

# FOUNDATION ANALYSIS AND DESIGN REPORT

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**SUBJECT:** Penn Avenue Retaining Wall and Pedestrian Bridge  
Southwest Light Rail Transit Project  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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## 1.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

This report provides preliminary foundation recommendations for the retaining wall planned on the south side of the Penn Station Kiss and Ride and the associated pedestrian bridge which will cross over the freight rail tracks to the Penn Station, where a vertical circulation structure will provide access to the platform. The current layout addressed in this report is presented on attached Figure 1. The current plan and profile sheet associated with this wall and bridge is also attached to this report. The estimated bottom of foundation elevation for the retaining wall is shown on the profile. The estimated bottom of foundation elevation for the pedestrian bridge is assumed to be about 5 feet below current grade.

## 2.0 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION SUMMARY

### 2.1 Field Scope

Five standard penetration test (SPT) borings have been conducted specific to this wall and bridge, as follows:

- Pedestrian bridge/vertical circulation: 1019 SB, 1250 SV
- Retaining wall: 1018 SB, 1252 SW, 1253 SW

The locations of the above listed borings appear on attached Figure 1.

### 2.2 Laboratory Scope

During laboratory classification logging, water content tests were conducted on cohesive soil samples. In addition, three unconfined compression tests were performed on undisturbed thinwall tube 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

The generalized geologic profile consists of mixed fill over water-deposited (alluvial) soils, with glacial till deposits often interlayered at depth.

The Penn Avenue roadway area (where Borings 1252 SW and 1253 SW were drilled), is about 15 feet to 20 feet higher than the planned bridge area to the south, where the remaining test borings were drilled. Accordingly, the fill thickness varies; about 1 foot to 4 feet in the low elevation area to about 21½ feet to 29 feet in the Penn embankment area. The thicker fill area is mostly sands with silt to silty sands, with some clayey sand, ashes/cinders, and pieces of concrete.

The upper zone of alluvium at the lower elevation borings is predominantly lean clay and fat clay. Otherwise, the alluvium is mostly sand and sand with silt, sometimes having significant gravel content. Most of the clay is soft, and is located below planned foundation grades. The clay alluvium below the thicker Penn Avenue fill embankment is absent, suggesting either the sands rise to the north or the soft clay was removed prior to roadway filling. Regardless, the soft clays are expected below foundation grade in both bridge and wall areas.

The glacial till layers are interbedded within the alluvium, and are more prevalent at some locations than others. The till is mostly clayey sand, silty sand, and sandy lean clay.

Bedrock was not reached with boring depths up to 101 feet (approximate elevation 752).

## 2.5 Ground Water

Water levels appeared in the boreholes at elevations ranging from about 846 feet to 847½ feet, which is only about 4 feet to 6½ feet deep in the lower elevation area. As the levels were measured in granular soils, or after penetrating into granular soils and given some time to

stabilize, they should reasonably represent the hydrostatic ground-water level for that time and location. Ground-water levels should be expected to fluctuate both seasonally and annually.

### 3.0 FOUNDATION REVIEW

#### 3.1 Foundation Type

It is anticipated the soft alluvial clays will be present below foundation grade in the bridge and wall foundation areas. In the bridge pier and Penn Station vertical circulation structure area, this soft clay depth is excessive, and soil excavate/refill correction is not feasible. The thickness of clay is less in the wall area, although the embankment proximity and space issues may complicate soil correction. Therefore, we are recommending all foundations be supported on a deep foundation system of driven piling.

The borings did not reach bedrock or obvious highly resistant material within the bored depth. In this case, it is preferred to gain pile capacity through a combination of end bearing and side skin friction. Based on typical resistance needs for this type of bridge, the use of 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe pile is commonly used and was the pile type analyzed. Per normal MnDOT limits, this pile can be designed for a Factored Pile Bearing Resistance value ( $\phi R_n$ ) of up to 100 tons, assuming a pile wall thickness of 0.250 inches.

The current design places the center pier of the pedestrian bridge beneath overhead power lines which may then preclude the use of driven piles. Alternatives which can be considered include the use of helical piles which can be installed in limited headroom areas or the use of special ground improvement techniques such as rammed aggregate piers, thereby allowing spread foundation support. Design of these systems is typically performed by the specialty contractor.

#### 3.2 Pile Foundation Analysis

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.

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 ( $\phi$ ) of 0.65 can be used when dynamic analysis (High Strain Dynamic Pile Testing) is employed and a Resistance Factor ( $\phi$ ) of 0.50 should be used when field evaluation of steel pipe pile is based on the MPF12 driving formula (MnDOT’s new formula). We recommend using dynamic analysis for pile evaluation on these bridges. In this case, a nominal resistance of

308 kips would then need to be demonstrated.

The *DRIVEN* results for 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe pile, based on Borings 1018 SB, 1019 SB, 1250 SV, and 1253 SW are shown on attached Figures 2 to 5.

The lengths predicted by the computer analyses in order to attain a nominal resistance of 308 kips are shown in Table 3.2. This assumes a design  $\phi R_n = 100$  tons and the use of dynamic analysis for the field evaluation method (allowing  $\phi = 0.65$ ).

**Table 3.2 – Estimated Pile Lengths from DRIVEN Analyses**

Boring No.	Assumed Bottom of Footing Elevation, ft	Estimated Tip Elevation, ft	Estimated Pile Length, ft
1018 SB	844	798	46
1019 SB	845	775	70
1250 SV	848	775	73
1253 SW	856*	810	46

\*steps down to south, up to north

## 4.0 FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS

### 4.1 12-inch Diameter CIP Steel Pipe Pile

The pedestrian bridge and retaining wall foundations can be supported with 12-inch diameter CIP steel pipe piles. The piles can be designed based on a Factored Pile Bearing Resistance ( $\phi R_n$ ) value of up to 100 tons. The pipe piles should have a minimum yield strength ( $f_y$ ) of 45 ksi and a minimum wall thickness of 0.250 inches. The pipe should be driven with a flat plate welded to the pile tip (closed end). The plate should have a minimum thickness of 0.75 inches and a diameter no greater than the pile diameter. The pipe piles should be inspected and concrete filled in accordance with MnDOT Specification 2452.D6. The minimum compressive strength of the concrete should be 3000 psi at 28-days.

The nominal resistance of the piles should be evaluated using high strain dynamic (PDA) testing, which will allow the Resistance Factor of 0.65. 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.

We refer you to previous Table 3.2 for the pile lengths predicted to achieve a nominal resistance of 308 kips. The pile lengths shown are based on the analysis methods discussed with assumed soil parameters. It is common for actual pile resistance to differ from the “theoretical” resistance.

The actual pile lengths must be confirmed at the time of driving, and lengths may be more or less than that shown. It should be recognized that pile lengths would be greater if the MRF12 formula is used, as a higher nominal resistance needs to be demonstrated.

Grade is not expected to be raised in the vicinity of the center pier and vertical circulation structure area where the soft clays are thicker, accordingly settlement is not expected around the piles. It is our opinion that down drag (DD) loads do not need to be considered in the design for these areas.

Minor down drag could be associated with the retaining wall piles, which should be reviewed further during advanced design when cross-sections are developed. As the clay thickness is less in this area and may already be at least partially pre-compressed by the existing fill embankment, these DD loads should be low or possibly non-existent.

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 diameter.

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 Retaining Wall Backfilling

The retaining wall 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. 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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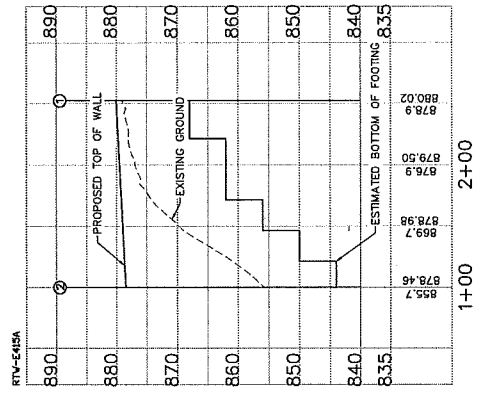
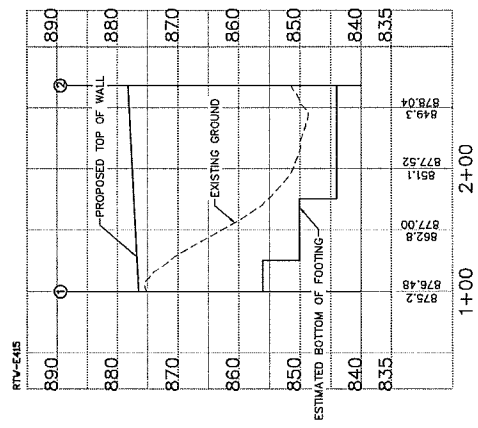
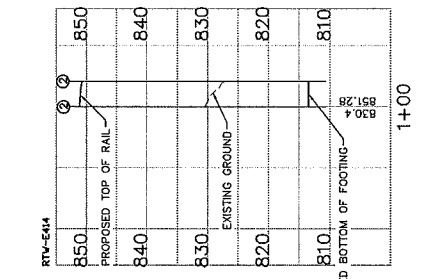
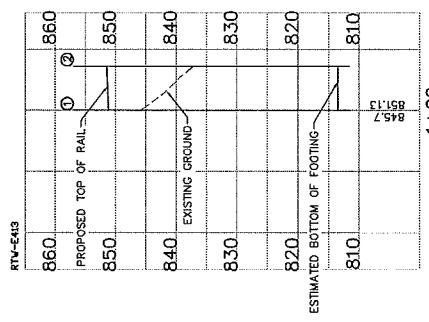
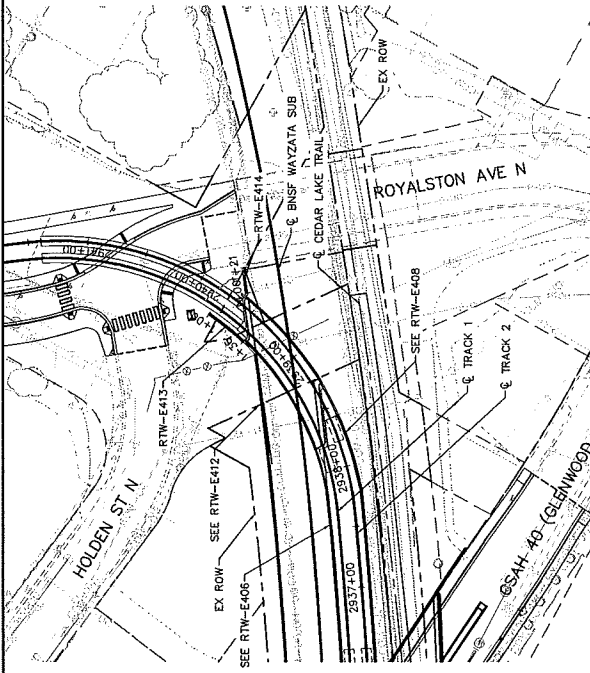
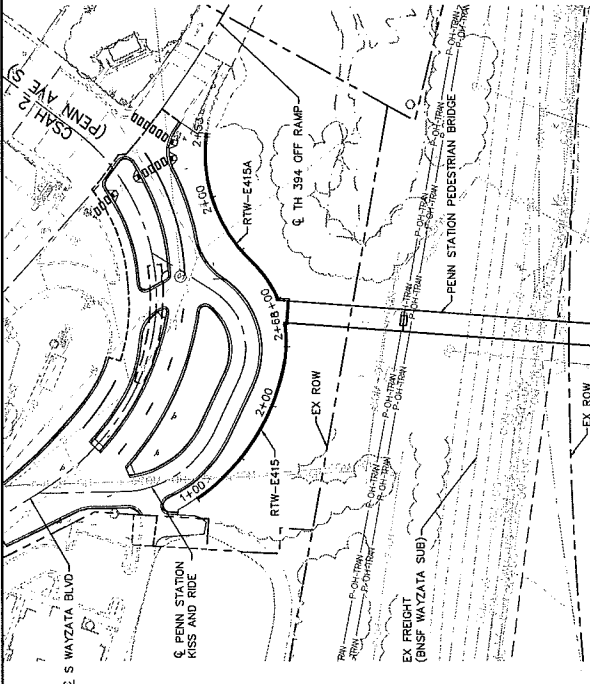
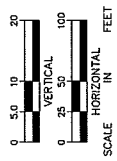
- Preliminary Plan-Profile Sheet
- Figure 1 – Boring Locations
- Subsurface Boring Logs
- Figures 2 to 5 – DRIVEN Analyses
- Exploration/Classification Methods
- Boring Log Notes
- Unified Soil Classification System
- AASHTO Soil Classification System
- MnDOT Diagram F-1

NOTE: E413 TO RTW-E415 AND RTW-E415A ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE A CAST-IN-PLACE RETAINING WALLS ON PILING.

BEGIN/END OF RETAINING WALL AND END OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DURING ADVANCED DESIGN.

① PROPOSED GROUND LINE AT JOINT BETWEEN RETAINING WALL AND BRIDGE WINDELL.

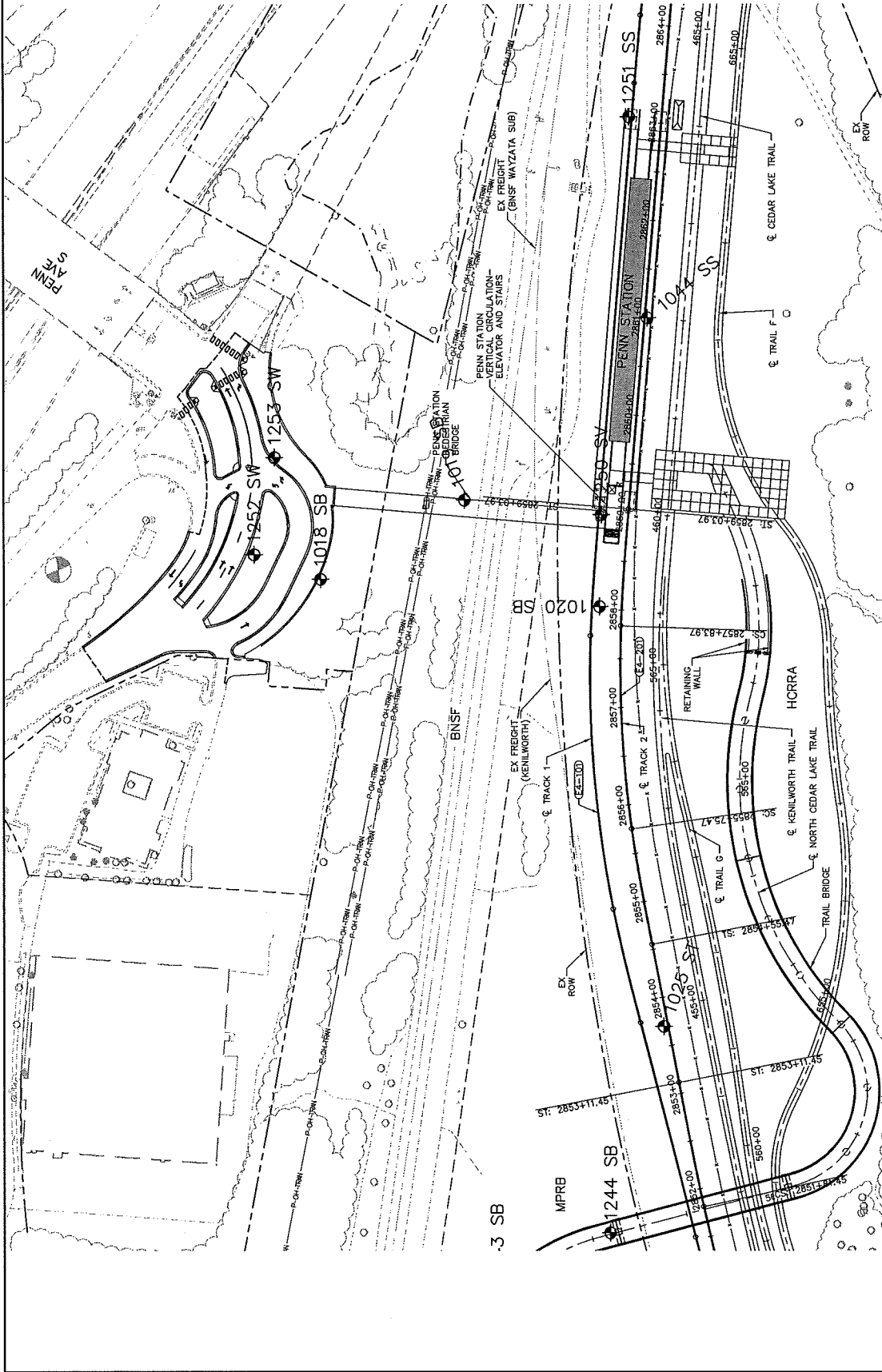
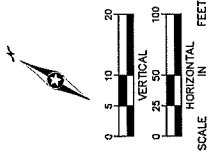
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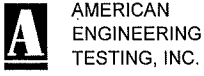
**Figure 1 – Boring Locations**  
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	4.0 848.1		LEAN CLAY WITH SAND, gray and brown mottled, soft, lenses and laminations of sand (CL) (A-4) alluvium		4	25				
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	9.5 842.6		LEAN CLAY, trace roots, gray, a little brown, stiff, laminations of sand (CL) (A-6) alluvium		10	29				
	11.5 840.6		SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, loose, a lens of fine grained sand with silt (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium		5					No recovery
	16.5 835.6		SAND WITH SILT, fine to medium grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, loose, a lens of fine grained sand with silt (SP-SM) (A-3) alluvium		10					
	19.0 833.1		SILTY SAND, brownish gray, loose, a lens of clayey sand (SM) (A-2-4) till	PD	7					
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				PD	16					
				PD	19					
	28.0 824.1		SAND WITH SILT AND GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD	25					
	31.5 820.6		SILTY SAND, a little gravel, brownish gray, medium dense to dense, a lens of waterbearing sand with silt at 33', laminations of sand around 38' (SM) (A-2-4) alluvium	PD	27					
				PD	28					
				PD	37					
	39.0 813.1		SANDY LEAN CLAY, a little gravel, dark brownish gray, hard (CL) (A-7-6) till	PD	38	23				
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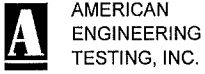
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				PD						
	49.0 803.1	[Dotted pattern]	SAND, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, dense, a lens of sand with silt (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	33					
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				PD						
	53.0 799.1	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗						
				PD						
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				PD						
	58.0 794.1	[Dotted pattern]	GRAVEL WITH SAND, gray, waterbearing, dense (GP) (A-1-a) alluvium	⊗						
				PD						
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				PD						
		[Dotted pattern]	GRAVEL WITH SAND, gray, waterbearing, dense (GP) (A-1-a) alluvium	⊗	50					
				PD						
	67.5 784.6	[Hatched pattern]	CLAYEY SAND, a little gravel, brown, hard (SC) (A-6) till	⊗						
				PD						
70		[Hatched pattern]	CLAYEY SAND, a little gravel, brown, hard (SC) (A-6) till	⊗	66	10				
				PD						
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				PD						
	77.7	[Hatched pattern]	Small rock chips recovered from drilling mud * <b>END OF BORING</b> *Based on Boring 1020 and Minnesota Geological Survey Maps, bedrock not anticipated, but is possible. Could also be a boulder or cobble in the till deposit.	⊗	100/2					
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	4.0 846.0				9					
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	9.0 841.0		LEAN CLAY, gray, a little dark gray and light gray, firm, laminations of fat clay and silt (CL) (A-7-6) alluvium		7	39				
	10									
	11.5 838.5		FAT CLAY, grayish brown, a little gray, dark brownish gray and light grayish brown, very soft, laminations of silt (CH) (A-7-6) alluvium				52	460	105	
	15				1	91				
	19.0 831.0		LEAN CLAY, gray, a little black, soft, laminations of waterbearing sand (CL) (A-6) alluvium				92	285	98	
	20				2	32				
	23.0 827.0		SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium		9					No recovery
	25									
	26.5 823.5		GRAVEL WITH SAND, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (GP) (A-1-a) alluvium		14					
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	29.0 821.0		GRAVELLY SILTY SAND, gray, medium dense, lenses of clayey sand (SM) (A-1-b) till		21					
	30									
	31.5 818.5		SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL, gray, medium dense, lenses of clayey sand (SM) (A-1-b) till		22					
	35									
	36.5 813.5		GRAVELLY SAND WITH SILT, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium		19					
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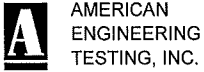
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	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
	44.0			⊗	47					
	806.0			PD						
45	46.5	CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL, gray, hard (SC) (A-6) till		⊗	48	10				
	803.5			PD						
	48.5	SANDY LEAN CLAY, a little gravel, gray, very stiff (CL) (A-6) till		⊗	25	25				
	801.5			PD						
50	53.0	CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL, gray, hard (SC) (A-6) till		⊗	40	12				
	797.0			PD						
55	58.0	SILTY SAND, a little gravel, gray, dense, a lens of clayey sand (SM) (A-2-4) till		⊗	41					
	792.0			PD						
60	63.0	SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL, gray, dense, a lens of lean clay (SM) (A-2-4) till		⊗	41					
	787.0			PD						
65	65.0	LEAN CLAY, gray, hard (CL) (A-7-6) alluvium		⊗	31	35				
	785.0			PD						
	68.0	SAND WITH SILT AND GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium		⊗	37					
	782.0			PD						
70	75.0	SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium		⊗	36					
	775.0			PD						
80		CLAYEY SAND, a little gravel, brown, hard (SC/SM) (A-2-6) till		⊗	57	11				
				PD						

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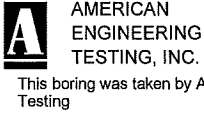
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		Penn RR Overpass		Southwest LRT, PEC East		1019 SB		850.0 (Surveyed)		
DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC	RQD	ACL	Core		Formation
					(%)	(%)	(ft)	Breaks		or Member
85		[Diagonal Hatching]	CLAYEY SAND, a little gravel, brown, hard (SC/SM) (A-2-6) till (continued)	⊗	62	12				
88.0	762.0			PD						
90		[Dotted Hatching]	SAND, fine to medium grained, brown, waterbearing, very dense (SP) (A-3) alluvium	⊗	57					
93.0	757.0			PD						
95		[Dotted Hatching]	SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, grayish brown, waterbearing, very dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	51					
96.0	754.0									
END OF BORING										

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		Penn RR Overpass		Southwest LRT, PEC East		1250 SV		853.3 (Surveyed)		
Location , , ft. LT						Drill Machine 68C		SHEET 1 of 3		
Co. Coordinate: X=519335 Y=164623 (ft.)						Hammer CME Automatic Calibrated		Drilling Completed 6/9/14		
Latitude (North)=44.9683237 Longitude (West)=-93.3086337										
DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks		Formation or Member
	2.0 851.3	[Cross-hatched pattern]	Clayey sand with organic fines, a little gravel and sand with silt, trace roots, dark brown, a little light brown (A-2-4, A-1-b) fill	X	22	17				Hammer Calibration: 68% efficiency with 110 lb. hammer, 6/9/14
	4.0 849.3		Sand with silt, a little gravel, light brown (A-1-b) fill	X	15					
	6.5 846.8	[Diagonal lines pattern]	SANDY LEAN CLAY, slightly organic, a little gravel, trace roots, black, a little grayish brown, firm, a lens of clayey sand (CL) (A-6) till	X	8	21				Organic Content = 2.7%
	10		FAT CLAY, slightly organic, trace roots, gray to dark gray, a little light gray, firm, laminations of silt (CH) (A-7-6) till	X	5	55				
	12.0 841.3	[Diagonal lines pattern]	LEAN CLAY, gray, firm, laminations of waterbearing sand (CL) (A-6) till	X			545	107		LL=89%, PL=28%, PI=61%
	14.0 839.3				X	8	27			
	15	[Dotted pattern]	GRAVEL WITH SILT AND SAND, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (GP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	14					Water level measured at 5.6' deep with HSA to 14.5' deep
	19.0 834.3				PD	18				
	20	[Dotted pattern]	GRAVELLY SAND WITH SILT, medium grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	21					No recovery
	23.0 830.3				PD	21				
	25	[Dotted pattern]	GRAVEL WITH SILT AND SAND, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (GP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	15					No recovery
	26.5 826.8				PD	13				
	30	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	15					No recovery
	31.5 821.8				PD	13				
	35	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	16					No recovery
	36.5 816.8				PD	22				
	40	[Dotted pattern]	SAND, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	21					No recovery
					PD					

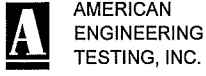
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DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
	44.0 809.3	[Dotted pattern]	SAND, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium (continued)	⊗	16					No recovery
45			GRAVELLY SAND WITH SILT, medium to fine grained, brownish gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	22					
	48.0 805.3			⊗	22					
50			SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	20					
	53.0 800.3			PD						
55				⊗	22					
	62.0 791.3			PD						
65			SILTY CLAY, brown, very stiff (CL-ML) (A-4)	⊗	18	23				
	68.0 785.3			PD						
70			LEAN CLAY, brown, hard, laminations of wet silt (CL) (A-4) alluvium	⊗	54	21				
	78.0 775.3			PD						
75				⊗	55	19				
	83.0 770.3			PD						
80			SAND, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, brown, waterbearing, dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	43					
				PD						

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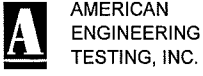
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DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC	RQD	ACL	Core	Rock	Formation
					(%)	(%)	(ft)	Breaks		or Member
85		[Lithology pattern: x's]	SILTY SAND, a little gravel, brown, very dense (SM) (A-2-4) alluvium (continued)	PD	76					
	88.0				PD					
	765.3									
90			[Lithology pattern: dots]	SAND, fine grained, brown, waterbearing, very dense (SP) (A-3) alluvium	PD	53				
	93.0				PD					
	760.3									
95		[Lithology pattern: dots]	SAND, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, brown, waterbearing, dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD	36					
	98.0				PD					
	755.3									
100		[Lithology pattern: dots]	SAND WITH SILT AND GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, brown, waterbearing, very dense, laminations of silty sand (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	PD	117					
	101.0									
	752.3		END OF BORING							



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		Penn Retaining Wall		Southwest LRT, PEC East		1252 SW		878.1 (Surveyed)		
Location , , ft. LT						Drill Machine 91C		SHEET 1 of 2		
Co. Coordinate: X=519122 Y=164914 (ft.)						Hammer CME Automatic Calibrated		Drilling Completed 6/16/14		
Latitude (North)=44.9691223 Longitude (West)=-93.3094556										
DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests Or Remarks
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks		Formation or Member
	1.0 877.1	[Cross-hatched pattern]	Clayey sand with organic fines, a little gravel, trace roots, dark brown (A-6) fill	X	10				Soil	Hammer Calibration: 68% efficiency with 110 lb. hammer, 5/27/14
			Sand with silt, a little gravel, lean clay and silty sand, pieces of concrete, trace roots, brown, a little dark brown and gray (A-2-4) fill	X	11					
	4.0 874.1	[Cross-hatched pattern]	Sand with silt, a little gravel and silty sand, brown (A-2-4) fill	X	42				Soil	
	6.5 871.6			X	29					
	10	[Cross-hatched pattern]	Silty sand, a little gravel and ashes/cinders, pieces of concrete, brown and dark brown (A-2-4) fill	X	53				Soil	
	15			X	18					
	16.5 861.6	[Cross-hatched pattern]	Sand with silt, a little clayey sand, brown (A-3) fill	X	24				Soil	
	20			X	21					
	21.5 856.6	[Cross-hatched pattern]	SAND WITH SILT AND GRAVEL, fine to medium grained, brown, moist, dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium or fill	X	10				Soil	
	24.0 854.1			X	33					
	25	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, brown, moist, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	15				Soil	
	26.5 851.6			X	14					
	29.0 849.1	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, brown, moist, medium dense, lenses of silty sand (SP-SM) (A-2-4) alluvium	X	20				Soil	
	30			X	14					
	31.5 846.6	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, brown, moist, medium dense (SP-SM) (A-3) alluvium	X	13				Soil	Water level measured at 31.7' deep with HSA to 32' deep
	34.0 844.1			X	9					
	35	[Dotted pattern]	SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, light brown, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	10				Soil	
	36.5 841.6			X	10					
	39.0 839.1	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, brown, waterbearing, loose, a lens of clayey sand (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	8				Soil	
	40			X	8					
	41.5	[Dotted pattern]	SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, brownish gray, a little brown, waterbearing, loose, lenses of clayey sand and sand (SP-SM) (A-2-4) alluvium	X					Soil	
				PD						

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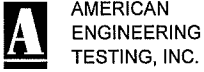
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		<b>Penn Retaining Wall</b>		<b>Southwest LRT, PEC East</b>		<b>1252 SW</b>		<b>878.1 (Surveyed)</b>		
DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
	836.6									
	45		CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL, grayish brown, very stiff, a lens of silty sand (SC) (A-2-4) till (continued)	PD	16					No recovery
	46.0				24	12				
	832.1		END OF BORING							

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		Penn Retaining Wall		Southwest LRT, PEC East		1253 SW		879.1 (Surveyed)		
Location , , ft. LT						Drill Machine 91C		SHEET 1 of 3		
Co. Coordinate: X=519217 Y=164949 (ft.)						Hammer CME Automatic Calibrated		Drilling Completed 6/17/14		
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	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks		Formation or Member
	1.0 878.1	[Cross-hatched]	Mixture of silty sand and clayey sand, with organic fines, a little gravel, trace roots, black (A-2-4, A-6) fill	X	6				Soil	Hammer Calibration: 68% efficiency with 110 lb. hammer, 5/27/14
	2.0 877.1		Mixture of silty sand, sand with silt and gravel, a little clayey sand, trace roots, brown (A-2-4) fill	X	14					
	5	[Cross-hatched]	Sand with silt and gravel, a little clayey sand, brown (A-1-b) fill	X	18				Soil	
	9.0 870.1		Sand with silt, a little gravel, clayey sand and silty sand, pieces of concrete, brown, a little dark brown (A-3) fill	X	178					
	14.0 865.1	[Cross-hatched]	Sand with silt and gravel, a little silty sand, brown (A-1-b) fill	X	30				Soil	
	19.0 860.1		Silty sand, a little gravel and sand with silt, dark brown and brown (A-2-4) fill	X	34					
	24.0 855.1	[Cross-hatched]	Clayey sand, a little gravel, brown (A-6) fill	X	18	11			Soil	
	26.5 852.6		Silty sand, a little gravel, dark brown and brown (A-2-4) fill	X	47					
	29.0 850.1	[Dotted]	SAND, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, light brown, a little brown, moist, medium dense, a lens of sand with silt (SP) (A-3) alluvium	X	23				Soil	
	31.5 847.6		SAND WITH SILT, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, brown, moist, medium dense, a lens of silty sand (SP-SM) (A-2-4) alluvium	X	23					
	34.0 845.1	[Dotted]	SAND, a little gravel, medium to fine grained, brown, waterbearing, medium dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	22				Soil	Water level measured at 33' deep with HSA to 37' deep
	39.0 840.1		SAND, a little gravel, fine to medium grained, gray, waterbearing, medium dense, a lens of clayey sand (A-3) alluvium	X	14					
	40 41.5	[Dotted]		X	21				Soil	
				PD						

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		Penn Retaining Wall		Southwest LRT, PEC East		1253 SW		879.1 (Surveyed)		
DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC	RQD	ACL	Core	Rock	Formation
					(%)	(%)	(ft)	Breaks		or Member
	837.6	x	SILTY SAND, fine grained, gray, wet, medium dense, a lens of lean clay (SM) (A-2-4) alluvium (continued)	X	17					
	44.0	x		PD						
45	835.1	x	CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL, gray, very stiff (SC/SM) (A-2-4) alluvium	X	28	13				
	47.0	x		PD						
	832.1	x	SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL, fine to medium grained, gray, moist, dense (SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	35					
	49.0	x		PD						
50	830.1			X	28					
				PD						
55			SAND WITH SILT AND GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, dense (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	20					No recovery
				PD						
60				X	11					
				PD						
	63.0	x		PD						
	816.1	x	SILTY SAND, fine grained, gray, wet, medium dense (SM) (A-4) alluvium	X	16					
65	66.0	x		X						
	813.1			PD						
70			SAND, a little gravel, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, dense, lens of clayey sand (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	36					
				PD						
75	75.0			X	82					
	804.1			PD						
80			SAND WITH GRAVEL, medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing, very dense, a lens of silty sand (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium	X	52					
				PD						
	83.0			PD						
	796.1									

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DEPTH	Depth	Lithology	Classification	Drilling Operation	SPT	MC	COH	γ	Soil	Other Tests
	Elev.				N <sub>60</sub>	(%)	(psf)	(pcf)		Or Remarks
					REC (%)	RQD (%)	ACL (ft)	Core Breaks	Rock	Formation or Member
85		[Lithology: Sand with gravel]	SAND, medium grained, gray, waterbearing, dense (SP) (A-1-b) alluvium (continued)	⊗	49					
88.0	791.1			PD						
90			GRAVELLY SAND WITH SILT, possible cobble around 92' to 93.5', medium to fine grained, gray, waterbearing (SP-SM) (A-1-b) alluvium	⊗	78					
93.5	785.6			PD						
95		[Lithology: Sand with gravel]	SAND, a little gravel, fine grained, grayish brown, waterbearing, very dense to dense, a lens of clayey sand at 94½' (SP) (A-3) alluvium	⊗	83.5					
100	101.0			PD						
	101.0		778.1							END OF BORING

Figure 2 – DRIVEN Analysis, 12-inch dia. CIP Steel Pipe Pile, Boring 1018 SB

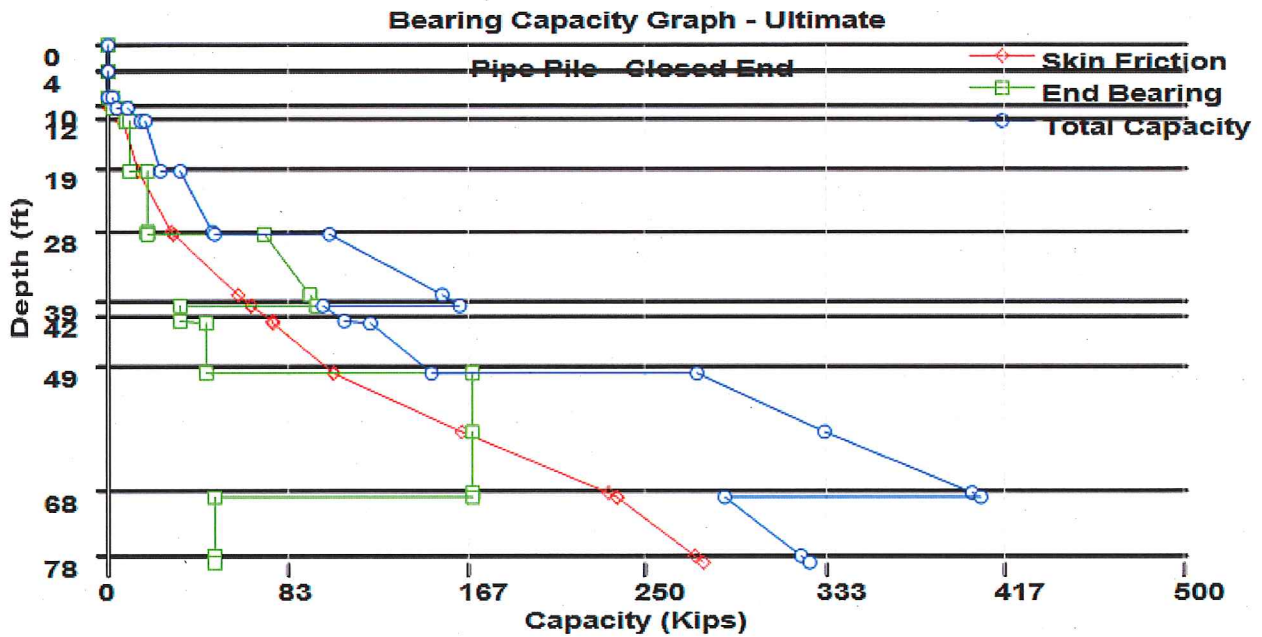


Figure 3 – DRIVEN Analysis, 12-inch dia. CIP Steel Pipe Pile, Boring 1019 SB

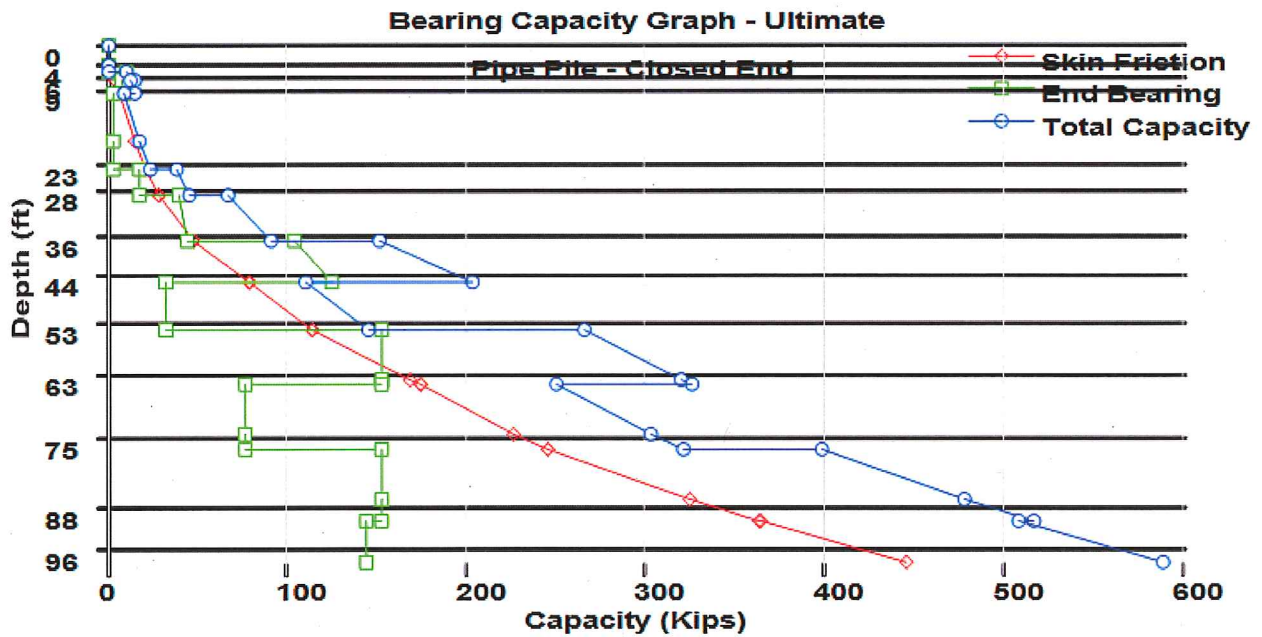


Figure 4 – DRIVEN Analysis, 12-inch dia. CIP Steel Pipe Pile, Boring 1250 SV

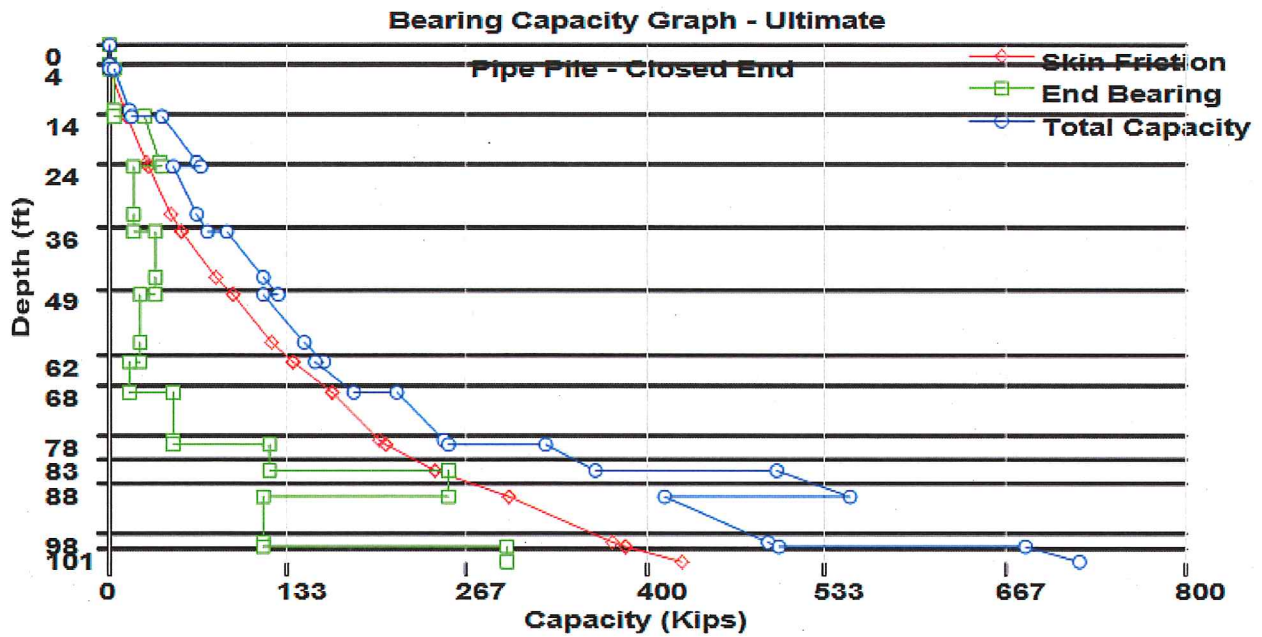
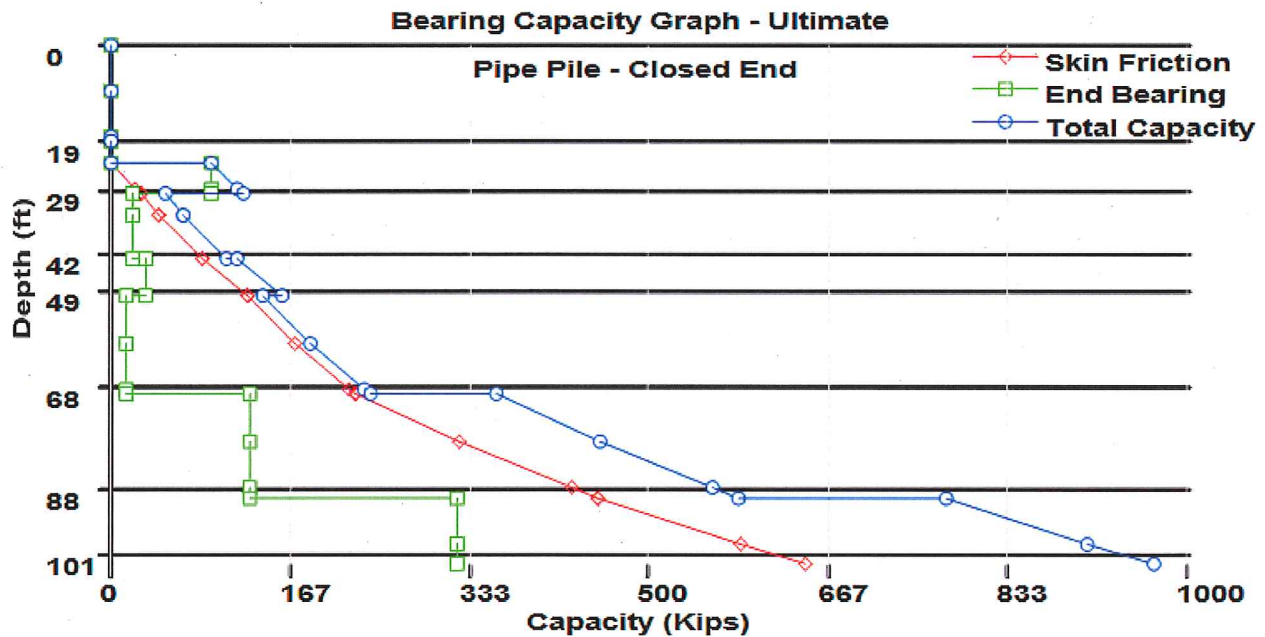


Figure 5 – DRIVEN Analysis, 12-inch dia. CIP Steel Pipe Pile, Boring 1253 SW



## EXPLORATION/CLASSIFICATION METHODS

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### SAMPLING METHODS

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#### **Split-Spoon Samples (SS) - Calibrated to $N_{60}$ 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

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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

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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

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



## BORING LOG NOTES

### 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 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 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
▼:	Water level directly measured in boring
▽:	Estimated water level based solely on sample appearance

### TEST SYMBOLS

Symbol	Definition
COH:	Cohesion, psf (0.5 x q <sub>u</sub> )
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 ( <u>approximate</u> )
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").

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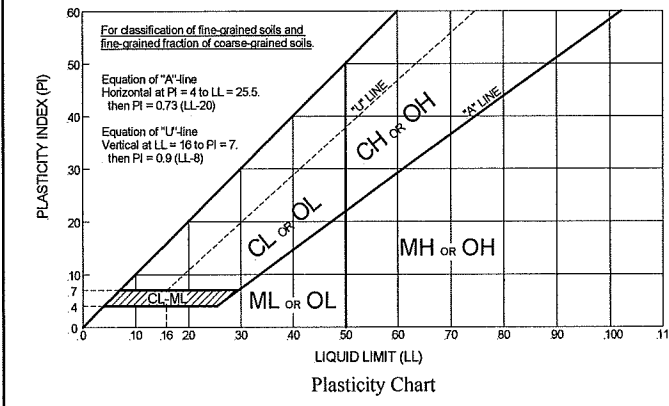
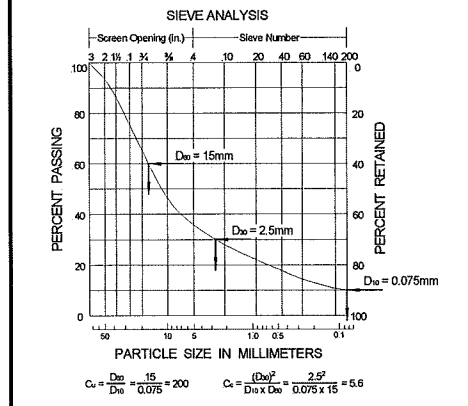


Criteria for Assigning Group Symbols and Group Names Using Laboratory Tests <sup>A</sup>				Soil Classification	
				Group Symbol	Group Name <sup>B</sup>
Coarse-Grained Soils More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve	Gravels More than 50% coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve	Clean Gravels Less than 5% fines <sup>C</sup>	$Cu \geq 4$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3^E$	GW	Well graded gravel <sup>F</sup>
			$Cu < 4$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3^E$	GP	Poorly graded gravel <sup>F</sup>
	Sands 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve	Clean Sands Less than 5% fines <sup>D</sup>	$Cu \geq 6$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3^E$	SW	Well-graded sand <sup>I</sup>
			$Cu < 6$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3^E$	SP	Poorly-graded sand <sup>I</sup>
	Sands with Fines more than 12% fines <sup>D</sup>	Fines classify as ML or MH		SM	Silty sand <sup>G,H,I</sup>
		Fines classify as CL or CH		SC	Clayey sand <sup>G,H,I</sup>
Fine-Grained Soils 50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve  (see Plasticity Chart below)	Silts and Clays Liquid limit less than 50	inorganic	PI > 7 and plots on or above "A" line <sup>J</sup>	CL	Lean clay <sup>K,L,M</sup>
			PI < 4 or plots below "A" line <sup>J</sup>	ML	Silt <sup>K,L,M</sup>
	organic	Liquid limit—oven dried < 0.75		OL	Organic clay <sup>K,L,M,N</sup>
		Liquid limit – not dried			Organic silt <sup>K,L,M,O</sup>
	Silts and Clays Liquid limit 50 or more	inorganic	PI plots on or above "A" line	CH	Fat clay <sup>K,L,M</sup>
			PI plots below "A" line	MH	Elastic silt <sup>K,L,M</sup>
organic	Liquid limit—oven dried < 0.75		OH	Organic clay <sup>K,L,M,P</sup>	
	Liquid limit – not dried			Organic silt <sup>K,L,M,Q</sup>	
Highly organic soil	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic in odor		PT	Peat <sup>R</sup>	

**Notes**  
<sup>A</sup>Based on the material passing the 3-in (75-mm) sieve.  
<sup>B</sup>If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.  
<sup>C</sup>Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols:  
 GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt  
 GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay  
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 GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay  
<sup>D</sup>Sands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols:  
 SW-SM well-graded sand with silt  
 SW-SC well-graded sand with clay  
 SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt  
 SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay

$$C_u = D_{60} / D_{10}, \quad C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$$

<sup>F</sup>If soil contains  $\geq 15\%$  sand, add "with sand" to group name.  
<sup>G</sup>If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.  
<sup>H</sup>If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.  
<sup>I</sup>If soil contains  $\geq 15\%$  gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.  
<sup>J</sup>If Atterberg limits plot is hatched area, soils is a CL-ML silty clay.  
<sup>K</sup>If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200 add "with sand" or "with gravel", whichever is predominant.  
<sup>L</sup>If soil contains  $\geq 30\%$  plus No. 200, predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.  
<sup>M</sup>If soil contains  $\geq 30\%$  plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.  
<sup>N</sup>PI  $\geq 4$  and plots on or above "A" line.  
<sup>O</sup>PI < 4 or plots below "A" line.  
<sup>P</sup>PI plots on or above "A" line.  
<sup>Q</sup>PI plots below "A" line.  
<sup>R</sup>Fiber Content description shown below.



**ADDITIONAL TERMINOLOGY NOTES USED BY AET FOR SOIL IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION**

Grain Size		Gravel Percentages		Consistency of Plastic Soils		Relative Density of Non-Plastic Soils	
Term	Particle Size	Term	Percent	Term	N-Value, BPF	Term	N-Value, BPF
Boulders	Over 12"	A Little Gravel	3% - 14%	Very Soft	less than 2	Very Loose	0 - 4
Cobbles	3" to 12"	With Gravel	15% - 29%	Soft	2 - 4	Loose	5 - 10
Gravel	#4 sieve to 3"	Gravelly	30% - 50%	Firm	5 - 8	Medium Dense	11 - 30
Sand	#200 to #4 sieve			Stiff	9 - 15	Dense	31 - 50
Fines (silt & clay)	Pass #200 sieve			Very Stiff	16 - 30	Very Dense	Greater than 50
				Hard	Greater than 30		
<b>Moisture/Frost Condition (MC Column)</b>		<b>Layering Notes</b>		<b>Peat Description</b>		<b>Organic Description (if no lab tests)</b>	
D (Dry):	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to touch.	Laminations:	Layers less than 1/2" thick of differing material or color.	Term	Fiber Content (Visual Estimate)	Soils are described as <i>organic</i> , if soil is not peat and is judged to have sufficient organic fines content to influence the Liquid Limit properties. <i>Slightly organic</i> used for borderline cases.	
M (Moist):	Damp, although free water not visible. Soil may still have a high water content (over "optimum").					Fibric Peat:	Greater than 67%
W (Wet/Waterbearing):	Free water visible intended to describe non-plastic soils. Waterbearing usually relates to sands and sand with silt.	Lenses:	Pockets or layers greater than 1/2" thick of differing material or color.	Hemic Peat:	33 - 67%	With roots: Judged to have sufficient quantity of roots to influence the soil properties.	
F (Frozen):	Soil frozen			Sapric Peat:	Less than 33%	Trace roots: Small roots present, but not judged to be in sufficient quantity to significantly affect soil properties.	

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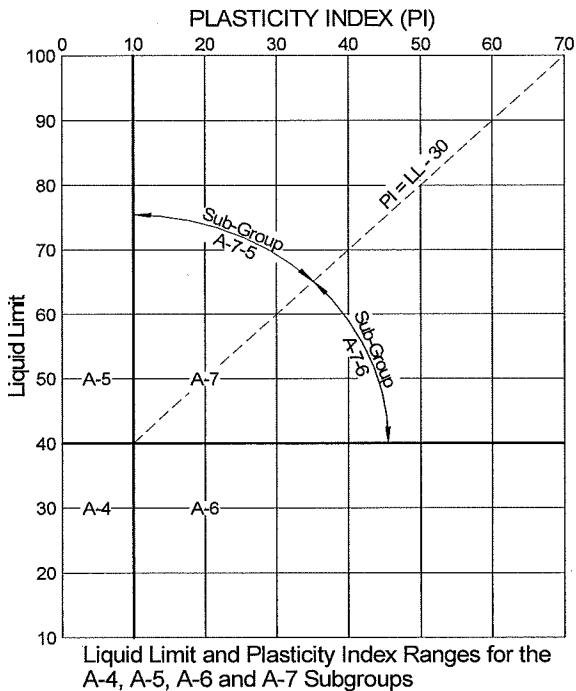
### Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures

General Classification	Granular Materials (35% or less passing No. 200 sieve)							Silt-Clay Materials (More than 35% passing No. 200 sieve)			
	A-1		A-3	A-2				A-4	A-5	A-6	A-7
	A-1-a	A-1-b		A-2-4	A-2-5	A-2-6	A-2-7				A-7-5 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.	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, Gravel and Sand		Fine Sand	Silty or Clayey Gravel and Sand				Silty Soils		Clayey Soils	
General Ratings as Subgrade .....	Excellent to Good							Fair to Poor			

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.

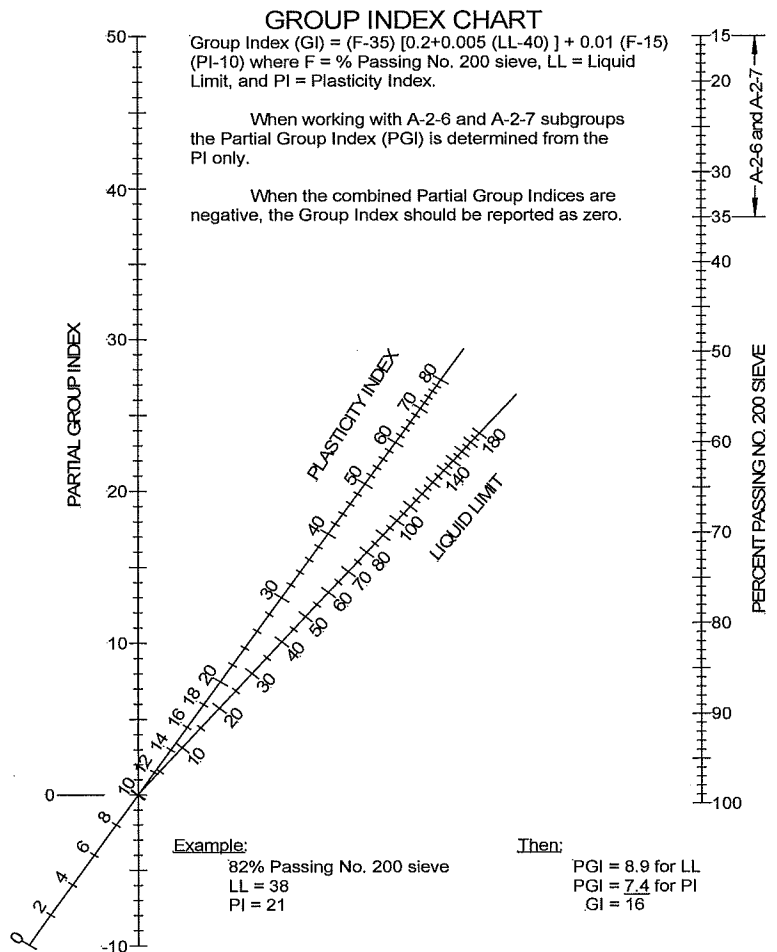
**COARSE SAND** - Material passing the No. 10 sieve and retained on the No. 40 sieve.

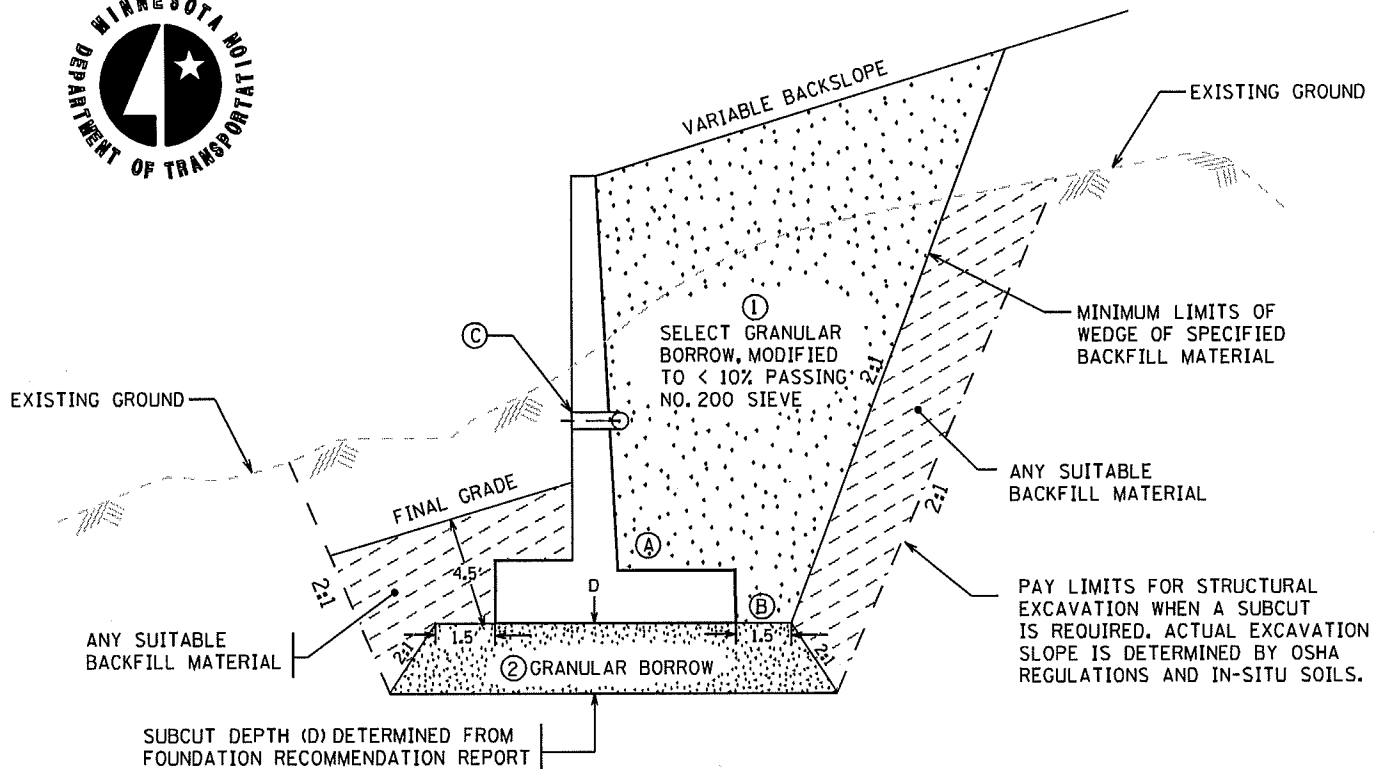
**FINE SAND** - Material passing the No. 40 sieve and retained on the No. 200 sieve.

**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.





All slope dimensions shown as V:H

THE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE MODIFIED AS PER THE ATTACHED FOUNDATIONS INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL NOTES:**

- ① Mn/DOT SPEC. 3149.2B2 MODIFIED TO 10% PASSING THE NO. 200 SIEVE COMPACT BACKFILL TO SPECIFIED DENSITY METHOD Mn/DOT SPEC. 2105.3F1
- ② IF SUBCUT IS REQUIRED, BACKFILL WITH GRANLAR BORROW, Mn/DOT SPEC. 3149.2B1. COMPACT BACKFILL TO 100% OF STANDARD PROCTOR (T-99). REFER TO FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR SUBCUT DEPTHS.

**DRAINAGE SYSTEM NOTES:**

PROVIDE WALL DRAINAGE SYSTEM A, B OR C

- (A) (B) PLACE A 6 IN. I.D. NON-STEEL PERFORATED PIPE (Mn/DOT SPEC. 3245) WRAPPED WITH A TYPE I GEOTEXTILE FABRIC (Mn/DOT SPEC. 3733) RUNNING THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE WALL AND LAID A MINIMUM OF 2 IN. ABOVE THE TOP OF FOOTING (OPTION A) OR BOTTOM ELEVATION OF THE FOOTING (OPTION B). STRUCTURAL BACKFILL MATERIALS SHALL COMPLETELY SURROUND THE PIPE. AT ALL TIMES, THE SLOPE OF THE PIPE SHALL BE CHECKED TO ENSURE POSITIVE DRAINAGE. FREQUENT TIES (SPACED APPROXIMATELY 200 FT. APART) SHALL BE MADE FROM THE PIPE TO THE INPLACE OR PROPOSED DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

- (C) PROVIDE WEEP HOLES AS SPECIFIED IN THE BRIDGE STANDARD PLANS MANUAL, STANDARD SHEET 5-297.621 TO 5-297.623.

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