## FOUNDATION ANALYSIS AND DESIGN REPORT

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SUBJECT: LRT, Freight, and Trail Bridges over Louisiana Avenue South Southwest Light Rail Transit Project St. Louis Park, Minnesota AET No. 01-05697.07

### **1.0 PROJECT INFORMATION**

This report provides foundation analysis and recommendations for the bridges which will carry the light rail transit (LRT) tracks, the realigned freight rail track, and Cedar Lake Trail over Louisiana Avenue South in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

### **1.1 Bridge Information**

Each of the three new bridges will be two-span structures; the spans having a length of approximately 70 feet, resulting in total bridge lengths of about 140 feet. Out-to-out bridge widths and deck structure types are planned as follows:

- LRT bridge: 36'-4", prestressed concrete beams
- Freight bridge: 19'-8", steel welded plate girders
- Trail bridge: 18'-6", prestressed concrete beams

The preliminary bottom of foundation elevations are 888.0 feet for the abutments and 886.0 feet for the center piers.

The plan and profile sheets from the preliminary bridge plans are attached to this report.

### **1.2 Approach Information**

The existing trail and freight tracks are built upon a raised embankment. The new LRT tracks will veer to the south off of the embankment, with the angled bridge located to the south of the existing bridge and embankment (see attached Figure 1). The new trail approach will have a profile grade similar to the existing grade as shown on Figure 1.2a. Due to changes in bridge configuration, new wedges of fill will be placed behind the parapet abutments; although considering the geometry, much of this new fill load will be carried by the abutments.

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The profile view of the freight rail bridge is shown on Figure 1.2b. This shows that up to 5 feet of approach grade raise is planned (and greater in the "abutment wedge" area). Therefore, significant new load will be imposed on the underlying soils if mineral soils were to be placed.



With the LRT tracks veering to the south off the embankment, up to about 20 feet or more of new fill is needed for the new approaches, as shown in Figure 1.2c. Current plans are to retain the south edge of the approach on both the west and east sides with a structured retaining wall, with the fill on the north side abutting up to the existing embankment.



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### 2.0 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION AND TESTING SUMMARY

### 2.1 Field Exploration Scope

The exploratory test program performed specific to these bridges consisted of six standard penetration test (SPT) "foundation" borings. The locations of the borings appear on attached Figure 1. The County coordinates also appear on the logs.

### 2.2 Laboratory Scope

During laboratory classification logging, water content tests were conducted on cohesive soil samples. In addition, two consolidation tests, three unconfined compression tests with density, one density test, one Atterberg Limits test, and four organic content tests were performed. The test results appear on the individual boring logs, opposite the samples upon which they were performed, or on the data sheets following the boring logs (consolidation tests).

### 2.3 Methods

Logs of the SPT borings are attached. The borings were drilled using 3.25 inch diameter hollow stem augers and mud rotary drilling (plug drilling) techniques. Standard penetration test samples were taken with split-barrel samplers per ASTM: D1586, with the exception that the hammers were calibrated to near  $N_{60}$  values per MnDOT requirements.

The soils were visually-manually classified per the Unified Soil Classification System. The soil group category per the AASHTO Soil Classification System is also noted on the logs. Please refer to the attachments entitled *Exploration/Classification Methods, Boring Log Notes, Unified Soil Classification System*, and *AASHTO Soil Classification System* for additional details.

Field and laboratory testing is done in general conformance with the described procedures. Compliance with any other standards referenced within the specified standard is neither inferred nor implied.

### 2.4 Geology/Soils Review

The generalized geologic profile consists of fill overlying organic swamp deposits which overlie both water-deposited (alluvium) and glacially deposited (till) soils. Bedrock is about 66 feet to 88 feet below Louisiana Avenue.

### 2.4.1 Bedrock

The bedrock at the boring locations ranges in depth from 66.7 feet to 109 feet (corresponding to elevation 800.0 feet to 821.8 feet). The bedrock encountered in the southwest and south central portion of the area where top of rock is shallower (elevation 820.1 feet and 821.8 feet) was limestone of the Platteville Formation. The Platteville was eroded away at the remaining locations where the top of bedrock was in the elevation range of 800 feet to 810.8 feet. The bedrock in these areas was sandstone of the St. Peter Formation. Shale of the Glenwood

Formation would be interbedded between the Platteville and St. Peter formations, but remains below the limestone cap at the boring locations where the limestone is still present.

### 2.4.2 Natural Overburden Soils

The generalized natural soil profile consists of swamp deposits over alluvium (water-deposited soils) and then glacially-deposited till soils, although granular alluvium is sometimes interbedded in the till.

The swamp deposits are 15 feet to  $32\frac{1}{2}$  feet thick. The areas of lesser thickness are below the existing raised embankment where the swamp has been more compressed. The swamp consists of peats and organic clays.

The alluvium is mostly granular, mainly consisting of sand and sand with silt having varying gravel content. In some areas, lean clay alluvium is present at the top of the alluvial deposit, directly beneath the swamp deposits.

The till mostly consists of clayey sand, sandy lean clay, and silty sand, again having varying gravel content.

### 2.4.3 Upper Fill

Borings 1011 SB and 1012 SB were drilled on the existing raised embankment. At these locations, the fill was  $36\frac{1}{2}$  feet and  $41\frac{1}{2}$  feet thick; although lower zones could be alluvial soils which deposited over the swamp. At the lower elevation borings, the fill thickness is about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 feet thick. The fill is primarily a mixture of sandy soils (sands to silty sands and clayey sands), although occasionally includes intermixing with organic fines, ash/cinders, and wood.

### 2.5 Ground Water

Ground-water levels were encountered during drilling. Several of the measured levels were at lower elevations that we feel were not stabilized levels. Based on review of the data, it appears the ground-water level at the time of drilling was in the elevation range of 882<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet to 884<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet. Water levels are expected to fluctuate both seasonally and annually.

## 3.0 FOUNDATION ANALYSIS

The following analysis uses Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methodology. In the future, it may be determined that freight rail bridge foundation analyses needs to follow AREMA standards which use Allowable Stress Design (ASD) methodology. If this is determined to be the case, the report will need to be modified using the preferred methodology during advanced design.

### **3.1 Foundation Analysis**

### 3.1.1 Foundation Type

The swamp deposits are highly compressible and spread foundation support cannot be considered. Supporting the bridge on driven piles is considered the most economical approach, and is the foundation type analyzed and recommended.

If piles were to gain reasonable nominal resistance prior to reaching the bedrock, the resistance would likely need to be met with a combination of tip resistance and side friction. A typical pile type for this case is a 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe pile. We conducted an analysis of this pile type at Boring 1213 SB where the alluvial/till deposits are the thickest. If this case shows pile lengths at or approaching the bedrock are needed for typical resistance needs, then the use of H-pile driven to bedrock would be considered the appropriate pile type.

### 3.1.2 Pile Foundation Analysis Methods

Pile bearing resistance versus pile length was analyzed using *DRIVEN* software (FHWA). This program uses the Nordlund method for granular soils and the Tomlinson method for cohesive soils. The granular soil internal friction angle used was based on its relationship to standard penetration test values as presented by Peck, Hanson, and Thorburn (1974), with the N-values being corrected for the influence of the effective overburden pressure. For cohesive soils, we estimated undrained shear strength based on correlations with the SPT data. The "ultimate capacity" determined from this *DRIVEN* analysis is considered the Nominal Resistance of Single Pile in Axial Compression ( $R_n$ ) using LRFD terminology.

*DRIVEN* does not specifically address bedrock resistance (other than allowing input of very high values of cohesion). However, it is expected that if nominal resistance needs are not met prior to reaching the bedrock, high tip resistance will be gained with minimal penetration into the bedrock. Therefore, the *DRIVEN* analysis performed only evaluates whether resistance is met before reaching the highly resistant bedrock.

## 3.1.3 Analysis Results

The nominal resistance (ultimate capacity) needed to be demonstrated in the field depends on the Resistance Factor allowed by the "Condition/Resistance Determination Method" used. A Resistance Factor ( $\varphi$ ) of 0.65 can be used when dynamic analysis is employed. Assuming a design  $\varphi R_n$  of 100 tons for the 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe pile, a nominal resistance of 308 kips would need to be demonstrated in the field.

The *DRIVEN* results for 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe pile based on Boring 1213 SB is presented on Figure 3.1.3.

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Figure 3.1.3 – DRIVEN Results, 12-inch dia. CIP Steel Pipe Pile, Boring 1213 SB Bearing Capacity Graph - Ultimate



As shown, nominal resistance needs were met within a foot or so of the top of bedrock. As the overburden thickness between the swamp deposits and bedrock is similar or less than the demonstrated case throughout the remainder of the bridge area, it is our opinion that driving H-pile to refusal on the bedrock is the appropriate pile type on this project. Upon reaching bedrock, it is expected that tip resistance will be significantly increased to the point of meeting nominal resistance requirements. Some minor penetration into more highly weathered bedrock zones may occur, but it is expected resistance needs will be quickly gained with this rock penetration.

The lengths predicted at each boring location are shown in Table 3.1.3. These lengths are based on reaching the bedrock and should generally be similar for all H-pile sizes.

Bridge	Substructure	Boring No.	Proposed Bottom of Footing Elevation, ft	Estimated Tip Elevation, ft	Estimated Pile Length, ft
	West Abutment	1011 SB	888	800	88
Freight/Trail	Pier	1203 SB	886	809	77
	East Abutment	1012 SB	888	809	79
	West Abutment	1211 SB	888	820	- 68
LRT	Pier	1212 SB	886	821	65
	East Abutment	1213 SB	888	810	78

Table 3.1.3 – Estimated Pile Lengths

### 3.2 Approach Settlement Review

If not supported on structure, the planned grade raise required for the LRT approaches off the existing embankment is estimated to induce settlement on the order of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet if mineral soil fill were to be used. Because of the extreme settlements expected, the retaining walls on the south side will need to be supported structurally on driven piling. Although the piled wall will support overlying fill, the additional fill placed to the north of the wall foundation (up to the existing embankment) would impose load upon the swamp and would then result in significant settlement.

The profile shows the freight bridge approaches will be filled up to 5 feet above current grade. The swamp deposits have undergone primary settlement under the fill loading condition, although the grade raise will induce additional settlement. We estimate this additional primary settlement will be on the order of 3 inches.

## 4.0 FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS

### 4.1 HP12x53 Piles

The bridge foundations can be supported on H-piles, meeting ASTM A572, Grade 50 ( $f_y = 50$  ksi). The piles should be equipped with rock points. Various sizes of H-piles can be considered, as listed below. These piles can be designed based on the maximum Factored Pile Bearing Resistance ( $\varphi R_n$ ) values shown for each size.

- HP12x53, 140 tons
- HP12x84, 215 tons
- HP14x73, 190 tons
- HP14x89, 225 tons
- HP14x102, 260 tons
- HP14x117, 300 tons

The nominal resistance of the piles can be evaluated using either high strain dynamic (PDA) testing or the MnDOT MPF12 driving formula, although dynamic analysis allows for better evaluation of whether or not damage is occurring. The dynamic testing should meet the minimum requirements listed in Section 10.5.5 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 2012.* This approach includes Quality Control of non-tested pile by calibrated wave equation analyses. Resistance Factors of 0.65 or 0.60 should be employed for PDA or MPF12 field analysis methods, respectively. It is anticipated that all H-piles sizes would establish required resistance with "refusal" upon the bedrock. Estimated tip elevations are shown in Table 3.1.3.

If the approach fill was allowed to impose loads on the swamp in the vicinity of the abutments such that settlement occurred around the piles, downdrag (DD) loads would need to be considered in the foundation design. Based on the *DRIVEN* analysis at Boring 1213 SB, this

downdrag load would be on the order of 25 tons. However, as settlement will need to be mitigated to meet differential settlement requirements between the approach and the pile supported bridge, the settlement needed to create the DD loads are not expected to occur. In this case, it is our opinion that downdrag (DD) loads would not need to be considered in the pile design.

A reduction factor for group effects does not need to be applied provided the pile arrangement maintains a center-to-center spacing of 3 times the flange length.

All foundations should have five or more piles for redundancy purposes. With five or more piles, a reduction factor for a lack of redundancy does not need to be applied.

Boulders or rock slabs may potentially be present within the profile. If pile penetration appears to be obstructed at abnormally variable depths (due to apparent boulders/slabs), additional pile and foundation review may be needed.

### 4.4 Approach/Retaining Wall Foundation Support

We recommend that the LRT approach retaining walls be structurally supported on a pile foundation system, consistent with that recommended for the bridge. In order to support the tracks between the wall and the existing embankment to the north, the wall foundation system should extend far enough to the north such that the new fill system is supported on this foundation; or lightweight fill (e.g., geofoam) could be placed to control settlement. Design of either of these approaches should be done during the advanced project design phase.

### 4.5 Abutment/Retaining Wall Backfilling

The imbalanced abutment walls and retaining walls must be designed to resist the lateral pressures exerted. Where lightweight fill is not used, the backfill material should consist of Select Granular Borrow (MnDOT 3149.2B2), which is modified to containing less than 10% by weight passing the #200 sieve. Typical "Select Granular Borrow 10% Modified" geometry is shown on attached MnDOT *Diagram F-1*. However, all excavation backsloping must also meet OSHA requirements. For proper track approach performance, frost tapering of the Select Granular Borrow over frost susceptible soils should be maintained at no steeper than 1V:20H within the frost zone (assume a frost zone of 4.5 feet). The backfill should be compacted per the Specified Density Method (MnDOT 2105.3F1).

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I hereby certify that this report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under Minnesota Statute Section 326:02 to 326.15

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Attachments:

Preliminary Bridge Plan-Profile Sheets Figure 1 – Boring Locations Subsurface Boring Logs Consolidation Test Results Exploration/Classification Methods Boring Log Notes Unified Soil Classification System AASHTO Soil Classification System MnDOT Diagram F-1













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95-	95.0	<i>[]]]</i>			-PD	) .	1				
	814.6		SAND WITH SILT AND GF brown, waterbearing, very	AVEL, fine to medium grained, dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium		52	+				
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			Louisiana Avenue	Southwest LRT, PEC E	ast			101	2 SB		909.6 (Surveyed)
	Depth	ΛĒ	L		4	SPT N60	MC (%)	COH (psf)	<b>γ</b> (pcf)	Soil	Other Tests Or Remarks
DEPTH	Elev.	Lithology	Cla	ssification	Drilling Operation	REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL.	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
	100.5 809.1		Top of Bedrock SHALEY SANDSTONE, wea	thered, gray, a little light gray	PD	100/.7 -	-				. PETER FORMATION
105-	104.5				-PD	-	-				
- - - 110-	+		SANDSTONE, fresh, gray		PD	100/.2	-			•	
	<u>111.6</u> 798.0		END OF BORING			100/.1	<u>}</u>				

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Locatio		ft. L		,		Machine	- 33C				SHEET 1 of 2
			<pre></pre>	(ft.)				omatic	Calibrat	ed	Drilling 11241
				West)=-93.2826866		SPT	MC	СОН	γ		Completed
	Depth	2			1,	NIGO	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)	Soil	Other Tests Or Remarks
DEPTH	Depin	Lithology			ng ation	REC	RQD	ACL	Coro	×	*
DE	Elev.	Lith	Cla	ssification	Drilling Operation	(%)	(%)	(ft)	Core Breaks	Roc	or Member
	- 1.3	P 6 4	15" Concrete pavement with	significant rebar	R		+				ammer Calibration: 69
	- 885.8	$\bigotimes$	Silty sand with gravel, gravis	n brown, frozen (A-2-4) fill	Ħ		+				ficiency with 105 lb. Immer, 9/17/13
-	4.0 883.0	$\bigotimes$	• • •		-H		ł				
5-	- 000.0	$\bigotimes$	Sand with silt and gravel, gra	yish brown and dark brownish	Ķ	16	†				
+	-	$\bigotimes$	gray (A-1-b) fill	,	5	42	1				
]	9.0 878.0	$\bigotimes$		1. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	-127		+				
10-	_ 070.0		HEMIC PEAT, dark brown to	black (PT) (A-8) swamp		6	328				
-	-		deposits		₹Ţ	6	362				
1	14.0				-17		- 502				
15-	_ 873.0	•				5	192				
]					R	,	400				
⊻ ‡		••			Ĥ	5	180 L				ater level measured a
20-	<b>-</b> .					6	182	4			3.6' deep with HSA to ep (HSA advanced to be)
j	-		SAPRIC PEAT, dark brown,	a little light gray and brown	E		‡			de	ep and water level mained at 18.6' deep t
-			laminations of hemic peat (P	T) (A-8) swamp deposits	K	5	159				ext morning)
25-	-					5 -	175				
-					Æ		1				
4		X				4	128				
30-	-				₹Ţ	5	+ + 192				
00	31.5				-	2	+ 192				
-	855.5	•••				5	224				
		6	SAPRIC PEAT, black (PT) (/	A-8) swamp deposits	R		<u>+</u>				
35-	36.5			·	_\A	6	221				
-	850.5		SAPRIC PEAT, trace shells, deposits	dark brown (PT) (A-8) swamp		5	135				
	39.0 848.0	5	ORGANIC CLAY, brownish	aray a little black firm	-27		+				
40-	41.5		laminations of hemic peat (C	PH) (A-8) swamp deposits	_K	5	44				
-	845.5					7	+				
-	F				Æ		+				
45-	+		SAND, a little gravel, coarse (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	grained, waterbearing, loose	$\mid$	9 .	+				
-	ł				K	9	ł				
-	49.5					3	‡				
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=					6	SPT N60	MC (%)	COH (psf)	<b>γ</b> (pcf)	Soil	Other Tests «Or Remarks
<i>וב   ב</i>	' lev.	Lithology	Cla	ssification	Drilling Operation	REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
<u> </u>	37.5 2.0	0 0	GRAVEL WITH SAND, gray, (A-1-b) alluvium (continued)	, waterbearing, very dense (GP		50/.4	-				<u> </u>
55	35.0		SAND WITH GRAVEL, med waterbearing, very dense (Sl	ium grained, gray, P) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD X	- - - - - -					
⊥ 83 60+ ↓	57.0 30.0		SANDY LEAN CLAY, a little gravel (CL) (A-6) till	gravel, gray, very stiff, a lens o	- PD I	24	- - - 13				
1 82 65 1 65	52.0 25.0 57.0		SANDY LEAN CLAY WITH ( (CL) (A-6) till	GRAVEL, brownish gray, hard	- PD	46 _	- - - 11				
82 70 - 71	20.0 70.0	× .  	CLAYEY SAND, a little grave (A-2-4) till	el, grayish brown, very stiff (SC	, PC _X	20	- - - 11				
75+ 81 81 81 81	17.0	× × × ×	CLAYEY SAND, a little grav grayish brown, very stiff (SC		PC	50/0					
	78.0 09.0	××	Top of Bedrock			- - - - -	+				Peter formatic
80+ + +			SANDSTONE, fresh		PC	-	+				
	34.1 02.9		END OF BORING			100/.1					

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State F	Project		Bridge No. or Job Desc. Louisiana Avenue	Trunk Highway/Location Southwest LRT, PEC I	East			Boring I	vo. 1 SB		nd Elevai <b>3.1</b> (Su	
Locatio	 מו	ft. L				Machine	= 91C				SHEET	
			<pre>&lt;=504048 Y=152093</pre>	(ft.)				omatic (	Calibrate	Drillin	ng	5/6/14
				(%) (West)=-93.3675992		1	1	[	Г Т	:	pleted	
	Depth	, T	Longhado (			SPT N60	MC (%)	COH (psf)	<b>γ</b> (pcf)		ther Te r Rema	
DEPTH	Elev.	Lithology	Cla	ssification	Drilling Operation	REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ff)	Core Breaks		Formati or Memt	ber
-	1.2	A 4	14.5" Concrete Pavement		4		+				r Calibrat y with 11	
-	886.9 1.6	$\boxtimes$	~_4" Void		Æ		+				, 5/27/14	
Ľ 5-	. 886.6 -		Sand with silt, a little gravel a gray (A-1-b) fill	and clayey sand, brown and		5 12	-				evel meas p with HS	
	- 6.5 - 881.6	X			-[2]	Ì	Ţ			deep (S	S to 6' de	eep)
_	-				Ķ	1	180					
10-	-				<b>F</b>	2	† † 175					
-	-				मि	-	†					
-	-			s and roots, dark brown, soft to ions of sapric peat (OH) (A-8)	R	] WH	201					
15-			swamp deposits		$\geq$	2	103					
-	-				X	3	137					
20-	- 21.5					3	172					
-	866.6					4	165					
25-					X	4	220					
-			ORGANIC CLAY, trace shell black, a little brown and light	ls and roots, dark brown to gray, soft, laminations of silt	R	2	184 					
30-			and hemic peat (OH) (A-8) s	wamp deposits	XX	3	+ 269 -					
-	-				Æ	3	1 276 					
35-	- 36.5				<u> </u>	3	+ 125 +					
-	- 851.6 39.0		ORGANIC CLAY, pieces of brownish gray, very soft (OH			1	68					
40-	_ 849.1  		LEAN CLAY, brownish gray,	stiff (CL) (A-6) alluvium	_X	9	+ 26					
-	846.1 44.0		No sample taken at 42' due advanced HSA in ground ov	to blow up in hole (left ernight)			Ŧ			, i		
45-	_ 844.1		GRAVELLY SAND, medium		X	12	+					
				e to loose (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD	11	+					
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State I	Project		Bridge No. or Job Desc. Louisiana Avenue	Trunk Highway/Location Southwest LRT, PEC E	ast			Boring I	vo. <b>1 SB</b>		Ground Elevation <b>888.1</b> (Surveyed)
т	Depth	gy	1	1		SPT N60	MC (%)	COH (psf)	<b>γ</b> (pcf)	Soil	Other Tests Or Remarks
DEPTH	Elev.	Lithology	Cla	ssification	Drilling Operation	REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ff)	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
-	53.0 835.1		GRAVELLY SAND, medium waterbearing, medium dense (continued)	grained, brownish gray, e to loose (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD	7 -	-				
- 55- -		· · · · · · · · · · · ·	GRAVELLY SAND, medium gray, waterbearing, loose (Sl	to coarse grained, brownish P) (A-1-b) alluvium	$\ge$	9 -	+ +- +				
- - 60-	58.0 830.1		······		-PD	- 18 <sup>-</sup>	14				
-			CLAYEY SAND, a little grave (A-6) till	el, grayish brown, very stiff (SC)	PD	-	+				
65- - -	- 68.0 820.1		Top of Bedrock		PD	25 -	- 15 -				789778977897789
- 70 - -			LIMESTONE, weathered, gra	ay	PD	* -	+ + + +			FC	ATTEVILLE DRMATION 3/.5 + 50/.5 + 100/.4
- 75-	75.2					200/7-					
	812.9		END OF BORING								





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State F	Project		Bridge No. or Job Desc. Louisiana Avenue	Trunk Highway/Location		et			Boring I	vo. 2 SB		Ground Eleva 888.5 (Si	
		64 1		Southwest Litt,		1	Machine	. 10	121	2 30	_	SHEET	
.ocatic		ft. L			(# )					Calibrate	-	Drilling	5/2/14
			<pre>&lt;=504075 Y=152100 4.9340727 Longitude</pre>	(West)=-93.3674370	(ft.)	Tan		1			a	Completed	5/2/1-
	uae (Non	(11)=4	4.9340727 Longitude	<i>wesij=-93.3074370</i>		-	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other T	
F	Depth	ogy				ion	Neo	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)	<u>s</u> :	Or Rem	arks
рертн	·····	Lithology		adification		Drilling Operation	REC	RQD	ACL	Core	Sck	Format	
Q	Elev. 0.7			ssification	1	60	(%)	(%)	(ft)	Breaks		or Mem	
+	887.8		Lean clay, slightly organic, to Clayey sand, a little gravel, g			ĺΧ	5	27 9				ficiency with 1	
	2.0 886.5					$\boxtimes$	23	Ţ			ha	mmer, 9/18/1	3
_		$\bigotimes$	Mixture of sand and sand wi grayish brown (A-1-b) fill	h silt and gravel, brown	and	Ł		+					
▼ <sup>5</sup> -	- 6.5	$\bigotimes$	grayion brown (/ er b) m			Ķ	12	Ţ			100		
_	882.0					K	1	⊥ ⊥ 194				ater level mea 2' deep with H	
1	-					F	•	1			de	ер	
10-	_					$\boxtimes$	2 -	† '			No	o recovery	
1	-		ORGANIC CLAY, trace root soft to soft (OH) (A-8) swam		, very	R		Ţ					
-	-					K	2	168					
15-	-					<b>F</b>	2	181					
-	16.5					मि	-	+					
-	872.0	١Ň.	HEMIC PEAT, dark brown (I	PT) (A-8) swamp deposit	S	$\mathbf{X}$	2	197					
-	19.0 869.5	<b>5</b> -1	ORGANIC CLAY, trace she	ls and roots, dark gravis	 h	Ð		+					
20-	21.5		brown, soft, laminations of s	and (OH) (A-8) swamp d	leposits	K	3	+ 64					
-	867.0	X				$\mathbb{K}$	2	229					
-	t L					F	-	<b>—</b>					
25-	-					$\mathbf{X}$	3	235					
-	+		SAPRIC PEAT, dark browni swamp deposits	sh gray and black (PT) (	A-8)	R	]	-					
-	+		• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			K	2	- 346					
- 30-	+					₹Ţ	4	+ + 199					
-	31.5					Þ		+ 100					
-	+ 857.0		ORGANIC CLAY, trace root (A-8) swamp deposits	s, dark brownish gray, so	oft (OH)	$\square$	2	<b>1</b> 11					
	34.0 854.5		LEAN CLAY, slightly organi	dark brownish grav so	ff (CL)	Ð		+					
35-	36.5		(A-6) till	, dark brownish gray, se	M (OL)	K	3	+ 56 + 38			O	rganic content	t = 1.9%
-	852.0					$\mathbb{R}$	6	+ 00				•	
-	+		GRAVELLY SAND, medium	to coarse grained, gray,	,	F	Š	Ţ					
40-	+	· · · ·	waterbearing, loose (SP) (A	-1-b) alluvium		$\square$	10	+					
	42.0					PD	]	Į					
	846.5		SAND WITH GRAVEL, med	lium grained, grav			11	+					
45-	<b>†</b>		waterbearing, medium dens	e to loose (SP) (A-1-b) a	Illuvium	PD	10	1					
	46.5	····		·				Ŧ					
	+ 842.0	· · ·	GRAVELLY SAND, medium	grained, gray, waterbea	uring,	$\square$	13	1					
	$\downarrow$	· · ·	medium dense to loose (SF		-	PD	4	+					
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						SPT	мс	сон	γ	11	Other Tests
חברוח	Depth	Lithology			Drilling Operation	N60 REC	(%) <u>.</u> RQD	(psf) ∆C1	(pcf) Core	k Soil	
2	Elev.	, Lith	Cl	assification		(%)	(%)	(ft)	Core Breaks	Roc	or Member
-	53.0			n grained, gray, waterbearing, ?) (A-1-b) alluvium <i>(continued)</i>	-PD	-	- - -				
55-	835.5 -		CLAYEY SAND, a little gra	vel, gray to grayish brown, hard	X	37 -	13				
-	- -		to very stiff (SC) (A-6) till		PD		+				
50- - -	- 60.5 828.0 63.0	× · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	SILTY SAND, a little gravel dense, a lens of clayey san	, brown, a little black, medium d (SM) (A-2-4) till	-	24	11				
- 55-	825.5	Ì	SANDY LEAN CLAY WITH mottled, hard (CL) (A-6) till	GRAVEL, brown and gray	- PD - V	40	- - - 19				
1 1	- 823.0 - 66.7 - 821.8		∖ dense (GP-GM) (A-1-b) allu ∖Top of Bedrock		J ws		+			PL	ATTEVILLE
-	<u>69.7</u> 818.8	Z.A	LIMESTONE, weathered, g	ray	_	100/.2	†	<u> </u>			
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Locatio	on ,	ft. L	.T	Dri	ll Machin	e 1C	L		SHEET 1 of 2		
Co.			X=504117 Y=152126	Ha	mmer C	ME Aut	omatic	Calibrate	d Drilling 5/1/1		
Latitu	ude (Nor	rth)=4	4.9256426 Longitude (	West)=-93.3929230		SPT	MC	сон	γ	Other Teste	
	Depth	N			,	Noo	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)	Si Orr Remarks	
DEPTH		Lithology			ng	REC	RQD	ACL	Core	ซี Formation	
DE	Elev.	Lith	Cla	ssification	Drilling	S (%)	(%)	(ff)	Core Breaks	or Member	
	1.0		Clayey sand with gravel, a little sandy lean clay, trace roots,				12			Hammer Calibration: 66	
+	887.8		\dark brown and black (A-1-b)	TII	Έ	23	ł			efficiency with 105 lb. hammer, 9/18/13	
	-		Sand with silt and gravel, a li little black (A-1-b) fill	ttle sandy lean clay, brown, a	F	3	Ŧ				
5-	-				$\mathbf{\Sigma}$	4	$\pm$				
1	- 6.5 - 882.3				-£		T T				
1	_				É	2	⊥ 177 ⊥				
10-	-					Š.	204 190	505	76 75		
<b>V</b>	-		ORGANIC CLAY, trace roots	and shalls, brownish grov	Ł	5	<b>†</b>				
+	-		dark brown and black, soft, le	enses of hemic and sapric peat	X	2	200				
15	-		(OH) (A-8) swamp deposits		₹ ₹	2	+ 182				
+	-				F	≥ _	1				
	-		÷		$\geq$	2	108				
20-	20.0	•				R X	76	340	95		
207	868.8		SAPPIC PEAT black a little	dark brownish gray (PT) (A-8)	$\mathbb{X}$	×	+				
-			swamp deposits	dark brownish gray (i T) (A-0)	$\mathbf{k}$	4	251				
-	_ 24.0 864.8				-[2		+				
25-					K	2	+ 261				
4			ORGANIC CLAY, trace roots (CL) (A-8) swamp deposits	s, black to brownish gray, soft	4	2	± 51				
-					H K	र्षे -					
30-	_ 30.0 858.8				$-\boxtimes$	¥	+				
-	ľ.				PI	オ	+				
-	-					9	‡				
35-	F				$\mathbf{\Sigma}$	5	+				
-	+			ible cobbles, medium grained, dense to loose, lenses of sand	PC	7	1				
-	-		with silt (SP) (A-1-b) alluviun			14	+				
40-	ļ.					7	Ŧ				
-	L				PD		1				
-	Ī				$\mathbf{\Sigma}$	6	+				
- 45-	44.5			×	- KPO		+				
40-	47.0		SAND WITH GRAVEL, med waterbearing, loose (SP) (A-		Z	6	+				
-	841.8	<i></i>		ravel, gray, very stiff (CL) (A-6)	PD	18	+ + 14				
-	49.5		till		PO		+				
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tate Project			Bridge No. or Job Desc. Louisiana Avenue	East			Boring No. 1213 SB			Ground Elevation 888.8 (Surveyed)		
<i>DEPTH</i>	Depth	Lithology			Drilling Operation	SPT N60 REC	MC (%) RQD	COH (psf) ACL	γ (pcf) Core	sk Soil		
12	Elev.		Cla	Classification			(%)	(ft)	Core Breaks	Roc	or Member	
-	839.3 53.0 835.8	0 0 , ,	GRAVEL WITH SAND, app waterbearing, medium dens (continued)		PD	25	-					
55+	_ 835.8 - - - 58.0			SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium								
60-	830.8 61.0	· · · · · · · · · · · · ·	GRAVELLY SAND, mediun waterbearing, medium dens		— PD —X	20	+					
65	_ 827.8 - - -		SAND WITH SILT, a little g waterbearing, dense, a lens	ravel, fine grained, brown, s of sand (SP-SM) (A-3) alluviu	m X	37	+	à				
70-	_ 68.0 _ 820.8 _	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	GRAVEL WITH CLAY AND	) SAND, brown, waterbearing,	PC	53	+					
- - 75- -	-	0 0 0 0 0		) SAND, brown, waterbearing,	PC	43						
75	78.0 810.8	0 0	Top of Bedrock	nighly weathered to weathered,		25	+ + +				T. PETER FORMATIC	
- 85-	82.8 806.0 85.0		SANDSTONE, fresh, gray		PC	270/.5						
	803.8		END OF BORING									



	Before	After	Liquid Limit (%):	94	<b>Test Date:</b> 5/23/13			
Water Content (%):	57.49	54.39	Plastic Limit (%):	63				
Dry Density (pcf):	59.79	67.87	Plasticity Index (%):	31				
Saturation (%):	91.62	108.09			-			
Void Ratio:	1.5026	1.0261	Specific Gravity:	2.40	Measured			
Sample Description:	Organic Silt (	OH)						
Boring Number:	B-1012		<b>Depth:</b> 44.5-46.5	Soil Parameters:				
Remarks: Test conducte	ed in general a	ccordance wit	h ASTM D2435	Compres	blidation Pressure (Pc): 1.7 tsf ssion Index (Cc): 0.715 ression Index (Cr): 0.135			
Tested By: Benjamin Po	omroy		Reviewed By:	Jeff Voy	ren			



Void Ratio:		3.7861	2.1058	58 Specific Gravity:		1.967	Measured				
Sample Descri	ption:	Peat									
<b>Boring Numb</b>	er:	1213 SB	<b>Depth:</b> 9'-11'			Soil Parameters:					
Remarks:	Test conduct	ed in general a	general accordance with ASTM D2435				ion Pressure (Pc): 0.5 tsf Index (Cc): 1.860 on Index (Cr): 0.383				
Tested By:	Benjamin P	omroy		Reviewed	By:	Jeff Voyen					

#### SAMPLING METHODS

### Split-Spoon Samples (SS) - Calibrated to N<sub>60</sub> Values

Standard penetration (split-spoon) samples were collected in general accordance with ASTM: D1586 with one primary modification. The ASTM test method consists of driving a 2" O.D. split-barrel sampler into the in-situ soil with a 140-pound hammer dropped from a height of 30". The sampler is driven a total of 18" into the soil. After an initial set of 6", the number of hammer blows to drive the sampler the final 12" is known as the standard penetration resistance or N-value. Our method uses a modified hammer weight, which is determined by measuring the system energy using a Pile Driving Analyzer (PDA) and an instrumented rod.

In the past, standard penetration N-value tests were performed using a rope and cathead for the lift and drop system. The energy transferred to the split-spoon sampler was typically limited to about 60% of its potential energy due to the friction inherent in this system. This converted energy then provides what is known as an  $N_{60}$  blow count.

Most of today's drill rigs incorporate an automatic hammer lift and drop system, which has higher energy efficiency and subsequently results in lower N-values than the traditional  $N_{60}$  values. By using the PDA energy measurement equipment, we are able to determine actual energy generated by the drop hammer. With the various hammer systems available, we have found highly variable energies ranging from 55% to over 100%. Therefore, the intent of AET's hammer calibrations is to vary the hammer weight such that hammer energies lie within about 60% to 65% of the theoretical energy of a 140-pound weight falling 30". The current ASTM procedure acknowledges the wide variation in N-values, stating that N-values of 100% or more have been observed. Although we have not yet determined the statistical measurement uncertainty of our calibrated method to date, we can state that the accuracy deviations of the N-values using this method are significantly better than the standard ASTM Method.

#### Sampling Limitations

Unless actually observed in a sample, contacts between soil layers are estimated based on the spacing of samples and the action of drilling tools. Cobbles, boulders, and other large objects generally cannot be recovered from test borings, and they may be present in the ground even if they are not noted on the boring logs.

#### **CLASSIFICATION METHODS**

Soil classifications shown on the boring logs are based on the Unified Soil Classification (USC) system. The USC system is described in ASTM: D2487 and D2488. Where laboratory classification tests (sieve analysis or Atterberg Limits) have been performed, accurate classifications per ASTM: D2487 are possible. Otherwise, soil classifications shown on the boring logs are visual-manual judgments. Charts are attached which provide information on the USC system, the descriptive terminology, and the symbols used on the boring logs.

Visual-manual judgment of the AASHTO Soil Group is also noted as a part of the soil description. A chart presenting details of the AASHTO Soil Classification System is also attached.

The boring logs include descriptions of apparent geology. The geologic depositional origin of each soil layer is interpreted primarily by observation of the soil samples, which can be limited. Observations of the surrounding topography, vegetation, and development can sometimes aid this judgment.

#### WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

The ground-water level measurements/comments are shown on the boring logs in the remarks section. The true location of the water table at the boring locations may be different than the water levels measured in the boreholes. This is possible because there are several factors that can affect the water level measurements in the borehole. Some of these factors include: permeability of each soil layer in profile, presence of perched water, amount of time between water level readings, presence of drilling fluid, weather conditions, and use of borehole casing.

#### SAMPLE STORAGE

Unless notified to do otherwise, we routinely retain representative samples of the soils recovered from the borings for a period of 30 days.

#### DRILLING AND SAMPLING SYMBOLS

Symbol	Definition
AR:	Sample of material obtained from cuttings blown out
	the top of the borehole during air rotary procedure.
B, H, N:	Size of flush-joint casing
CAS:	Pipe casing, number indicates nominal diameter in
	inches
COT:	Clean-out tube
DC:	Drive casing; number indicates diameter in inches
DM:	Drilling mud or bentonite slurry
DR:	Driller (initials)
DS:	Disturbed sample from auger flights
DP:	Direct push drilling; a 2.125 inch OD outer casing
	with an inner 11/2 inch ID plastic tube is driven
	continuously into the ground.
FA:	Flight auger; number indicates outside diameter in
	inches
HA:	Hand auger; number indicates outside diameter
HSA:	Hollow stem auger; number indicates inside diameter
	in inches
LG:	Field logger (initials)
MC:	Column used to describe moisture condition of
	samples and for the ground water level symbols
N (BPF):	Standard penetration resistance (N-value) in blows per
	foot (see notes)
NQ:	NQ wireline core barrel
PD:	Plug Drilling (same as RDF)
PQ:	PQ wireline core barrel
RDA:	Rotary drilling with compressed air and roller or drag
	bit.
RDF:	Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit
REC:	In split-spoon (see notes), direct push and thin-walled
	tube sampling, the recovered length (in inches) of
	sample. In rock coring, the length of core recovered
	(expressed as percent of the total core run). Zero
	indicates no sample recovered.
SS:	Standard split-spoon sampler (steel; 1.5" is inside
	diameter; 2" outside diameter); unless indicated
	otherwise
SU	Spin-up sample from hollow stem auger
TW:	Thin-walled tube; number indicates inside diameter in
	inches
WASH:	Sample of material obtained by screening returning
	rotary drilling fluid or by which has collected inside
	the borehole after "falling" through drilling fluid
WH:	Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod and
-	hammer
WR:	Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod
94mm:	94 millimeter wireline core barrel
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- Water level directly measured in boring
- $\frac{\mathbf{\nabla}}{\nabla}$ Estimated water level based solely on sample appearance

#### **TEST SYMBOLS**

Symbol	Definition
COH:	Cohesion, $psf(0.5 x q_u)$
CONS:	One-dimensional consolidation test
γ:	Wet density, pcf
DST:	Direct shear test
E:	Pressuremeter Modulus, tsf
HYD:	Hydrometer analysis
LL:	Liquid Limit, %
LP:	Pressuremeter Limit Pressure, tsf
MC:	Moisture Content, %
OC:	Organic Content, %
PERM:	Coefficient of permeability (K) test; F - Field;
	L - Laboratory
PL:	Plastic Limit, %
q <sub>p</sub> :	Pocket Penetrometer strength, tsf (approximate)
q <sub>c</sub> :	Static cone bearing pressure, tsf
q <sub>u</sub> :	Unconfined compressive strength, psf
R:	Electrical Resistivity, ohm-cms
RQD:	Rock Quality Designation of Rock Core, in percent
	(aggregate length of core pieces 4" or more in length
	as a percent of total core run)
SA:	Sieve analysis
TRX:	Triaxial compression test
VSR:	Vane shear strength, remolded (field), psf
VSU:	Vane shear strength, undisturbed (field), psf
%-200:	Percent of material finer than #200 sieve

#### STANDARD PENETRATION TEST NOTES

### (Calibrated Hammer Weight)

The standard penetration test consists of driving a split-spoon sampler with a drop hammer (calibrated weight varies to provide N<sub>60</sub> values) and counting the number of blows applied in each of three 6" increments of penetration. If the sampler is driven less than 18" (usually in highly resistant material), permitted in ASTM: D1586, the blows for each complete 6" increment and for each partial increment is on the boring log. For partial increments, the number of blows is shown to the nearest 0.1' below the slash.

The length of sample recovered, as shown on the "REC" column, may be greater than the distance indicated in the N column. The disparity is because the N-value is recorded below the initial 6" set (unless partial penetration defined in ASTM: D1586 is encountered) whereas the length of sample recovered is for the entire sampler drive (which may even extend more than 18").

### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ASTM Designations: D 2487, D2488

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		AST M Desi	ignations: D 2487, D248			TESTING, INC.
Criteria for	r Assigning Group Syr	nbols and Group N	Names Using Laboratory Tests <sup>A</sup>	Group	oil Classification Group Name <sup>B</sup>	ABased on the material passing the 3-in
Coarse-Grained	Gravels More	Clean Gravels	Cu≥4 and 1≤Cc≤3 <sup>E</sup>	Symbol GW	Well graded gravel <sup>F</sup>	(75-mm) sieve. <sup>B</sup> If field sample contained cobbles or
Soils More than 50%	than 50% coarse fraction retained	Less than 5% fines <sup>C</sup>	Cu<4 and/or 1>Cc>3 <sup>E</sup>	GP	Poorly graded grave	boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name. <sup>C</sup> Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual
retained on No. 200 sieve	on No. 4 sieve	Gravels with	Fines classify as ML or MH	GM	Silty gravel <sup>F.G.H</sup>	symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt
		Fines more than 12% fines <sup>C</sup>	Fines classify as CL or CH	GC	Clayey gravel <sup>F.G.H</sup>	GW-GW well-graded gravel with site GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay GP-GM poorly graded gravel with site
	Sands 50% or more of coarse	Clean Sands Less than 5%	$Cu \ge 6$ and $1 \le Cc \le 3^E$	SW	Well-graded sand	GP-GC poorly graded gravel with she DSands with 5 to 12% fines require dual
	fraction passes	fines <sup>D</sup>	Cu<6 and/or 1>Cc>3 <sup>E</sup>	SP	Poorly-graded sand	
	110. 4 SICVC	Sands with Fines more	Fines classify as ML or MH	SM	Silty sand <sup>G.H.1</sup>	SW-SC well-graded sand with clay SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt
Fine-Grained	Silts and Clays	than 12% fines <sup>D</sup> inorganic	<ul> <li>Fines classify as CL or CH</li> <li>PI&gt;7 and plots on or above</li> </ul>	SC CL	Clayey sand <sup>G.H.I</sup> Lean clay <sup>K.L.M</sup>	SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay
Soils 50% or	Liquid limit less	morganic	"A" line <sup>J</sup> PI<4 or plots below	ML	Silt <sup>K.L.M</sup>	$E_{Cu} = D_{60} / D_{10},  Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{(D_{30})^2}$
more passes the No. 200	than 50		"A" line <sup>J</sup>			$D_{10} \times D_{60}$
sieve		organic	<u>Liquid limit-oven dried</u> <0.75 Liquid limit – not dried	, OL	Organic clay <sup>K.L.M.N</sup> Organic silt <sup>K.L.M.O</sup>	<sup>F</sup> If soil contains $\geq 15\%$ sand, add "with sand" to group name.
(see Plasticity Chart below)	0.11. 1.01		PI plots on or above "A" line	СН	Fat clay <sup>K.L.M</sup>	GIF fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.
	Silts and Clays Liquid limit 50	inorganic	PI plots below "A" line	МН	Elastic silt <sup>K.L.M</sup>	<sup>H</sup> If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.
	or more	organic			Organic clay <sup>K.L.M.P</sup>	<sup>1</sup> If soil contains ≥15% gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.
		organic	<u>Liquid limit-oven dried</u> <0.75 Liquid limit - not dried	; 011	Organic silt <sup>K.L.M.Q</sup>	If Atterberg limits plot is hatched area, soils is a CL-ML silty clay.
Highly organic			Primarily organic matter,		Peat <sup>R</sup>	<sup>K</sup> If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200 add "with sand" or "with gravel",
soil			in color, and organic in odo	)r		whichever is predominant. <sup>L</sup> If soil contains ≥30% plus No. 200,
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		IONAL TERMIN	NOLOGY NOTES USED BY AE		ENTIFICATION ANI	D DESCRIPTION Relative Density of Non-Plastic Soils
Term	Grain Size Particle S	Size	Gravel Percentages Term Percent	<u>Term</u>	<u>N-Value, BPF</u>	Term <u>N-Value, BPF</u>
Boulders Cobbles Gravel Sand Fines (silt & cl	•••	2" e to 3" 4 sieve 9 sieve	A Little Gravel         3% - 14%           With Gravel         15% - 29%           Gravelly         30% - 50%	Very Soft Soft Firm Stiff Very Stiff Hard	less than 2 2 - 4 5 - 8 9 - 15 16 - 30 Greater than 30	Very Loose0 - 4Loose5 - 10Medium Dense11 - 30Dense31 - 50Very DenseGreater than 50
<u>Mo</u> D (Dry): M (Moist): W (Wet/ Waterbearing)	Waterbearing usual sands and sand with	e, dusty, dry to e water not ill have a high "optimum"). ntended to s soils. ly relates to	Layering Notes Laminations: Layers less than ½" thick of differing material or color. Lenses: Pockets or layers greater than ½" thick of differing material or color.	Peat I <u>Term</u> Fibric Peat: Hemic Peat: Sapric Peat:	Description Fiber Content (Visual Estimate) Greater than 67% 33 – 67% Less than 33%	Organic Description (if no lab tests)           Soils are described as <u>organic</u> , if soil is not peat and is judged to have sufficient organic fines content to influence the Liquid Limit properties. <u>Slightly organic</u> used for borderline cases. <u>Root Inclusions</u> With roots:         Judged to have sufficient quantity of roots to influence the soil properties.           Trace roots:         Small roots present, but not judged to be in sufficient quantity to
F (Frozen):	sands and sand with Soil frozen	i siit.	material or color.			significantly affect soil propertie

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### AASHTO SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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Openand Classification	Granular Materials							Silt-Clay Materials					
General Classification	(35% or less passing No. 200 sieve)								(More than 35% passing No. 200 sieve)				
	A-1			A-2						A-7			
Group Classification			A-3	A-2-4	A-2-5	A-2-6	4.0.7	A-4	A-5	A-6	A-7-5		
	A-1-a	A-1-b	A-3	1-2-4	A-2-5	A-2-0	A-2-7	/\-4	<u>~</u> -3	7-0	A-7-6		
Sieve Analysis, Percent passing:													
No. 10 (2.00 mm)	50 max.												
No. 40 (0.425 mm)	30 max.	50 max.	51 min.										
No. 200 (0.075 mm)	15 max.	25 max.	10 max.	35 max.	35 max.	35 max.	35 max.	36 min.	36 min.	36 min.	36 min.		
Characteristics of Fraction Passing No. 40 (0.425 mm)													
Liquid limit				40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min		
Plasticity index	6 max.		N.P.	10 max.	10 max.	11 min.	11 min.	10 max.	10 max.	11 min.	11 min		
Jsual Types of Significant Constituent Materials Gravel and Sand		Fine Sand	Silty or Clayey Gravel and Sand				Silty Soils		Clayey Soils				
General Ratings as Subgrade			Exc	cellent to G	lood				Fair t	o Poor			

Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures

The placing of A-3 before A-2 is necessary in the "left to right elimination process" and does not indicate superiority of A-3 over A-2.

Plasticity index of A-7-5 subgroup is equal to or less than LL minus 30. Plasticity index of A-7-6 subgroup is greater than LL minus 30.

Group A-8 soils are organic clays or peat with organic content >5%.



#### Definitions of Gravel, Sand and Silt-Clay

The terms "gravel", "coarse sand", "fine sand" and "silt-clay", as determinable from the minimum test data required in this classification arrangement and as used in subsequent word descriptions are defined as follows:

GRAVEL - Material passing sieve with 3-in. square openings and retained on the No. 10 sieve.

COARSE SAND - Material passing the No. 10 sieve and retained on the No. 40 sieve.

 $\mathsf{FINE}\ \mathsf{SAND}\ \mathsf{\cdot}\ \mathsf{Material}\ \mathsf{passing}\ \mathsf{the}\ \mathsf{No}.\ 40\ \mathsf{sieve}\ \mathsf{and}\ \mathsf{retained}\ \mathsf{on}\ \mathsf{the}\ \mathsf{No}.\ 200\ \mathsf{sieve}.$ 

COMBINED SILT AND CLAY - Material passing the No. 200 sieve

BOULDERS (retained on 3-in. sieve) should be excluded from the portion of the sample to which the classification is applied, but the percentage of such material, if any, in the sample should be recorded.

The term "silty" is applied to fine material having plasticity index of 10 or less and the term "clayey" is applied to fine material having plasticity index of 11 or greater.



