper standpipes give a lower water elevation indicating that there is probably a hydraulic gradient acting downward at this site and possibly a perched water table above the silty clay layer.

In general the water table elevation and soil at this site is such that no water problems are likely to be encountered in excavations for spread footings founded at the

usual depths of four or five feet.

### DISCUSSION

It is understood that the structure proposed for this site is to consist of two spans of 125 feet each and is to be of prestressed concrete. The center support is to be a pier and the abutments will be in the approach embankment. At the center line of Sheppard Ave. East the pavement surface of the Parkway will be about one foot above the level of the present pavement.

The foundation conditions at the site may be summarized as an upper till up to 18 feet thick which has a moderately good load carrying capacity, a layer of silty clay about three feet thick that has only a fair load carrying capacity and a lower till and sand, the top few feet of which is only fair but below that is excellent for foundation purposes.

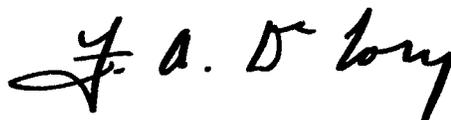
It is recommended that the central pier be founded on a spread footing in the upper till at the minimum depth necessary for frost protection using a net unit loading of 3 tons/sq. ft. In order to avoid possible settlement of the abutments if they were founded in the approach fill it is recommended that they be founded on displacement piles driven through the embankment and upper till to practical refusal in the lower till at or below

elevation 555 feet, about 25 feet below the present road surface. For displacement piles driven to practical refusal in the lower till allowable pile loads would be of the order of 35 tons for 12 in. circular piles driven closed end and 100<sup>±</sup> tons for Franki type piles. Capacity of the latter type piles would usually be based on a test of one pile.

It is estimated that for the allowable loads given above, the pier footing will settle a slight amount and the settlement of the abutment will be smaller resulting in a differential settlement between the pier and abutments of the order of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. A considerable proportion of this settlement will be complete by the time construction is complete.

Should the above settlement be too great for the proposed structure the alternatives are to found the central pier on piles driven to the same elevation and with the same allowable loads as for the abutments or to found the abutments on a spread footing at the same elevation as the pier footing and use a spill through type abutment. If the latter alternative is used the net load brought to the soil by the footing should be of the order of 2 tons/sq. ft. in order that this foundation load plus the load brought in by the embankment will cause the same amount of settlement as the 3 tons/sq. ft. under the pier.

The shearing strength of the soil near the surface is high enough that no stability problems are anticipated for the slopes of embankments at the usual angle of two horizontal to one vertical and for the heights proposed.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on each "Record of Borehole," on the figures and in the text of the report, are as follows:

### I. SAMPLE TYPES

<i>AS</i>	auger sample
<i>CS</i>	chunk sample
<i>DO</i>	drive open
<i>DS</i>	Denison type sample
<i>FS</i>	foil sample
<i>RC</i>	rock core
<i>ST</i>	slotted tube
<i>TO</i>	thin-walled, open
<i>TP</i>	thin-walled, piston
<i>WS</i>	wash sample

### II. PENETRATION RESISTANCES

**Dynamic Penetration Resistance:** The number of blows by a 140-pound hammer dropped 30 inches required to drive a 2-inch diameter, 60 degree cone one foot, where the cone is attached to 'A' size drill rods and casing is not used.

**Standard Penetration Resistance, *N*:** The number of blows by a 140-pound hammer dropped 30 inches required to drive a 2-inch drive open sampler one foot.

<i>WH</i>	sampler advanced by static weight—weight, hammer
<i>PH</i>	sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, hydraulic
<i>PM</i>	sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, manual

### III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### (a) *Cohesionless Soils*

<i>Relative Density</i>	<i>N, blows/ft.</i>
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

#### (b) *Cohesive Soils*

<i>Consistency</i>	<i>c<sub>u</sub>, lb./sq. ft.</i>
Very soft	Less than 250
Soft	250 to 500
Firm	500 to 1,000
Stiff	1,000 to 2,000
Very stiff	2,000 to 4,000
Hard	over 4,000

### IV. SOIL TESTS

<i>C</i>	consolidation test
<i>H</i>	hydrometer analysis
<i>M</i>	sieve analysis
<i>MH</i>	combined analysis, sieve and hydrometer <sup>1</sup>
<i>Q</i>	undrained triaxial <sup>2</sup>
<i>R</i>	consolidated undrained triaxial <sup>2</sup>
<i>S</i>	drained triaxial
<i>U</i>	unconfined compression
<i>V</i>	field vane test

#### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Combined analyses when 5 to 95 per cent of the material passes the No. 200 sieve.

<sup>2</sup>Undrained triaxial tests in which pore pressures are measured are shown as  $\bar{Q}$  or  $\bar{R}$ .

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

### I. GENERAL

$\pi$	= 3.1416
$e$	= base of natural logarithms 2.7183
$\log_e a$ or $\ln a$ ,	natural logarithm of $a$
$\log_{10} a$ or $\log a$ ,	logarithm of $a$ to base 10
$t$	time
$g$	acceleration due to gravity
$V$	volume
$W$	weight
$M$	moment
$F$	factor of safety

### II. STRESS AND STRAIN

$u$	pore pressure
$\sigma$	normal stress
$\sigma'$	normal effective stress ( $\bar{\sigma}$ is also used)
$\tau$	shear stress
$\epsilon$	linear strain
$\epsilon_{xy}$	shear strain
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio ( $\mu$ is also used)
$E$	modulus of linear deformation (Young's modulus)
$G$	modulus of shear deformation
$K$	modulus of compressibility
$\eta$	coefficient of viscosity

### III. SOIL PROPERTIES

#### (a) Unit weight

$\gamma$	unit weight of soil (bulk density)
$\gamma_s$	unit weight of solid particles
$\gamma_w$	unit weight of water
$\gamma_d$	unit dry weight of soil (dry density)
$\gamma'$	unit weight of submerged soil
$G_s$	specific gravity of solid particles $G_s = \gamma_s / \gamma_w$
$e$	void ratio
$n$	porosity
$w$	water content
$S_r$	degree of saturation

#### (b) Consistency

$w_L$	liquid limit
$w_P$	plastic limit
$I_P$	plasticity index
$w_S$	shrinkage limit
$I_L$	liquidity index = $(w - w_P) / I_P$
$I_C$	consistency index = $(w_L - w) / I_P$
$e_{max}$	void ratio in loosest state
$e_{min}$	void ratio in densest state
$D_r$	relative density = $(e_{max} - e) / (e_{max} - e_{min})$

#### (c) Permeability

$h$	hydraulic head or potential
$q$	rate of discharge
$v$	velocity of flow
$i$	hydraulic gradient
$k$	coefficient of permeability
$j$	seepage force per unit volume

#### (d) Consolidation (one-dimensional)

$m_v$	coefficient of volume change = $-\Delta e / (1+e) \Delta \sigma'$
$C_c$	compression index = $-\Delta e / \Delta \log_{10} \sigma'$
$c_v$	coefficient of consolidation
$T_v$	time factor = $c_v t / d^2$ ( $d$ , drainage path)
$U$	degree of consolidation

#### (e) Shear strength

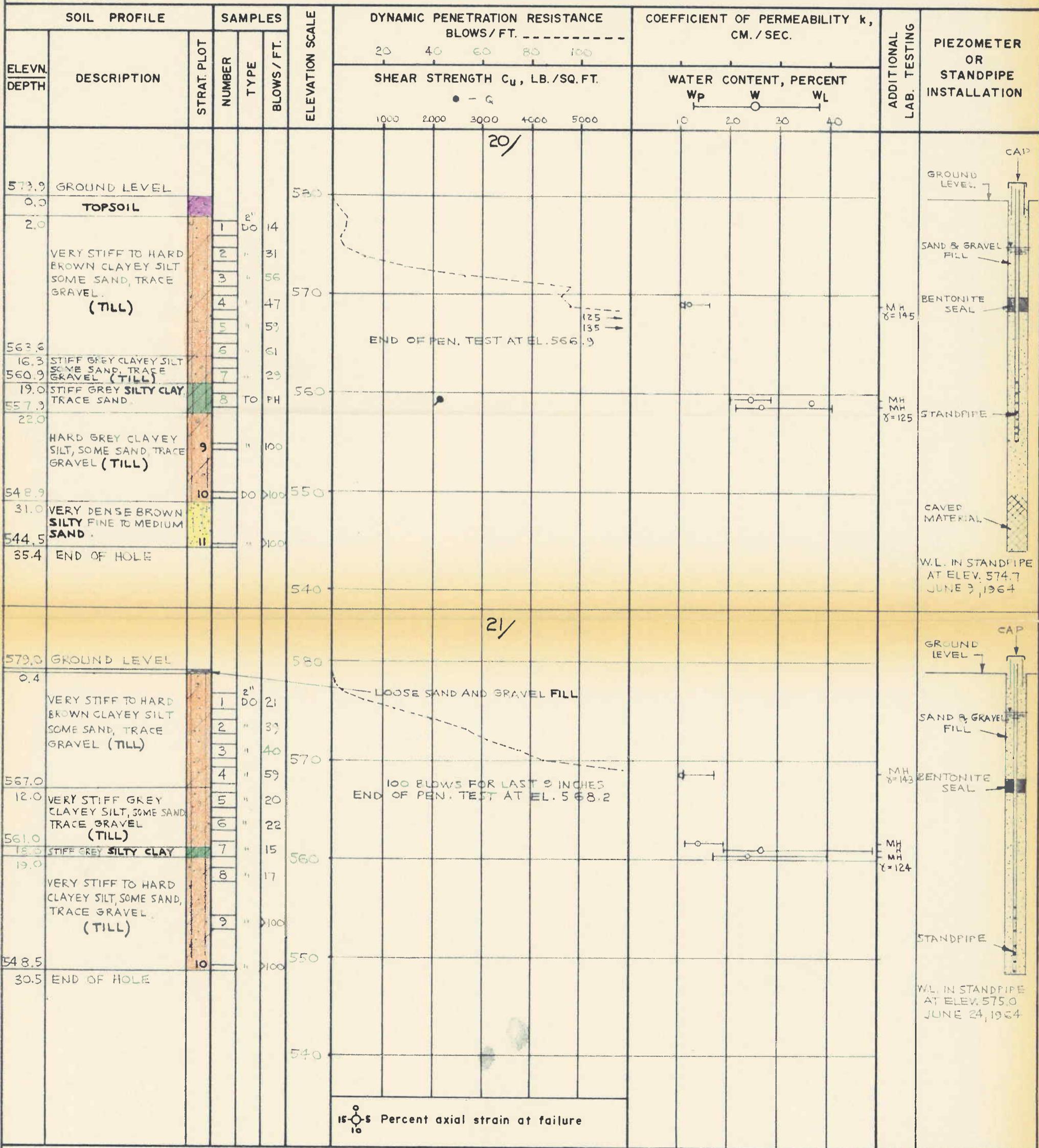
$\tau_f$	shear strength	
$c'$	effective cohesion	} in terms of effective stress $\tau_f = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$
	intercept	
$\phi'$	effective angle of shearing resistance, or friction	
$c_u$	apparent cohesion*	} in terms of total stress $\tau_f = c_u + \sigma \tan \phi_u$
$\phi_u$	apparent angle of shearing resistance, or friction	
$\mu$	coefficient of friction	
$S_f$	sensitivity	

\*For the case of a saturated cohesive soil,  $\phi_u = 0$  and the undrained shear strength  $\tau_f = c_u$  is taken as half the undrained compressive strength.

# RECORD OF BOREHOLES 20 & 21

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**LOCATION** See Figure 1      **BORING DATE** JUNE 4 & 5, 1964      **DATUM** GEODETIC  
**BOREHOLE TYPE** POWER AUGER BORING      **BOREHOLE DIAMETER** 4.5 INCHES  
**SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT** 140 LB. **DROP** 30 INCHES      **PEN. TEST HAMMER WEIGHT** 140 LB. **DROP** 30 INCHES



Percent axial strain at failure

VERTICAL SCALE

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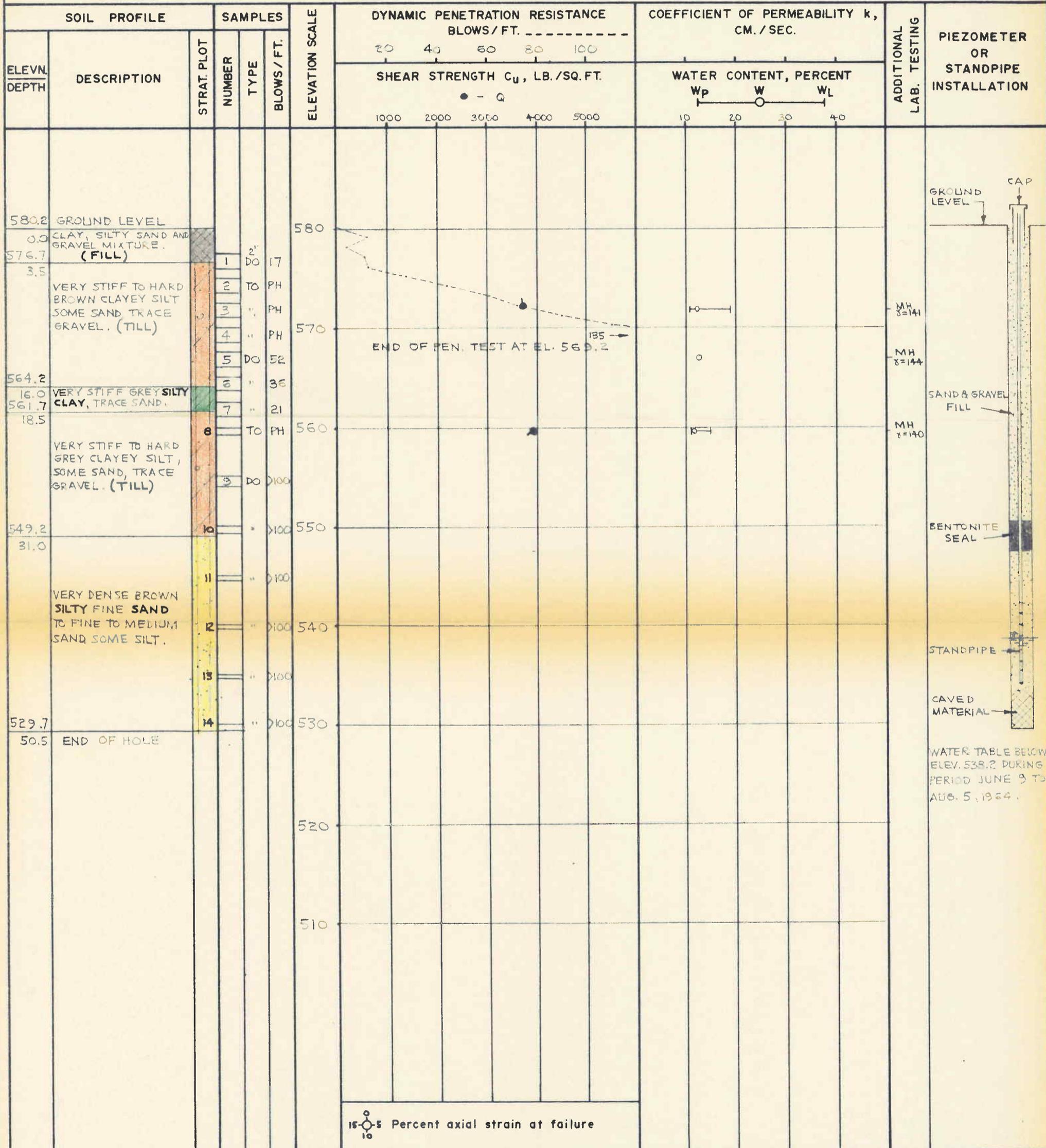
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BOREHOLE DIAMETER 4.5"

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB. DROP 30 INCHES

PEN. TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB. DROP 30 INCHES



VERTICAL SCALE

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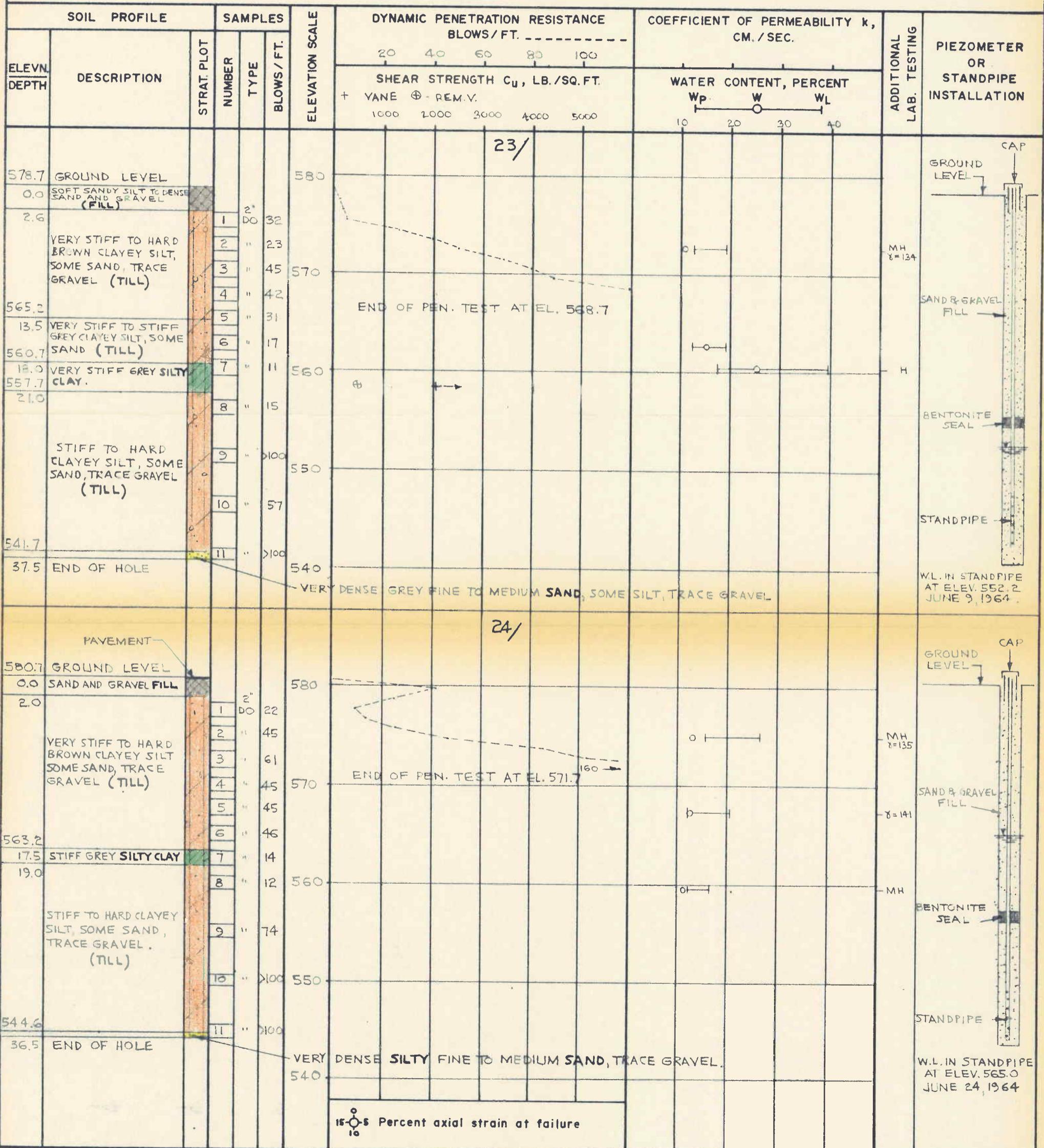
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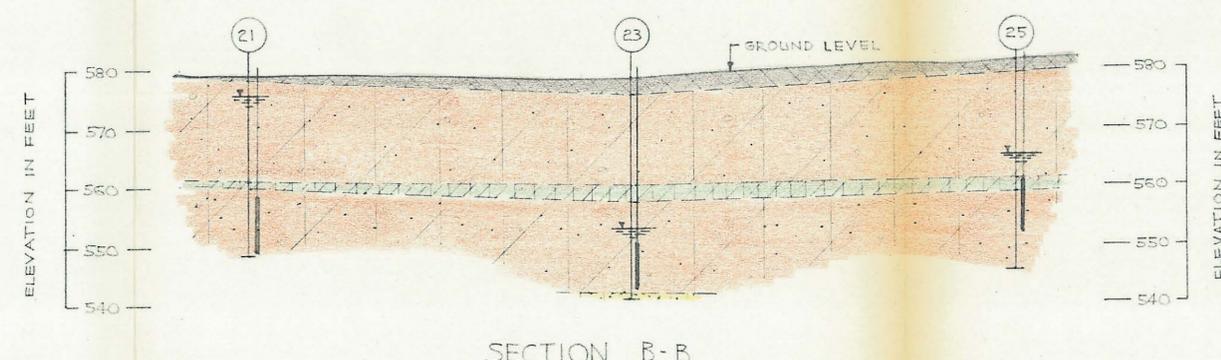
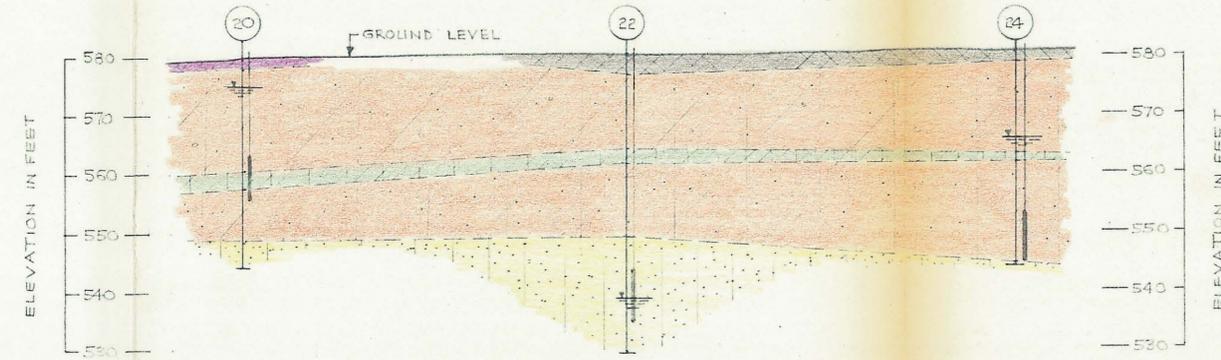
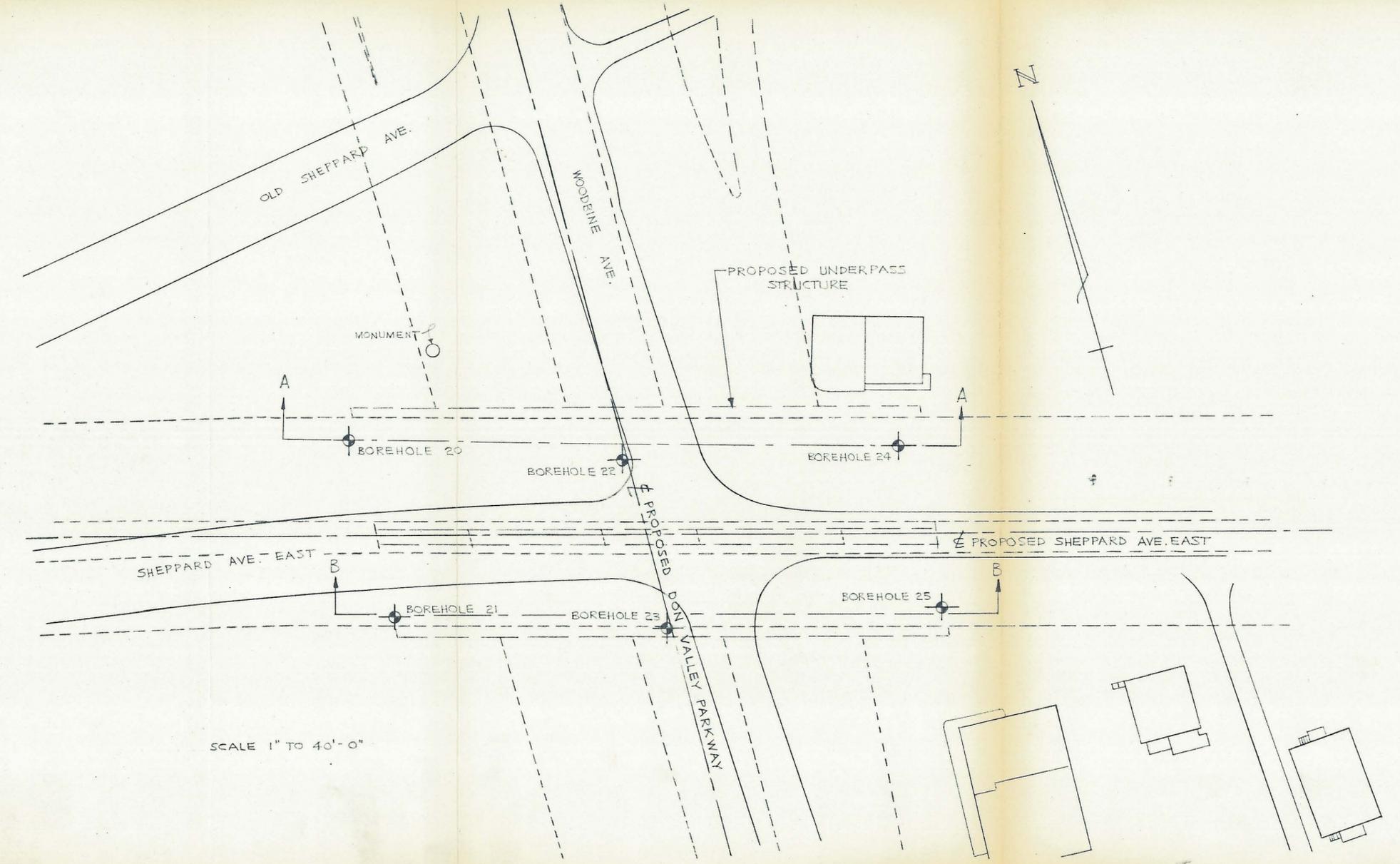
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1 INCH TO 10'-0"

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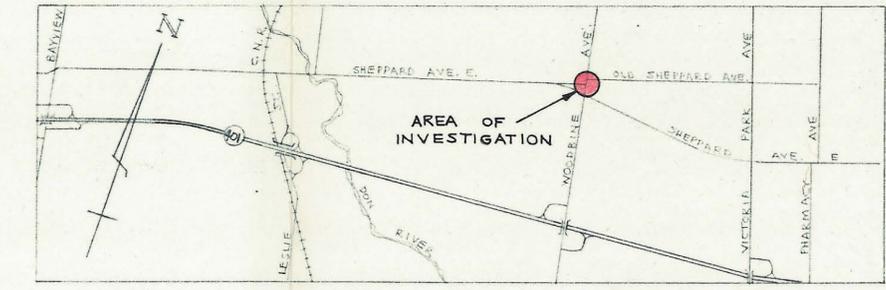
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HORIZ. SCALE 1" TO 40'-0" VERT. SCALE 1" TO 20'-0"



LEGEND

- ◆ BOREHOLE IN PLAN
- BOREHOLE IN ELEVATION
- HIGHEST W.L. IN STANDPIPE, JUNE-JULY/64.
- LOCATION OF STANDPIPE END OF HOLE

STRATIGRAPHY

- TOPSOIL
- LOOSE SAND AND GRAVEL, SOME SILT & CLAY (FILL)
- STIFF TO HARD BROWN TO GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND, TRACE GRAVEL (TILL)
- STIFF TO VERY STIFF GREY SILTY CLAY
- VERY DENSE BROWN AND GREY SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND, TRACE GRAVEL.

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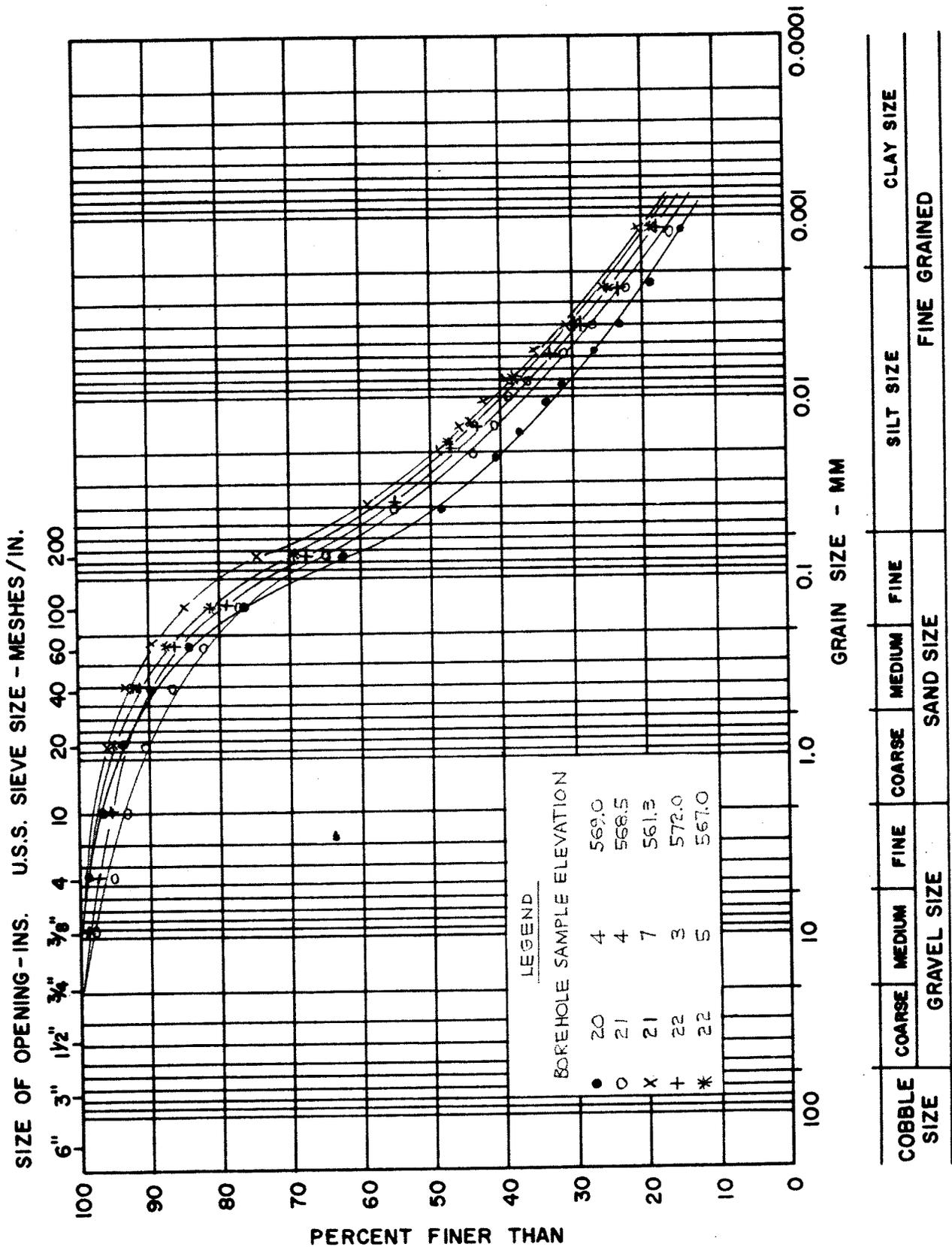
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

## CLAYEY SILT TILL

FIGURE 2

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



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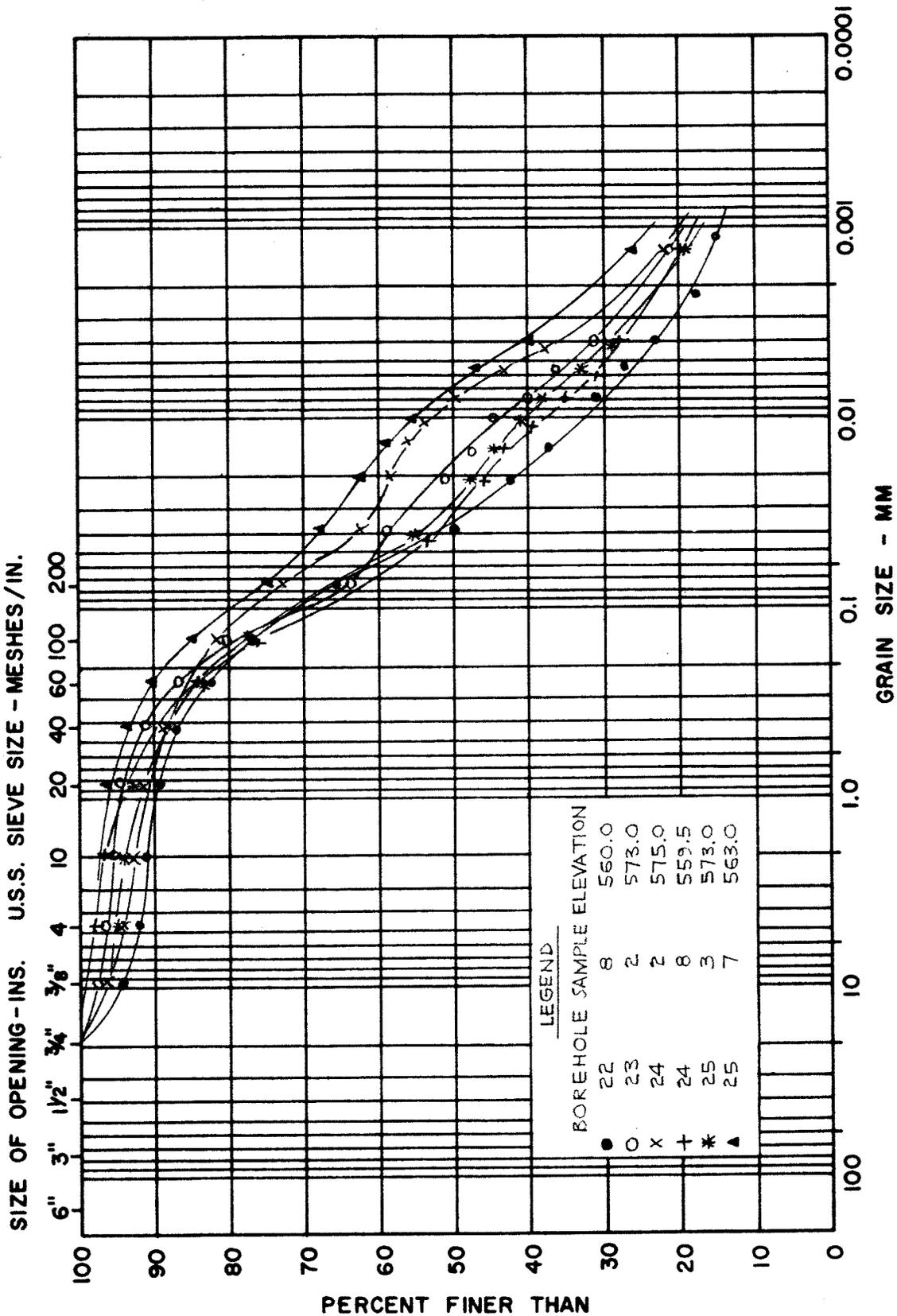
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## CLAYEY SILT TILL

FIGURE

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M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



**LEGEND**

Symbol	Borehole	Sample Elevation
●	22	8
○	23	2
x	24	2
+	24	8
*	25	3
▲	25	7

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

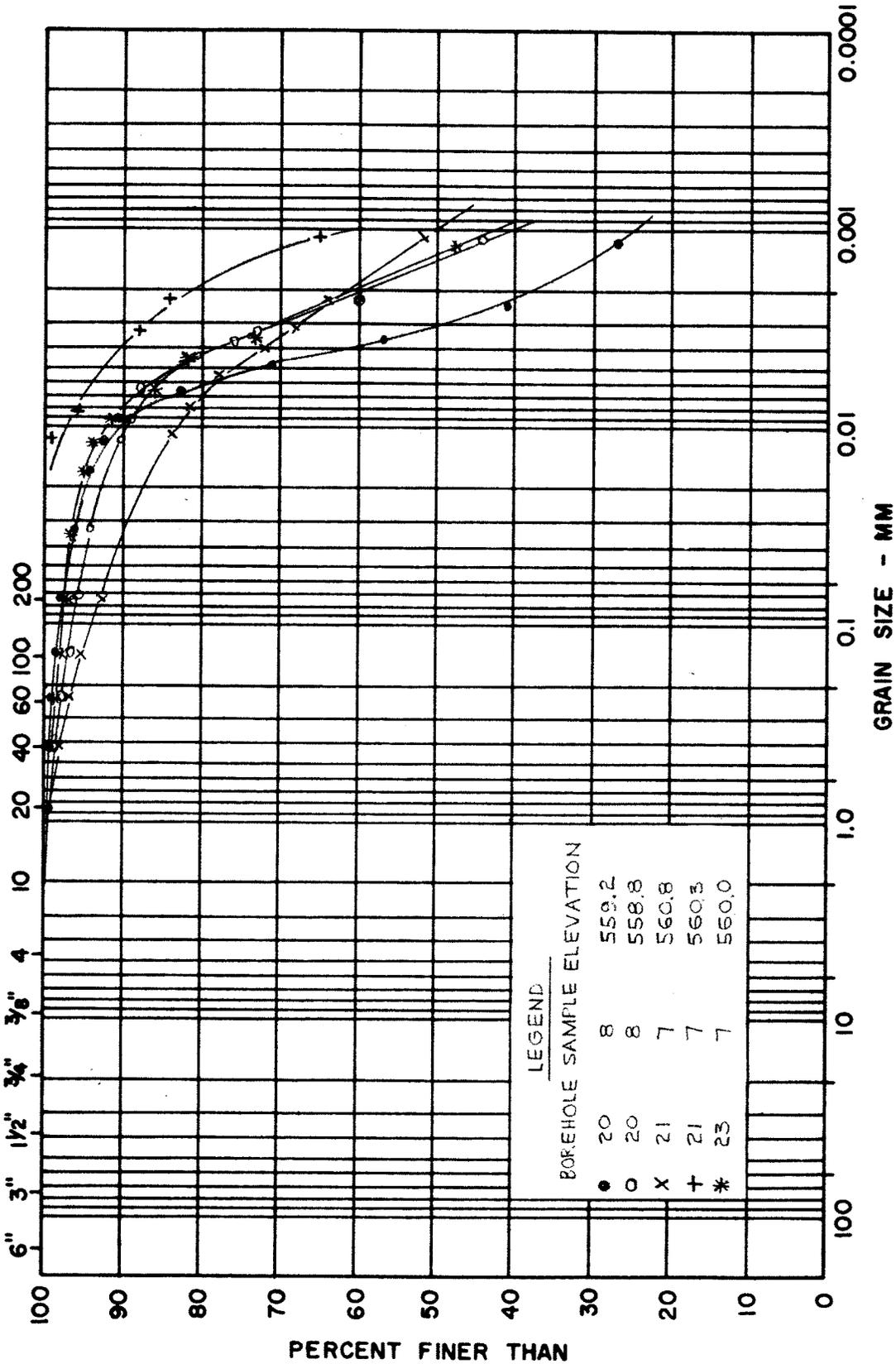
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION SILTY CLAY

FIGURE 4

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE

SIZE OF OPENING - INS. U.S.S. SIEVE SIZE - MESHES / IN.



LEGEND

BOREHOLE	SAMPLE ELEVATION
●	20 559.2
○	20 558.8
X	21 560.8
+	21 560.3
*	23 560.0

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