

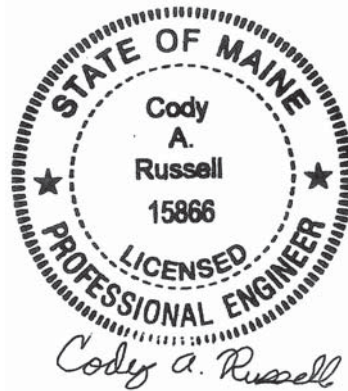
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GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT

For the Construction of:

**RIVER GLEN BRIDGE
ROUTE 194
WHITEFIELD, 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 (#46459) on Route 194 in Whitefield, 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 48-inch diameter, 110-foot long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts on a skew of approximately 11 degrees to the roadway centerline. The CMPs are in poor condition. Route 194 is a Highway Corridor Priority 4 road.

The proposed replacement structure will be a 10-foot diameter, 120-foot long polymer coated corrugated steel pipe culvert on a skew of approximately 7 degrees to the roadway centerline. To facilitate fish passage, Habitat Connectivity Design elements will be used inside the polymer coated corrugate steel pipe culvert as shown on the Streambed Details Sheets in the Plans. The invert of the proposed culvert is approximately 23 feet below the existing road grade at the roadway centerline. The roadway embankment slopes at the proposed culvert inlet shall be 3H:1V from the roadway edge and will break to a 2H:1V slope 2-feet above the culvert end. The 2H:1V slope at the culvert inlet shall be protected with 18 inches of plan riprap to protect against erosion. The roadway embankment slope at the proposed culvert outlet shall be 2H:1V from the roadway edge and will break to a 1.5H:1V slope 2-feet above the culvert end. The 1.5H:1V slope shall be protected with 3 feet of plain riprap to protect against erosion.

2.0 GEOLOGIC SETTING

The existing culvert carries an unnamed stream under Route 194 in Whitefield and is located approximately 0.73 of a mile south of Jewett Lane as shown on Sheet 1 – Location Map.

According to the Maine Geological Survey (MGS) map titled Surficial Geology North Whitefield Quadrangle, Maine, Open File 09-11 (2009) the surficial soils at the site consist of Stream Alluvium. Stream Alluvium consists of sand, gravel, and silt.

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 interbedded pelite and sandstone of the Cape Elizabeth Formation.

3.0 SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

One (1) boring (HB-WHI-101) and one (1) probe (HB-WHI-102) were drilled on opposite, diagonal corners of the existing structure on August 8, 2018 by the MaineDOT drill crew using a trailer 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 Logs in Appendix A.

Boring HB-WHI-101 was drilled using solid stem auger, cased wash boring, and rock core drilling techniques. Soil samples were obtained in boring HB-WHI-101 at 5-foot intervals using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods. The MaineDOT drill rig is equipped with an automatic hammer to drive the split spoon. The MaineDOT calibrated automatic hammer delivers approximately 54 percent more energy during driving than the standard rope and cathead system. All N-values discussed in this report are corrected values (N_{60}) computed by applying an average energy transfer factor of 0.928 to the raw field N-values. Bedrock was cored in boring HB-WHI-101 using an NQ 2-inch core barrel and the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) of the core was calculated. Probe HB-WHI-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. A NorthEast Transportation Training and Certification (NETTCP) certified Subsurface Investigator logged the subsurface conditions encountered in the boring and probe. 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 six (6) standard grain size analysis with natural water content and one (1) standard grain size analysis with hydrometer and natural water content. 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, gravelly sand, and sandy gravel; underlain by native silt and sand. 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-WHI-101 was drilled to a depth of approximately 37.0 feet below ground surface (bgs), including a 5-foot bedrock core. Probe HB-WHI-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-WHI-101:

Approx. Depth BGS ¹ (feet)	Soil Description	AASHTO ² Classification	USCS ³	WC% ⁴
0.0 – 0.4	Pavement	--	--	--
0.4 – 19.0	Fill – Brown, damp, fine to coarse sand, little to some gravel, little to some silt. Brown, wet, fine to coarse sandy gravel, trace silt. Brown, wet, gravelly fine to coarse sand, little silt.	A-1-a or A-2-4 A-1-a A-1-b	SM GP SM	3.6 to 12.4 9.1 10.9
19.0 – 25.0	Native Silt – Grey, wet, silt, some fine to coarse sand, little clay, trace gravel.	A-4	CL	25.2
25.0 – 30.4	Native Sand – Grey, wet, fine to coarse sand, little to some silt, trace to little gravel.	A-2-4	SP-SM or SM	9.2 to 19.5
30.4 – 37.0	Bedrock – Interbedded pelite and sandstone of the Cape Elizabeth Formation.	--	--	--

¹BGS = below ground surface

²AASHTO = American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

³USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

⁴WC% = Water content in percent

Four (4) corrected N-values obtained in the fill ranged from 9 to 131 blows per foot (bpf) indicating that the fill is loose to very dense in consistency. One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the native silt was 11 bpf indicating that the native silt is stiff in consistency. One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the native sand was 22 bpf indicating that the native sand is medium dense in consistency.

In boring HB-WHI-101 bedrock was encountered at a depth of approximately 30.4 feet bgs (approximate elevation 49.1 feet). The Rock Quality Designation (RQD) of the bedrock was determined to be 47 percent in boring HB-WHI-101, which correlates to a Rock Quality of poor.

Groundwater was not observed in the boring or probe. 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 10-foot diameter, 120-foot long polymer coated corrugated steel pipe culvert on a skew of approximately 7 degrees to the roadway

centerline. The proposed structure inlet and outlet slopes shall be constructed with slopes no steeper than 2H:1V with 18 inches of riprap at the culvert inlet and no steeper than 1.5H:1V with 3-feet of riprap at the culvert outlet to protect against erosion. The following sections discuss geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed culvert.

6.1 Polymer Coated Corrugated Steel Pipe Culvert Design and Construction

The proposed replacement structure will consist of a 10-foot diameter, 120-foot long polymer coated corrugated steel pipe culvert on a skew of approximately 7 degrees to the roadway centerline. The proposed culvert shall be designed and constructed in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 603.

The invert elevation of the proposed polymer coated corrugated steel pipe arch culvert ranges from approximately 58.2 feet at the inlet end to approximately 57.3 feet at the outlet end with an approximately 0.7 percent slope. To facilitate fish passage, Habitat Connectivity Design elements will be used inside the polymer coated corrugated steel pipe culvert 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ -Inch. Any disturbed soils at the bedding elevation resulting from excavation activities should be removed by hand prior to placement of the bedding material. The prepared subgrade shall be proofrolled using a static roller to visually confirm the prepared subgrade is firm and stable. 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 structure 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 Scour and Riprap

Both the inlet and outlet of the polymer coated corrugated steel pipe culvert shall be protected against scour with riprap conforming to MaineDOT Standard Specification Section 703.26 Plain and Hand Laid Riprap. The proposed structure slopes shall be constructed with slopes no steeper than 2H:1V with 18 inches of riprap at the culvert inlet and no steeper than 1.5H:1V with 3-feet of riprap at the culvert outlet to protect against erosion. 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.

6.4 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.

6.5 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 polymer coated corrugated steel pipe 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 (#46459) under Route 194 in Whitefield, Maine in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical and foundation engineering practices. No other intended use or warranty is expressed or implied.

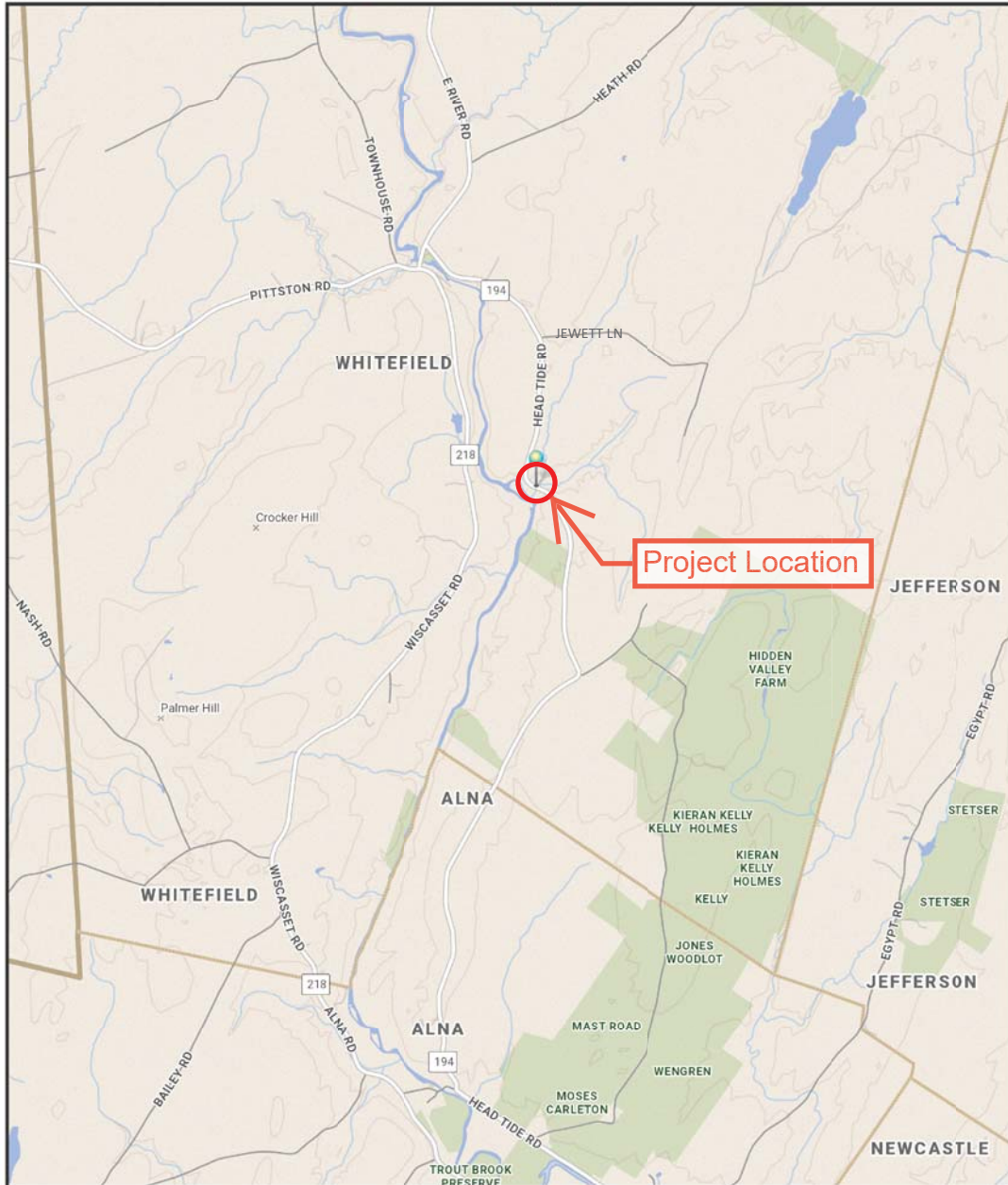
In the event that any changes in the nature, design, or location of the proposed project are planned, this report should be reviewed by a geotechnical engineer to assess the appropriateness of the conclusions and recommendations and to modify the recommendations as appropriate to reflect the changes 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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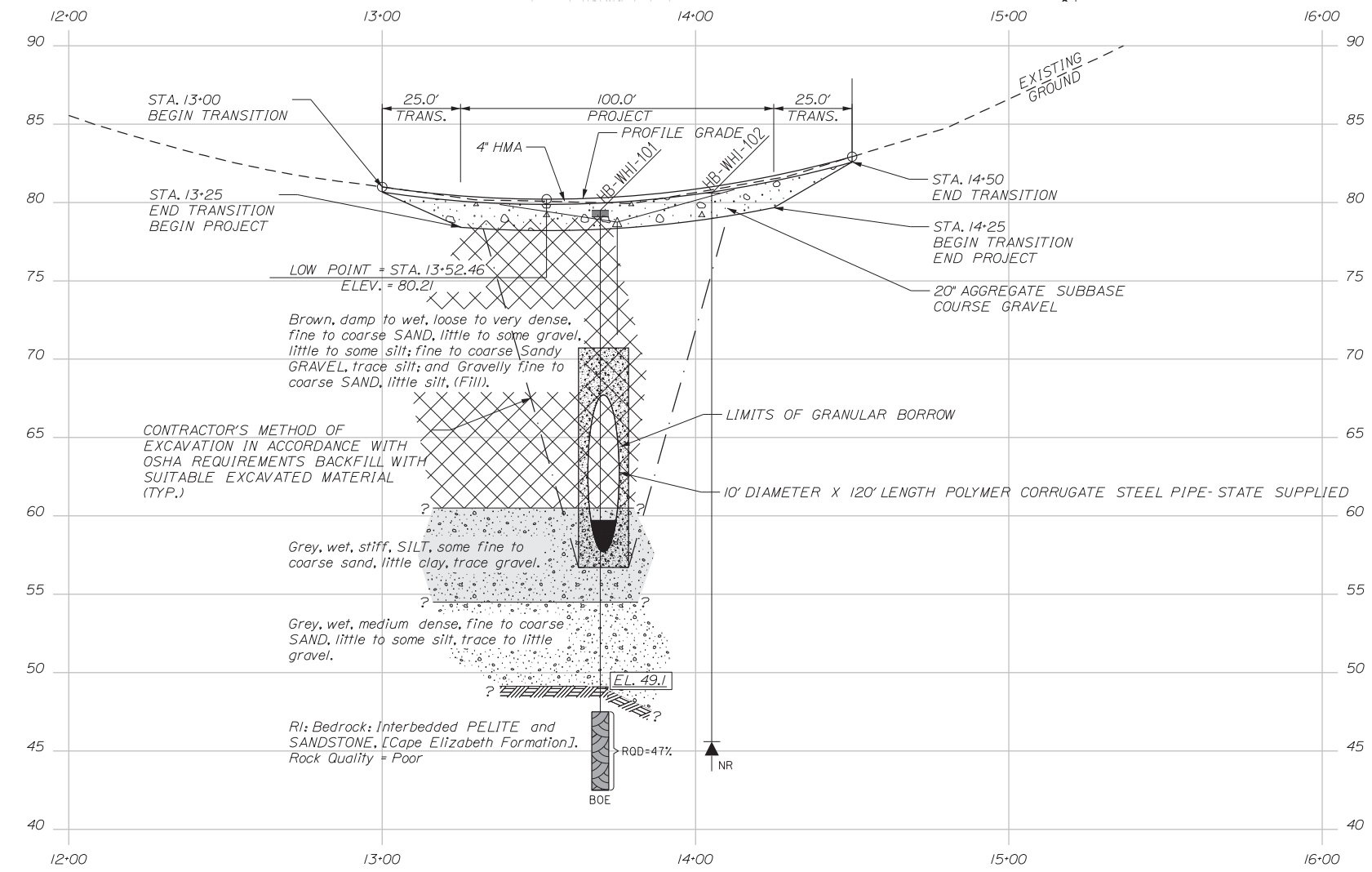
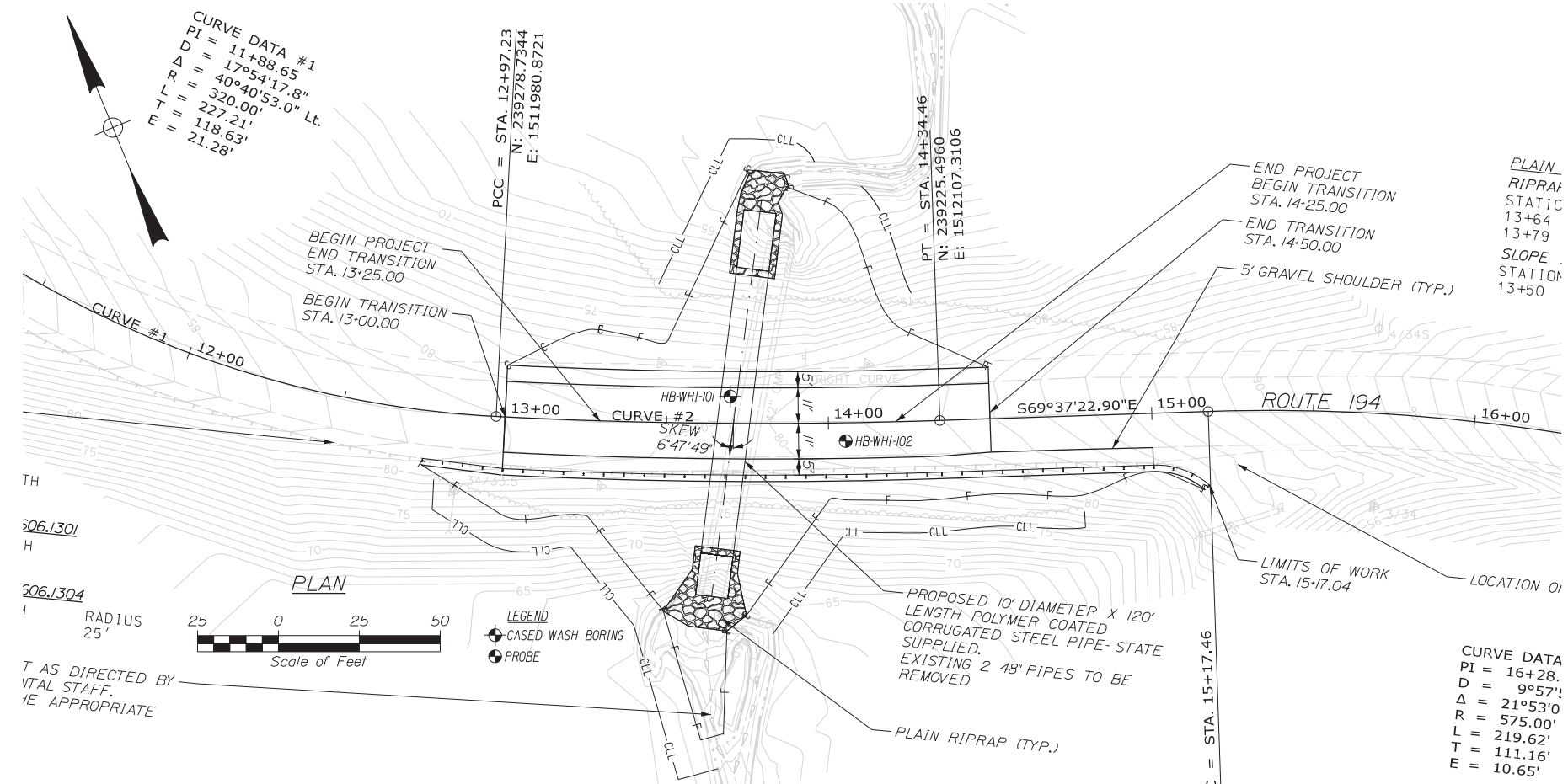
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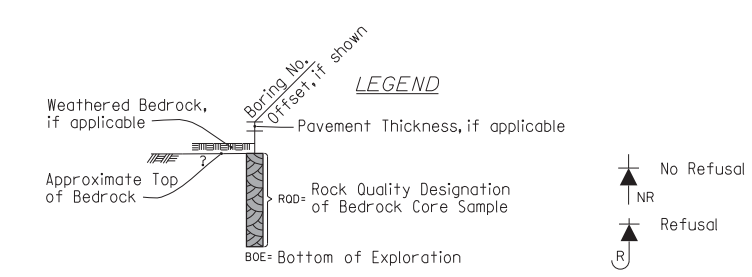
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Note: This generalized interpretive soil profile is intended to convey trends in subsurface conditions. The boundaries between strata are approximate and idealized, and have been developed by interpretations of widely spaced explorations and samples. 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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Appendix A

Boring Logs

Maine Department of Transportation Soil/Rock Exploration Log US CUSTOMARY UNITS				Project: Large Culvert Replacement on Route 194 Location: Whitefield, Maine				Boring No.: HB-WHI-101 WIN: 23032.00							
Driller: MaineDOT				Elevation (ft.): 79.5				Auger ID/OD: 5" Solid Stem							
Operator: Daggett/Niles/Kyle				Datum: NAVD88				Sampler: Standard Split Spoon							
Logged By: C. Russell				Rig Type: CME 45C				Hammer Wt./Fall: 140#/30"							
Date Start/Finish: 8/8/2018; 08:25-12:55				Drilling Method: Cased Wash Boring				Core Barrel: NQ-2"							
Boring Location: 13+69.6, 8.3 ft Lt.				Casing ID/OD: NW-3"				Water Level*: None Observed							
Hammer Efficiency Factor: 0.928				Hammer Type: Automatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic <input type="checkbox"/> Rope & Cathead <input type="checkbox"/>											
Definitions: D = Split Spoon Sample MD = Unsuccessful Split Spoon Sample Attempt U = Thin Wall Tube Sample MU = Unsuccessful Thin Wall Tube Sample Attempt V = Field Vane Shear Test, PP = Pocket Penetrometer MV = Unsuccessful Field Vane Shear Test Attempt				R = Rock Core Sample SSA = Solid Stem Auger HSA = Hollow Stem Auger RC = Roller Cone WOH = Weight of 140lb. Hammer WOR/C = Weight of Rods or Casing WO1P = Weight of One Person				S_u = Peak/Remolded Field Vane Undrained Shear Strength (psf) $S_{u(lab)}$ = Lab Vane Undrained Shear Strength (psf) q_p = Unconfined Compressive Strength (ksf) N-uncorrected = Raw Field SPT N-value Hammer Efficiency Factor = Rig Specific Annual Calibration Value N_{60} = SPT N-uncorrected Corrected for Hammer Efficiency N_{60} = (Hammer Efficiency Factor/60%)*N-uncorrected				T_v = Pocket Torvane Shear Strength (psf) WC = Water Content, percent LL = Liquid Limit PL = Plastic Limit PI = Plasticity Index G = Grain Size Analysis C = Consolidation Test			
Depth (ft.)	Sample Information								Elevation (ft.)	Graphic Log	Visual Description and Remarks	Laboratory Testing Results/AASHTO and Unified Class.			
	Sample No.	Pen./Rec. (in.)	Sample Depth (ft.)	Blows (/6 in.) Shear Strength (psf) or RQD (%)	N-uncorrected	N ₆₀	Casing Blows								
0								SSA	79.1	5" HMA.					
	1D	24/9	1.00 - 3.00	8/9/10/9	19	29				Brown, damp, medium dense, fine to coarse SAND, some gravel, little silt, (Fill).	G#296560 A-1-a, SM WC=3.6%				
5															
	2D	24/14	5.00 - 7.00	6/3/3/4	6	9	30			Brown, damp, loose, fine to coarse SAND, some silt, little gravel, (Fill).	G#296561 A-2-4, SM WC=12.4%				
10															
	3D	24/4	10.00 - 12.00	7/8/7/10	15	23	5			Brown, wet, medium dense, fine to coarse SANDY GRAVEL, trace silt, (Fill).	G#296562 A-1-a, GP WC=9.1%				
15															
	4D	24/8	15.40 - 17.40	17/49/36/18	85	131	25			Cobble from 15.0-15.4 ft bgs. Brown, wet, very dense, Gravelly fine to coarse SAND, little silt, (Fill).	G#296563 A-1-b, SM WC=10.9%				
20									60.5						
	5D	24/20	20.00 - 22.00	2/3/4/4	7	11	34			Grey, wet, stiff, SILT, some fine to coarse sand, little clay, trace gravel.	G#296564 A-4, CL WC=25.2%				
25															

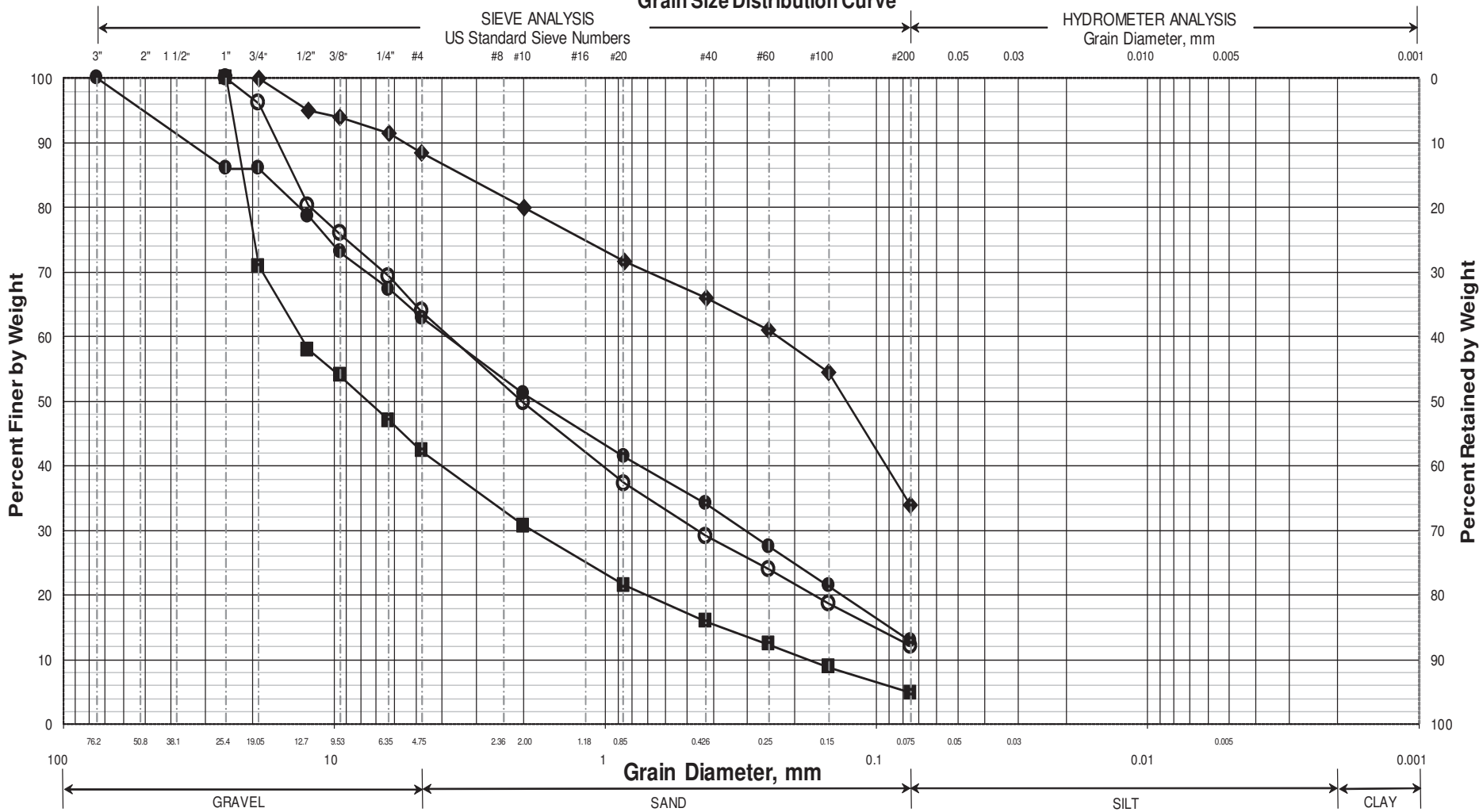
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Stratification lines represent approximate boundaries between soil types; transitions may be gradual.
 * Water level readings have been made at times and under conditions stated. Groundwater fluctuations may occur due to conditions other than those present at the time measurements were made.

Appendix B

Laboratory Test Results

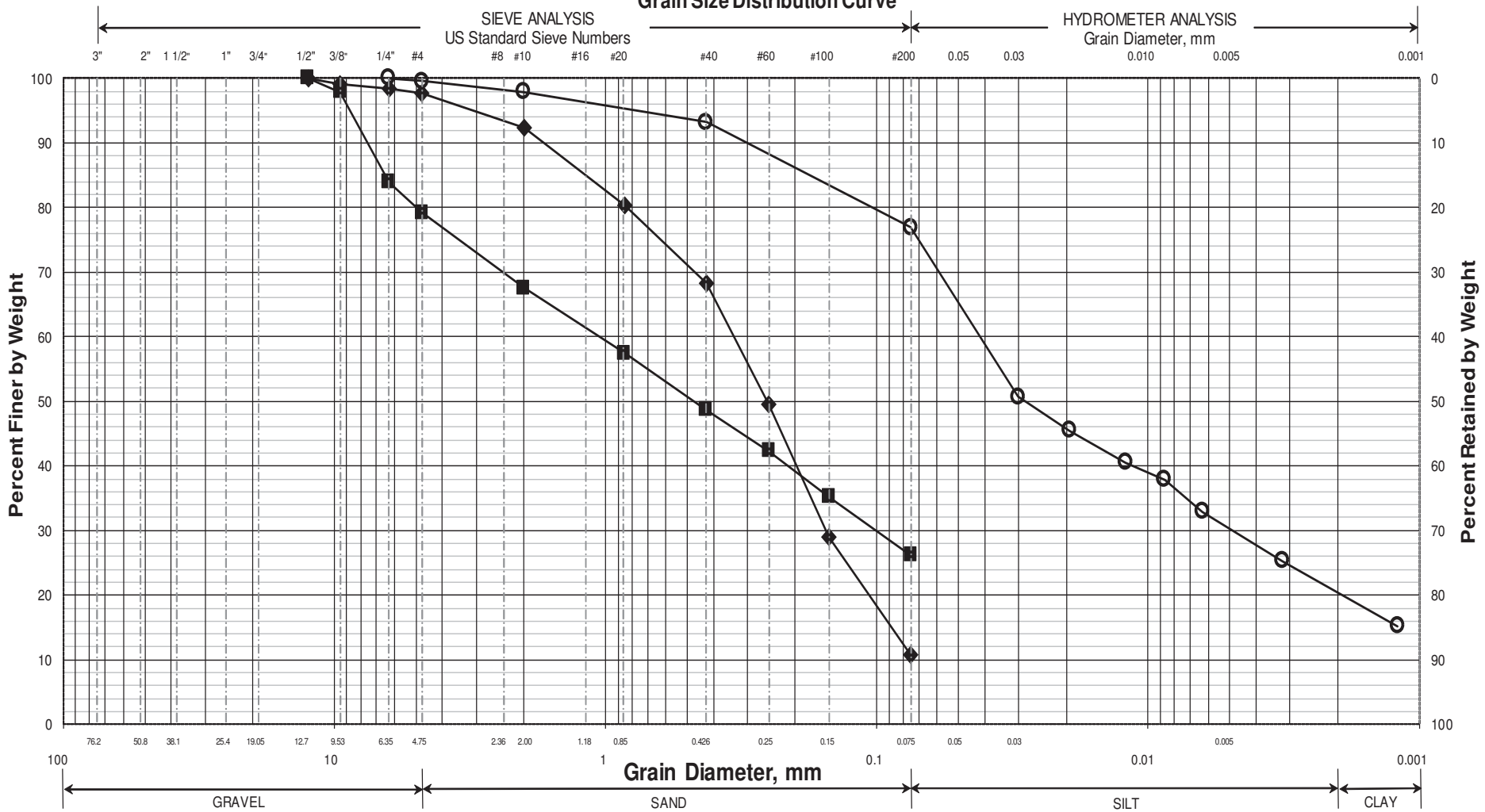
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	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	WC, %	LL	PL	PI
○	HB-WHI-101/1D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, little silt.	3.6			
◆	HB-WHI-101/2D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	5.0-7.0	SAND, some silt, little gravel.	12.4			
■	HB-WHI-101/3D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	10.0-12.0	Sandy GRAVEL, trace silt.	9.1			
●	HB-WHI-101/4D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	15.4-17.4	Gravelly SAND, little silt.	10.9			
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	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	WC, %	LL	PL	PI
○	HB-WHI-101/5D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	20.0-22.0	SILT, some sand, little clay, trace gravel.	25.2			
◆	HB-WHI-101/6D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	25.0-27.0	SAND, little silt, trace gravel.	19.5			
■	HB-WHI-101/7D	13+69.6	8.3 LT	30.0-30.4	SAND, some silt, little gravel.	9.2			
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