

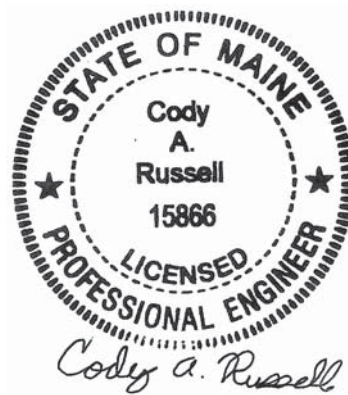
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GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT

For the Construction of:

**STOWER BROOK BRIDGE
ROUTE 1
STOCKTON SPRINGS, MAINE**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Geotechnical Design Report is to present subsurface information and make geotechnical recommendations for the replacement of an existing large culvert (#94441) on Route 1 in Stockton Springs, Maine. A subsurface investigation has been completed at the site to evaluate subsurface conditions and to develop geotechnical design and construction recommendations for the replacement structure. This report presents the subsurface information obtained during the subsurface investigation and soil laboratory testing programs and provides design and construction recommendations and geotechnical design parameters for the culvert replacement.

The existing structure consists of twin approximately 84-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts, one approximately 152 feet in length and the other approximately 146 feet in length on a skew of approximately 51 degrees to the roadway centerline. The CMPs are failing, with joint separation evident in the structure and sink holes forming in the inslope. Route 1 is a Highway Corridor Priority 1 road.

The proposed replacement structure will be a 21-foot span by 10-foot rise by 200-foot long precast concrete box culvert on a skew of approximately 51 degrees to the roadway centerline. To facilitate fish passage, Habitat Connectivity Design elements will be used inside the precast concrete box culverts as shown on the Streambed Details Sheets in the Plans. The invert of the proposed culvert is approximately 26 feet below the existing road grade at the roadway centerline. The roadway embankment slopes at the proposed culvert inlet and outlet shall be no steeper than 2H:1V to protect against erosion.

2.0 GEOLOGIC SETTING

The existing culvert carries Stower Brook under Route 1 in Stockton Springs and is located approximately 0.09 of a mile north of the Muskrat Pond Road as shown on Sheet 1 – Location Map.

According to the Maine Geological Survey (MGS) map titled Surficial Geology Bucksport Quadrangle, Maine, Open File 13-14 (2013) the surficial soils at the site consist of Presumpscot Formation. Presumpscot Formation consists of fine-grained marine silt and clay.

According to the map titled Bedrock Geologic Map of Maine (1985) published by the MGS, the bedrock in the vicinity of the site consists of sulfidic/carbonaceous pelite of the Penobscot Formation.

3.0 SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

One (1) boring (HB-STSP-101) and one (1) probe (HB-STSP-102) were drilled for this project on March 6, 2017 by New England Boring Contractors (NEBC) using a track mounted drill rig. Exploration locations are shown on Sheet 2 – Boring Location Plan & Interpretive Subsurface

Profile. Details and sampling methods used, field data obtained, and soil and groundwater conditions encountered are presented on the Boring Log in Appendix A.

Boring HB-STSP-101 was drilled using hollow stem auger drilling techniques. Soil samples were obtained in boring HB-STSP-101 at 5-foot intervals using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods. The NEBC drill rig is equipped with a manually operated hammer to drive the split spoon. Probe HB-STSP-102 was drilled using solid stem auger techniques. No soil samples were obtained in the probe.

The MaineDOT Geotechnical Team member selected the boring and probe locations, drilling methods, designated type and depth of sampling, reviewed field logs for accuracy and identified field and laboratory testing requirements. An experienced geotechnical engineer logged the subsurface conditions encountered. The boring and probe were located in the field by taping to surveyed site features after completion of the drilling program.

4.0 LABORATORY TESTING

A laboratory testing program was conducted to assist in soil classification, evaluation of engineering properties of the soils and geologic assessment of the project site. Laboratory testing consisted of one (1) standard grain size analysis with natural water content, seven (7) standard grain size analyses with hydrometer and natural water content, and two (2) Atterberg Limits tests. The results of the laboratory testing program are discussed in the following section and are included in Appendix B – Laboratory Test Results. Laboratory test information is also shown on the Boring Logs in Appendix A.

5.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Subsurface conditions encountered at the test boring and probe generally consisted fill sand overlying native Presumpscot Formation silt. An interpretive subsurface profile depicting the generalized soil stratigraphy at the boring location is shown on Sheet 2 – Boring Location Plan & Interpretive Subsurface Profile.

Boring HB-STSP-101 was drilled to a depth of approximately 37.0 feet below ground surface (bgs) and did not encounter a refusal surface. Probe HB-STSP-102 was drilled to a depth of approximately 35.0 feet bgs and did not encounter a refusal surface.

The table below summarizes the field and laboratory information obtained in boring HB-STSP-101:

Approx. Depth BGS ¹ (feet)	Soil Description	AASHTO ² Classification	USCS ³	WC% ⁴
0.0 – 0.5	Pavement	--	--	--
0.0 – 26.0	Fill – Light brown to brown, dry to moist, fine to coarse sand, little to some gravel, little to some silt, little to some silt.	A-1-b or A-4	SW-SM or SC-SM	0.1 to 10.0
	Grey-brown, moist to wet, silt, some fine to coarse sand, little clay, little gravel.	A-4	CL	13.0
	Brown to grey-brown, wet, fine to coarse sand, little silt, little gravel, trace clay.	A-2-4	SC-SM	12.0 to 27.4
26.0 – 37.0	Presumpscot Formation – Grey-brown, wet, silt, little to some fine to medium sand, trace to some clay.	A-4	ML	23.1 to 23.9

¹BGS = below ground surface

²AASHTO = American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

³USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

⁴WC% = Water content in percent

Five (5) N-values obtained in the sand fill ranged from 4 to 29 blows per foot (bpf) indicating that the sand fill is loose to medium dense in consistency. One (1) N-value obtained in the silt fill was 17 bpf indicating that the silt fill is very stiff in consistency. Two N-values obtained in the native Presumpscot Formation silt ranged from 4 to 6 bpf indicating that the silt is soft to medium stiff in consistency. Atterberg Limits tests performed on two (2) samples of Presumpscot Formation silt determined that the silt is nonplastic.

Groundwater level was recorded at a depth of approximately 15.0 feet bgs in boring HB-STSP-101. Groundwater level was not recorded in the probe. Groundwater levels can be expected to fluctuate subject to seasonal variations, local soil conditions, topography, precipitation, and construction activity.

6.0 GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed replacement structure will consist of a 21-foot span by 10-foot rise by 200-foot long precast concrete box culvert on a skew of approximately 51 degrees to the roadway centerline. The proposed structure inlet and outlet slopes shall be riprapped with slopes no steeper than 2H:1V to protect against erosion. The following sections discuss geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed culvert.

6.1 Precast Concrete Box Culvert Design and Construction

The proposed replacement structure will consist of a 21-foot span by 10-foot rise by 200-foot long precast concrete box culvert at a skew of approximately 51 degrees to the roadway centerline. The

proposed box culvert shall be designed and constructed in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 534.

The invert of the proposed box culvert will be set at approximate elevation 29.0 feet with a 0.0 percent slope. To facilitate fish passage, Habitat Connectivity Design elements will be used inside the precast concrete box culverts as shown on the Streambed Details Sheets in the Plans.

The full nature of the culvert bearing surface will not become evident until the culvert excavation is made. Any cobbles or boulders in excess of 6 inches encountered at the bedding elevation shall be removed and replaced with compacted Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill or Crushed Stone ¾-Inch. If silt is encountered at the bedding elevation it should be excavated using a smooth-edged backhoe bucket to minimize disturbance. Any disturbed soils at the bedding elevation resulting from excavation activities should be removed by hand prior to placement of the bedding material. The exposed subgrade shall be free of ponded water so that bedding material placement and compaction can be completed in the dry.

The proposed structure shall be bedded on a 1-foot thick layer of Granular Borrow, Material for Underwater Backfill meeting the requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification 703.19. The soil envelope and backfill shall consist of Standard Specification 703.19 - Granular Borrow with a maximum particle size of 4 inches. The Granular Borrow bedding and backfill material shall be placed in lifts of 6 to 8 inches loose measure and compacted to the manufacturer’s specifications or, in the absence of manufacturer’s specifications, the bedding and backfill soil shall be compacted to at least 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density.

6.2 Settlement

No settlement issues are anticipated at the site. The proposed precast concrete box culvert is larger than the existing culverts and will result in a net unloading of the site soils at the structure location. Placement of fill soils at the location of the existing structure is not anticipated to exceed the past loading condition of the site soils. Any settlement due to elastic compression of the subgrade soils and bedding material will be immediate and negligible.

6.3 Bearing Resistance

The factored bearing resistances for the precast concrete box culvert bearing on compacted granular bedding material placed on native soils at the service and strength limit states are presented in the table below. Supporting calculations in accordance with AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications 8th Edition 2017 (LRFD) are provided in Appendix C – Calculations.

Limit State	Resistance Factor ϕ_b	AASHTO LRFD Reference	Factored Bearing Resistance (ksf)
Service	1.0	Article 10.5.5.1	3.0
Strength	0.45	Table 10.5.5.2.2-1	10.0

6.4 Modulus of Subgrade Reaction

A modulus of subgrade reaction (k_s) equal to 30 pounds per cubic inch shall be used for the structural design of the box culvert's base slab. Calculations are included in Appendix C – Calculations.

6.5 Scour and Riprap

Both the inlet and outlet of the precast concrete box culvert shall be protected against scour with riprap conforming to MaineDOT Standard Specification Section 703.26 Plain and Hand Laid Riprap. Slopes shall be no steeper than 2H:1V. No specific scour protection recommendations are needed other than armoring with riprap. The riprap on the slopes shall be underlain by a non-woven, Class 1 Erosion Control Geotextile meeting the requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification 722.03 that is underlain by a 1-foot layer of protective aggregate cushion consisting of Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill (703.19). The toe of the riprap sections shall be keyed into the existing soils 1 foot below the streambed elevation.

6.6 Seismic Design Considerations

In conformance with LRFD Article 3.10.1, seismic analysis is not required for buried structures, except where they cross active faults. There are no known active faults in Maine; therefore, seismic analysis is not required.

6.7 Construction Considerations

Construction activities may include construction of cofferdams and earth support systems to control stream flow during construction. Construction activities will also include common earth excavation. Construction of the proposed precast concrete box culvert will require deep soil excavation. Earth support systems shall be implemented if laying back slopes is not feasible. It is likely that the use of complex (four-sided) braced excavations with dewatering will be necessary due to the depth of the excavation. If this is the case, adequate embedment into native silts will be necessary to allow for the excavation and maintenance of a stable excavation bottom. All earth support systems shall be designed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Maine. Regardless of the method of excavation, all excavations and earth support systems shall meet all applicable OSHA regulations.

The Contractor shall control groundwater and surface water infiltration using temporary ditches, sumps, granular drainage blankets, stone ditch protection or hand-laid riprap with geotextile underlayment to divert groundwater and surface water as needed to maintain a stable excavation and allow work in the dry.

Using the excavated native soils as backfill around the culvert shall not be permitted. The native soils may only be used as common borrow in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specifications 203 and 703.

The Contractor will have to excavate the existing subbase and subgrade fill soils in the vicinity of the culvert. These materials should not be used to re-base the roadway. Excavated subbase sand and gravel may be used as fill below roadway subgrade level in fill areas provided all other requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specifications 203 and 703 are met.

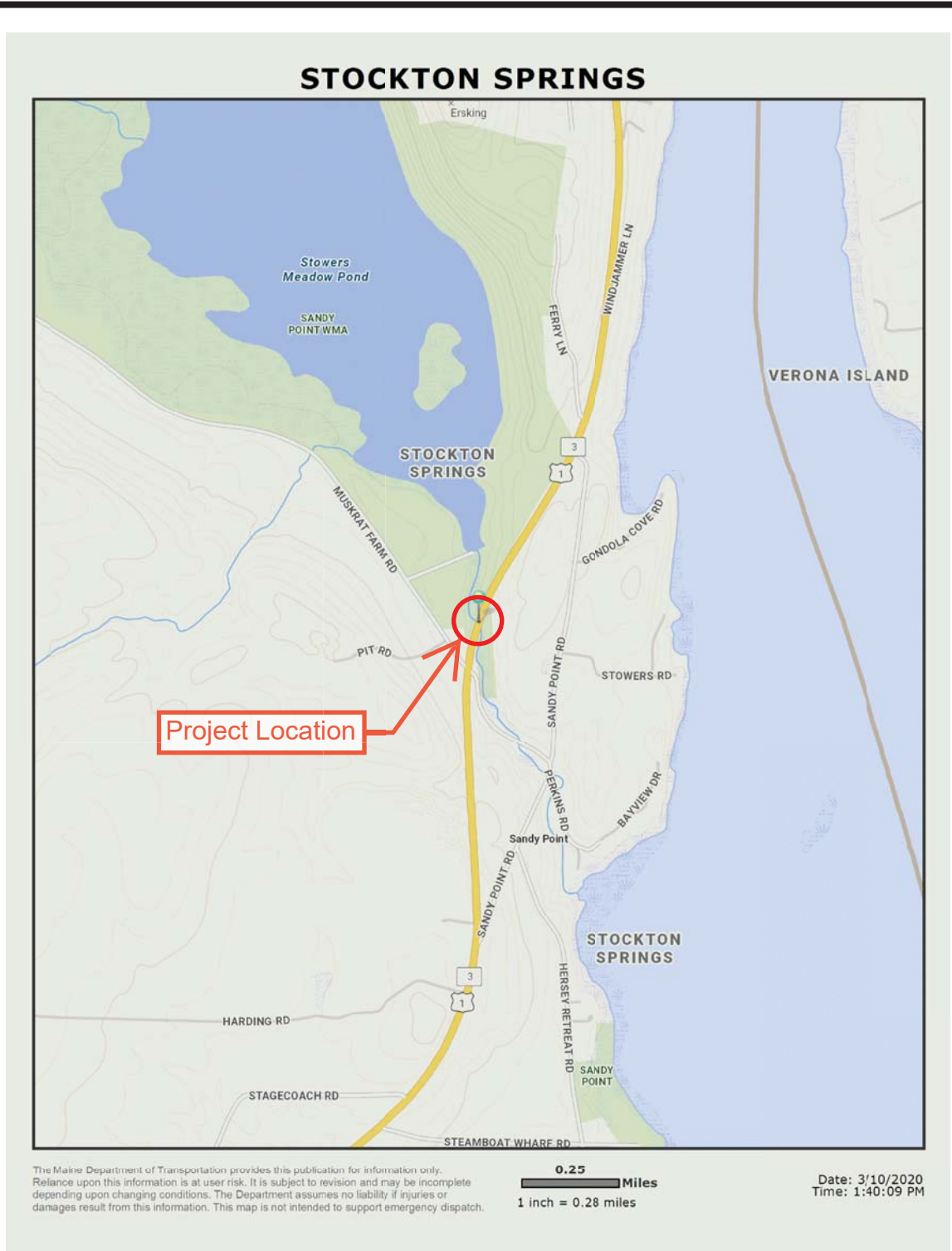
7.0 CLOSURE

This report has been prepared for the use of the MaineDOT Highway Program for specific application to the proposed replacement of an existing large culvert (#94441) under Route 1 in Stockton Springs, Maine in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical and foundation engineering practices. No other intended use or warranty is expressed or implied.

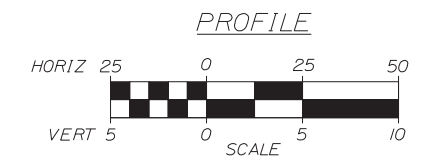
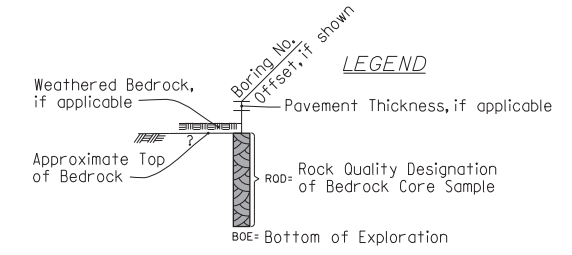
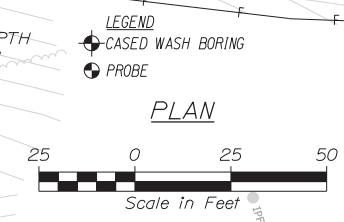
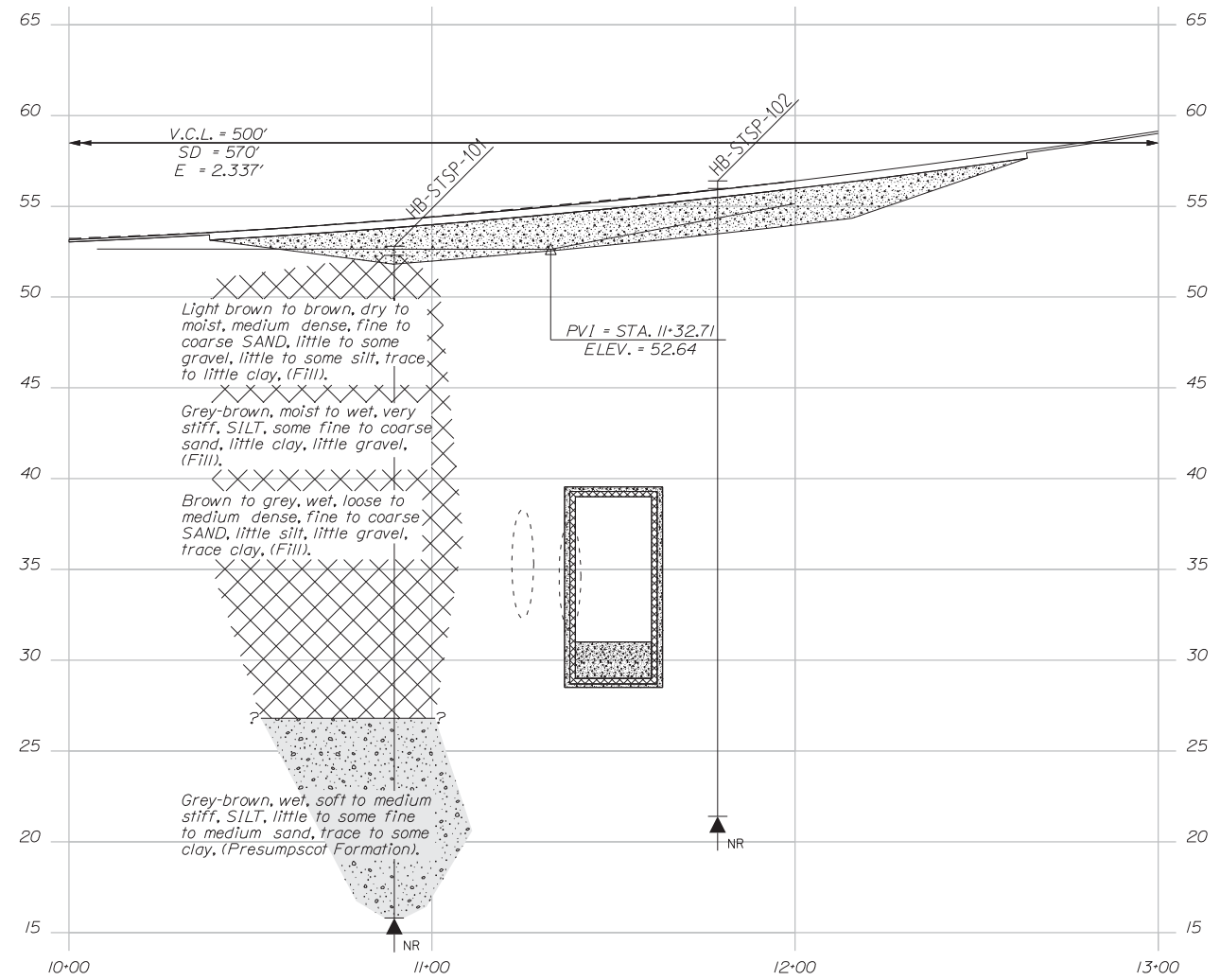
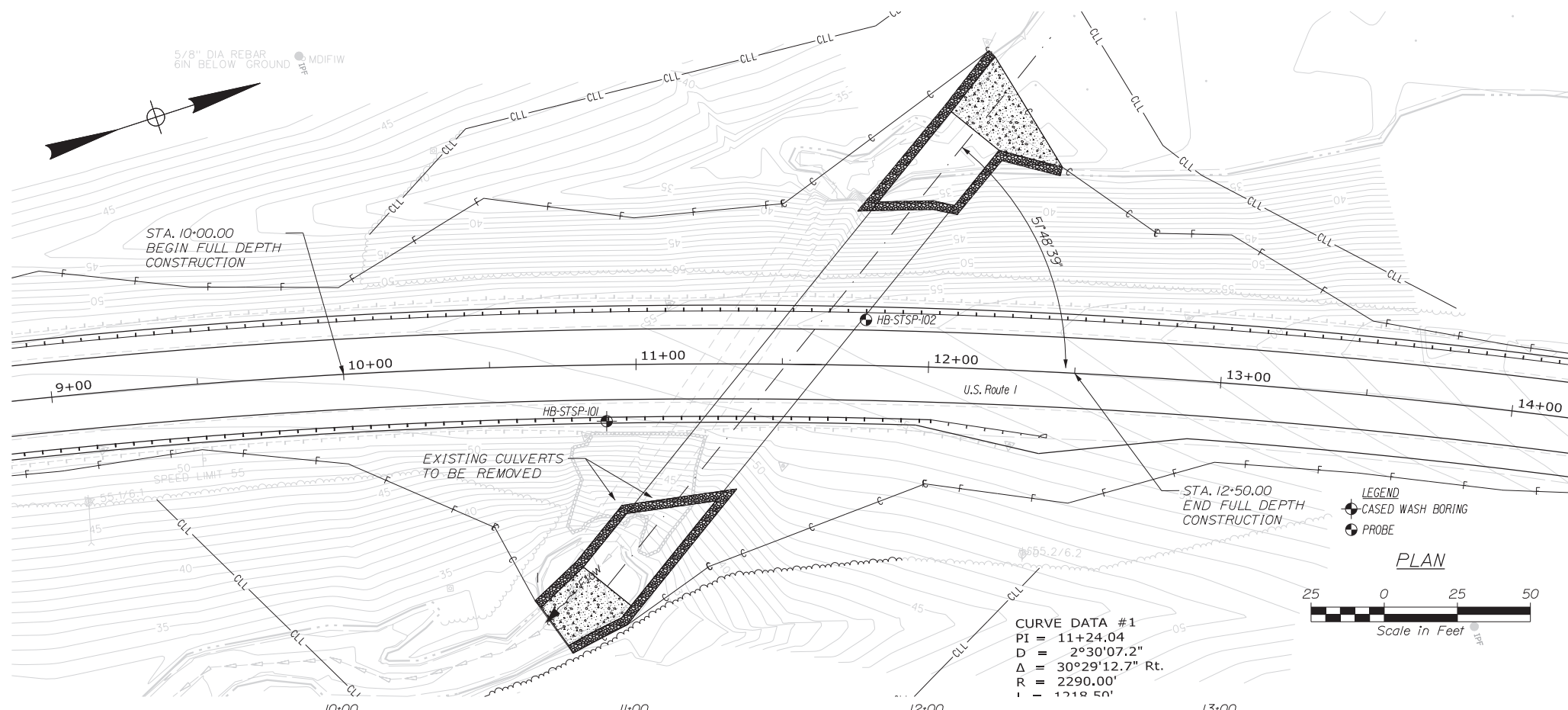
In the event that any changes in the nature, design, or location of the proposed project are planned, this report should be reviewed by a geotechnical engineer to assess the appropriateness of the conclusions and recommendations and to modify the recommendations as appropriate to reflect the changes in design. These analyses and recommendations are based in part upon a limited subsurface investigation at discrete exploratory location completed at the site. If variations from the conditions encountered during the investigation appear evident during construction, it may also become necessary to re-evaluate the recommendations made in this report.

It is recommended that a geotechnical engineer be provided the opportunity for a review of the design and specifications in order that the earthwork and foundation recommendations and construction considerations presented in this report are properly interpreted and implemented in the design and specifications.

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		<h2>LOCATION MAP</h2>		021831.00	
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Note: This generalized interpretive soil profile is intended to convey trends in subsurface conditions. The boundaries between strata are approximate and idealized, and have been developed by interpretations of widely spaced explorations and samples. Actual soil and bedrock transitions may vary and are probably more erratic. For more specific information refer to the exploration logs.

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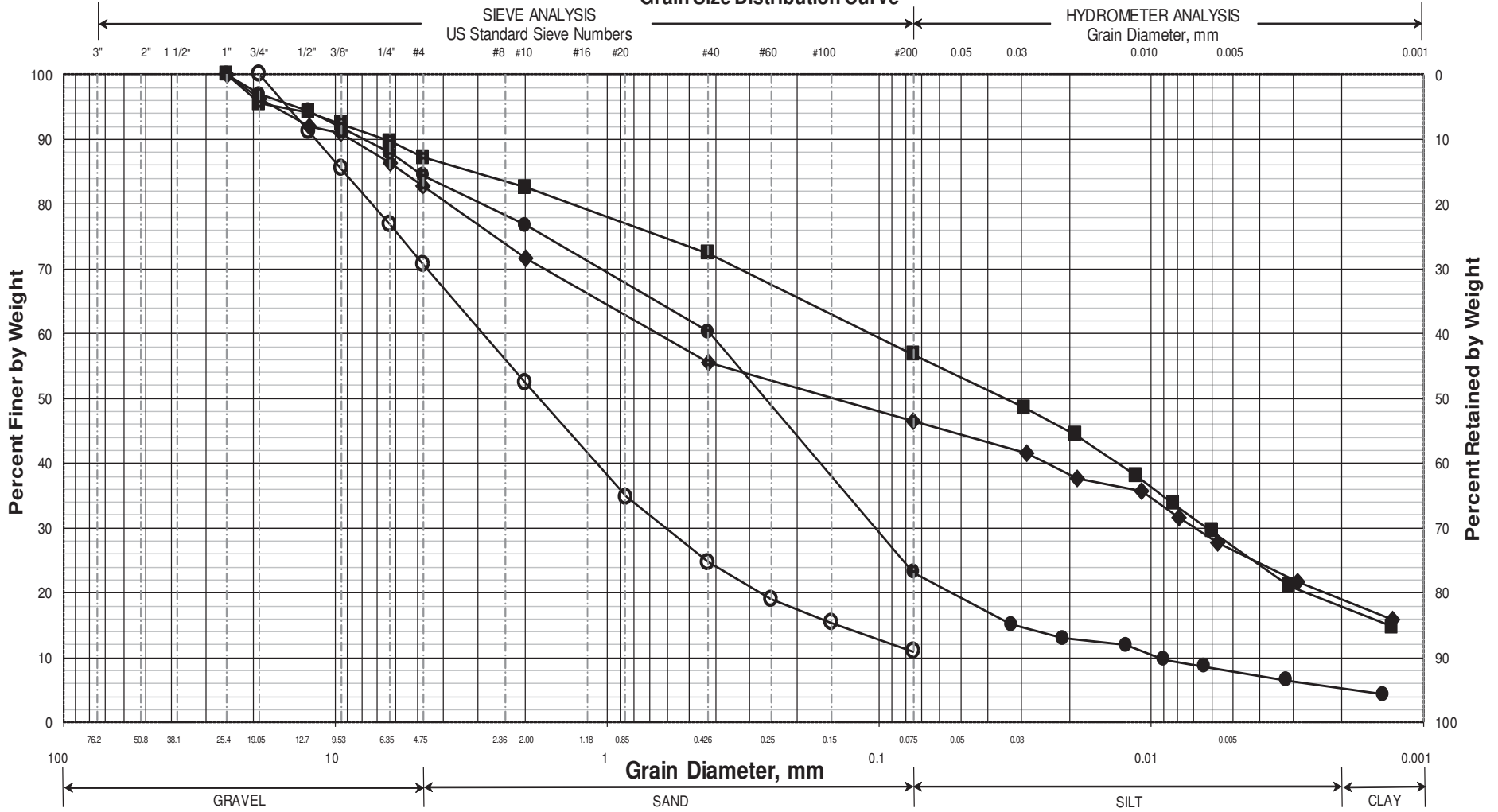
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Boring Logs

Appendix B

Laboratory Test Results

Maine Department of Transportation Grain Size Distribution Curve

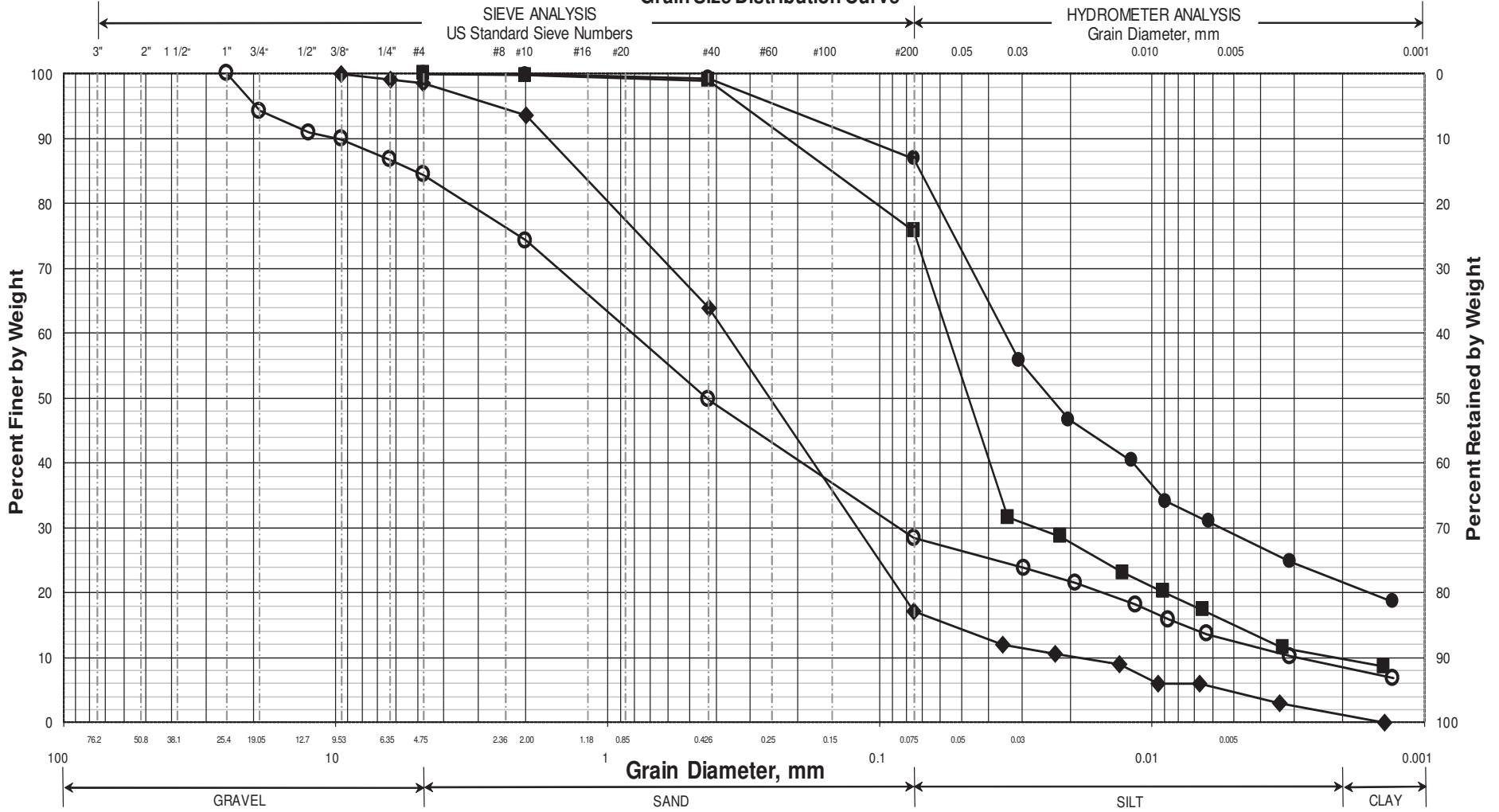


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	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	WC, %	LL	PL	PI
○	HB-STSP-101/1D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, little silt.	0.1			
◆	HB-STSP-101/2D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	5.0-7.0	SAND, some silt, little clay, little gravel.	10.0			
■	HB-STSP-101/3D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	10.0-12.0	SILT, some sand, little clay, little gravel.	13.0			
●	HB-STSP-101/4D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	15.0-17.0	SAND, little silt, little gravel, trace clay.	12.0			
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Maine Department of Transportation Grain Size Distribution Curve



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	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	WC, %	LL	PL	PI
○	HB-STSP-101/5D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	20.0-22.0	SAND, little silt, little gravel, trace clay.	12.0			
◆	HB-STSP-101/6D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	25.0-27.0	SAND, little silt, trace gravel, trace clay.	27.4			
■	HB-STSP-101/7D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	30.0-32.0	SILT, some sand, trace clay.	23.1			NP
●	HB-STSP-101/8D	10+89.6	19.2 RT	35.0-37.0	SILT, some clay, little sand.	23.9			NP
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Appendix C

Calculations

Bearing Resistance - Existing Soils:

Part 1 - Service Limit State

Nominal and factored Bearing Resistance - Box Culvert on Silt

Presumptive Bearing Resistance for Service Limit State ONLY

Reference: AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications 8th Edition 2017
Table C10.6.2.6.1-1 Presumptive Bearing Resistances for Spread Footings at the
Service Limit State Modified after US Department of Navy (1982)

Type of Bearing Material: silt (ML)

Based on N-values, soils are medium stiff at the bearing elevation

Density In Place: medium stiff

Bearing Resistance: Ordinary Range (ksf) 2 to 6

Recommended Value of Use:

$$q_{nom} := 3 \cdot ksf$$

Resistance factor at the **service limit state** = 1.0 (LRFD Article 10.5.5.1)

$$\phi_{service_bc} := 1.0$$

$$q_{factored_service_bc} := q_{nom} \cdot \phi_{service_bc}$$

$$q_{factored_service_bc} = 3 \cdot ksf$$

Note: This bearing resistance is settlement limited (1 inch) and applies only at the service limit state.

Part 2 - Strength Limit State

Nominal and factored Bearing Resistance - Box Culvert on Silt

Reference: AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications 8th Edition 2017 - Article 10.6.3.1

Assumptions:

1. The box will be founded at ~ Elev 28.0 feet

Bottom of Construction will be 2 feet below box invert

$$D_{footing} := 2.0 \cdot ft$$

2. Assumed parameters for fill soils:

Saturated unit weight: $\gamma_s := 125 \cdot pcf$

Internal friction angle: $\phi_{ns} := 32 \cdot deg$

Undrained shear strength: $c_{ns} := 0 \cdot psf$

3. Box Culvert parameters

Width of box culvert, B $B_{box} := 21 \cdot ft$

Length of box culvert, L $L_{box} := 200 \cdot ft$

Nominal Bearing Resistance per LRFD Equation 10.6.3.1.2a-1

$$q_n = cN_{cm} + \gamma D_f N_{qm} C_{wq} + 0.5\gamma B N_{\gamma m} C_{w\gamma}$$

Bearing Capacity Factors - LRFD Table 10.6.3.1.2a-1

For $\phi=32$ deg $N_c := 35.5$ $N_q := 23.2$ $N_\gamma := 30.2$

Shape Correction Factors LRFD Table 10.6.3.1.2a-3

for $\phi=32$ degrees

$$s_c := 1 + \left(\frac{B_{\text{box}}}{L_{\text{box}}} \right) \left(\frac{N_q}{N_c} \right) \quad s_c = 1.07$$

$$s_\gamma := 1 - 0.4 \left(\frac{B_{\text{box}}}{L_{\text{box}}} \right) \quad s_\gamma = 0.958$$

$$s_q := 1 + \left(\frac{B_{\text{box}}}{L_{\text{box}}} \cdot \tan(\phi_{ns}) \right) \quad s_q = 1.07$$

Load Inclination Factors:

Assume all are 1.0 (LRFD Article C10.6.3.1.2a)

$i_c := 1.0$ $i_q := 1.0$ $i_\gamma := 1.0$

Depth Correction Factor LRFD Table 10.6.3.1.2a-4

$$\frac{D_{\text{footing}}}{B_{\text{box}}} = 0.0952 \quad \text{for } \phi=32 \text{ degrees} \quad d_q := 1.2$$

$$N_{cm} := N_c \cdot s_c \cdot i_c \quad N_{cm} = 37.936 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.3.1.2a-2}$$

$$N_{qm} := N_q \cdot s_q \cdot d_q \cdot i_q \quad N_{qm} = 29.67 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.3.1.2a-3}$$

$$N_{\gamma m} := N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma \cdot i_\gamma \quad N_{\gamma m} = 28.93 \quad \text{LRFD Eq. 10.6.3.1.2a-4}$$

Coefficients for Groundwater Depths LRFD Table 10.6.3.1.2a-2

Depth the water table: $D_w := 0 \cdot \text{ft}$ $C_{wq} := 0.5$ $C_{w\gamma} := 0.5$

$$q_{\text{nominal}} := c_{ns} \cdot N_{cm} + \gamma_s \cdot D_{\text{footing}} \cdot N_{qm} \cdot C_{wq} + 0.5(\gamma_s) B_{\text{box}} \cdot N_{\gamma m} \cdot C_{w\gamma}$$

$$q_{\text{nominal}} = 22.7 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Factored Bearing Resistance for Strength Limit State

Resistance Factor: $\phi_b := 0.45$ LRFD Table 10.5.5.2.2-1

$$q_{\text{factored}} := q_{\text{nominal}} \cdot \phi_b$$

$$q_{\text{factored}} = 10.2 \cdot \text{ksf}$$

Recommend a limiting factored bearing resistance of 10.0 ksf for the Strength Limit State.

