FOUNDATION ANALYSIS AND DESIGN REPORT

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SUBJECT:North Cedar Lake Trail Pedestrian Bridge (Southwest of Penn Station)
Southwest Light Rail Transit Project
Minneapolis, Minnesota
AET No. 01-05697.12

1.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

This report provides preliminary foundation recommendations for the pedestrian bridge which is intended to carry the North Cedar Lake Trail over the LRT and freight rail tracks to the southwest of the Penn Station in Minneapolis. The location of the bridge has not been firmly established, although the current layout addressed in this report is presented on attached Figure 1. For the purpose of this report, bottom of foundation elevation is assumed to be about 5 feet below the current grade at the site.

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

The intent of this report is not to serve as a final design report, but a preliminary report to assist advanced design and preliminary pricing. Additional testing and analysis is intended to be performed for final design. The borings performed as of this report which is specific to this bridge were limited to the north side of the existing freight tracks (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board property). The HCCRA property to the south of the tracks, which represents the east half of the bridge, is wooded; and access to the desired boring locations would have required some tree removal. Therefore, exploration in that area was deferred until advanced design, once the bridge location is firmly established.

2.0 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION SUMMARY

2.1 Field Scope

Four standard penetration test (SPT) borings were drilled and sampled on the north side of the freight tracks in the currently proposed west half of the bridge. The borings are numbered 1241 SW, 1242 SB, 1243 SB, and 1244 SB. The locations of the borings appear on attached Figure 1.

2.2 Laboratory Scope

During laboratory classification logging, water content tests were conducted on cohesive soil samples. The test results appear on the individual boring logs, opposite the samples upon which they were performed.

2.3 Methods

2.3.1 Standard Penetration Test Borings

Logs of the noted borings are attached. The SPT borings were drilled with 3.25 inch diameter hollow stem augers and mud rotary drilling methods. 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, consistent with MnDOT requirements. Additional details of the methods used appear on the attached sheet entitled *Exploration/Classification Methods*.

The soils were classified per the Unified Soil Classification System. The Soil Group category per the AASHTO Soil Classification System is also noted. The attached boring logs contain information concerning soil layering, soil classification, geologic description, and moisture condition. Relative density or consistency is also noted for the natural soils, which is based on the standard penetration resistance (N-value).

2.4 Geology/Soils Review

About 4 feet to 9 feet of fill is present at the surface; the thickness decreasing to the west. The fill is mostly sand with silt and silty sand, with a lesser amount of clayey sand. Some of the soil includes organic content and roots. Boring 1243 SB included pieces of brick. The N-values suggest relatively good compaction, but the presence of organics indicates that it was not controlled, engineered fill.

The underlying natural soils are mostly alluvial (water-deposited). The alluvium is mainly sand and sand with silt, often having significant gravel content. Boring 1244 SB does include some layers of clayey sand and silt at or near the top of the alluvial profile.

Glacially-deposited till appears at depth, deeper than elevation 800 feet, except for a thinner interbedded layer at Boring 1244 SB from 19 feet to 24 feet. The till consists of clayey sand, silty sand, sandy lean clay, and lean clay with sand.

2.5 Ground Water

Water levels appeared in the boreholes at depths ranging from about $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet to $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet, corresponding to approximate elevation $848\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 849 feet. As the levels were measured in granular soils, they should reasonably represent the hydrostatic ground-water level for that time and location. Ground-water levels should be expected to fluctuate both seasonably and annually.

3.0 FOUNDATION REVIEW

3.1 Foundation Type

In the explored west half of the bridge and retained wall approach area, alluvial sands are present at anticipated foundation grade or are at a reasonable depth below foundation grade such that a local excavate/refill correction operation could be performed to allow spread foundation support. We recommend the footings not be supported on the existing fill due to the intermixed organics and debris, and due to the potential variation in soil type and compaction level.

It is possible that poorer soil conditions will be present on the east side of the bridge. Boring 1025 ST placed in the planned track area to the northeast of the track crossing span did show the presence of buried swamp deposits. Additional soil borings should be performed at final foundation locations during advanced design to explore this condition further.

3.2 Spread Foundation for Bridge and Retained Wall Approaches

The alluvial sands are judged competent to support spread foundations. However, we recommend the existing fill not be relied upon for foundation support. Excavation to assumed foundation grade is expected to expose either the fill or the alluvial sandy soils. Where fill is encountered, we recommend excavation of the fill to expose the alluvium. Excavation depth needed at each boring location included in the report is shown on Table 3.2.

Boring No.	Boring Surface Elevation, ft	Excavation Depth, ft	Excavation Elevation, ft	Ground Water Anticipated
1241 SW	857.7	4	8531/2	no
1242 SB	859.1	61/2	8521/2	no
1243 SB	857.4	6½	851	no
1244 SB	856.0	9	847	yes

 Table 3.2 – Required Excavation Depth

As shown, the excavation in the area of Boring 1244 SB may extend 1¹/₂ feet to 2 feet below the water level. This boring was completed this June (2014) during a time when ground-water levels are above normal. If standing water is present during construction, we recommend local dewatering be performed as needed to allow observation and verification of a competent excavation bottom.

Excavations and subsequent engineered fill placement should maintain minimum lateral oversizing of the excavation bottom. This lateral excavation oversizing should be a minimum of 1:1(H:V). The exception would be if organic soils are encountered during the excavation (which is not expected in the area of the four borings). If excavation sides expose organic soils, the lateral excavation bottom oversize requirement should be increased to at least 1.5:1 (H:V).

Engineered fill placed below foundations should meet the requirements of MnDOT Specification 3149.2B1 for Granular Borrow. On-site soils could be used, provided they are evaluated at the time of construction to uniformly meet material specifications and to be free of organic soils and

debris. If wet or sensitive excavation bottom conditions exist, it may then be necessary to use Select Granular Borrow (Specification 3149.2B2) or cleaner sand as the lower lifts of fill.

The fill should be compacted in thin lifts, such that the entire lift achieves a minimum compaction level of 98% of the *standard maximum dry unit weight* per ASTM:D698 (Standard Proctor test). The fill lift thicknesses should be no greater than 12 inches for granular soils and no greater than 8 inches for more clayey/silty soils. The lifts should be thinner than the above if needed to achieve the minimum specified compaction level with the type of compaction equipment being used.

3.3 Spread Foundation Design

Considering the preliminary nature of the bridge and approach design, specific foundation load information is not yet available. Advanced design should consider strength resistance and settlement control under axial loads; and for imbalanced/retained loads, resistance to sliding and global stability. For preliminary purposes, the foundations can be sized for an allowable bearing pressure of 4,000 psf (per Allowable Stress Design methods).

3.4 Approach Considerations

Fill will be placed between the retained walls leading up to the structured bridge. The fill will impose loads upon underlying soils. However, it is our opinion that trail support over the existing fill would be acceptable with low risk, provided conditions are consistent with that portrayed by the borings. The wall footing excavations will expose the fill along the trench sidewalls and these conditions can be further evaluated during construction.

3.5 Retaining Wall Backfilling

Imbalanced retaining walls and abutment/wing walls should be designed to properly resist the lateral pressures exerted. 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. The "Select Granular Borrow 10% Modified" geometry should be maintained per the requirements shown on attached MnDOT *Diagram F-1*. However, all excavation backsloping must also meet OSHA requirements and the need for frost zone tapering below the approach pavement. For trail approach performance, frost tapering of the Select Granular Borrow below the trail of 1V:10H is recommended 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). The wall design can be based on lateral pressures presented in MnDOT design charts.

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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 Exploration/Classification Methods Boring Log Notes Unified Soil Classification System AASHTO Soil Classification System MnDOT Diagram F-1















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U.S. Customary Units

ate Project		Bridge No. or Job Desc. NCDL Bridge	Trunk Highway/Location Southwest LRT, PEC I	East			Boring I 124	Vo. 4 SB		Ground Elevation 856.0 (Surveyed)
I Dep	h à				SPT N60	MC (%)	COH (psf)	Υ (pcf)	Soil	Other Tests Or Remarks
	tholc	Clá	assification	Drilling Operation	REC	RQD (%)		Core Breaks		
+				X	15 -	-				
15+ +		SAND, a little gravel, mediu brown, waterbearing, mediu	m dense, a lens of sandy silt at	PD	13	*				
+ + + 49.8		41' (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium <i>(c</i> o	ontinuea)		14	-				
10 + 806. +	5 0, í , 0, 0,			X	16	-				
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55+ +	, 'o, o, , o,				12	-				
58.0 798.	, , , , , , , , , , , ,			-PD						
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+ 62.9 + 793. +				PD	4	+				
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	× . 	71' (SM) (A-2-4) till		PD		+				
75+ +	× .			X	29	+				
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30 <u>+ 80.</u> 775		END OF BORING			82 -	t		1		

SAMPLING METHODS

Split-Spoon Samples (SS) - Calibrated to N₆₀ 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

 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 1½ 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 drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. RDF: Rotary drilling with drilling fluid and roller or drag bit. 		
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the borehole after "falling" through drilling fluid		
WH: Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod and	WH:	Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod and
hammer		hammer
WR: Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod	WR:	Sampler advanced by static weight of drill rod
94mm: 94 millimeter wireline core barrel	94mm:	94 millimeter wireline core barrel
	<u>V:</u>	Water level directly measured in boring
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 $\overline{\Sigma}$: 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 _p :	Pocket Penetrometer strength, tsf (approximate)
q_c :	Static cone bearing pressure, tsf
q _u :	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_{60} 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").

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Criteria fo	r Assigning Group Sy	nbols and Group Na	ames Using Laboratory Tests ^A	Group	Soil Classification Group Name ^B	ABased on the material passing the 3-in
Coarse-Grained	Gravels More	Clean Gravels	Cu ₂₄ and 1 ₂ Cc _{23^E}	Symbol GW	Well graded gravel ^F	 (75-mm) sieve. ^BIf field sample contained cobbles or
Soils More than 50%	than 50% coarse fraction retained	Less than 5% fines ^C	Cu<4 and/or 1>Cc>3 ^E	GP	Poorly graded grave	boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name. ^C Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual
retained on No. 200 sieve	on No. 4 sieve	Gravels with Fines more	Fines classify as ML or MH	GM	Silty gravel ^{F.G.H}	symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt
		than 12% fines ^C	Fines classify as CL or CH	GC	Clayey gravel ^{F.G.H}	GW-GC well-graded gravel with slit GP-GM poorly graded gravel with slit
	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 clay DSands with 5 to 12% fines require dual
	fraction passes No. 4 sieve	fines ^D	Cu<6 and/or 1>Cc>3 ^E	SP	Poorly-graded sand ¹	
		Sands with Fines more	Fines classify as ML or MH	SM	Silty sand ^{G.H.I}	SW-SC well-graded sand with clay SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt
Fine-Grained	Silts and Clays	than 12% fines ^D inorganic	Fines classify as CL or CH PI>7 and plots on or above	SC CL	Clayey sand ^{G.H.I} Lean clay ^{K.L.M}	SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay
Soils 50% or more passes	Liquid limit less than 50		"A" line ¹ PI<4 or plots below	ML	Silt ^{K.L.M}	$\frac{E_{Cu} = D_{60} / D_{10}, Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{2}$
the No. 200 sieve		organic	"A" line ³ Liquid limit-oven dried <0.75	. OL	Organic clay ^{K.L.M.N}	D ₁₀ x D ₆₀
(see Plasticity Chart below)		-	Liquid limit – not dried $\sqrt{6}$		Organic silt ^{K.L.M.O}	^F If soil contains \geq 15% sand, add "with sand" to group name. ^G If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual
Chart Delow)	Silts and Clays Liquid limit 50	inorganic	PI plots on or above "A" line	СН	Fat clay ^{K.L,M}	symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM. ^H If fines are organic, add "with organic
	or more		PI plots below "A" line	MH	Elastic silt ^{K.L.M}	fines" to group name. If soil contains ≥15% gravel, add "with
		organic	Liquid limit-oven dried <0.75 Liquid limit – not dried	OH	Organic clay ^{K.L.M.P} Organic silt ^{K.L.M.Q}	gravel" to group name. If Atterberg limits plot is hatched area,
Highly organic			Primarily organic matter,	dark PT	Peat ^R	soils is a CL-ML silty clay. KIf soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200
soil			in color, and organic in odo			add "with sand" or "with gravel", whichever is predominant.
Screen Opening			60 For classification of fine-grained soils and fine-grained fraction of coarse-grained so			LIf soil contains ≥30% plus No. 200, predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.
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Boulders Cobbles Gravel Sand Fines (silt & cl	Over 1 3" to 1 #4 sieve #200 to #4 Pass #200	2" W to 3" Gi sieve	Little Gravel 3% - 14% Yith Gravel 15% - 29% ravelly 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
Mo	isture/Frost Condition (MC Column)		Layering Notes	+	Description	Organic Description (if no lab tests) Soils are described as organic, if soil is not peat
D (Dry): M (Moist):	Absence of moisture touch. Damp, although free visible. Soil may st	e water not	aminations: Layers less than ½" thick of differing material	<u>Term</u>	Fiber Content (Visual Estimate)	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>
W (Wet/ Waterbearing)	water content (over Free water visible in	"optimum"). Itended to soils. Le y relates to	or color. enses: Pockets or layers greater than ½" thick of differing	Fibric Peat: Hemic Peat: Sapric Peat:	Greater than 67% 33 – 67% Less than 33%	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):	Soil frozen		material or color.			significantly affect soil properties.

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General Classification			Gra	nular Mate	rials			Silt-Clay Materials				
General Classification		(3	5% or less	passing N	lo. 200 sie	ve)		(More tha	in 35% pa	ssing No. 2	200 sieve)	
	A	-1			A	-2					A-7	
Group Classification	A-1-a	A-1-b	A-3	A-2-4	A-2-5	A-2-6 A-2-7		A-4	A-5	A-6	A-7-5 A-7-6	
Sieve Analysis, Percent passing:												
No. 10 (2.00 mm)	50 max.											
No. 40 (0.425 mm)	30 max.	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.	
Usual Types of Significant Constituent Materials	Stone Fragments, Fine Gravel and Sand Sand Silty or Clay				or Clayey (Gravel and	Sand	Silty	Soils	Claye	y Soils	
General Ratings as Subgrade			Exc	ellent to G	bood			Fair to 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.

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

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.



