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OVER LITTLE MUD BROOK  
PRENTISS TWP, MAINE**

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## GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN SUMMARY

This report provides geotechnical recommendations for the replacement of Little Mud Brook Bridge over the Little Mud Brook in Prentiss, Maine. The proposed replacement bridge will be a 7-foot high by 20-foot wide concrete box culvert constructed in stages. The bridge will be widened to 32 feet with 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders, as well as accommodation for guardrail. There are no horizontal or vertical alignment changes planned. The design and construction recommendations below are discussed in greater detail in Section 7.0 Foundation Considerations and Recommendations.

**Box Culvert Design and Construction** – The concrete box culvert will be supplier-designed and the design shall consider all relevant strength, service and extreme limit states and load combinations in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2007, with Interims through 2009 (herein referred to as LRFD). The culvert will be constructed in general conformance with the MaineDOT Bridge Design Guide (BDG) Section 8, Buried Structures, and Special Provision 534, Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts. A copy of the special provision is presented in Appendix D, Special Provision. The box culvert designer may assume Soil Type 4 (BDG Section 3.6.1) for backfill soil properties. The backfill properties are as follows:  $\phi = 32$  degrees,  $\gamma = 125$  pcf.

The soil envelope bedding and backfill shall consist of Standard Specification 703.19, Granular Borrow, Material for Underwater Backfill with a maximum particle size of 4.0 inches. Bedding and/or backfill should be placed in lifts 6 to 8 inches thick loose measure and compacted to manufacturer's specifications, but in no case shall the bedding and/or backfill soil be compacted less than 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density.

**Culvert Headwall Design** - Culvert headwalls should consider all relevant LRFD strength and service limit states and load combinations and be designed to resist and/or absorb lateral earth loads, vehicular loads, creep, and temperature and shrinkage deformations of the concrete box culverts.

Culvert headwall sections that are fixed to the box culverts to resist movement should be designed for earth pressure using an at-rest earth pressure coefficient,  $K_o$ , of 0.5. Headwall sections that are independent of the box culvert should be designed using the Rankine active earth pressure coefficient,  $K_a$ , equal to 0.31. This assumes level backslope. The earth pressure coefficient may change if backslope conditions are different.

**Bearing Resistance for Box Culverts and Spread Footings** – The factored bearing resistance at the strength limit state for box culverts on compacted fill or native glacial till should not exceed 8.0 ksf. Based on presumptive bearing resistance values, a factored bearing resistance of 6.0 ksf may be used when analyzing box bottom slabs for the service limit state. In no instance shall the bearing stress exceed the nominal resistance of concrete, which may be taken as  $0.3f'_c$ .

**Settlement** – Settlement as a result of fill replacement for minor embankment fill extensions over natural soils will be negligible. Total and post-construction settlements over the

prepared subgrade consisting of compacted fill or native glacial till will also be negligible since no grade changes are proposed.

**Scour Protection** – The box culverts will be fitted with concrete headwalls and inlet and outlet seepage cutoff walls below the culvert, all to provide scour protection. We recommend that the bridge approach slopes be armored with a 3-foot thick layer of riprap up and down alignment beyond the headwall. The riprap shall be underlain by a Class 1 erosion control geotextile and a 1-foot thick layer of bedding material conforming to Standard Specification 703.19, Granular Borrow for Underwater Backfill. Riprap shall meet the requirements of Section 703.26, Plain and Hand Laid Riprap of Special Provision 703, Aggregates. The riprap slope protection should be constructed no steeper than a maximum 1.75:1 (H:V) extending from the edge of roadway down to the existing ground surface. The toe of riprap sections shall be constructed 1 foot below the streambed elevation.

**Frost Protection** – If used, foundations placed on granular soils shall be founded a minimum of 5.0 feet below finish exterior grade for frost protection. This minimum embedment depth applies only to foundations placed on soil and not those founded on bedrock.

**Seismic Design Considerations** – Since the buried structure does not cross active faults, no seismic analysis is required.

#### **Construction Considerations –**

##### Excavation

- Construction of the new concrete box culvert will require staged construction and soil excavation. Earth support systems may be required.
- Protect the excavated subgrade from exposure to water and unnecessary construction traffic. Remove and replace water-softened, disturbed, or rutted subgrade soil with compacted gravel borrow.

##### Dewatering

- Control groundwater and surface water infiltration to permit construction in-the-dry.
- Temporary ditches, French drains, pumping from sumps, granular drainage blankets, stone ditch protection, or hand-laid riprap with geotextile underlayment may be needed to divert groundwater if significant seepage is encountered during excavation.

##### Reuse of Excavated Soil and Bedrock

- Do not use excavated existing subbase aggregate or approach fill soil for pavement structure construction or to re-base shoulders. Excavated subbase sand and gravel or granular fill may be used as fill below subgrade elevation in fill embankment areas provided all other requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification Sections 203 and 703 are met.

##### Embankment Fill Areas

- Bench existing fill slope soils in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 203.09, Preparation of Embankment Area, where new fill slope extensions are constructed over existing slopes.

##### Erosion Control

- Use MaineDOT Best Management Practices February 2008 to minimize erosion of fine-grained soils found on the project site.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) plans to replace Little Mud Brook Bridge carrying Route 171 over Little Mud Brook in the Prentiss TWP, Penobscot County, Maine. We show the project location on Sheet 1, Site Location Map, appended to this report. We conducted subsurface investigations at the culvert site to develop geotechnical recommendations for the structure replacement. This report summarizes our findings, discusses our evaluation of the subsurface conditions and presents our geotechnical recommendations for design and construction of the bridge foundations.

The existing 16-foot structural plate pipe arch culvert was built in 1956. The bridge had a sufficiency rating of 58.7 in 2008. MaineDOT is proposing a 7-foot high by 20-foot wide, concrete box culvert to replace the existing plate arch structure. The new bridge will be on the same horizontal and vertical alignment. The new bridge will have a rail-to-rail width of approximately 32 feet. Current plans include construction of concrete culvert headwalls and toe walls, and extending approach fills to 2:1 (H:V) and armoring the embankments with riprap.

## **2.0 GEOLOGIC SETTING**

The Maine Geologic Survey (MGS) “Surficial Geology of Wytotitlock Quadrangle, Maine, Open-file No. 86-27” (1986) indicates that surficial soils in the vicinity of Little Mud Brook Bridge consist of bedrock outcrops and glacial till deposits which consist of heterogeneous mixtures of sand, silt, clay and stones. The latter are the predominant soils at the site based on our subsurface explorations.

According to the “Bedrock Geologic Map of Maine” MGS (1985), the bedrock at the Little Mud Brook Bridge site consists of Silurian, interbedded pelite and sandstone. The sandstone formation is unnamed.

## **3.0 SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION**

We investigated subsurface conditions at the site by drilling four test borings, BB-PLMB-101 through BB-PLMB-104, conducted by the MaineDOT drill crew on November 16 and 17, 2009. The borings were terminated with bedrock cores. The boring locations and soil profile are shown on Sheet 2, Boring Location and Interpretive Subsurface Profile. Details and sampling methods used, field data obtained, and soil and groundwater conditions encountered are presented on Sheet 3, Boring Logs, and in Appendix A, Boring Logs, provided at the end of this report.

The MaineDOT geotechnical team member selected the boring locations and drilling methods, designated type and depth of sampling techniques, and identified field and laboratory testing requirements. A MaineDOT Certified Subsurface Inspector logged the subsurface conditions encountered on the field logs. The field crew tied down the boring

locations by taping distances to adjacent site features.

We used solid stem auger and cased wash boring techniques to conduct the borings. Soil samples were obtained, where possible, at 5-foot intervals using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods. The standard penetration resistances, or N-values, discussed in this report are corrected for average hammer energy transfer. We compute the corrected or,  $N_{60}$ -values, by applying an average hammer energy transfer factor of 0.84 to the raw field N-values obtained with the MaineDOT drill rig. Bedrock was cored using an NQ-2 core barrel producing a 2.0-inch diameter rock core.

#### **4.0 LABORATORY TESTING**

We conducted a laboratory soil testing program on selected samples recovered from the test borings to evaluate soil classification, material reuse, and subgrade soil properties. Laboratory testing consisted of six (6) standard grain size analyses with natural water contents tests. We present results of laboratory testing in Appendix B, Laboratory Test Data. The AASHTO and Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) soil classifications and water content data are also presented on the boring logs in Appendix A.

#### **5.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Regional surficial geology maps show that the bridge site is situated in an area of bedrock outcrops and glacial till deposits. The bridge itself is situated at the end of short fill extensions built into the Little Mud Brook flood plain. The approach embankment soil up and down station from the existing culvert is predominantly granular fill overlying approximately 7 to 11 feet of glacial till. The glacial till overlies bedrock at all boring locations. We observed metasedimentary phyllite bedrock at all boring locations. We present a profile depicting the generalized soil stratigraphy at the bridge site on Sheet 2, Boring Location Plan and Interpretive Subsurface Profile, provided at the end of this report. A summary description of the subsurface conditions follows.

##### **5.1 Granular Fill**

We encountered granular fill to a depth ranging between approximately 4.5 and 9.5 feet below ground surface (bgs). The granular fill consists of fine to coarse sand, with some gravel to gravelly and trace to little silt. The SPT  $N_{60}$ -values in the granular fill ranged from 24 to 28 blows per foot (bpf) indicating that the unit is medium dense in consistency.

The granular fill samples had water contents ranging between approximately 4 and 7 percent. Grain size analyses conducted on selected samples of the fill soils indicate that the soils are classified as A-1-b, by the AASHTO Classification System and SM under the Unified Soil Classification System.

## 5.2 Glacial Till

The glacial till found in the borings generally comprised of fine to coarse sand with little gravel to some gravel, or gravel with some fine to coarse sand, all with some silt to silty. We noted occasional cobbles associated with the till only at BB-PLMB-104 and a depth of about 6.5 feet bgs. The thickness of this soil unit ranged between approximately 7 to 11 feet. SPT  $N_{60}$ -values ranged from 17 to 99 bpf, indicating the till deposit is medium to very dense in consistency. We generally observed the glacial till unit over bedrock in each of the borings.

The glacial till samples had water contents ranging between approximately 6 and 18 percent. Grain size analyses conducted on selected samples of the till soils indicate that the soils are classified as A-1-a and A-1-b by the AASHTO Classification System and GM and SM under the Unified Soil Classification System.

## 5.3 Bedrock

We encountered bedrock at approximate depths ranging from 15.0 to 17.7 feet bgs. Locally, the bedrock is mapped as an unnamed sandstone formation consisting of interbedded pelite and sandstone. Visual identification of rock cores indicates that the bedrock at all borings is grey/black, meta-sedimentary, fine-grained phyllite that is moderately hard to hard, slightly weathered to fresh with very close to close joints oriented horizontal to vertical. We determined that the rock quality designation (RQD) of the bedrock ranged from 58 to 98 percent which correlates to a fair to excellent rock mass quality. The table below summarizes the top of bedrock elevations at the boring locations:

Substructure	Boring	Station	Depth to Bedrock (feet bgs)	Elevation of Bedrock Surface (feet)
Abutment No. 1	BB-PLMB-101	3+89.1, 10.2 RT	16.4	332.8
Abutment No. 2	BB-PLMB-102	4+18.0, 9.0 RT	15.0	334.5
Abutment No. 1	BB-PLMB-103	3+82.8, 8.1 LT	17.7	331.4
Abutment No. 2	BB-PLMB-104	4+12.4, 8.0 LT	15.7	333.7

**Bedrock Depth and Elevation at the Boring Locations**

## 5.4 Groundwater

We observed groundwater levels at approximate depths ranging between 3.4 and 6.2 feet bgs. However, the groundwater level will fluctuate with seasonal changes, runoff, and adjacent construction activities.

For a more detailed description of the subsurface conditions, please refer to Appendix A, Boring Logs attached to this report.

## **6.0 FOUNDATION ALTERNATIVES**

The project team considered two alternate replacement designs: 1) structural plate pipe arch; and 2) concrete box culvert. The project team selected alternate No. 2, concrete box culvert, for the replacement structure. The following section presents geotechnical design recommendations for the concrete box culvert alternate.

## **7.0 FOUNDATION CONSIDERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The design team has selected a concrete box culvert to replace the structure at the Prentiss TWP site. The proposed replacement structure will consist of a 7-foot high by 20-foot wide concrete box culvert. The new culvert will be on the same horizontal and vertical alignment as the existing culvert. The new structure will have a rail-to-rail width of approximately 32 feet. The design methodology used in the following evaluation is referenced from the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2007, with 2009 Interims. See Appendix C, Calculations, for supporting documentation for the design parameters discussed below.

### **7.1 Box Culvert Design and Construction**

Precast concrete boxes are typically detailed on the contract plans with only the basic layout and required hydraulic opening so that the contractor may choose among available proprietary products. The manufacturer is responsible for the design of the structure in accordance with Special Provision 534, Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts, in Appendix D which includes determination of the wall thickness, haunch thickness and reinforcement. The loading specified for the structure should be Modified HL-93 Strength 1, in which the HL-93 wheel loads are increased by a factor of 1.25. The designer should use Soil Type 4 as presented in Section 3.6, Earth Loads, of the BDG to design earth loads from the soil envelope. The Soil Type properties are as follows:  $\phi = 32$  degrees,  $\gamma = 125$  pcf.

The concrete box culverts will be supplier-designed in accordance with LRFD specifications. The culverts should be designed for all relevant strength, service and extreme limit states and load combinations specified in LRFD Article 3.4.1, and LRFD Section 12. The culverts will be constructed in general conformance with BDG Section 8, Buried Structures, and Special Provision 534, Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts. The soil envelope bedding and backfill shall consist of Standard Specification 703.19, Granular Borrow, Material for Underwater Backfill, except that the maximum particle size shall be limited to 4 inches. We recommend a bedding layer 12 inches thick. Bedding and/or backfill should be placed in lifts 6 to 8 inches thick loose measure and compacted to manufacturer's specifications, but in no case shall the backfill soil be compacted less than 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density.

### **7.2 Culvert Headwall Design**

Culvert headwalls are essentially retaining walls and should be designed for all relevant strength, service and extreme limit states and load combinations specified in LRFD Articles

3.4.1, and 11.5.5 and 11.6. The headwalls shall be designed to resist and/or absorb lateral earth loads, vehicular loads, creep, and temperature and shrinkage deformations of the concrete box culvert. The wall shall also be designed considering a live load surcharge equal to a uniform horizontal earth pressure due to an equivalent height of soil ( $h_{eq}$ ) taken from the table below. For the Prentiss TWP culvert replacement, the live load surcharge is 250 psf which is equivalent to two feet of soil.

Retaining Wall Height (feet)	$h_{eq}$ (feet)	
	Distance from wall pressure surface to edge of traffic: 0 feet	Distance from wall pressure surface to edge of traffic: $\geq 1$ feet
5	5.0	2.0
10	3.5	2.0
$> 20$	2.0	2.0

Culvert headwall sections that are fixed to the box culverts to resist movement should be designed using an at-rest earth pressure coefficient,  $K_o$ , of 0.5. Headwall sections that are independent of the box culvert should be designed using the Rankine active earth pressure coefficient,  $K_a$ , equal to 0.31. This assumes level backslope. The earth pressure coefficient may change if backslope conditions are different.

### 7.3 Box Culvert Bearing Resistance

The factored bearing resistance at the strength limit state for the box culvert on compacted fill should not exceed 8.0 ksf. Based on presumptive bearing resistance values, a factored bearing resistance of 6 ksf may be used when analyzing box bottom slabs for the service limit state as allowed in LRFD C10.6.2.6.1. In no instance shall the bearing stress exceed the nominal resistance of the structure concrete, which may be taken as  $0.3 f'_c$ .

### 7.4 Settlement

We have evaluated the potential settlement at the Prentiss TWP box culvert site. MaineDOT currently does not plan horizontal or vertical alignment changes. Consequently, we estimate that settlement as a result of fill replacement and minor embankment fill extensions over natural soils will be negligible.

### 7.5 Scour Protection

The box culverts will be fitted with concrete headwalls and inlet and outlet section seepage cutoff walls below the culvert, all to provide scour protection per BDG 8.3.1. We recommend that the bridge approach slopes be armored with a 3-foot thick layer of riprap up and down alignment beyond the headwall. The riprap shall be underlain by a Class 1 erosion control geotextile and a 1-foot thick layer of bedding material conforming to Standard Specification 703.19, Granular Borrow for Underwater Backfill and as shown in Standard Detail 610(02).

Riprap shall meet the requirements of Section 703.26, Plain and Hand Laid Riprap of Special Provision 703, Aggregates. The riprap slope protection should be constructed no steeper than a maximum 1.75:1 (H:V) extending from the edge of roadway down to the existing ground surface. The toe of riprap sections shall be constructed 1 foot below the streambed elevation.

## **7.6 Frost Protection**

We have evaluated the potential frost depth at the Prentiss site. Based on State of Maine frost depth maps, MaineDOT Bridge Design Guide (BDG) Figure 5-1, the site has a design-freezing index of approximately 1880 F-degree days. This correlates to a frost depth of 4.7 feet. We also considered Modberg frost depth projections. The results of the Modberg frost depth model indicate a potential frost depth of 5.3 feet. Consequently, if spread footings are used, we recommend that any spread footing or leveling pads constructed at the site be founded a minimum of 5.0 feet below finished exterior grade for frost protection. This minimum embedment applies only to foundations constructed on soil and not those founded on bedrock.

## **7.7 Seismic Design Considerations**

In accordance with LRFD Article 12.6.1, Loading, earthquake loading should only be considered where buried structures cross active faults. Since there are no known active faults in Maine, no seismic analysis is required.

## **7.8 Construction Considerations**

### **7.8.1 Excavation**

Construction of the new concrete box culvert will require soil excavation. Earth support systems may be required. The fill and native glacial till soils at the site will be susceptible to disturbance and rutting as a result of exposure to water or construction traffic. We recommend that the contractor protect any subgrade from exposure to water and any unnecessary construction traffic. If disturbance and rutting occur, we recommend that the contractor remove and replace the disturbed materials and replace with compacted gravel borrow. If the subgrade soil contains cobbles or boulders, we recommend that the contractor remove any cobbles and boulders larger than 6 inches in diameter. After excavating to the subgrade level, the contractor should proof-roll the surface to identify weak soil areas.

If encountered, unsuitable soils should also be excavated from the subgrade to a depth of one foot and replaced with compacted gravel borrow. Gravel borrow should conform to MaineDOT Standard Specification 703.20, Gravel Borrow. The gravel borrow should be compacted to 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (AASHTO T-180).

### **7.8.2 Dewatering**

The existing fill and native glacial till soils within the project area are both poorly drained and moderately to highly frost susceptible. In some locations, these soil units may be saturated and significant water seepage may be encountered during excavation. The groundwater may be trapped in layers and lenses of coarse-grained soil overlying glacial till sediments. We anticipate that this seepage will be temporary but there may be localized sloughing and near-surface instability of some soil slopes.

The contractor should control groundwater and surface water infiltration to permit construction in-the-dry. We recommend that the contractor use temporary ditches, sumps, granular drainage blankets, stone ditch protection, or hand-laid riprap with geotextile underlayment to divert groundwater if significant seepage is encountered during construction. We also recommend using French drains daylighted to nearby ditches if significant seepage is encountered in the subgrade along the construction areas. If the amount of seepage is significant, we anticipate that pumping from sumps will likely be needed to control the water.

### **7.8.3 Reuse of Excavated Soil and Bedrock**

The project plans call for excavation of the existing approach areas to achieve planned grades. In the process, the contractor will excavate both the existing subbase gravel, and subgrade fill soils. We do not recommend using the excavated subbase aggregate to re-base the bridge approaches. Excavated subbase and subgrade sand and gravel may be used as fill below subgrade elevation in fill embankment areas provided all other requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification Sections 203 and 703 are met.

We do not recommend using any glacial till soil excavation as fill beneath the pavement structure. This soil may be used as common borrow in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification Sections 203 and 703. Contractors should expect that, prior to placement and compaction, it may be necessary to spread out and dry portions of the glacial till soils that are excessively moist. This soil may also be used for dressing slopes, but only below the bottom elevation of the shoulder subbase gravel.

### **7.8.4 Embankment Fill Areas**

The current project plans require construction of fill extensions along the bridge approaches. The plans indicate that the side slopes will be constructed to 1.75:1 (H:V) grades and will be armored with riprap. We recommend benching the existing fill slope soils in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 203.09, Preparation of Embankment Area, where new fill slope extensions are constructed over existing slopes in preparation for construction of the riprap layer.

### **7.8.5 Erosion Control Recommendations**

The fine-grained soils along the project are susceptible to erosion. We recommend using appropriate erosion control measures during construction as described in the MaineDOT Best Management Practices February 2008 guidelines to minimize erosion of the fine-grained soils at the site.

## **8.0 CLOSURE**

This report has been prepared for use by the MaineDOT Bridge Program for specific application to the replacement of the Little Mud Brook Bridge over Little Mud Brook in Prentiss TWP, Maine. We have prepared the report in accordance with generally accepted soil 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. Further, the analyses and recommendations are based in part upon limited soil explorations completed at discrete locations on the project 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.

We recommend that we be provided the opportunity for a general review of the final design drawings and specifications in order that we may verify that the earthwork and foundation recommendations have been properly interpreted and implemented in the design.

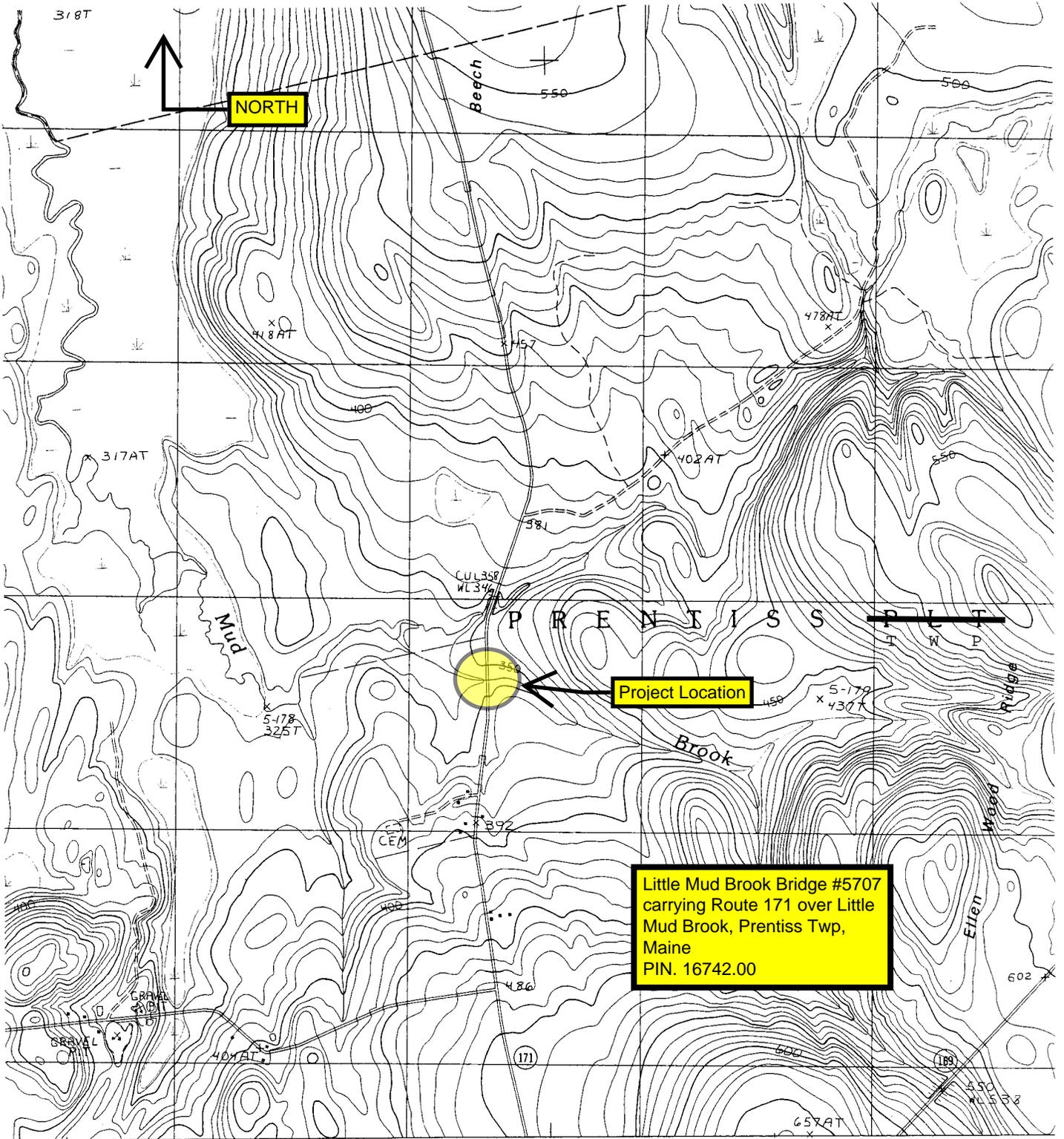
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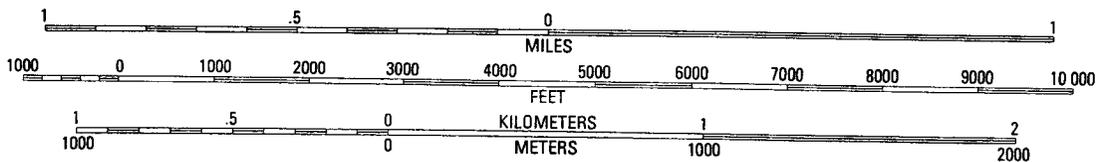
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## **Sheets**



**POTTER HILL QUADRANGLE  
MAINE  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)**

**SCALE 1:24 000**



**CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET**





## **Appendix A**

### **Boring Logs**



<b>Driller:</b> MaineDOT	<b>Elevation (ft.):</b> 349.5	<b>Auger ID/OD:</b> 5" Solid Stem
<b>Operator:</b> Giguere/Giles/Wright	<b>Datum:</b> NAVD 88	<b>Sampler:</b> Standard Split Spoon
<b>Logged By:</b> B. Wilder	<b>Rig Type:</b> CME 45C	<b>Hammer Wt./Fall:</b> 140#/30"
<b>Date Start/Finish:</b> 11/16/09; 12:30-14:30	<b>Drilling Method:</b> Cased Wash Boring	<b>Core Barrel:</b> NQ-2"
<b>Boring Location:</b> 4+18, 9.0 Rt.	<b>Casing ID/OD:</b> NW	<b>Water Level*:</b> 4.0' bgs.

**Hammer Efficiency Factor:** 0.84      **Hammer Type:** Automatic  Hydraulic  Rope & Cathead

Definitions: R = Rock Core Sample      S<sub>u</sub> = Insitu Field Vane Shear Strength (psf)      S<sub>u(lab)</sub> = Lab Vane Shear Strength (psf)  
 D = Split Spoon Sample      SSA = Solid Stem Auger      T<sub>v</sub> = Pocket Torvane Shear Strength (psf)      WC = water content, percent  
 MD = Unsuccessful Split Spoon Sample attempt      HSA = Hollow Stem Auger      q<sub>p</sub> = Unconfined Compressive Strength (ksf)  
 U = Thin Wall Tube Sample      RC = Roller Cone      N-uncorrected = Raw field SPT N-value      LL = Liquid Limit  
 MU = Unsuccessful Thin Wall Tube Sample attempt      WOH = weight of 140lb. hammer      Hammer Efficiency Factor = Annual Calibration Value      PL = Plastic Limit  
 V = Insitu Vane Shear Test, PP = Pocket Penetrometer      WOR/C = weight of rods or casing      N<sub>60</sub> = SPT N-uncorrected corrected for hammer efficiency      G = Grain Size Analysis  
 MV = Unsuccessful Insitu Vane Shear Test attempt      WO1P = Weight of one person      N<sub>60</sub> = (Hammer Efficiency Factor/60%)\*N-uncorrected      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 <sub>60</sub>	Casing	Blows				
0									349.10	SSA	PAVEMENT.	
	1D	24/16	1.00 - 3.00	6/8/9/9	17	24						Brown, moist, medium dense, gravelly, fine to coarse SAND, little silt, (Fill). -0.40
5	2D	24/14	5.00 - 7.00	5/6/6/7	12	17			344.50			Brown, wet, medium dense, silty fine to coarse SAND, little to some gravel, (Till). -5.00
10	3D	24/17	10.00 - 12.00	5/5/8/11	13	18			340.00			Grey-brown, wet, medium dense, gravelly, fine to coarse SAND, some silt, (Till). -9.50
	R1	72/60	13.00 - 19.00	RQD = 58%					336.50	NQ-2		Weathered till and bedrock fragments. -13.00 Core Barrel dropped from 14.2-15.0' bgs.
15									334.50			Top of Bedrock at Elev. 334.5'. -15.00 R1:Bedrock:
20									330.50			Grey/black, fine-grained, metasedimentary, PHYLLITE, moderately hard with numerous large pyrite crystals, slightly weathered with iron staining from 14.0 to 15.3 ft, remainder is fresh, joints are very close to close and range from horizontal to vertical, open, with silt in-filling, joints are wide and tight after 15.3 ft and generally follow bedding planes [Unnamed Sandstone Formation].  R1:Core Times (min:sec) 13.0-14.0' (2:20) 14.0-15.0' (1:36) R1:Cont.:Core Times (min:sec) 15.0-16.0' (2:24) 16.0-17.0' (2:02) 17.0-18.0' (2:32) 18.0-19.0' (2:15) 83% Recovery -19.00
25												<b>Bottom of Exploration at 19.00 feet below ground surface.</b>

**Remarks:**  
500# down pressure on Core Barrel.





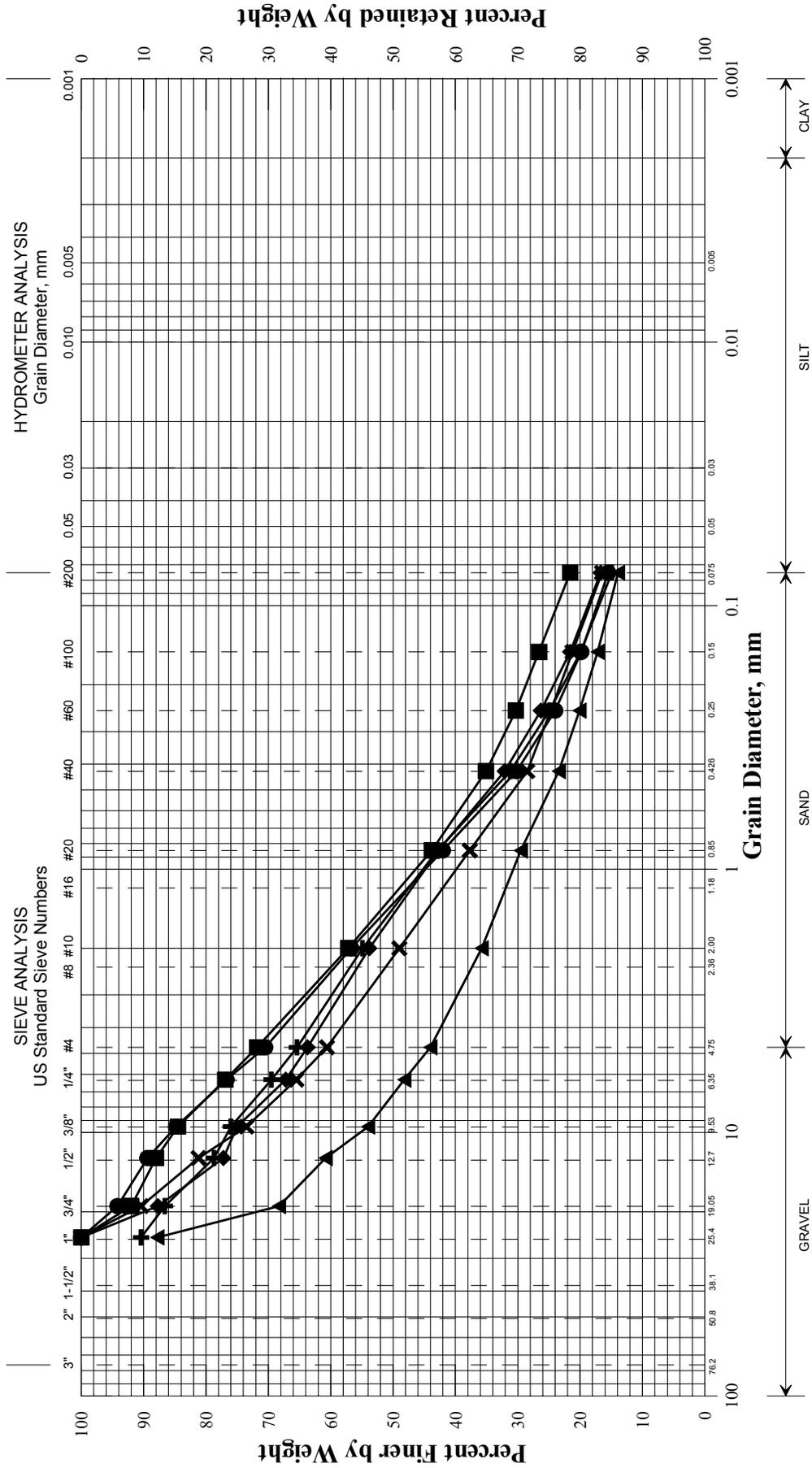
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FINE-GRAINED SOILS  (more than half of material is smaller than No. 200 sieve size)	SILTS AND CLAYS  (liquid limit less than 50)	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands, or clayey silts with slight plasticity.																										
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays.																										
		OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity.																										
	SILTS AND CLAYS  (liquid limit greater than 50)	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts.																										
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays.																										
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts																										
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<p><b>Desired Soil Observations: (in this order)</b></p> <p>Color (Munsell color chart)  Moisture (dry, damp, moist, wet, saturated)  Density/Consistency (from above right hand side)  Name (sand, silty sand, clay, etc., including portions - trace, little, etc.)  Gradation (well-graded, poorly-graded, uniform, etc.)  Plasticity (non-plastic, slightly plastic, moderately plastic, highly plastic)  Structure (layering, fractures, cracks, etc.)  Bonding (well, moderately, loosely, etc., if applicable)  Cementation (weak, moderate, or strong, if applicable, ASTM D 2488)  Geologic Origin (till, marine clay, alluvium, etc.)  Unified Soil Classification Designation  Groundwater level</p>				<p><b>Rock Quality Designation (RQD):</b></p> <p>RQD = <math>\frac{\text{sum of the lengths of intact pieces of core}^* &gt; 100 \text{ mm}}{\text{length of core advance}}</math></p> <p>*Minimum NQ rock core (1.88 in. OD of core)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Correlation of RQD to Rock Mass Quality</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Rock Mass Quality</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>RQD</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very Poor</td> <td>&lt;25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poor</td> <td>26% - 50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fair</td> <td>51% - 75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good</td> <td>76% - 90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Excellent</td> <td>91% - 100%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Desired Rock Observations: (in this order)</b></p> <p>Color (Munsell color chart)  Texture (aphanitic, fine-grained, etc.)  Lithology (igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, etc.)  Hardness (very hard, hard, mod. hard, etc.)  Weathering (fresh, very slight, slight, moderate, mod. severe, severe, etc.)  Geologic discontinuities/jointing:  -dip (horiz - 0-5, low angle - 5-35, mod. dipping - 35-55, steep - 55-85, vertical - 85-90)  -spacing (very close - &lt;5 cm, close - 5-30 cm, mod. close 30-100 cm, wide - 1-3 m, very wide &gt;3 m)  -tightness (tight, open or healed)  -infilling (grain size, color, etc.)  Formation (Waterville, Ellsworth, Cape Elizabeth, etc.)  RQD and correlation to rock mass quality (very poor, poor, etc.)  ref: AASHTO Standard Specification for Highway Bridges  17th Ed. Table 4.4.8.1.2A  Recovery</p>		<u>Rock Mass Quality</u>	<u>RQD</u>	Very Poor	<25%	Poor	26% - 50%	Fair	51% - 75%	Good	76% - 90%	Excellent	91% - 100%												
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## **Appendix B**

### **Laboratory Test Data**



*State of Maine Department of Transportation*  
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CURVE



UNIFIED CLASSIFICATION

Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	W, %	LL	PL	PI
BB-PLMB-101/1D	3+89.1	10.2 RT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, little silt.	3.8			
BB-PLMB-101/2D	3+89.1	RT	5.0-7.0	Gravelly SAND, little silt.	6.1			
BB-PLMB-101/3D	3+89.1	10.2 RT	10.0-12.0	SAND, some gravel, some silt.	14.3			
BB-PLMB-104/1D	4+12.4	8.0 LT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, little silt.	6.6			
BB-PLMB-104/2D	4+12.4	8.0 LT	5.0-6.5	GRAVEL, some sand, little silt.	6.2			
BB-PLMB-104/3D	4+12.4	8.0 LT	10.0-12.0	Gravelly SAND, little silt.	17.9			

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## **Appendix C**

### **Calculations**

**HEADWALL ACTIVE EARTH PRESSURE:**

**Rankine Theory - Active Earth Pressure** from MaineDOT Bridge Design Guide  
 Section 3.6.5.2, pg. 3-7

Either Rankine or Coulomb may be used for long-heeled cantilever walls where the failure surface is

uninterrupted by the top of the wall stem. In general, use Rankine though.

Soil angle of internal friction:  $\phi := 32\text{deg}$

Slope angle of backfill soil from horizontal:  $\beta := 0\text{deg}$

$$K_a := \tan \left[ 45\text{deg} - \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \right]^2$$

**$K_a = 0.31$**

**FROST PROTECTION**

**Method 1:**

From the Maine Design Freezing Index Map:

DFI = 1880 degree-days

Site has Fine Grained Native Soils With  $W_n = 14\%$  to  $18\%$ , Assume  $20\%$

From the 2003 Bridge Design Guide Table 5-1:

$$\text{Frost\_depth} := [0.8 \cdot (56.7\text{in} - 55.1\text{in}) + 55.1\text{in}]$$

$$\text{Frost\_depth} = 56.38\text{in}$$

$$\text{Frost\_depth} = 4.7\text{ft}$$

**Method 2:**

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 --- ModBerg Results ---  
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Project Location: Woodland, Maine

Air Design Freezing Index = 1714 F-days  
 N-Factor = 0.70  
 Surface Design Freezing Index = 1200 F-days  
 Mean Annual Temperature = 43.2 deg F  
 Design Length of Freezing Season = 136 days

Layer #:	Type	t	w%	d	Cf	Cu	Kf	Ku	L
1-	Asphalt	4.0	.1	140.0	28	28	.9	.9	0
2-	Coarse	60.0	5.0	120.0	23	26	1.0	1.2	864
3-	Fine	.1	16.0	135.0	34	45	2.1	1.7	3,110

t = Layer thickness, in inches.  
 w% = Moisture content, in percentage of dry density.  
 d = Dry density, in lbs/cubic ft.  
 Cf = Heat Capacity of frozen phase, in BTU/(cubic ft degree F).  
 Cu = Heat Capacity of thawed phase, in BTU/(cubic ft degree F).  
 Kf = Thermal conductivity in frozen phase, in BTU/(ft hr degree).  
 Ku = Thermal conductivity in thawed phase, in BTU/(ft hr degree).  
 L = Latent heat of fusion, in BTU / cubic ft.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Total Depth of Frost Penetration = 5.34 ft = 64.1 in.  
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**Use 5.0 feet**

**BEARING RESISTANCE ON COMPACTED FILL SOILS:**

Consider this for use with Box Culverts and Headwalls.

**SERVICE LIMIT STATE:**

LRFD Table C10.6.2.6.1-1, (Based on NAVFAC DM 7.2) - "Presumptive Bearing Resistances for Spread Footing Foundations at the Service Limit State"

<u>Bearing Material</u>	<u>Consistency in Place</u>	<u>Bearing Resistance</u> (kips per sq. foot)	<u>Value</u>	<u>Recommend</u>
<b>Coarse to Medium sand, little gravel</b>	Very dense	8 to 12	8 ksf	
	Medium dense to dense	4 to 8	6 ksf	
	Loose	2 to 4	3 ksf	

Recommend **6.0 ksf** to control settlements for **Service Limit State** analyses and for preliminary footing sizing.

**STRENGTH LIMIT STATE:**

**Nominal and Factored Bearing Resistance for box culvert on fill soils at the Strength Limit State:**

Assumptions:

1. Box Culvert will be embedded 2.0 feet for frost protection.

$$D_f := 2.0\text{ft}$$

2. Assumed parameters for soils:

Assume granular fill

Moist unit weight:  $\gamma_m := 125\text{pcf}$

Saturated unit weight:  $\gamma_{\text{sat}} := 130\text{pcf}$

Soil angle of internal friction:  $\phi_{\text{ns}} := 32$

Undrained shear strength (cohesion):  $c_{\text{ns}} := 0\text{psf}$

3. Use Terzaghi strip equations as  $L > B$

Depth to Groundwater table based on boring data:  $D_w := 0\text{-ft}$

Unit weight of water:  $\gamma_w := 62.4 \text{pcf}$

Effective Stress at the footing bearing level:  $q_{\text{eff\_str}} := D_w \cdot \gamma_m + (D_f - D_w) \cdot (\gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w)$   
 $q_{\text{eff\_str}} = 0.14 \cdot \text{ksf}$

Box Culvert Width:  $B := 20 \text{ft}$

Terzaghi Shape Factors from Table 4-1, p. 220  
For strip footing:  $s_c := 1.0$   
 $s_\gamma := 1.0$

Meyerhof Bearing Capacity Factors For  $\phi = 32 \text{ deg}$  Bowles 5th Ed. Table  
4-4 pg. 223  
 $N_c := 35.47$        $N_q := 23.2$        $N_\gamma := 22.0$

Nominal Bearing Resistance per Terzaghi equation Bowles 5th Ed. Table  
4-1 pg. 220  
 $q_{\text{nom}} := c_{ns} \cdot N_c \cdot s_c + q_{\text{eff\_str}} \cdot N_q + 0.5(\gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w) \cdot B \cdot N_\gamma \cdot s_\gamma$   
 $q_{\text{nom}} = 18 \cdot \text{ksf}$

Resistance Factor from LRFD Table 10.5.5.2.2-1 pg. 10-32:  $\phi_b := 0.45$   
 $q_{\text{fac}} := q_{\text{nom}} \cdot \phi_b$

$q_{\text{fac}} = 8.1 \cdot \text{ksf}$

Recommend **Strength Limit State** Factored Bearing Resistance of **8.0 ksf** for the box culverts.

**Appendix D**

**Special Provision**

SPECIAL PROVISION  
SECTION 534  
PRECAST STRUCTURAL CONCRETE  
(Precast Structural Concrete Arches, Box Culverts)

534.10 Description The Contractor shall design, manufacture, furnish, and install elements, precast structural concrete structures, arches, or box culverts and associated wings, headwalls, and appurtenances, in accordance with the contract documents.

534.20 Materials Structural precast elements for the arch or box culvert and associated precast elements shall meet the requirements of the following Subsection:

Structural Precast Concrete Units 712.061

Grout, concrete patching material, and geotextiles shall be one of the products listed on the Department's list of prequalified materials, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

Box culvert bedding and backfill material shall consist of Standard Specification 703.19, Granular Borrow, Material for Underwater Backfill, with the additional requirement that the maximum particle size be limited to 4 inches, or as shown on the plans.

534.30 Design Requirements The Contractor shall design the precast structural concrete structure in accordance with the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, current edition. The design live load shall be as follows: \*modified HL-93 Strength I for LRFD method. \*(modify HL-93 by increasing all wheel loads by a factor of 1.25)

The Contractor shall submit design calculations and shop drawings for the precast structure to the Department for approval. A Registered Professional Engineer, licensed in accordance with State of Maine laws, shall sign and seal all design calculations and drawings. The Contractor shall submit a bridge rating on the Department's Standard Bridge Rating Summary Sheet with the design calculations. Drawings shall conform with Section 105.7 - Working Drawings.

The Contractor shall submit the following items for review by the Resident at least ten working days prior to production:

- A) The name and location of the manufacturer.
- B) Method of manufacture and material certificates.
- C) Description of method of handling, storing, transporting, and erecting the members.
- D) Shop Drawings with the following minimum details:
  - 1) Fully dimensioned views showing the geometry of the members, including all projections, recesses, notches, openings, block outs, and keyways.
  - 2) Details and bending schedules of reinforcing steel including the size, spacing, and location. Reinforcing provided under lifting devices shall be shown in detail.

- 3) Details and locations of all items to be embedded.
- 4) Total mass (weight) of each member.

534.40 Construction Requirements The applicable provisions of Subsection 535.10 - Forms and Casting Beds and Subsection 535.20 – Finishing Concrete and Repairing Defects shall be met.

Manufacture of Precast Units The internal dimensions shall not vary by more than 1 percent from the design dimensions or 38 mm [1 ½ in], whichever is less. The haunch dimensions shall not vary by more than 19 mm [¾ in] from the design dimension. The dimension of the legs shall not vary by more than 6 mm [¼ in] from the dimension shown on the approved shop drawings.

The slab and wall thickness shall not be less than the design thickness by more than 6 mm [¼ in]. A thickness greater than the design thickness shall not be cause for rejection.

Variations in laying lengths of two opposite surfaces shall not be more than 15 mm [⅝ in] in any section, except where beveled ends for laying of curves are specified.

The under-run in length of any section shall not be more than 12 mm [½ in].

The cover of concrete over the outside circumferential reinforcement shall be 50 mm [2 in] minimum. The concrete cover over the inside reinforcement shall be 38 mm [1 ½ in] minimum. The clear distance of the end of circumferential wires shall not be less than 25 mm [1 in] or more than 50 mm [2 in] from the end of the sections. Reinforcement shall be single or multiple layers of welded wire fabric or a single layer of deformed billet steel bars.

Welded wire fabric shall meet the space requirements and contain sufficient longitudinal wires extending through the section to maintain the shape and position of the reinforcement. Longitudinal distribution reinforcement may be welded wire fabric or deformed billet steel bars which meet the spacing requirements. The ends of the longitudinal distribution reinforcement shall be not more than 75 mm [3 in] from the ends of the sections.

The inside circumferential reinforcing steel for the haunch radii or fillet shall be bent to match the radii or fillets of the forms.

Tension splices in the reinforcement will not be permitted. For splices other than tension splices, the overlap shall be a minimum of 300 mm [12 in] for welded wire fabric or billet steel bars. The spacing center to center of the circumferential wires in a wire fabric sheet shall be not less than 50 mm [2 in] or more than 100 mm [4 in]. For the wire fabric, the spacing center to center of the longitudinal wires shall not be more than 200 mm [8 in]. The spacing center to center of the longitudinal distribution steel for either line of reinforcing in the top slab shall be not more than 375 mm [15 in].

The members shall be free of fractures. The ends of the members shall be normal to the walls and centerline of the section, within the limits of variation provided, except where beveled

ends are specified. The surfaces of the members shall be a smooth steel form or troweled surface finish, unless a form liner is specified. The ends and interior of the assembled structure shall make a continuous line of members with a smooth interior surface.

Defects which may cause rejection of precast units include the following:

- 1) Any discontinuity (crack or rock pocket etc.) of the concrete which could allow moisture to reach the reinforcing steel.
- 2) Rock pockets or honeycomb over 4000 mm<sup>2</sup> [6 in<sup>2</sup>] in area or over 25 mm [1 in] deep.
- 3) Edge or corner breakage exceeding 300 mm [12 in] in length or 25 mm [1 in] in depth.
- 4) Extensive fine hair cracks or checks.
- 5) Any other defect that clearly and substantially impacts the quality, durability, or maintainability of the structure as measured by accepted industry standards.

The Contractor shall store and transport members in a manner to prevent cracking or damage. The Contractor shall not place precast members in an upright position until a compressive strength of at least 30 MPa [4350 psi] is attained.

Installation of Precast Units The Contractor shall not ship precast members until sufficient strength has been attained to withstand shipping, handling and erection stresses without cracking, deformation, or spalling (but in no case less than 30 MPa [4350 psi]).

The Contractor shall set precast members on 12 mm [ $\frac{1}{2}$  in] neoprene pads during shipment to prevent damage to the section legs. The Contractor shall repair any damage to precast members resulting from shipping or handling by saw cutting a minimum of 12 mm [ $\frac{1}{2}$  in] deep around the perimeter of the damaged area and placing a polymer-modified cementitious patching material.

When footings are required, the Contractor shall install the precast members on concrete footings that have reached a compressive strength of at least 20 MPa [2900 psi]. The Contractor shall construct the completed footing surface to the lines and grades shown on the plans. When checked with a 3 m [10 ft] straightedge, the surface shall not vary more than 6 mm [ $\frac{1}{4}$  in] in 3 meters [10 ft]. The footing keyway shall be filled with a non-shrink flowable cementitious grout with a design compressive strength of at least 35 MPa [5075 psi].

The Contractor shall fill holes that were cast in the units for handling, with either Portland cement mortar, or with precast plugs secured with Portland cement mortar or other approved adhesive. The Contractor shall completely fill the exterior face of joints between precast members with an approved material and cover with a minimum 300 mm [12 in] wide joint wrap. The surface shall be free of dirt and deleterious materials before applying the filler material and joint wrap. The Contractor shall install the external wrap in one continuous piece over each member joint, taking care to keep the joint wrap in place during backfilling. The Contractor shall seal the joints between the end unit and attached elements with a non-woven geotextile. The Contractor shall install and tighten the bolts fastening the connection plate(s) between the elements that are designed to be fastened together as designated by the

manufacturer. Final assembly shall be approved by the manufacturer's representative prior to backfilling.

The Contractor shall place and compact the bedding material as shown on the plans prior to lifting and setting the box culvert sections. The Contractor shall backfill the structure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall uniformly distribute backfill material in layers of not more than 200 mm [8 in] depth, loose measure, and thoroughly compact each layer using approved compactors before successive layers are placed. The Contractor shall compact the Granular Borrow bedding and backfill in accordance with Section 203.12 - Construction of Earth Embankment with Moisture and Density Control, except that the minimum required compaction shall be 92 percent of maximum density as determined by AASHTO T180, Method C or D. The Contractor shall place and compact backfill without disturbance or displacement of the wall units, keeping the fill at approximately the same elevation on both sides of the structure. Whenever a compaction test fails, the Contractor shall not place additional backfill over the area until the lift is re-compacted and a passing test achieved.

The Contractor shall use hand-operated compactors within 1.5 m [5 ft] of the precast structure as well as over the top until it is covered with at least 300 mm [12 in] of backfill. Equipment in excess of 11 Mg [12 ton] shall not use the structure until a minimum of 600 mm [24 in] of backfill cover is in place and compacted.

534.50 Method of Measurement The Department will measure Precast Structural Concrete Arch or Box Culvert for payment per Lump Sum each, complete in place and accepted.

534.60 Basis of Payment The Department will pay for the accepted quantity of Precast Structural Concrete Arch or Box Culvert at the Contract Lump Sum price, such payment being full compensation for all labor, equipment, materials, professional services, and incidentals for furnishing and installing the precast concrete elements and accessories. Falsework, reinforcing steel, jointing tape, grout, cast-in-place concrete fill or grout fill for anchorage of precast wings and/or other appurtenances is incidental to the Lump Sum pay item. Cast-in-place concrete, reinforcing steel in cast-in-place elements, excavation, backfill material, and membrane waterproofing will be measured and paid for separately under the provided Contract pay items. Pay adjustments for quality level will not be made for precast concrete.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
534.71 Precast Concrete Box Culvert	Lump Sum