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SUBJECT: S.P. 2772-124, New Bridge 27317 (Metro District)

TH 169 Under 63rd Ave. N, 0.9 miles S. of the JCT. of TH 94 in Maple Grove

Foundations Analysis and Design Recommendations

1.0 Project Description

This report provides a Foundation Analysis and Design Recommendations for constructing Bridge 27317 that will replace old bridge 27534. The new bridge will be a two-span bridge and will use 45" prestressed concrete beams with a cast in place deck of 38 feet wide with approximately 209 feet length. The abutments and pier will be supported on Spread Footings.

2.0 Field Investigation and Foundation Conditions

Two Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), two Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) and two Seismic Cone Penetration Tests (SCPT) were taken in February and March of 2022 by MnDOT close to the bridge abutments and pier. Copies of the logs are attached with this report.

The SPT borings taken at proximity to the abutments show predominantly dense to very dense sandy soils with some seams of slightly plastic sandy loam soils. Water was encountered at an approximate elevation ranging from 872-874 ft. Bedrock wasn't encountered during the drilling of these two borings. The drillings were terminated at elevations ranging from 820-830 ft.

It is important to note that the SPTs were taken approximately 60 ft. from the abutments due to access problem. We have taken additional Seismic CPTs (close to the abutments) that we used for our analysis.

The CPT/SCPT soundings were interpreted for a general soil behavior type and blow count. They were broken into significant soil layers by depth. No soil samples were taken, so the soil behavior type may not match exactly what soil is present but should indicate how it behaves if compared to standard soil.

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Seismic CPT tests were performed in soundings cs03 & cs04 to measure the shear wave velocities of the soils based on ASTM D5778-20 and D&400. The results showed that the dense to very dense sands below the proposed footings have shear wave velocities (V_s) ranging from 242-3714 ft/s.

Table 1: Measurements of Shear Wave Velocity from Seismic CPT.

SCPT Sounding	Test Depth (ft)	Arrival Time (ms)	V _s (ft/s)
	3.28	14.36	-
	6.53	21.84	434
	9.71	25	1006
	13.06	28.28	1021
	16.4	34	584
	19.72	37.2	1038
	23.03	40.68	951
cs03	26.31	43.2	1302
	29.56	46.04	1144
	32.68	46.88	3714
	35.99	50.08	1034
	39.37	52.16	1625
	42.68	55.48	997
	45.9	59.44	813
	49.9	63.16	721
	3.02	5.96	-
	6.33	10.76	690
	9.55	12.8	1578
	16.21	17.28	394
	19.46	20.48	1016
	22.83	34.4	242
	26.12	37	1265
cs04	29.43	40.2	1034
	32.68	43.08	1128
	35.99	46.68	919
	39.34	49.92	1034
	42.59	53.32	956
	45.9	57.12	871
	49.11	61.52	730
	49.93	62.76	661

















3.0 Foundation Analysis

Approximate roadway and footing elevations were determined from a Preliminary Bridge Plan provided by MnDOT's Bridge Office.

3.1 Substructure Foundations

Due to the dense and sandy nature of the soils present, shallow foundations are proposed and have been analyzed for use at the abutments and pier.

Table 2: Recommended Foundation Types and Assumed Footing Elevations.

Location	West Abutment	Pier	East Abutment
Foundation	Spread Footing	Spread Footing	Spread Footing
SPT/CPT/SCPT used for the analysis	cs03 & T01	c01a & c02	cs04 & T02
Assumed bottom of Footing Elevation	902 ft.	892 ft.	902 ft.

3.2 Shallow Foundation – Service Limit State

CPT and seismic CPT data were used to predict the settlement (service limit state). This model uses the Westegaard stress distribution method and uses CPT N-interpreted sounding data and shear wave velocity respectively. CPT tip resistance was used to calculate the Nominal Bearing Resistance (Strength Limit State). The results from the analyses are presented on the attached graphs.

One settlement graph with 1 inch settlement was developed for each abutment. The settlement at the time of setting the beams may be less than 1 inch since it is estimated that at least 50% of the total load will have already been applied to the soil due to the construction of the footing and stem itself.

To further minimize differential settlement directly underneath the footing and further reduce possible settlement, it is recommended that a 2-foot subcut be constructed, backfilled, and compacted with Coarse Filter Aggregate bedding beneath the footings.

3.3 Shallow Foundation – Strength Limit State

The strength limit state of the soil's nominal bearing capacity was computed for varying footing widths.

















The following are the resistance factors for evaluation of the strength limit state performance limits based on the latest LRFD code.

Bearing Resistance, using CPT = 0.5 Sliding, Cast-in-Place Concrete on Sand = 0.80

Refer to the following figures in the appendix for the nominal bearing resistance and service limit state for the substructures on this project.

Figure 1: West Abutment......1-inch settlement Figure 2: East Abutment.....1-inch settlement Figure 3: Pier.....1-inch settlement

4.0 Project Specific Recommendations:

Based on the existing conditions along with an analysis of the project soils, we recommend:

- 1. Topsoil and other organic material be removed from areas where fill is to be placed. These soils be excavated and replaced with Granular Borrow (Mn/DOT spec. 3149.2B.1) and compacted to 95% to 100% Standard Proctor density.
- 2. The bridge be supported on spread footing foundations with capacities defined in the nominal bearing resistance graphs (Figures 1 to 3). The graphs show predicted available geotechnical resistance based on footing width for the strength/extreme-event limit states and service limit state at each abutment and pier locations; each graph is presented for 1.0 inch of deflection. Recent studies have shown that most of the settlement at bridge abutments built on granular soils occurs during the construction of the foundations and placement of the soil backfill.

The service limits state (Green line in the graph) is expected to control the design. Strength/extreme-event limit state (Red line in the graph) information is presented on the same charts Note that the scales are different for the service limit state [left side] and strength/extreme-event limit state [right side] data.

- 3. A 2-foot subcut is required beneath footings to be located on or in native soils. Backfill subcut with Coarse Filter Aggregate (MnDOT Spec. 3149.2H1) and compact to 95% to 100 % Standard Proctor density.
- 4. Please contact our office if there is interest in monitoring the loads and settlements for the foundations at this bridge during construction so improved correlations can be developed for the **geotechnical prediction methods based on observed field behavior.**

4.1 General Recommendations:

- 5. The footings be buried a minimum of 4.5 feet below the final ground line for frost protection.
- 6. Drainage shall be installed as appropriate at the footing locations to ensure that the bearing soils and soils behind the abutment are free draining. Drainage be provided from the base of the footing subcut



- soils and from the rear of the abutment walls, similar to retaining wall drainage plans as used on recent projects.
- 7. Drainage from the bridge deck and the roadway areas shall not be directed onto unprotected embankment slopes to prevent erosion.
- 8. Any pipes (water mains or drainage culverts) be appropriately gasketed or cased to minimize risk of erosion from pipe leakage or breakage. Refer to section **2.4.1.6.2** buried utilities of **MnDOT LRFD Bridge Design Manual** on any buried utilities or drainage pipes installed near footings.
- 9. Embankment slopes are recommended to be constructed at 2H: 1V slopes, or flatter, for stability and to reduce erosion from overland flow. Vegetation be established as quickly as possible after construction to minimize the potential for erosion.

Attachments:

Spread Footing Bearing Resistance Graphs (Figures 1 to 3) SPT/CPT/SCPT Plan & Profile SPT/CPT index sheet SPT Logs (T01 & T02) CPT Logs (c01a & c02) SCPT Logs (cs03 & cs04)

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LRFD 1.0 inch Settlement BR 27317 West Abutment Assumed Ftg. L= 40 Sounding (cs03) 110,000 16,000 100,000 Nominal Bearing Resistance -Service Limit State (1 in. Settlement) (psf) 14,000 90,000 12,000 80,000 10,000 70,000 8,000 60,000 6,000 50,000 4,000 40,000 10 15 20 0 5 25 Effective Footing Width, B' (ft.) Notes: Westergaard Stress Distribution - Service Limit State - △ • Strength Limit State SCPT Settlement from Vs data

Figure 1: West Abutment - LRFD 1.0 Inch Settlement.

















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Figure 2: East Abutment - LRFD 1.0 Inch Settlement.







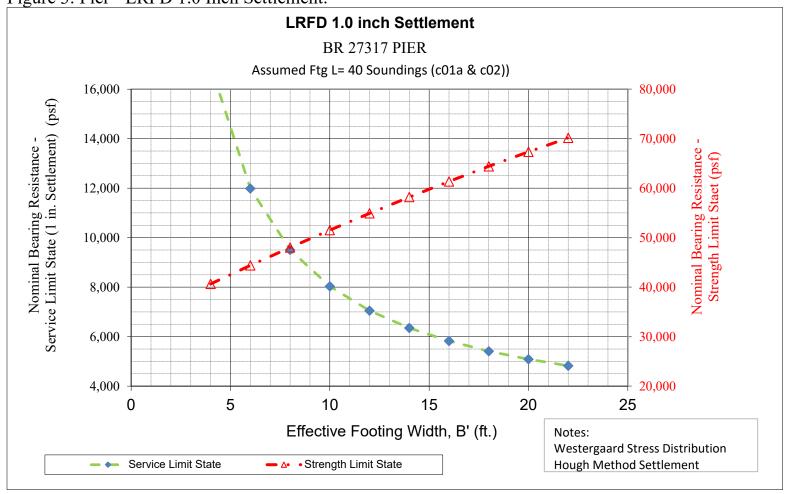








Figure 3: Pier - LRFD 1.0 Inch Settlement.



















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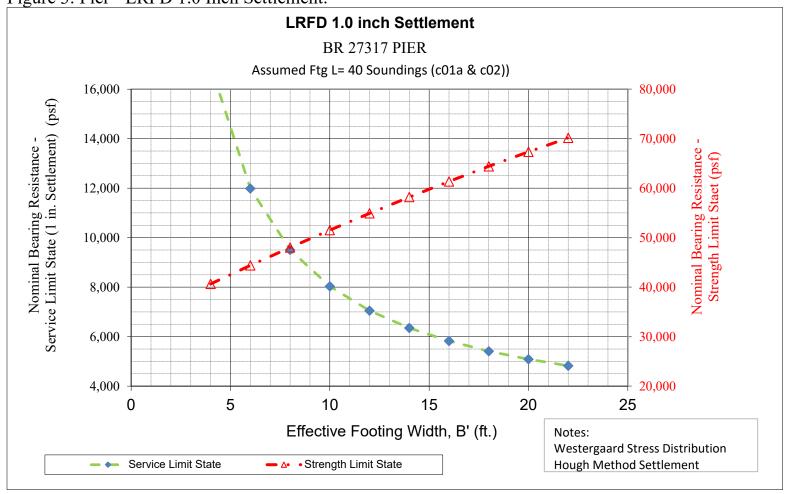








Figure 3: Pier - LRFD 1.0 Inch Settlement.









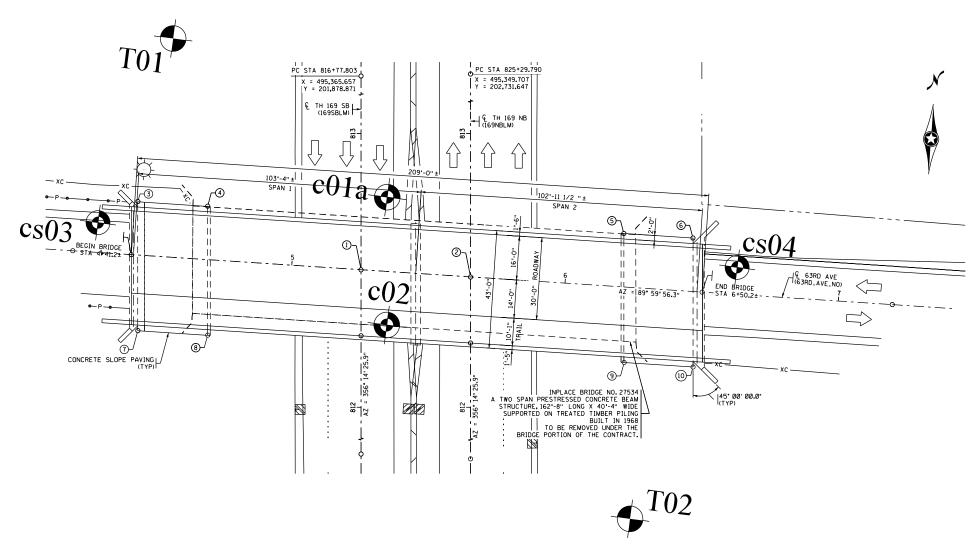




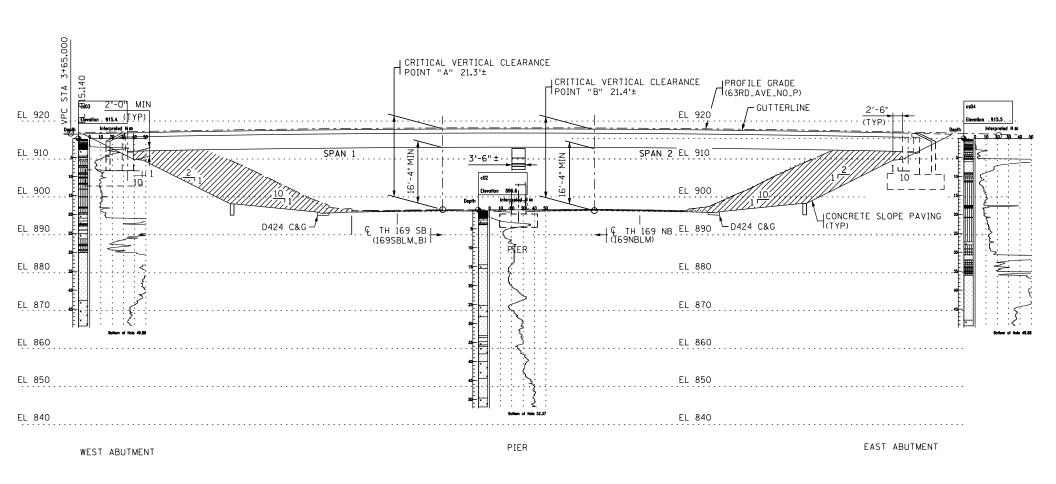




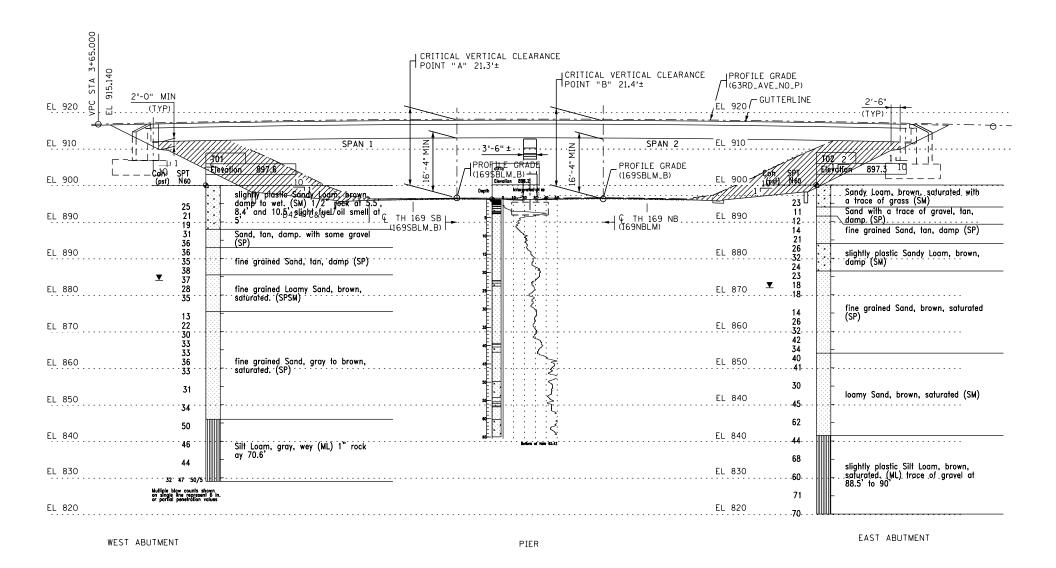




BRIDGE 27317 BORINGS/SOUNDINGS PLAN



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Boring Log Descriptive Terminology (English Units)



USER NOTES, ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS - Additional information available in Geotechnical Manual.

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Since subsurface conditions outside each borehole are unknown, and soil, rock and water conditions cannot be relied upon to be consistent or uniform, no warrant is made that conditions adjacent to this boring will necessarily be the same as or similar to those shown on this log. Furthermore, the Department will not be responsible for any interpretations, assumptions, projections interpolations made by contractors, or other users of this log.

Water levels recorded on this log should be used with discretion since the use of drilling fluids in borings may seriously distort the true field conditions. Also, water levels in cohesive soils often take extended periods of time to reach equilibrium and thus reflect their true field level. Water levels can be expected to vary both seasonally and yearly. The absence of notations on this log regarding water does not necessarily mean that this boring was dry or that the contractor will not encounter subsurface water during the course of construction.

WH	. Weight of Hammer
WR	. Weight of Rod
Mud	. Drilling Fluids in Sample
CS	. Continuous Sample

SOIL/CORE TESTS

SPT N₆₀ ASTM D1586 Modified Blows per foot with 140 lb. hammer and a standard energy of 210 ft-lbs. This energy represents 60% of the potential energy of the system and is the average energy provided by a Rope & Cathead system.

Moisture Content

IVIC	. Moisture Content
COH	. Cohesion
γ	. Sample Density
ĹL	. Liquid Limit
PI	. Plasticity Index
Φ	. Phi Angle
REC	. Percent Core Recovered
RQD	. Rock Quality Description
(Percent of total	core interval consisting of
unbroken piece	s 4 inches or longer)
ACL	. Average Core Length
(Average length	of core that is greater than 4

inches long) Core Breaks Number of natural core breaks per 2-foot interval.

DISCONTINUITY SPACING

<u>Fractures</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Bedding</u>
Very Close	. <2 inches	.Very Thin
Close	. 2-12 inches	.Thin
Mod. Close	. 12-36 inches	.Medium
Wide	. >36 inches	.Thick

very loose......0-4 loose5-10 medium dense 11-24 dense25-50 very dense.....>50

Consistency - Cohesive Soils	<u>BPF</u>
very soft	0-1
soft	2-4
firm	5-8
stiff	9-15
very stiff	16-30
hard	31-60
very hard	> 60

COLOR

blk	. Black	wht	.White
grn	. Green	brn	.Brown
orng	. Orange	yel	.Yellow
dk	. Dark	İt	.Light
IOS	. Iron Oxide	Stained	•

GRAIN SIZE /PLASTICITY

VF Very Fine	plPlastic
F Fine	slplSlightly
Cr Coarse	Plastic

SOIL /BOCK TERMS

30IL/RU	SK IEKIVIS		
C	Clay	Lmst	Limestone
L	Loam	Sst	Sandstone
S	Sand	Dolo	Dolostone
Si	Silt	wx	weathered
G	Gravel (No. 1	Sieve to	3 inches)
Bldr	Boulder (over	3 inches)	
T	till (unsorted,	nonstratifi	ed glacial
deposits)			-

DRILLING SYMBOLS

Vane Shear Test

Washed Sample

Augered

Plug Drilled

(Collected during plug drilling)

Split Tube Sample

Thin Wall Sample

(SPT N₆₀ 2 in. spilt tube with liners)

(3 in. Shelby Tube)

Core Drilled (NV Core Barrel unless

otherwise noted)

Sample

Jetted

ΑJ

Jet

Continuous Soil

Augered & Jetted

Augered & Plug Drilled

WS

Mn/DOT Triangular Textural Soil **Classification System**

WATER MEASUREMENT

AB	After Bailing
AC	After Completion
AF	After Flushing
w/C	with Casing
w/M	with Mud
WSD	While Sampling/Drilling
w/AUG	with Hollow Stem Auge

MISCELLANEOUS

NA	Not Applicable
w/	with
w/o	with out
sat	saturated

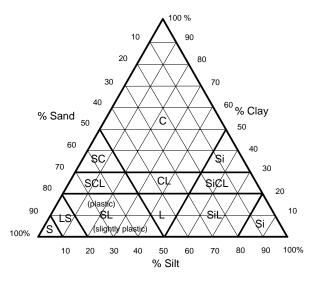
DRILLING OPERATIONS

AUG	Augered
CD	Core Drilled
DBD	Disturbed by Drilling
DBJ	Disturbed by Jetting
PD	Plug Drilled
ST	Split Tube (SPT test)
TW	Thinwall (Shelby Tube

...... Wash Sample

RELATIVE DENSITY

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Cone Penetration Test Index Sheet 1.0 (CPT 1.0)



USER NOTES, ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

This Index sheet accompanies Cone Penetration Test Data. Please refer to the Boring Log Descriptive Terminology Sheet for information relevant to conventional boring logs.

This Cone Penetration Test (CPT) Sounding follows ASTM D 5778 and was made by ordinary and conventional methods and with care deemed adequate for the Department's design purposes. Since this sounding was not taken to gather information relating to the construction of the project, the data noted in the field and recorded may not necessarily be the same as that which a contractor would desire. Department believes that the information as to the conditions and materials reported is accurate, it does not warrant that the information is necessarily complete. This information has been edited or abridged and may not reveal all the information which might be useful or of interest to the contractor. Consequently, the Department will make available at its offices, the field logs relating to this sounding

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Water pressure measurements and subsequent interpreted water levels shown on this log should be used with discretion since they represent dynamic Dynamic Pore water conditions. measurements may deviate substantially from hydrostatic conditions, especially in cohesive soils. In cohesive soils, water pressures often take extended periods of time to reach equilibrium and thus reflect their true field level. Water levels can be expected to vary both seasonally and yearly. The absence of notations on this log regarding water does not necessarily mean that this boring was dry or that the contractor will not encounter subsurface water during the course of construction.

CPT Terminology

CPT......Cone Penetration Test
CPTU.......Cone Penetration Test with Pore
Pressure measurements

SCPTU.......Cone Penetration Test with Pore Pressure and Seismic measurements

Piezocone...Common name for CPTU test

(Note: This test is \underline{not} related to the Dynamic Cone Penetrometer DCP)

q_T TIP RESISTANCE

The resistance at the cone corrected for water pressure. Data is from cone with 60 degree apex angle and a 10 cm² end area.

fs SLEEVE FRICTION RESISTANCE

The resistance along the sleeve of the penetrometer.

FR Friction Ratio

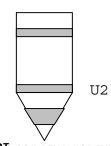
Ratio of sleeve friction over corrected tip resistance.
FR = fs/qt

Vs Shear Wave Velocity

A measure of the speed at which a siesmic wave travels through soil/rock.

PORE WATER MEASUREMENTS

Pore water measurements reported on CPT Log are representative of water pressures measured at the U2 location, just behind the cone tip, prior to the sleeve, as shown in the figure below. These measurements are considered to be dynamic water pressures due to the local disturbance caused by the cone tip. Dynamic water pressure decay and Static water pressure measurements are reported on a Pore Water Pressure Dissipation Graph.



SBT SOIL BEHAVIOR TYPE

Soil Classification methods for the Cone Penetration Test are based on correlation charts developed from observations of CPT data and conventional borings. Please note that these classification charts are meant to provide a guide to Soil Behavior Type and should not be used to infer a soil classification based on grain size distribution.

The numbers corresponding to different regions on the charts represent the following soil behavior types:

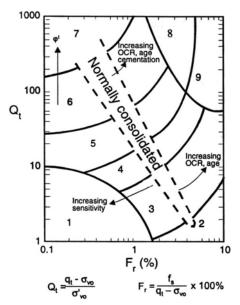
- 1. Sensitive, Fine Grained
- 2. Organic Soils Peats
- 3. Clays Clay to Silty Clay
- 4. Silt Mixtures Clayey Silt to Silty Clay
- 5. Sand Mixtures Silty Sand to Sandy Silt
- 6. Sands Clean Sand to Silty Sand
- 7. Gravelly Sand to Sand
- 8. Very Stiff Sand to Clayey Sand
- 9. Very Stiff, Fine Grained

Note that engineering judgment, and comparison with conventional borings is especially important in the proper interpretation of CPT data in certain geomaterials.

The following charts are used to provide a Soil Behavior Type for the CPT Data.

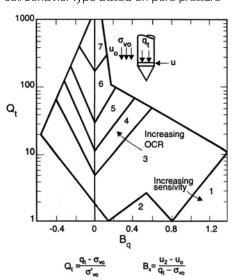
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Soil Behavior type based on friction ratio



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Soil Behavior type based on pore pressure



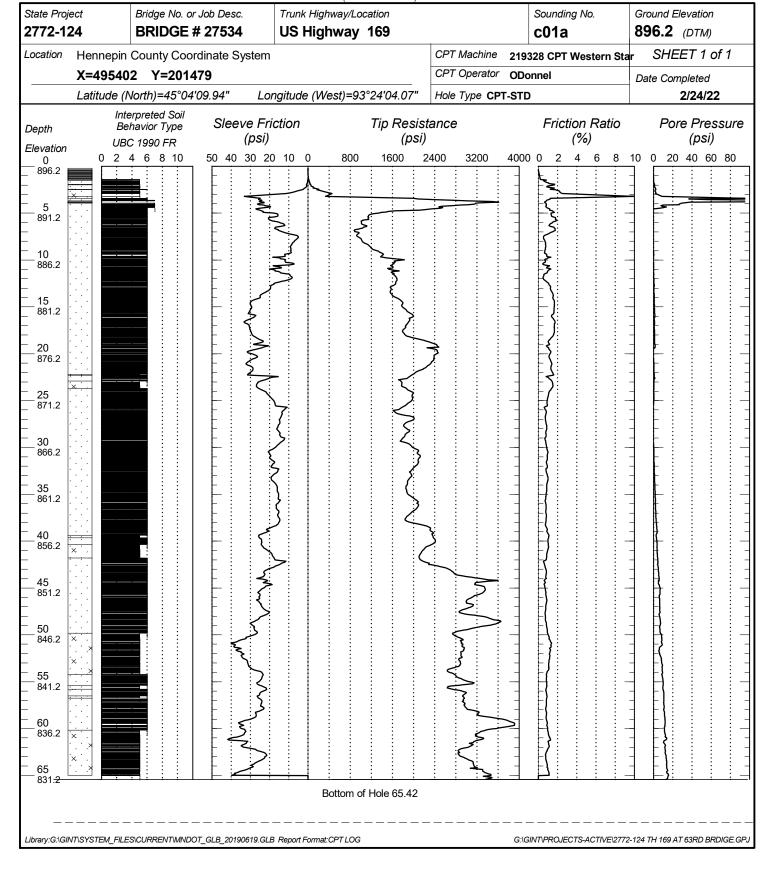
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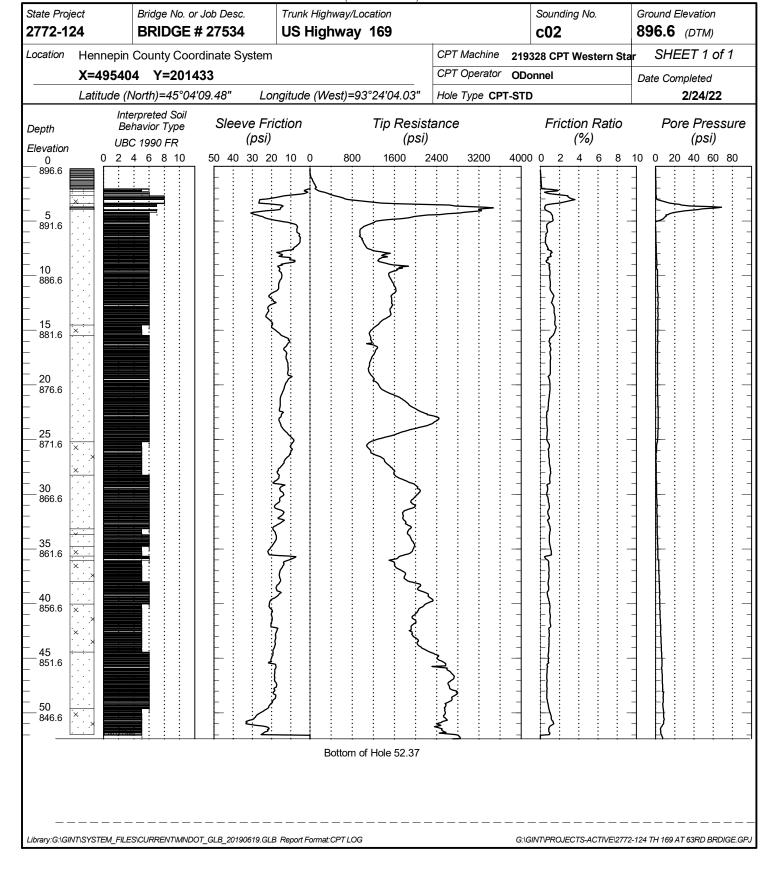




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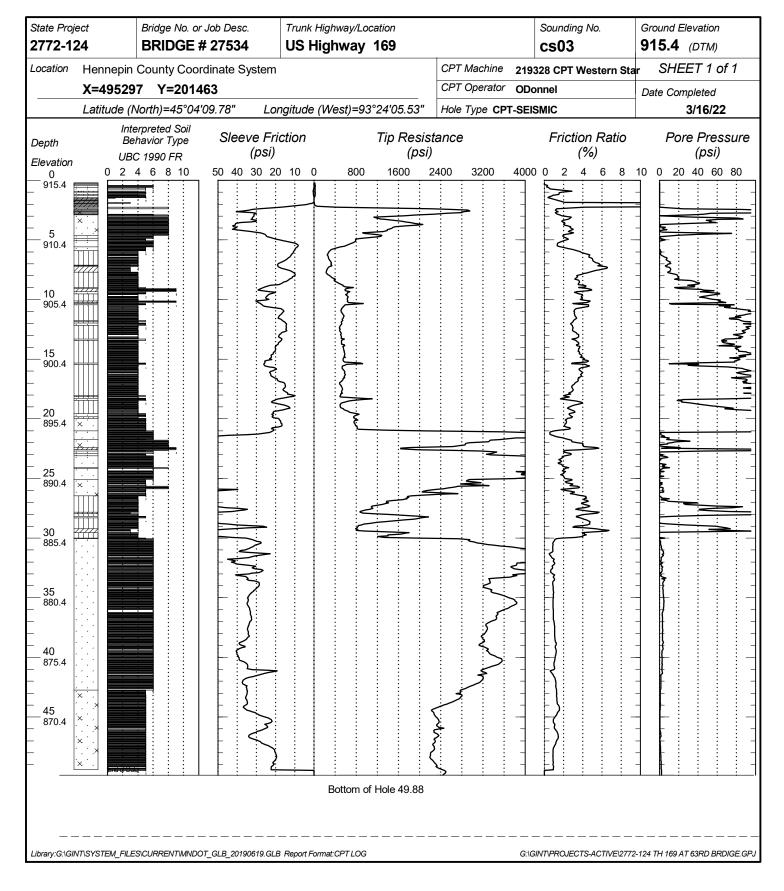
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