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#### 11. Abstract

The existing bridges carrying Interstate 80 over Houbolt Road will be widened by about 24.3 feet in both eastbound and westbound directions. The single-span structures will have back-to-back of abutments lengths of 149.1 feet and out-to-out widths of 69.5 feet. The proposed east and west abutment cap base elevations range from 593.59 to 594.07 feet. A combination of concrete slope walls graded at slopes of 1:2 and soldier-pile walls is proposed in front of each of the abutments. This report provides geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed substructure widenings.

The pavement structure along I-80 consists of 15 inches of concrete overlying 6 to 24 inches of aggregate base. About 17 to 18 inches of silty clay loam topsoil were measured within the I-80 median. Beneath the pavement or topsoil, the general lithologic profile includes up to 18.0 feet of existing embankment fill consisting of stiff to hard silty clay to silty clay loam followed by up to 10.0 feet of stiff to hard silty clay and silty clay loam to sandy gravel and dense to very dense silty loam. Dolostone bedrock was encountered at elevations of about 558.0 to 557.0 feet. The groundwater level was measured at elevations ranging from 580 to 576 feet.

The widened approach embankments behind the east and west abutments will undergo an estimated 0.2 inch of total long-term settlement. Global stability analyses at the embankments show factors of safety meeting the IDOT minimum requirement of 1.5. The maximum allowable soil bearing capacity for the design of approach slab footings is 2,000 psf.

The widened sections of the bridge abutments could be supported on driven piles similar to the existing abutments. To support the integral abutments, driven HP12x53, HP12x74, HP14x73, and HP14x89 steel piles will provide 139 to 235 kips of allowable resistance at total lengths of 28 to 41 feet. We do not anticipate the need for downdrag allowances on the piles.

The construction of the proposed widened abutments will require temporary shoring of the excavations. It is recommended to include the Pay Item *Temporary Soil Retention Systems*.

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the results of our subsurface investigation, laboratory testing, geotechnical evaluations, and recommendations in support of the widening of the existing bridges carrying eastbound and westbound Interstate 80 (I-80) over Houbolt Road in Will County, Illinois. On the USGS *Channahon Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series* map, the project is located in the NE 1/4 of Section 26, Tier 35 N, Range 9 E of the Third Principal Meridian (Exhibit 1). The bridge widenings are part of the proposed widening and reconstruction of I-80 from Houbolt Road to west of Center Street and Larkin Avenue Interchange in Will County, Illinois. These bridges will be widened as part of Contract ML-3.

The purpose of this investigation was to characterize the site soil and groundwater conditions, perform geotechnical analyses, and provide recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed substructure widenings.

## 1.1 Existing Structure and Ground Conditions

Based on the *Bridge Condition Report (BCR)*, dated February 27, 2020 and *General Plan and Elevation (GPE)*, dated August 10, 2022, and provided by TranSystems Corporation (TranSystems), Wang Engineering, Inc. (Wang) understands the existing bridges were originally built in 1993 and 1994 as single-span structures with reinforced concrete decks on steel wide flange beams. The substructure consists of cast-in-place reinforced concrete integral abutments supported on a single row of 50-ton capacity steel H-piles. The existing bridges have lengths of 148.6 feet from back-to-back of abutments and out-to-out widths of 45.2 feet. Reinforced concrete wingwalls and slope walls are located at the ends of the structures. The structures were rehabilitated in 2001. The surface elevation at the bridge site is about 606.0 to 602.0 feet along I-80.



In the project area (see Exhibit 2), about 30-foot thick overburden made up of moderate plasticity, moderate to high strength, moderate moisture clayey diamicton with occasional silt, sand, and gravel lenses rest over moderate to high density, low compressibility sand and gravel saturated outwash, resting over low plasticity, high strength, and low moisture content silty diamicton resting unconformably over the bedrock (Bauer et al. 1991, Hansel and Johnson 1996, Willman et al. 1971). The bedrock is made up of dolostone. Top of bedrock is mapped at about 560.0 feet elevation. Sinkholes and other dissolution features are not known in the project area (Bretz 1940; Otto 1963). The site is located on the northern, downthrown block of the inactive Sandwich Fault Zone that may be traced about two miles southwest of the proposed improvements (Kolata 2005). Records of mining activity in the vicinity of the bridge are missing. The outwash is water bearing.

## 1.2 Proposed Structure

Based on the *General Plan and Elevation (GPE)* provided by TranSystems and dated August 10, 2022, Wang understands the existing bridge deck will be removed and replaced, which will include an in-kind widening of the substructures in both the eastbound and westbound directions. The bridges will be widened by about 24.3 feet in both directions. The widened single-span bridges will have back-to-back of abutment lengths of 149.1 feet and out-to-out deck widths of 69.5 feet to accommodate a 12-foot wide shoulder, two 12-foot wide lanes, a 12-foot wide shoulder or future lane, an 18.6-foot wide shoulder, and two 1.4-foot wide parapets. The plans indicate a portion of the existing concrete end slopes will be removed and in its place a combination of concrete slope walls graded at 1:2 (V: H) and soldier-pile walls is proposed in front of each of the abutments. Based on information provided by TranSystems, we understand the soldier pile walls will be designed and constructed as part of a separate contract. The walls will likely be already installed at the time of the bridge widenings. As such, this report does not address the soldier pile walls located in front of the abutments. The *GPE* is included as Appendix E.

Based on the *Preliminary Cross-Sections* (Appendix F) provided by TranSystems and dated August 12, 2020, we understand the existing grade along I-80 is approximately 606.0 to 602.0 feet and the proposed grade along I-80 ranges from 605.1 to 607.0; therefore, the grade along the approaches near the bridges will be raised by up to 1.7 feet along each centerline. A minimal amount of fill, about 2.0 to 4.0 feet, will be placed along the existing median to facilitate the inward widening of the bridges by about 24.3 feet at the north and south sides of the eastbound and westbound bridges. We understand the side slopes would be graded at slopes similar to the existing approach embankment side slopes of 1:2 to 1:4 (V: H).



The *Preliminary Cross-Sections* also indicate that a regional detention basin will be excavated between Stations 442+00 and 443+00 as part of the improvements proposed along westbound I-80. The existing grade elevation varies from 585.0 to 583.0 feet and the detention basin bottom elevation is proposed at 577.0 feet.

## 2.0 METHODS OF INVESTIGATION

The following sections outline the subsurface and laboratory investigations performed by Wang.

## 2.1 Field Investigation

The subsurface investigation consisted of four bridge borings, designated as HR-BSB-01, HR-BSB-01A, HR-BSB-02A, drilled by Wang between April 21, 2021 and May 5, 2021. The borings were drilled from elevations of 602.4 to 605.7 feet and were advanced to depths of 26.0 to 63.0 feet bgs. The as-drilled northings and eastings were acquired with a mapping-grade GPS unit. Stations, offsets, and elevations were provided by TranSystems. Boring location data are presented in the *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and the as-drilled boring locations are shown in the *Boring Location Plan* (Exhibit 3).

A combination of truck-mounted and ATV-mounted drilling rigs, equipped with hollow stem augers, were used to advance and maintain open boreholes. Mud rotary drilling techniques were used from 10.0 feet bgs to advance Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02. Soil sampling was performed according to AASHTO T206, *"Penetration Test and Split Barrel Sampling of Soils."* The soil in the Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02 was sampled at 2.5-foot intervals to 30.0 feet bgs and at 5.0-foot intervals thereafter to the top of bedrock whereas the soil in Borings HR-BSB-01A and HR-BSB-02A was sampled continuously to the boring termination depths. Bedrock cores were obtained from Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02 in 5- to 10-foot runs with and NDW4-sized core barrel. Soil samples collected from each sampling interval were placed in sealed jars and rock cores were placed into boxes and transported to the laboratory for further examination and testing.

Field boring logs, prepared and maintained by a Wang field engineer, included lithological descriptions, visual-manual soil (IDH Textural) classifications, results of Rimac and pocket penetrometer unconfined compressive strength tests, and results of Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) recorded as blows per 6 inches of penetration.

Groundwater levels were measured while drilling all the borings and at the completion of Borings HR-BSB-01A and HR-BSB-02A. Each borehole location was backfilled upon completion with lean



grout, soil cuttings, and/or bentonite chips and, where necessary, the pavement surface was restored as much as possible to its original condition.

## 2.2 Laboratory Testing

The soil samples were tested in the laboratory for moisture content (AASHTO T265). Atterberg limits (AASHTO T89 and T90) and particle size (AASHTO T88) analyses were performed on selected samples. An unconfined compressive strength test (T22) was performed one selected bedrock core. Field visual descriptions of the soil samples were verified in the laboratory and index tested soils were classified according to the IDH soil Classification System. The laboratory test results are shown in the *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and in the *Laboratory Test Results* (Appendix B).

## 3.0 INVESTIGATION RESULTS

Detailed descriptions of the soil conditions encountered during the subsurface investigation are presented in the attached *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and in the *Soil Profile* (Exhibit 4). Please note that strata contact lines represent approximate boundaries between soil types. The actual transition between soil types in the field may be gradual in horizontal and vertical directions.

Our subsurface investigation results fit into the local geologic context. The borings drilled in the project area revealed the native sediments consists of silty clay to silty clay loam diamicton (Unit 2) sand and gravel (Units 3), silty diamicton (Unit 4), over dolostone bedrock. The top of dolostone bedrock was reached in the structure borings at an elevation of about 558 to 557 feet (about 48.0 feet bgs) as predicted based on geological data.

## 3.1 Lithological Profile

Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02 were drilled along westbound I-80 and revealed the pavement structure consisted of 15 inches of concrete pavement over 6 to 21 inches of sandy gravel aggregate base. About 18 inches of silty clay loam topsoil was encountered in the borings drilled outside the I-80 pavement in the median. In descending order, the general lithologic succession encountered beneath the pavement or topsoil includes: 1) man-made ground (fill); 2) stiff to hard silty clay to silty clay loam; 3) loose to very dense sand to sandy gravel; 4) dense to very dense silty loam; and 5) strong, very poor quality dolostone.

## 1) Man-made ground (fill)

Beneath the topsoil and/or pavement structure, the borings encountered up to 18.0 feet of cohesive and non-cohesive fill. The cohesive fill consists of medium stiff to hard, black, brown, and gray silty



clay to silty clay loam with unconfined compressive strength ( $Q_u$ ) values of 0.5 to 5.3 tsf and moisture content values of 15 to 25%. Laboratory index testing on a sample from the cohesive fill layer showed a liquid limit ( $L_L$ ) value of 42% and a plastic limit ( $P_L$ ) value of 16%.

The non-cohesive fill consists of medium dense to dense, brown and gray, coarse sand, sandy gravel to loam with SPT-N values of 12 to 40 blows per foot and moisture content values of 5 to 7%. At a depth of 9.5 feet bgs, Boring HR-BSB-02A encountered 5 inches of asphalt fragments below the cohesive fill.

## 2) Stiff to hard silty clay to silty clay loam

Beneath the fill, at elevations of 590 to 589 feet (depths of 13.0 to 20.5 feet bgs), the borings advanced through 2.5 to 10.0 feet of stiff to hard, brown to gray silty clay to silty clay loam. The silty clay and silty clay loam is characterized by  $Q_u$  values of 1.2 to 5.9 tsf and moisture content values of 19 to 26%.

A 30-inch thick intercalation of medium dense, wet sand was sampled in Boring HR-BSB-01 at an elevation of 587 feet.

## 3) Loose to very dense sand to sandy gravel

At elevations of 587 to 580 feet (depths of 16.5 to 25.5 feet bgs), the borings advanced through 11.0 to 19.0 feet of loose to very dense, brown and gray, damp to saturated, medium to coarse sand to sandy gravel. This soil unit has N-values of 4 to 84 blows per foot, and moisture content values of 4 to 14%. This layer was encountered to the termination depths of Borings HR-BSB-01A and HR-BSB-02A. Rig chatter indicating the presence of cobbles was noted in Borings at elevations of 574.7 feet (depths of 31.0 feet bgs).

## 4) Dense to very dense silty loam

At elevations of 569 to 568 feet (depths of 36.5 feet bgs), the borings advanced through up to 9.0 feet of dense to very dense, gray, damp silty loam. This soil unit has N-values of 49 blows per foot to greater than 50 blows per 3 inches, and moisture content values of 8 to 11%.

## 5) Strong, very poor quality dolostone

At elevations of 560 to 559 feet (46.0 feet bgs), the borings advanced through 2.0 feet of weathered dolostone bedrock. At elevations of 558 to 557 feet (a depth of 48.0 feet bgs), the borings encountered and cored strong, very poor quality, highly to moderately weathered dolostone bedrock. The rock quality designation (RQD) ranges from 7 to 21% and a tested rock core sample revealed a uniaxial



compressive strength ( $Q_u$ ) value of 10,795 psi. The bedrock core data are shown in the *Bedrock Core Photographs* (Appendix C).

## 3.2 Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater was encountered while drilling Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02 at elevations of 580 to 576 feet (25.5 to 28.5 feet bgs) within the medium dense to very dense sandy gravel layer. For the purpose of analysis, the design groundwater elevation is considered at elevation 580 feet. It should be noted that groundwater levels might change with seasonal rainfall patterns and long-term climate fluctuations or may be influenced by local site conditions. Water level seems consistent with rest of the project.

## 4.0 FOUNDATION ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We understand the structural design of the widened abutments will be based on the Allowable Stress Design (ASD) method in accordance with 2002 *AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges* (AASHTO 2002) except as modified by the IDOT 2012 *Bridge Manual* (IDOT 2012). Geotechnical evaluations and recommendations for the approach embankments, approach slabs, and substructure foundations are included in the following sections.

A minimal amount of fill, about 2.0 to 4.0 feet, will be placed along the existing median to facilitate the inward widening of the bridges by about 24.3 feet. We understand the side slopes would be graded at slopes similar to the existing approach embankment side slopes. The plans also indicate a portion of the existing concrete end slopes will be removed and in its place a combination of concrete slope walls graded at 1:2 (V: H) and soldier-pile walls is proposed in front of each of the abutments. Based on information provided by TranSystems, we understand the soldier pile walls will be designed and constructed as part of a separate contract. This report does not address the soldier pile walls located in front of the abutments.

Wang has evaluated possible foundation types for supporting the proposed bridge structure widenings, and we recommend widening in-kind using driven H-pile deep foundations as shown on the *GPE*. Supporting the widened bridge substructures on shallow foundations is not feasible due to the large loads anticipated and drilled shaft foundations are not approved for use with integral abutments (IDOT 2020a).



## 4.1 Seismic Design Considerations

The seismic design for the proposed structure widenings will be in accordance with Article 3.4, Division 1-A of *AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges* (AASHTO 2002). Based on the encountered soil conditions in borings, the soil profile Type is I and Site Coefficient (S) is 1.0. Based on Figure 6.12-2.2-1 of the 2015 IDOT *Geotechnical Manual* (IDOT 2015), we estimated a Seismic Performance Category (SPC), and a Horizontal Bedrock Acceleration Coefficient (A) as summarized in Table 1. According to the IDOT *Bridge Manual* (IDOT 2012), liquefaction analysis is not required for sites located in Seismic Performance Zone 1.

Table 1: Recommended Seismic Design Parameters									
Seismic Performance Category	Seismic Performance Category Horizontal Bedrock Acceleration Coefficient								
(SPC)	(A)	Site Coefficient							
А	0.04g	1.0							

### 4.2 Approach Embankments and Slabs

Wang has performed evaluations of the settlement and global stability of the approach embankments. The grade along the I-80 approach embankments near the bridge will be raised by up to 1.7 feet along each centerline. A minimal amount of fill, about 2.0 to 4.0 feet, will be placed along the existing median to facilitate the inward widening of the bridges by about 24.3 feet. We understand the side slopes would be graded at slopes similar to the existing approach side slopes.

#### 4.2.1 Settlement

To facilitate the bridge widenings, up to 4.0 feet of new fill will be placed along the existing medians. Settlement estimates have been made based on correlations to measured index properties obtained from the laboratory tests (Appendix B). Based on the soil conditions, we estimate the foundation soils at the approaches will undergo up to 0.2 inch of long-term consolidation settlement under the applied load of the new approach embankment fill material. These settlements are appropriate for the construction of the approach slabs, and we do not anticipate downdrag allowances for the proposed abutment piles.

## 4.2.2 Global Stability

The global stability of the approach embankment side slopes was analyzed at the critical sections based on the soil profile described in Section 3.1 and the information provided in the plans. We also analyzed the stability of the end slope. The analysis discounts the beneficial effect of the abutment piles and soldier pile wall. The minimum required factor of safety (FOS) for both short (undrained)



and long-term (drained) conditions is 1.5 (IDOT 2012). *Slide2* evaluation exhibits employing the Bishop Simplified method of analysis are shown in Appendix D. The FOS values meet the minimum requirement.

## 4.2.3 Approach Slabs

We understand the approach slabs will be widened in-kind and will be supported on spread footing foundations (IDOT 2012). Based on the soil conditions revealed in Borings HR-BSB-01A and HR-BSB-02A, the approach footings will be supported mainly on the new fill placed as part of the widening. We estimate the fill has a maximum allowable bearing capacity of 2,000 psf calculated based on a FOS of 3.0 (AASHTO 2002). Settlement of the approach footing is not anticipated.

## 4.3 Structure Foundations

The foundation soil consists of stiff to hard clayey soils followed by medium dense to very dense sandy gravel and dense to very dense silty loam overlying dolostone bedrock. As per the *GPE*, we understand the bridges will be widened in-kind. Wang recommends supporting the integral abutments on driven steel H-piles.

The preliminary loading information provided and proposed abutment cap base elevations as provided by TranSystems are summarized in Table 2.

Direction	Substructure	Pile Cap Elevations (feet)	Total Load (kips)			
Eastbound	West Abutment	593.62				
Eastoound	East Abutment	594.07	1204			
Weathound	West Abutment	593.59	1304			
Westbound -	East Abutment	593.97				

Table 2: Preliminary Loads and Proposed Pile Cap Elevations

## 4.3.1 Driven Piles

The pile nominal, allowable resistances, and pile lengths were estimated using the IDOT spreadsheet, *IDOT Static Method of Estimating Pile Length* with ASD method. Based on the loads provided by TranSystems and the proposed widened widths of the substructures, the service load per pile at the widened abutments will range between about 113 and 302 kips for a single row of piles spaced at 3-to 8-feet.



Based on IDOT standards, piles with greater than 0.4 inch of relative settlement along the sides require allowances for downdrag loads. We estimate that less than 0.4 inch of settlement will remain following the construction of the embankment and subsequent pile driving. We estimate that downdrag allowances will not be required for the abutment piles.

Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-01A revealed the foundation soils within 10.0 feet below the west abutment pile cap elevations consist of very stiff to hard silty clay to silty clay loams with  $Q_u$  values of 2.9 to 5.9 tsf. In accordance with the *All Bridge Designers Memo 19.8* (IDOT 2019), when the average soil strengths at an integral abutment exceed 3.0 tsf, the piles at the abutments should be precored for a depth of 10.0 feet below the abutment cap elevation and backfilled with bentonite having a  $Q_u$  value of 1.0 tsf to increase pile flexibility (IDOT 2019). The pile capacity evaluations at the west abutments have been performed assuming pile driving begins about 10.0 feet below the proposed abutment pile cap elevations.

The  $R_U$ ,  $R_A$ , estimated pile tip elevations, and pile lengths for HP12x53, HP 12x74, HP 14x73, and HP14x89 steel H-piles for the abutments are summarized in Table 3. The driving elevation was taken from the proposed cap elevations provided by TranSystems. The pile lengths shown in Table 3 assume a 2-foot pile embedment into the abutment pile cap and include the precored length of the pile (at the west abutments). The allowable resistances provided consider an FOS of 3.0 (IDOT 2012).

High blow counts, sampler refusal, and difficult drilling were noted within the borings below an approximate elevation of 577.0 feet indicating the presence of cobbles. As such, pile shoes should be used for piles driven below an elevation of 577.0 feet to avoid damage to the piles. Additionally, to achieve the maximum nominal required bearing, the analysis shows the H-piles would need to be driven to the top of the bedrock or about 1 to 2 feet into the weathered bedrock/bedrock. In these instances, the piles should be considered end bearing and designed for the maximum capacity of the pile.

Wang understands the soldier pile walls at the end slopes will be constructed under a separate contract and will be likely be in place during the bridge widenings. The possible impact of the construction of the proposed bridge widenings and pile driving on the walls should be taken into consideration by the Contractor. If needed, the Contractor should perform a vibration analysis and provide vibration monitoring during construction.



Bridge Structure Unit (Reference Boring)	Pile Cap Base Elevations (feet)	Pile Size	Maximum Nominal Bearing, R <sub>N</sub> (kips)	Fip Elevations f Allowable Geotechnical Loss (kips)	Ultimate Geotechnical Load Loss (kips)	Allowable Resistance Available, R <sub>A</sub> (kips)	Total Estimated Pile Length (feet)	Estimated Pile Tip Elevation (feet)
		HP 12x53	418	0	0	139	40	556
WB Bridge		HP 12x74	589	0	0	196	41	555
West Abutment (HR-BSB-01)	593.59	HP 14x73	578	0	0	193	40	556
		HP 14x89	705	0	0	235	41	555
		HP 12x53	418	0	0	139	28	568
WB Bridge	502.07	HP 12x74	589	0	0	196	37	559
East Abutment (HR-BSB-02)	593.97	HP 14x73	578	0	0	193	32	564
		HP 14x89	705	0	0	235	37	559
		HP 12x53	418	0	0	139	39	557
EB Bridge West Abutment (HR-BSB-01	593.62	HP 12x74	589	0	0	196	40	556
and HR-BSB- 01A)	393.02	HP 14x73	578	0	0	193	41	555
		HP 14x89	705	0	0	235	41	555
		HP 12x53	418	0	0	139	31	565
EB Bridge East Abutment (HR-BSB-02	594.07	HP 12x74	589	0	0	196	38	558
and HR-BSB-02 02A)	374.07	HP 14x73	578	0	0	193	33	563
		HP 14x89	705	0	0	235	38	558



## 4.3.2 Lateral Loading

Lateral loads on the piles should be analyzed for maximum moments and lateral deflections. If the analysis at the proposed pier indicates excessive pile head deflection, the pile would need to be set into rock to satisfy the deflection requirements (IDOT 2020). Recommended lateral soil modulus and strain parameters required for analysis via the p-y curve method are included in Tables 4 to 6.

Reference Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-01A												
Elevation Range (feet) Soil Type (Layer)	Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	Undrained Shear Strength, c <sub>u</sub> (psf)	Estimated Friction Angle, Φ (°)	Estimated Lateral Soil Modulus Parameter, k (pci)	Estimated Soil Strain Parameter, $\epsilon_{50}$ (%)							
593.6 <sup>(1)</sup> to 583.6 <sup>(2)</sup> New Fill (Bentonite)	120	1000	0	500	0.7							
583.6 to 579 Loose to M Dense SAND	53 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	33	60								
579 to 568 M Dense to V Dense SANDY GRAVEL	58 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	34	60								
568 to 559 <sup>(4)</sup> Dense to V Dense SILTY LOAM	58 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	34	125								

 Table 4: Recommended Soil Parameters for Lateral Load Analysis at West Abutments

 Defense Periods UP, DSD, 01 and 01

(1) Proposed pile cap base elevation;

(2) Approximate precoring length;

(3) Submerged unit weight;

(4) Approximate top of bedrock.

#### Table 5: Recommended Soil Parameters for Lateral Load Analysis at East Abutments

Elevation Range (feet) Soil Type (Layer)	Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	Undrained Shear Strength, c <sub>u</sub> (psf)	Estimated Friction Angle, Φ (°)	Estimated Lateral Soil Modulus Parameter, k (pci)	Estimated Soil Strain Parameter, ε <sub>50</sub> (%)
594 <sup>(1)</sup> to 589 M Stiff to V Stiff SILTY CLAY to SILTY CLAY LOAM FILL	120	1000	0	500	0.7
589 to 582 Stiff to Hard SILTY CLAY to SILTY CLAY LOAM	120	3000	0	1000	0.5

Reference Borings HR-BSB-02 and HR-BSB-02A



Elevation Range (feet) Soil Type (Layer)	Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	Undrained Shear Strength, c <sub>u</sub> (psf)	Estimated Friction Angle, Φ (°)	Estimated Lateral Soil Modulus Parameter, k (pci)	Estimated Soil Strain Parameter, ε <sub>50</sub> (%)
582 to 569 Dense to V Dense SAND to SANDY GRAVEL	58 <sup>(2)</sup>	0	34	125	
569 to 560 <sup>(3)</sup> V Dense SILTY LOAM	58 <sup>(2)</sup>	0	34	125	

(1) Proposed pile cap base elevation;

(2) Submerged unit weight;

(3) Approximate top of bedrock.

	Reference Borings HR-BSB-01 and HR-BSB-02											
Bedrock	Total Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	Modulus of Rock Mass (ksi)	Uniaxial Compressive Strength (psi)	RQD (%)	Strain Factor							
Dolostone	140	300	10,795	7 to 21	0.0005							

#### Table 6: Recommended Bedrock Parameters for Lateral Load Analysis

## 4.4 Stage Construction

Wang understands that the bridge widenings will be performed utilizing three stages of construction to maintain traffic on each bridge. During Stage I, traffic will be moved to the outside lane and shoulder while the median portion is constructed. During Stage II, two lanes of traffic would utilize the roadway constructed during Stage I so that the outside portion can be replaced. During Stage III, traffic will continue to utilize the roadway constructed during Stage I so that the outside Jane III, traffic will continue to utilize the roadway constructed during Stage I so that a closure pour in the deck can be completed within the outside portion of the bridges.

The construction activities will likely involve excavations of up to 12.0 feet along the sides of the existing east and west abutments. Due to the presence of very hard cohesive soils and very dense granular soils, we estimate these excavations may not be supported with cantilever steel sheet piling, and we recommend including the pay item, *Temporary Soil Retention System* for the shoring.



## 5.0 CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

## 5.1 Site Preparation

Vegetation, surface topsoil, and debris should be cleared and stripped where the structure will be placed. If unstable or unsuitable materials are exposed during excavation, they should be removed and replaced with compacted structural fill as described in Section 5.3.

## 5.2 Excavation, Dewatering, and Utilities

Excavations should be performed in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. The potential effect of ground movements upon nearby utilities should be considered during construction. Any slope that cannot be graded at 1:2 (V:H) should be properly shored in accordance with the temporary sheet piling charts provided in *IDOT Design Guide-Simplified Temporary Sheet Piling Design Charts* (IDOT 2020).

During the subsurface investigation, the groundwater was encountered at elevations ranging from 580 to 576 feet, as discussed in Section 3.2. At the east and west abutments, the groundwater will be about 14.0 to 17.0 feet below the pile cap base elevations, respectively; therefore, we do not anticipate the need for dewatering. Perched, or temporary water, may be encountered during times of heavy precipitation while excavating within the upper fill soils and will require dewatering efforts. Water that does accumulate in open excavations by seepage or runoff should be immediately removed by sump pump.

## 5.3 Filling and Backfilling

Fill material used to attain final design elevations should be pre-approved, compacted, cohesive or granular soil conforming to Section 204, *Borrow and Furnished Excavation* (IDOT 2016). The fill material should be free of organic matter and debris and should be placed in lifts and compacted according to Section 205, *Embankment* (IDOT 2016).

Backfill materials for the abutments must be pre-approved by the Resident Engineer. To backfill the abutments, we recommend porous granular material conforming to the requirements specified in the IDOT Supplemental Special and Recurring Special Provisions, *Granular Backfill for Structures* (IDOT 2020b).



## 5.4 Earthwork Operations

The required earthwork can be accomplished with conventional construction equipment. Moisture and traffic will cause deterioration of exposed subgrade soils. Precautions should be taken by the Contractor to prevent water erosion of the exposed subgrade. A compacted subgrade will minimize water runoff erosion.

Earth moving operations should be scheduled to not coincide with excessive cold or wet weather (early spring, late fall or winter). Any soil allowed to freeze or soften due to the standing water should be removed. Wet weather can cause problems with subgrade compaction.

It is recommended that an experienced geotechnical engineer be retained to inspect the exposed subgrade, monitor earthwork operations, and provide material inspection services during the construction phase of this project.

## 5.5 Pile Installation

The driven piles shall be furnished and installed according to the requirements of IDOT Section 512, *Piling* (IDOT 2016). Wang recommends performing one test pile at each substructure location. Since hard driving is expected below an elevation of 577 feet, pile shoes are required as indicated in Section 4.3.1.

The foundation soils within 10.0 feet below the west abutment pile cap elevations consist of very stiff to hard silty clay to silty clay loams with  $Q_u$  values of 2.9 to 5.9 tsf. In accordance with the *All Bridge Designers Memo 19.8* (IDOT 2019), when the average soil strengths at an integral abutment exceed 3.0 tsf, the piles at the abutments should be precored for a depth of 10.0 feet below the abutment cap elevation and backfilled with bentonite having a  $Q_u$  value of 1.0 tsf to increase pile flexibility (IDOT 2019).

The possible impact of the construction of the proposed bridge widenings and pile driving on the walls should be taken into consideration by the Contractor. If needed, the Contractor should perform a vibration analysis and provide vibration monitoring during construction.



## 6.0 QUALIFICATIONS

The analysis and recommendations submitted in this report are based upon the data obtained from the borings drilled at the locations shown on the boring logs and in Exhibit 3. This report does not reflect any variations that may occur between the borings or elsewhere on the site, variations whose nature and extent may not become evident until the course of construction. In the event that any changes in the design and/or location of the structure are planned, we should be timely informed so that our recommendations can be adjusted accordingly.

It has been a pleasure to assist TranSystems Corporation and the Illinois Department of Transportation on this project. Please call if there are any questions, or if we can be of further service.

Respectfully Submitted,

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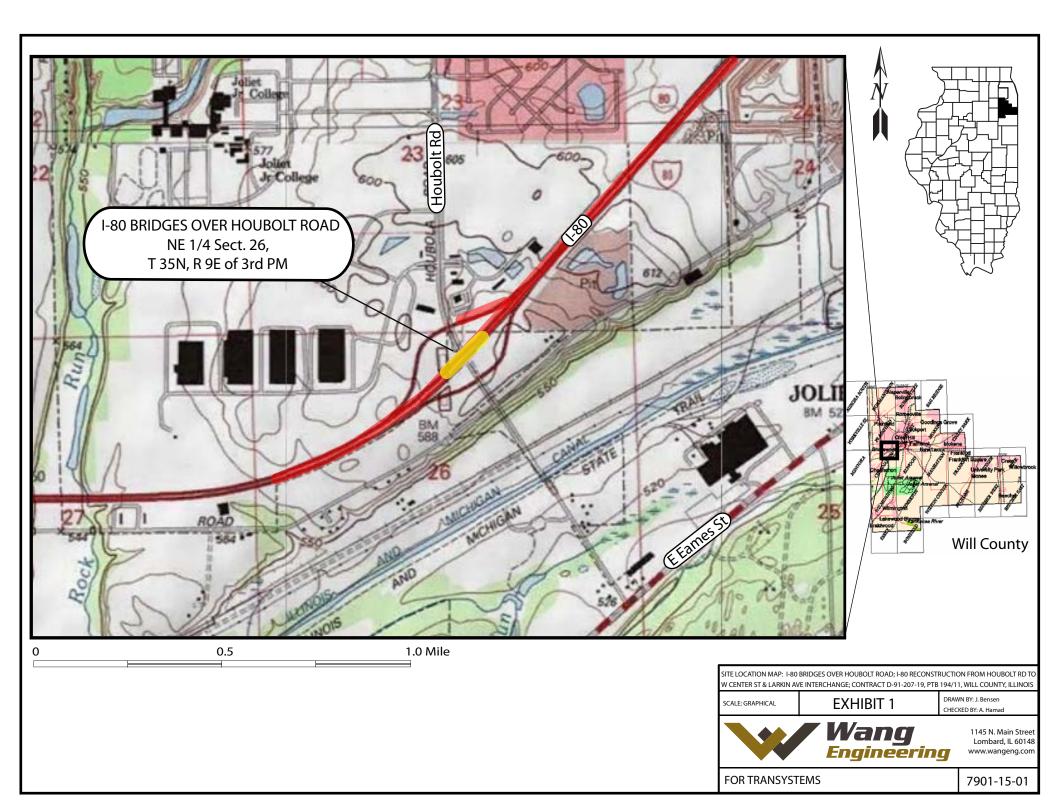
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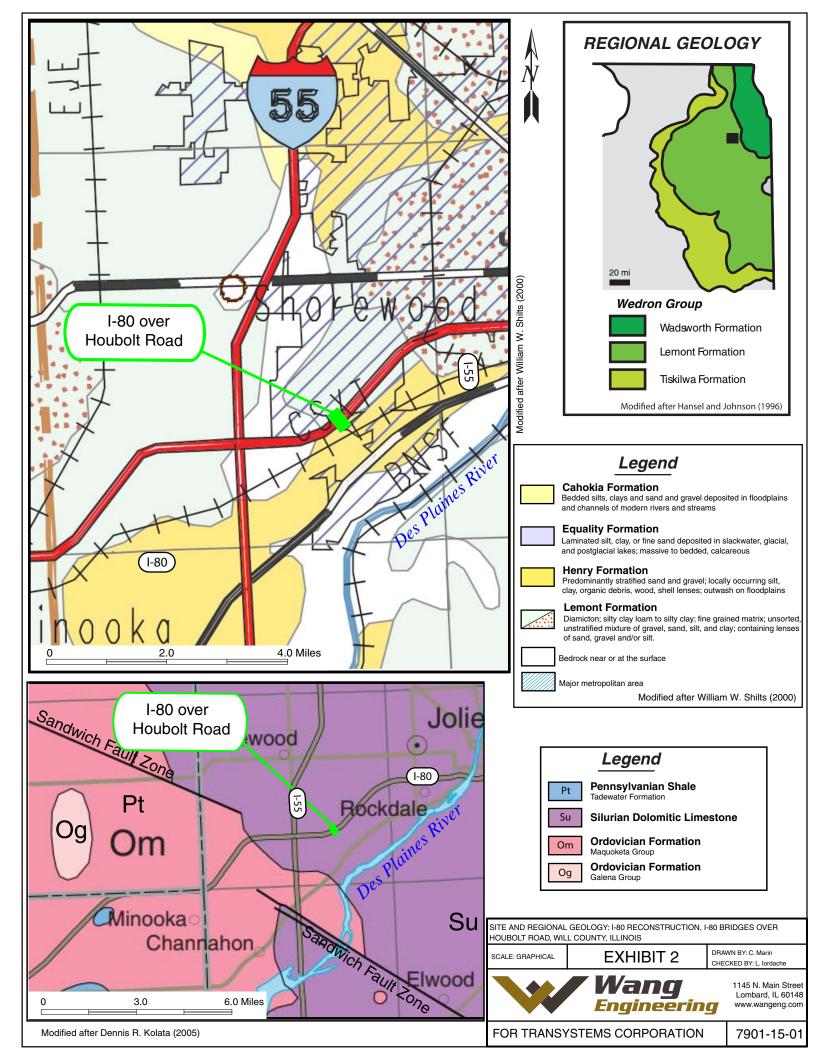


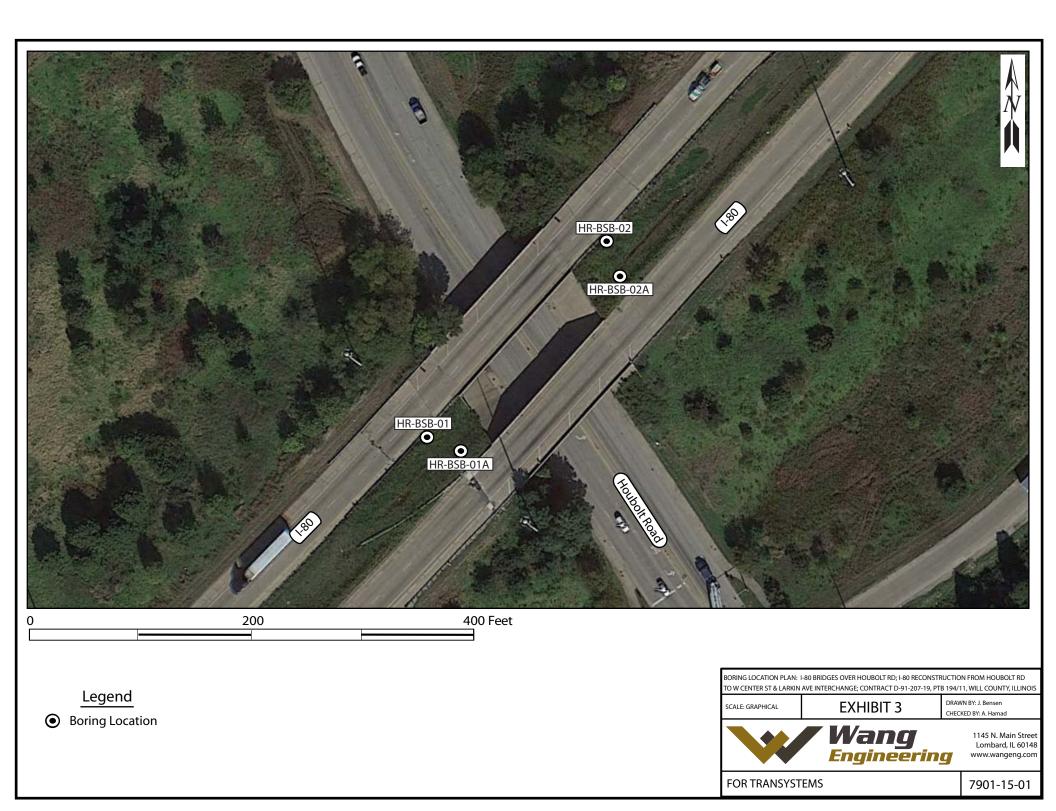
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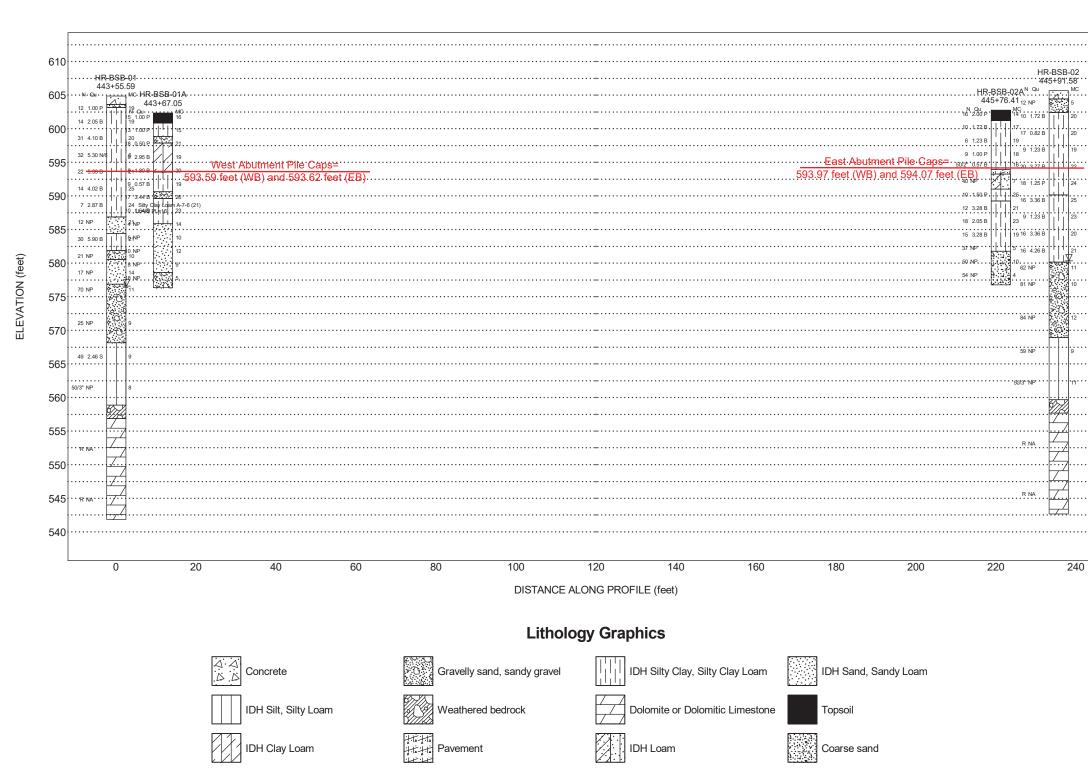
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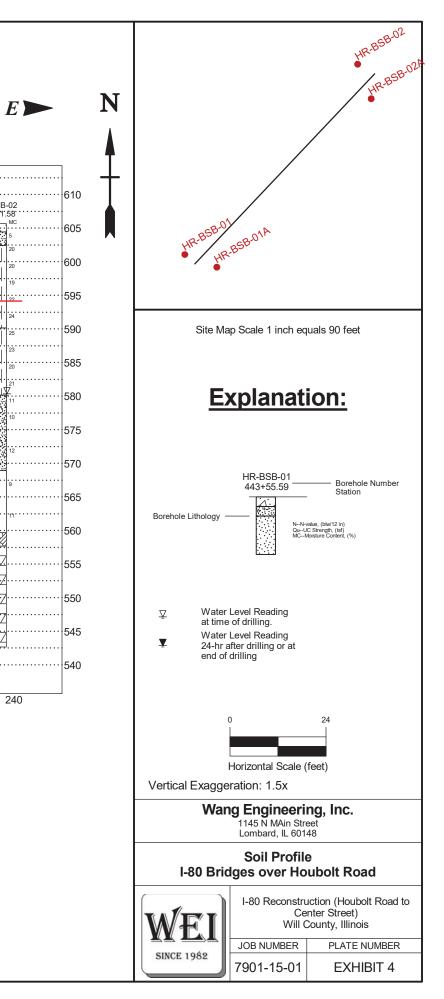






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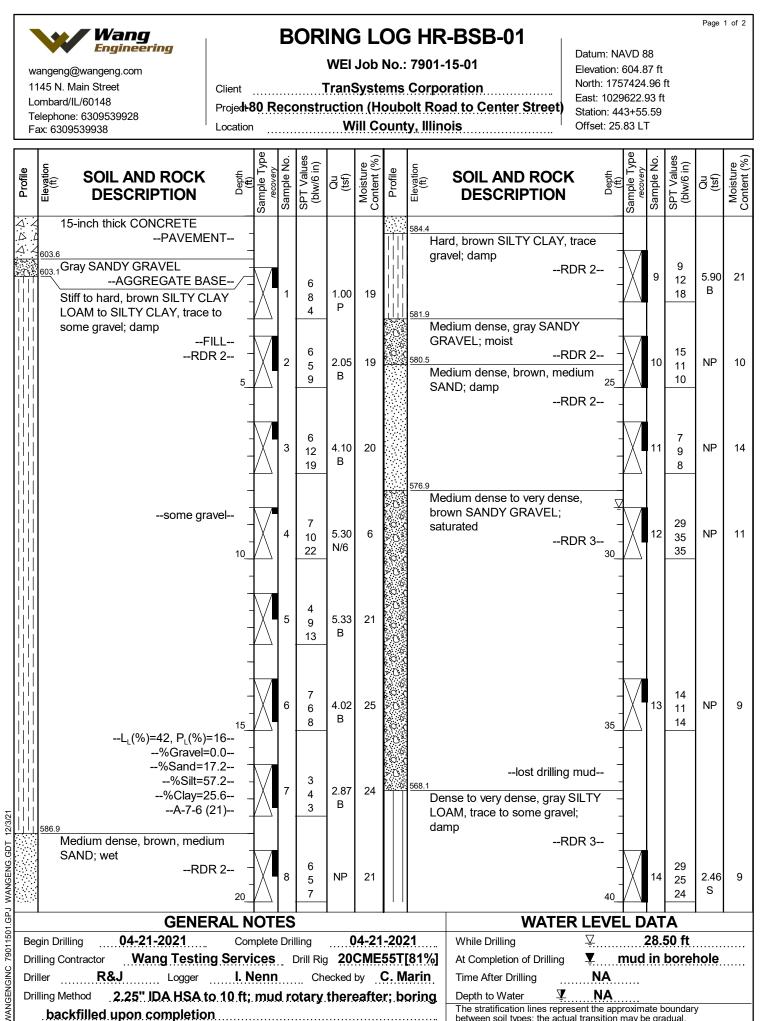




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## **APPENDIX A**

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backfilled upon completion



# **BORING LOG HR-BSB-01**

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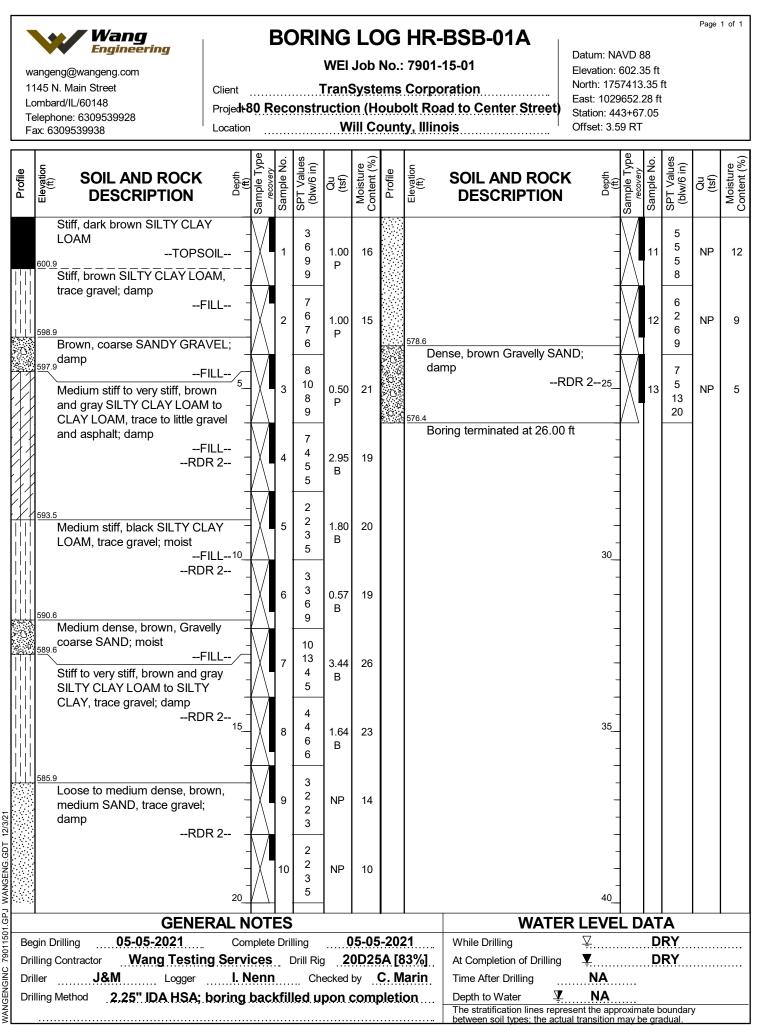
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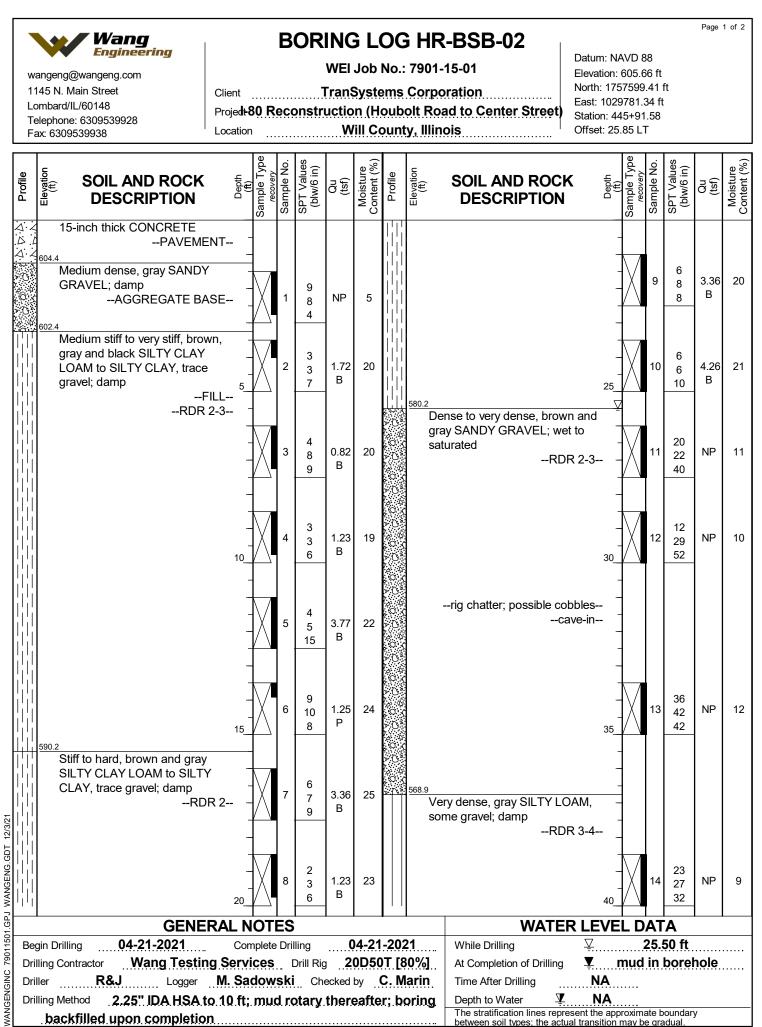
 Will County, Illinois
 Will County, Illinois

Datum: NAVD 88 Elevation: 604.87 ft North: 1757424.96 ft East: 1029622.93 ft Station: 443+55.59 Offset: 25.83 LT

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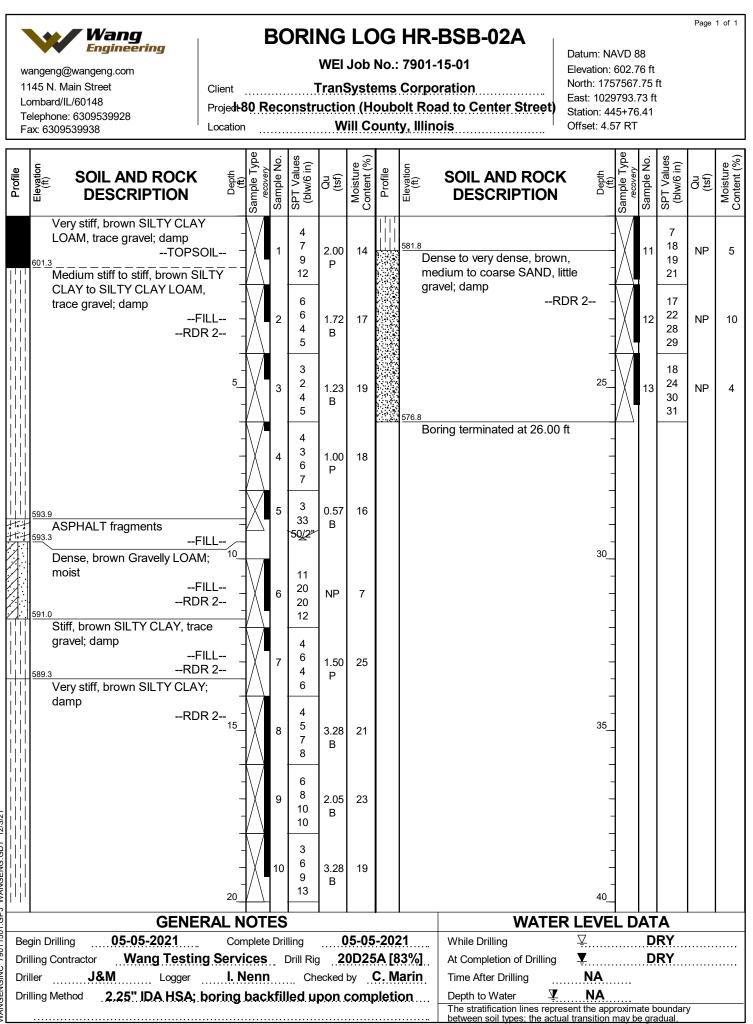
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 Location

 Will County, Illinois
 Will County, Illinois

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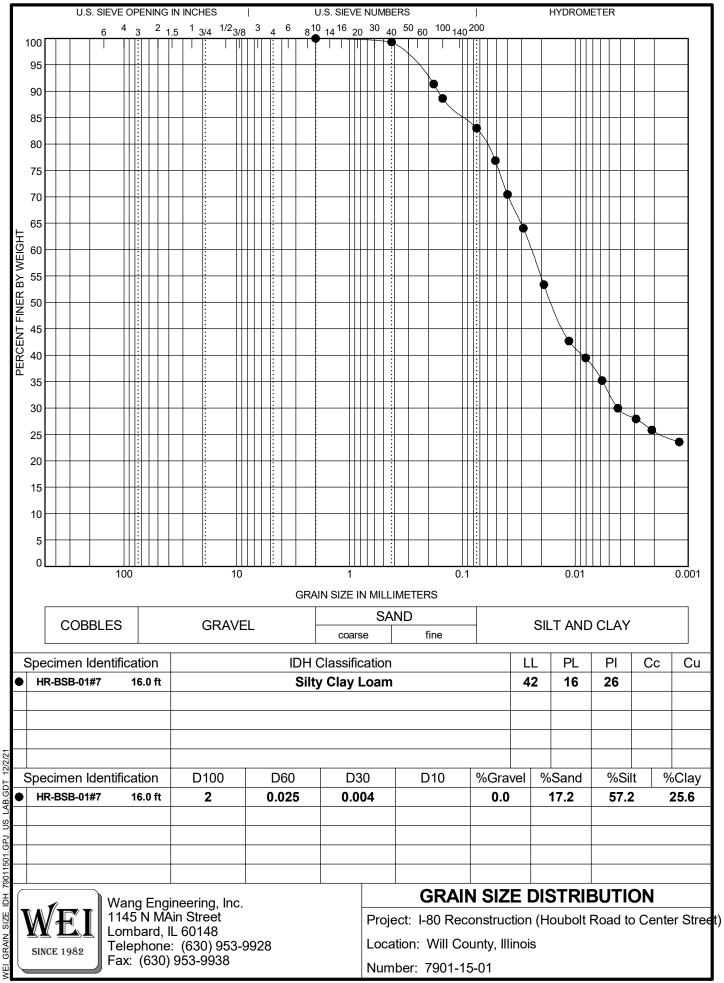
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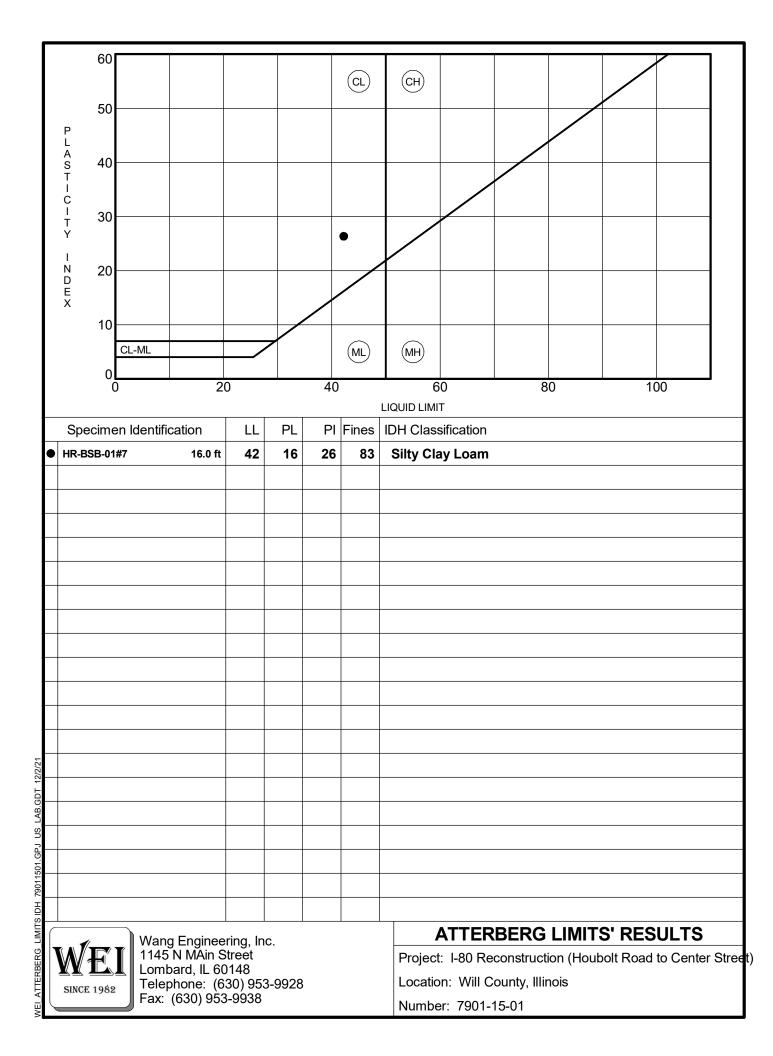
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# **APPENDIX B**

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#### **Unconfined Compressive Strength of Intact Rock Core Specimens**

Project: I-80

Client: Transystems

WEI Job No.: 7901-15-01

Field Sample ID	Run #	Depth (ft)	Location	Sample Description	Leng Before Capping		Diameter (in)	Total Load (lbs)	Total Pressure (psi)	Fracture Type*	Break Date	Tested By	Area (in <sup>2</sup> )
HR-BSB-02	1	49.0	East Abutments	Dolostone	4.14	NA	2.01	34150	10794.6	3	5/14/21	MAC	3.16

#### \* Fracture Types:

Type 1 - Reasonably well-formed cones on both ends, less than 1 in. [25 mm] of cracking through caps;

Type 2 - Well-formed cone on one end, vertical cracks running through caps, no well defined cone on other end;

Type 3 - Columnar vertical cracking through both ends, no well-formed cones;

Type 4 - Diagonal fracture with no cracking through ends; tap with hammer to distinguish from Type 1;

Type 5 - Side fractures at top or bottom (occur commonly with unbonded caps);

Type 6 - Similar to Type 5 but end of cylinder is pointed.

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# **APPENDIX C**





Boring HR-BSB-01: Run #1, 48.0 to 58.0 feet, RECOVERY=100%, RQD=18%



### Run #2



Boring HR-BSB-01: Run #2, 58.0 to 63.0 feet, RECOVERY=100%, RQD=21%

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## Run #1



Boring HR-BSB-02: Run #1, 48.0 to 58.0 feet, RECOVERY=100%, RQD=7%

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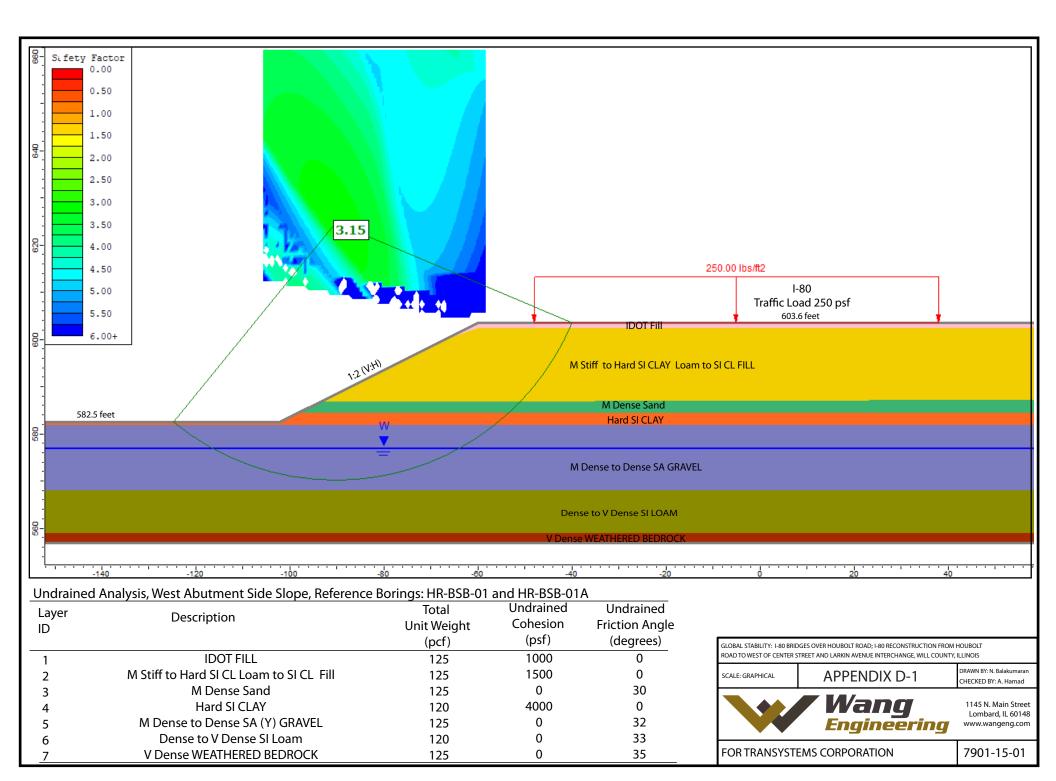


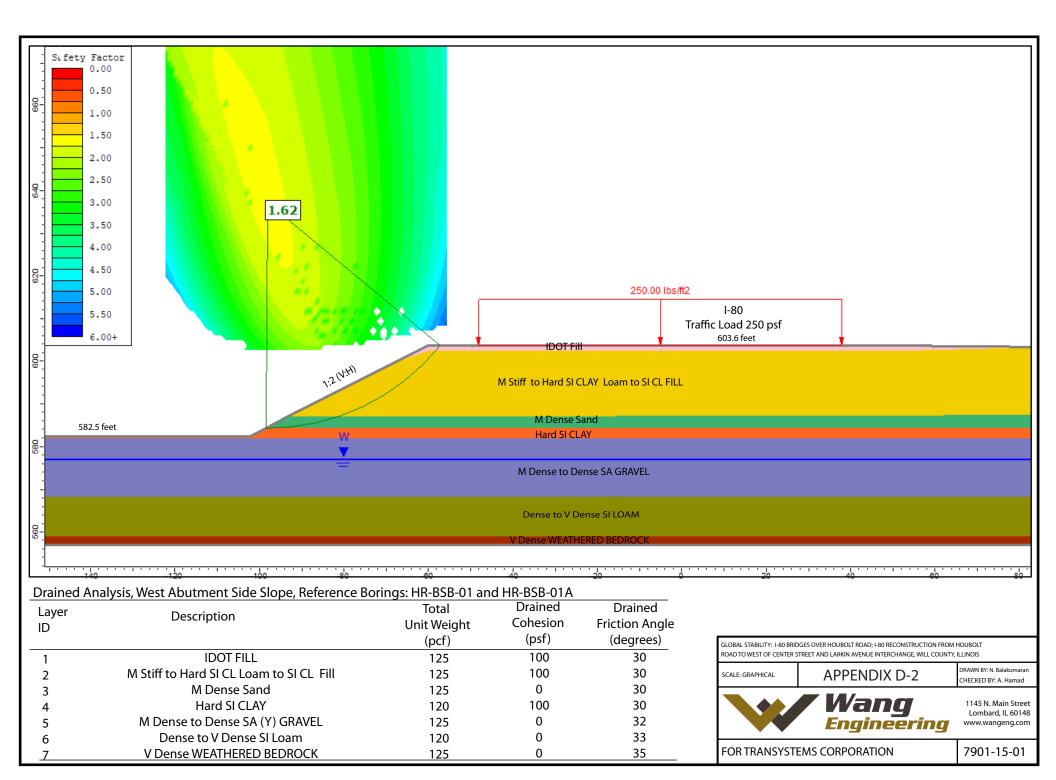
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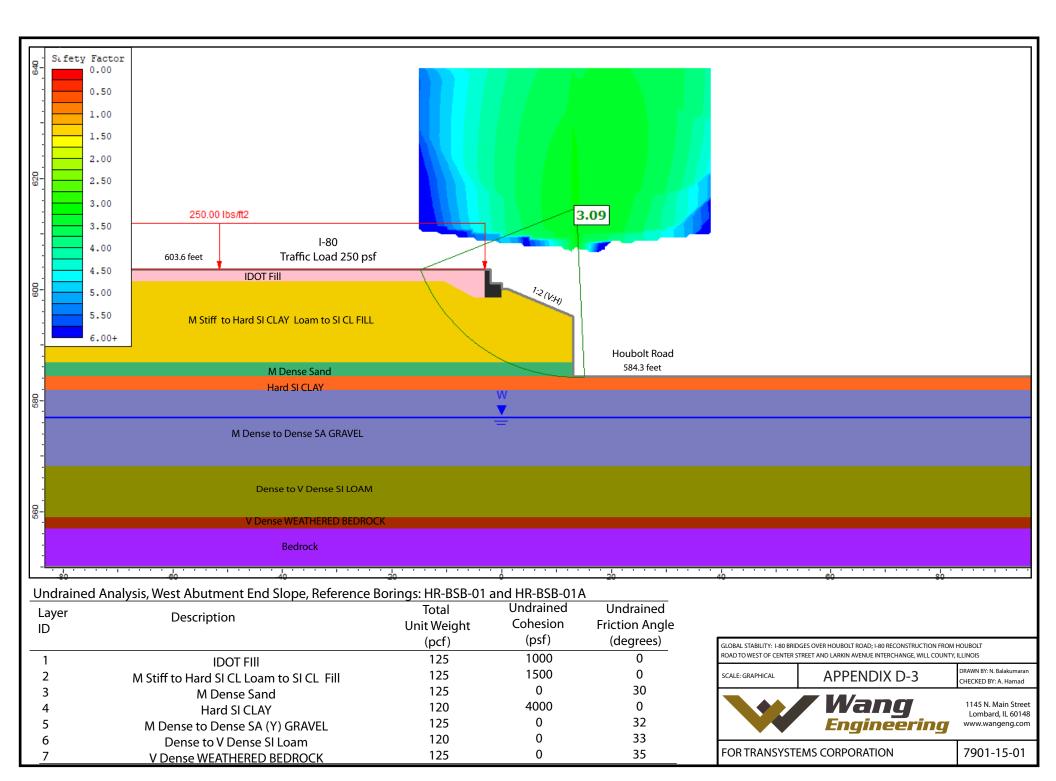
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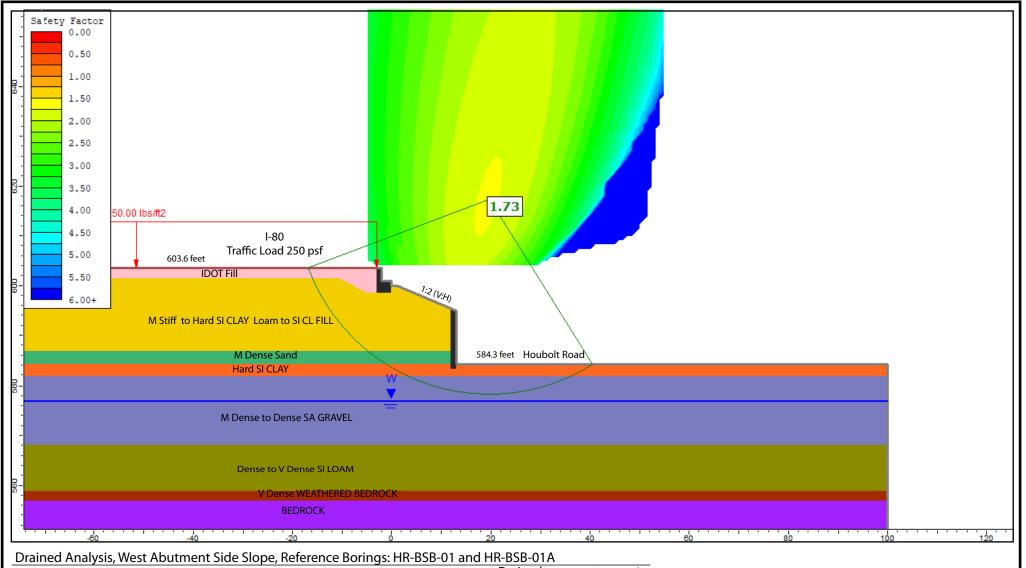


# **APPENDIX D**









Layer	Description	Total	Drained	Drained
ID	Description	Unit Weight	Cohesion	Friction Angle
		(pcf)	(psf)	(degrees)
1	IDOT Fill	125	100	30
2	M Stiff to Hard SI CL Loam to SI CL Fill	125	100	30
3	M Dense Sand	125	0	30
4	Hard SI CLAY	120	100	30
5	M Dense to Dense SA (Y) GRAVEL	125	0	32
6	Dense to V Dense SI Loam	120	0	33
7	V Dense WEATHERED BEDROCK	125	0	35

	DGES OVER HOUBOLT ROAD; I-80 RECONSTRUCTION FROM TREET AND LARKIN AVENUE INTERCHANGE, WILL COUNTY	
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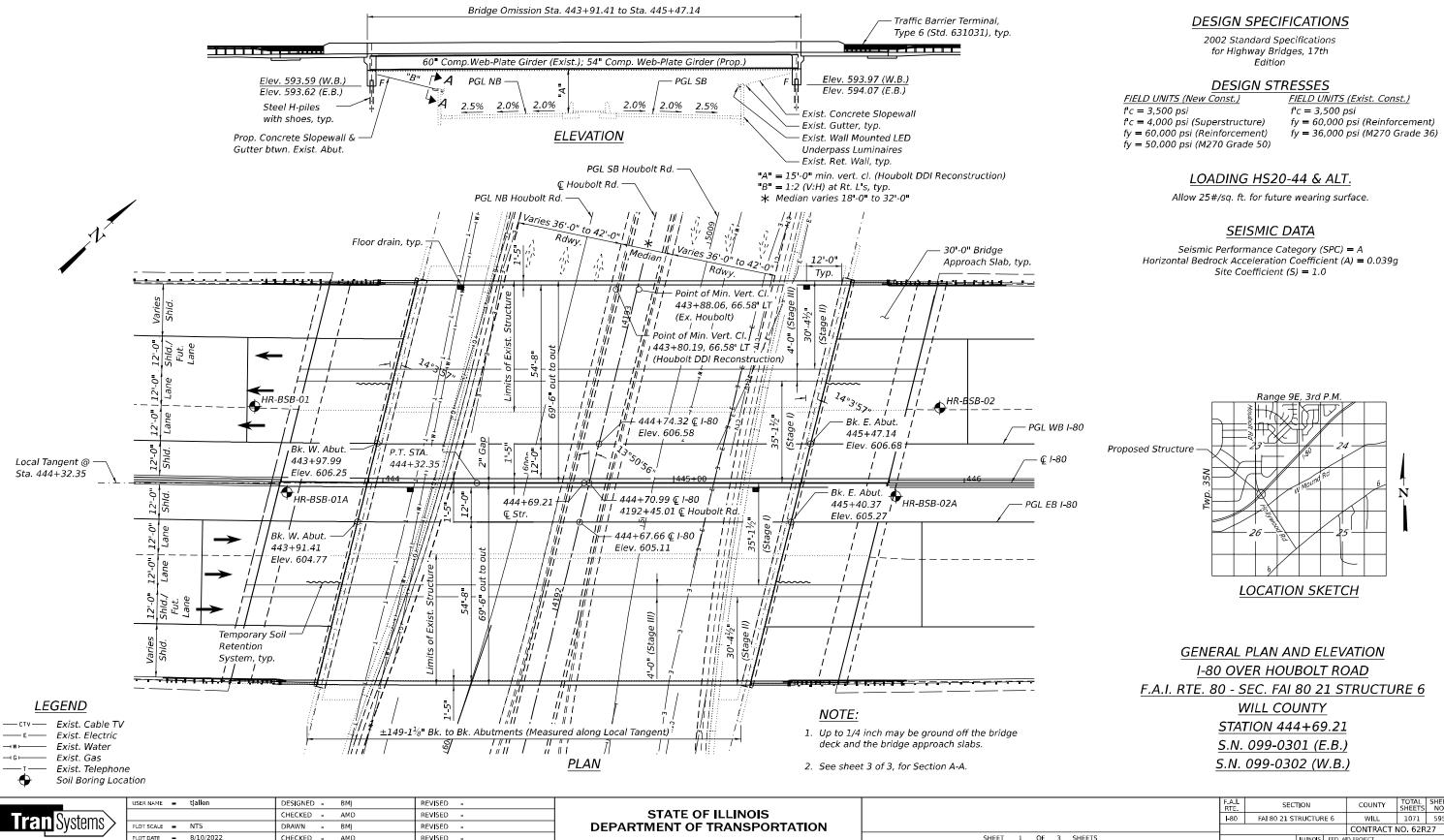
# **APPENDIX E**

Benchmark: Chiseled square on top easterly side of concrete foundation for the cantilevered highway sign over I-80, east of the gore at I-80 west bound and I-80 west bound on ramp, south side of ramp, north side of I-80, west of Houbolt; Elev. =591.589.

Existing Structure: S.N. 099-0301 and S.N. 099-0302. Built in 1994 and 1993 respectively as F.A.I. Rte. 80, Project HDP-9105(001), Section 99-2(K & HB-1-R) at Sta. 151+86.42. Existing dual structures each consist of a single-span reinf, concrete composite deck on steel plate girders supported by cast-in-place reinforced concrete integral abutments supported on steel plate. The bridge measures 148'-7" back to back abutments, 45'-2" out to out width with a skew of 14°-03'-57" skew. Deck to be removed and replaced.

Traffic Control: Traffic to be maintained using staged construction. The road shall remain open to at least two lanes of traffic in each direction at all times.

Salvage: None.



### HIGHWAY CLASSIFICATION

FAI Rte. 80 - I-80 Functional Class: Interstate ADT: 65,200 (2019); 93,900 (2040) ADTT: 18,120 (2019); 26,100 (2040) DHV: 11,270 (2040) Design Speed: 70 m.p.h. Posted Speed. 65 m.p.h. Two-Way Traffic Directional Distribution: 50:50

Scope of Work: Remove existing bridge

existing substructure to accomodate

additional future traffic lanes. Erect

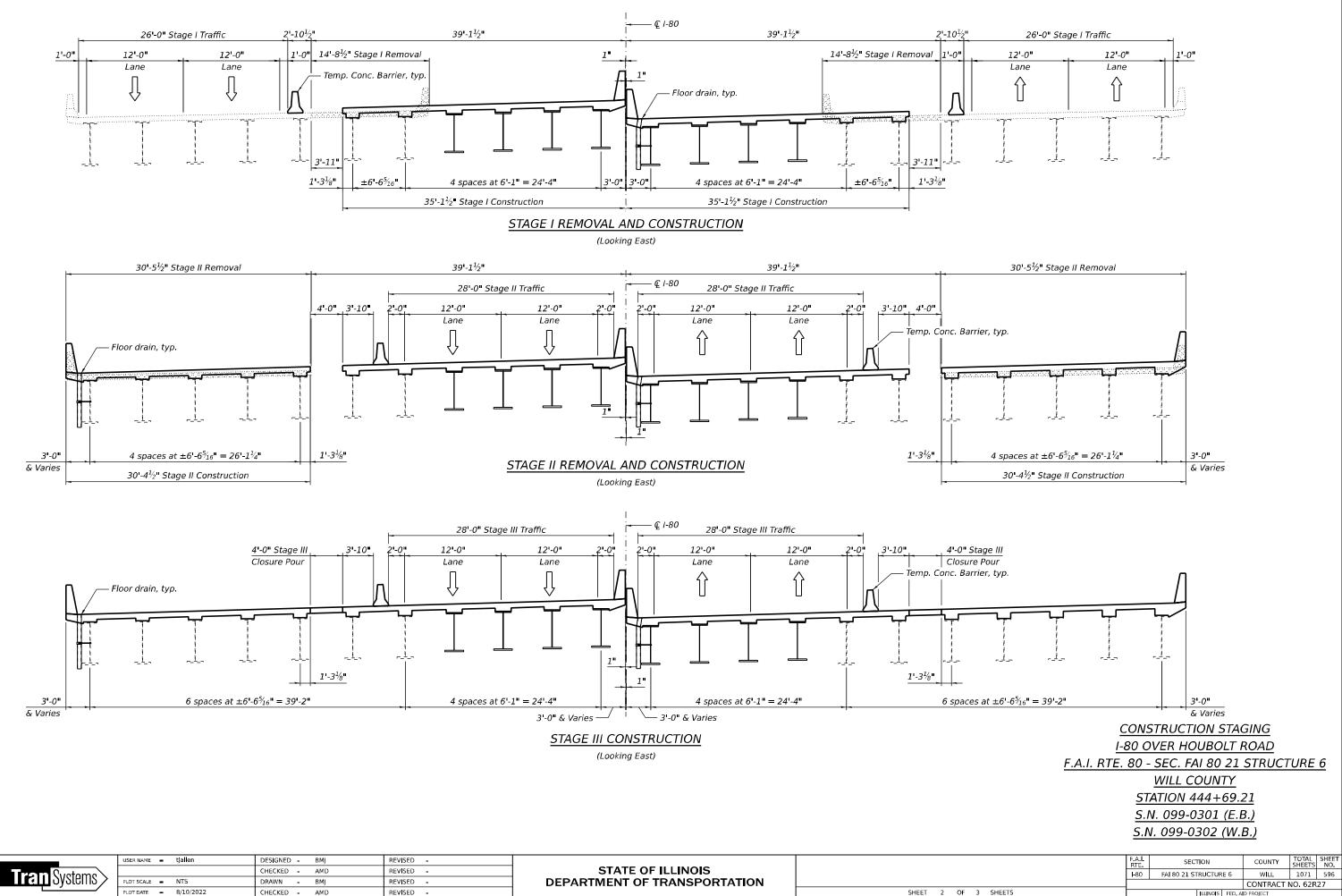
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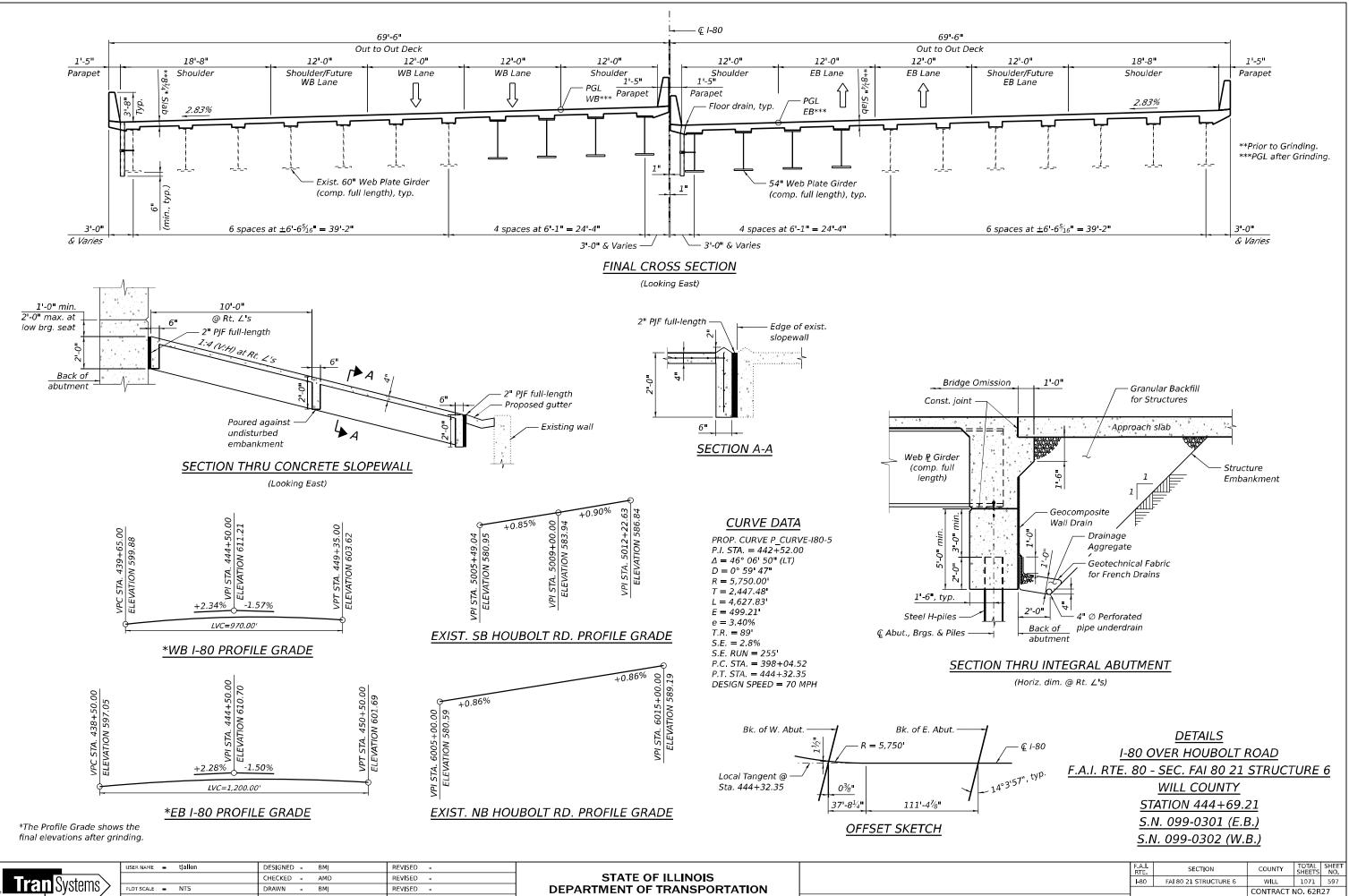
deck & end diaphragms. Widen

deck & end diaphragms.

FAU 0325 - Houbolt Rd. Functional Class: Other Principle Arterial ADT: 24,700 (2021); 43,900 (2040) ADTT: 6,730 (2021); 11,960 (2040) DHV: 5,270 (2040) Design Speed: 35 m.p.h. Posted Speed: 30 m.p.h. Two-Way Traffic Directional Distribution: 50.50

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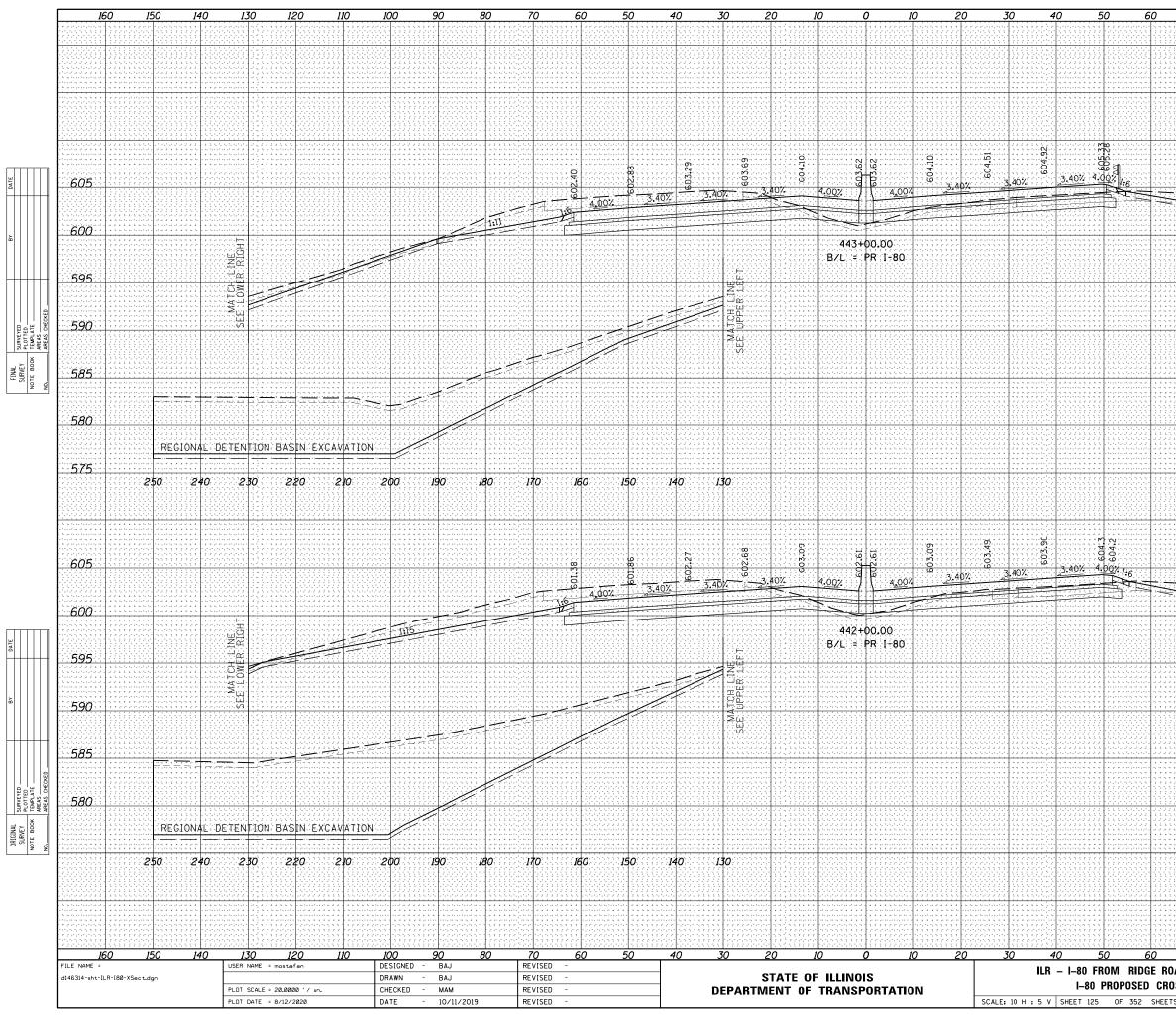
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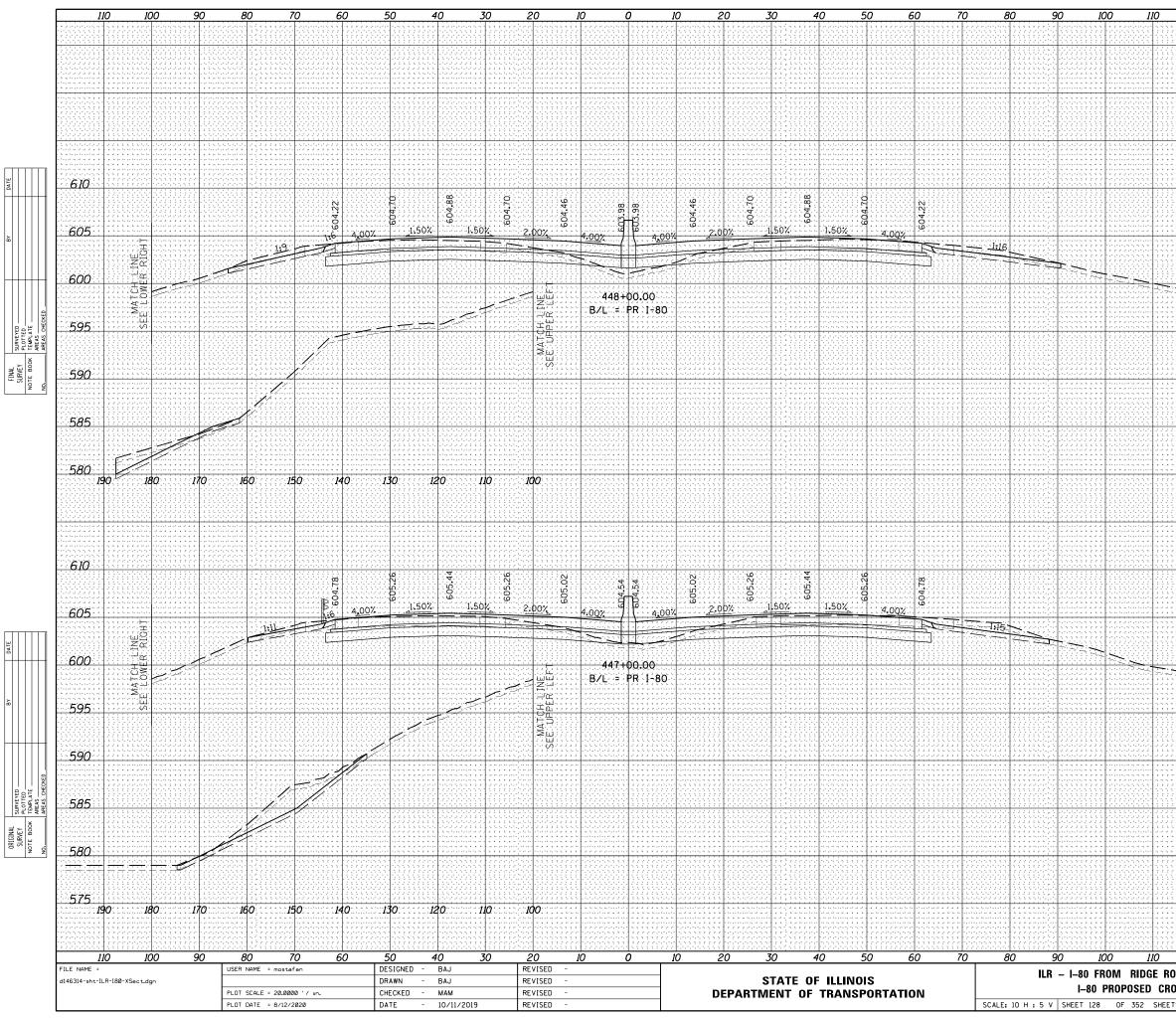
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# **APPENDIX F**



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