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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**  
**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING UNIT**

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**STRUCTURE**  
**SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION**

PROJ. REFERENCE NO. 33438 (B-4076) F.A. PROJ. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY CLEVELAND  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION BRIDGE 156 OVER BUFFALO CREEK  
ON SR 1804

SITE DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_  
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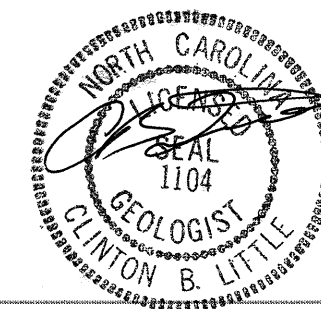
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**ID: B-4076**

**PROJECT: 33438**

DRAWN BY: C. LITTLE

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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

Table with columns: SOIL DESCRIPTION, GRADATION, ROCK DESCRIPTION, TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, COMPRESSIBILITY, PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL, GROUND WATER, MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS, EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT, FRACTURE SPACING, BEDDING, INDURATION, PLASTICITY, COLOR.



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October 04, 2005

STATE PROJECT: 33438  
I.D. : B-4076  
COUNTY: Cleveland  
DESCRIPTION: Bridge 156 over Buffalo Creek on SR 1804  
  
SUBJECT: Geotechnical Report - Bridge Foundation Investigation

**Project Description**

The site is in east-central Cleveland County, near the town of Waco. SR 1804 (Jim Elliot Road) is a two-lane rural road. The existing bridge is a one-lane timber deck structure with four spans. The bridge will be replaced at the existing location.

The proposed structure as investigated is a two span bridge (1@95', 1@85'), approximately 39' wide, centered at Station 18+31 -L-. The proposed skew is 90°.

The Geotechnical Field investigation was conducted in July 2005. A total of five test borings were conducted with a CME 550 drill rig utilizing 8" hollow stem augers (End Bents) or NXWL casing with NXWL core tools (interior bent). Borings EB1-A and EB2-A were performed on the shoulder of the existing roadway. Boring EB2-B was performed on the floodplain near the toe of the existing embankment. The interior bent borings (B1-A, B1-B) were conducted on the floodplain below/adjacent to the existing structure. Standard Penetration tests were conducted at five foot intervals in soil materials; representative bulk samples were collected and tested for grain size and Atterburg Limits. Hard rock materials were drilled and sampled on the interior bent with NXWL coring tools. Two rock core samples were submitted to the NCDOT lab for strength testing.

**Physiography and Geology**

The site is in an area of moderately rolling topography. Elevations immediately adjacent range from approximately 860 down to the flow elevation of the stream at about 788. The normal water surface elevation of the stream is 800.5. The 100-year flood

elevation is 811.32 (per the Hydraulics Unit report). The land immediately adjacent is undeveloped and lightly wooded.

The site is in the Piedmont Physiographic Region, Inner Piedmont Geologic Belt. This region is characterized by metamorphic rocks (amphibolite, schist, gneiss) with some granitic intrusions. Locally, the rock encountered is a thinly layered, biotite schist. Rock is exposed in the stream bed. Rock core samples obtained were all fresh and hard with high recovery and RQD rates.

**Foundation Description**

Soils encountered at the site include embankment fill soils associated with the existing roadway, alluvial soils (sandy silt and silty sand) within the floodplain, residual soils (micaceous coarse sand saprolite) with variable thickness, and weathered rock (transitional between saprolite and hard rock). There is a general pattern of thickening of the residual soil strata and increasing depth to rock from End Bent One toward End Bent Two.

**End Bent One**

Twelve feet of roadway fill, soft to stiff sandy silt rests on a thin (1.5') layer of sandy saprolite over hard rock. Groundwater was at the base of the fill, elevation 810±. *Top of rock elevation was about 809.*

**Interior Bent One**

Alluvial soils extend from the ground surface to depths of 8.5 to 10 feet. The sediment is predominantly soft wet clayey sandy silt. A lens of loose sand was encountered in boring B1-A at the base of the deposit. Residual materials were encountered at depths of 8 to 10 feet, consisting of a one to two foot layer of saprolite gradational to weathered rock. Hard rock was encountered at a depth of 11.7 and 12.1 feet in the two borings. *This places the top of hard rock between elevations 795 and 796.* Groundwater was present within the alluvial layer, between elevation 800-805. Groundwater elevations will be variable with weather conditions and can be expected to rise near the ground surface within the floodplain during wet periods.

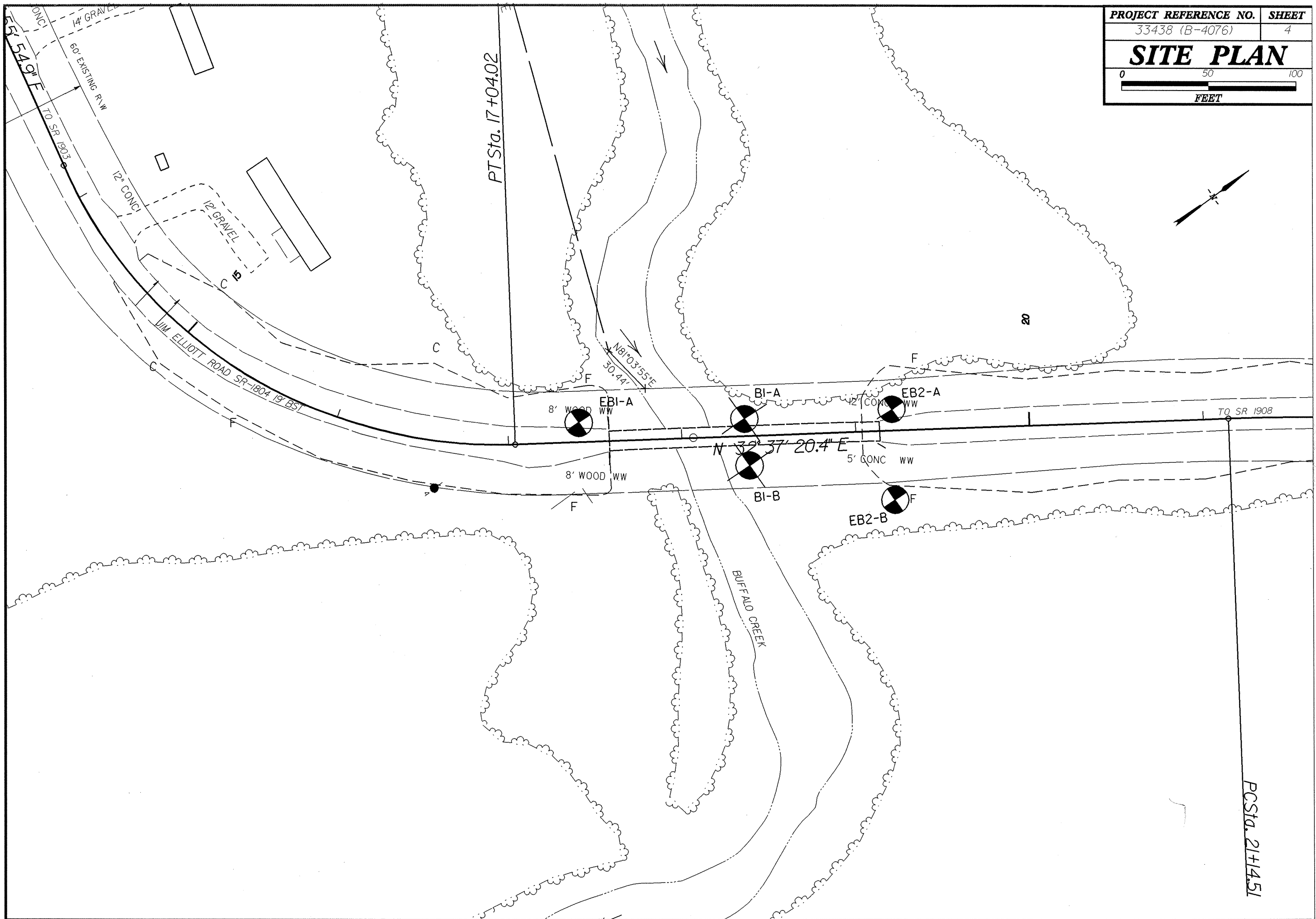
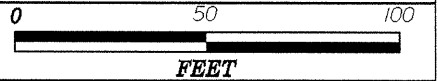
**End Bent Two**

Sixteen feet of roadway fill was encountered in boring EB2-A. It rests on alluvial soil consisting of loose sand or soft sandy silt. The alluvial soils were saturated. Residual soils were encountered at elevation 792 - 795. Thickness of residual soil varied from 3'(right) to 11'(left). *Weathered rock was encountered near elevation 780(left) and 792(right). The weathered rock grades into hard rock within one to two feet.*

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Regional Engineering Geologist

# SITE PLAN



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BRIDGE 156 OVER BUFFALO CREEK ON SR 1804 CLEVELAND COUNTY

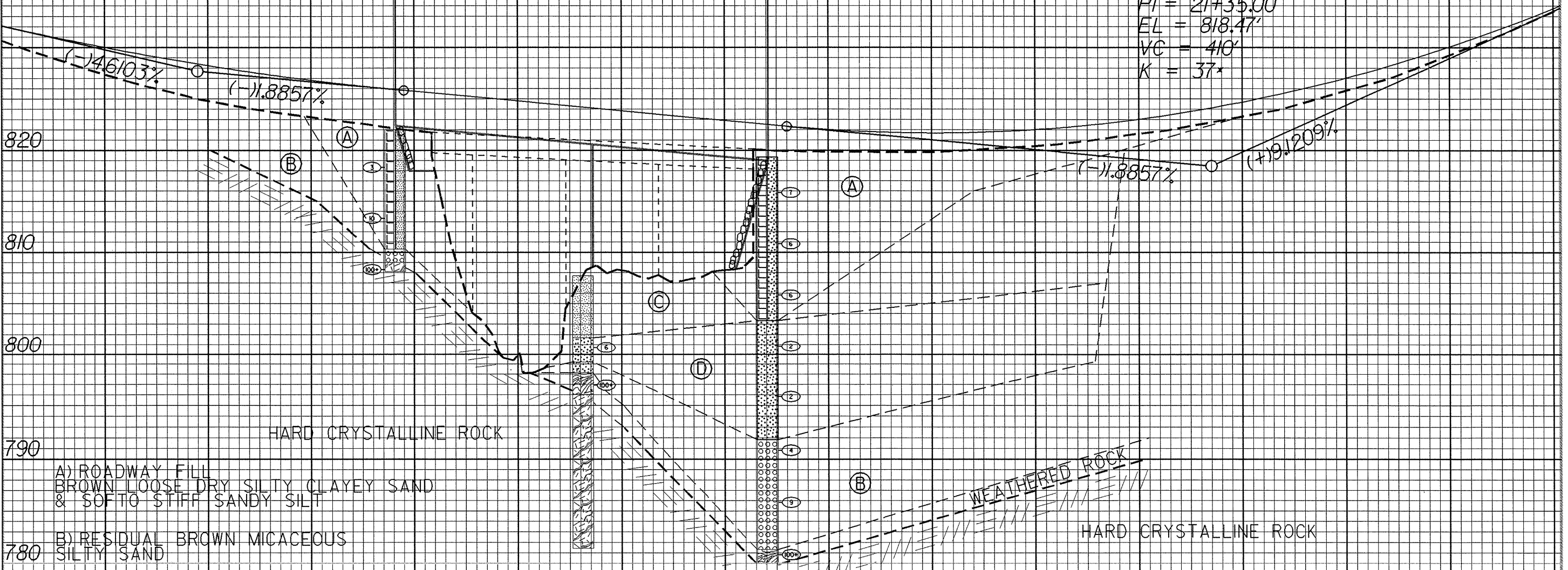
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PI = 16+45.00  
EL = 827.71'  
VC = 200'  
K = 73

PI = 21+35.00  
EL = 818.47'  
VC = 410'  
K = 37\*

BEGIN BRIDGE  
STA 17+41.00

END BRIDGE  
STA 19+21.00



820

810

800

790

780

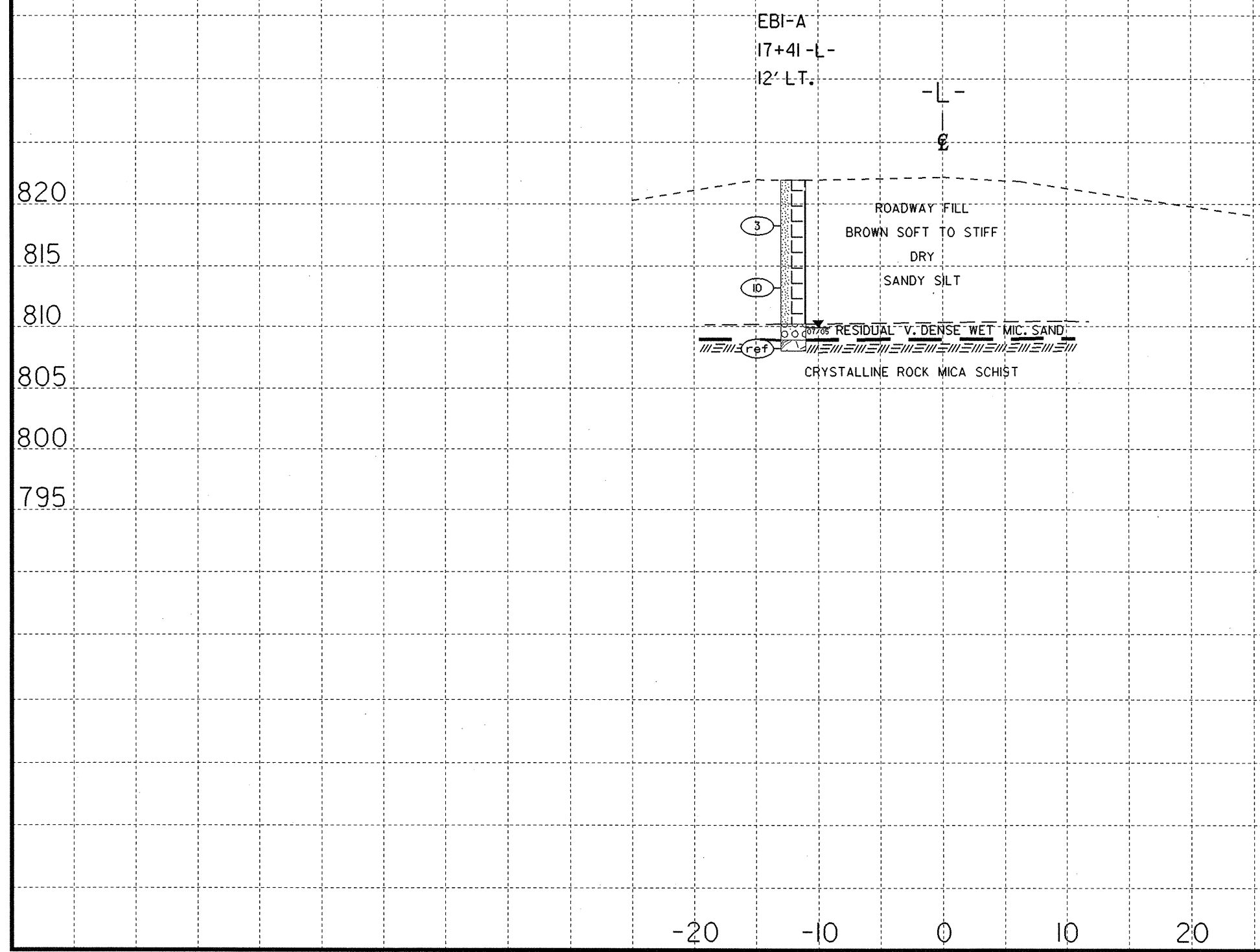
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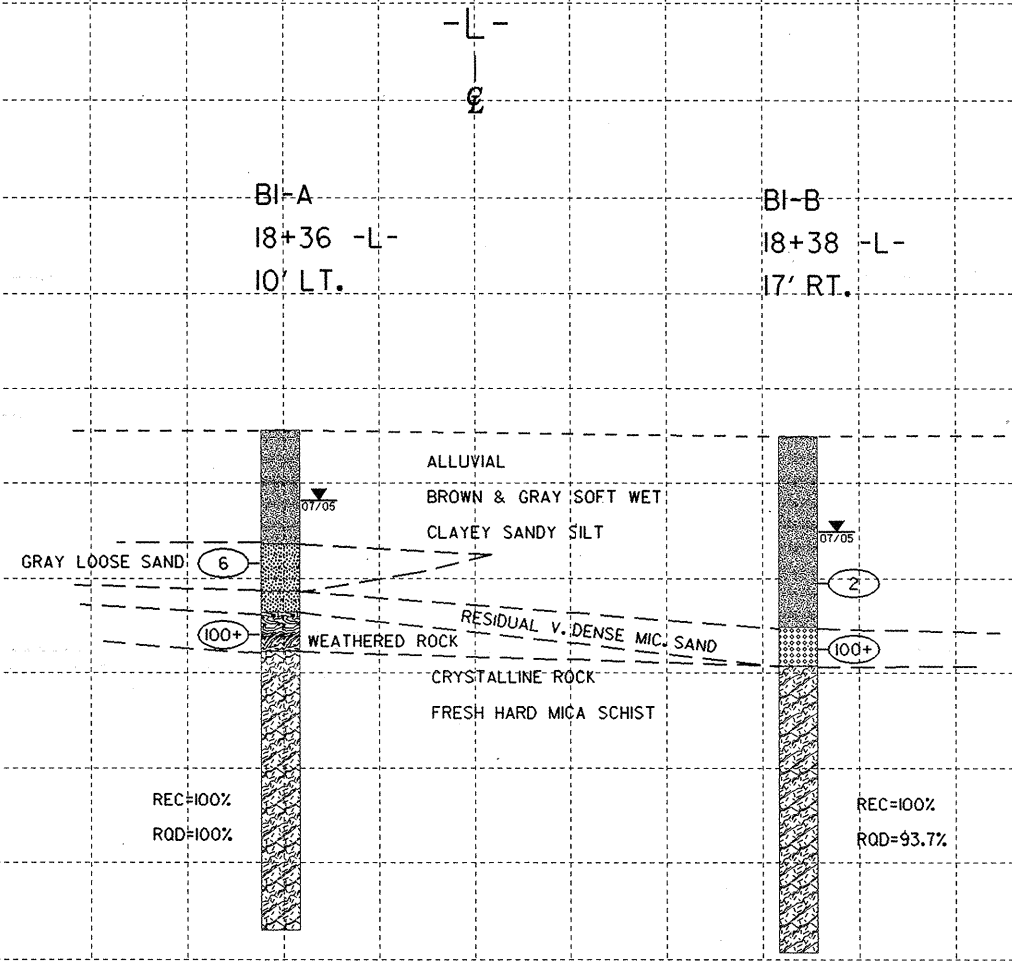
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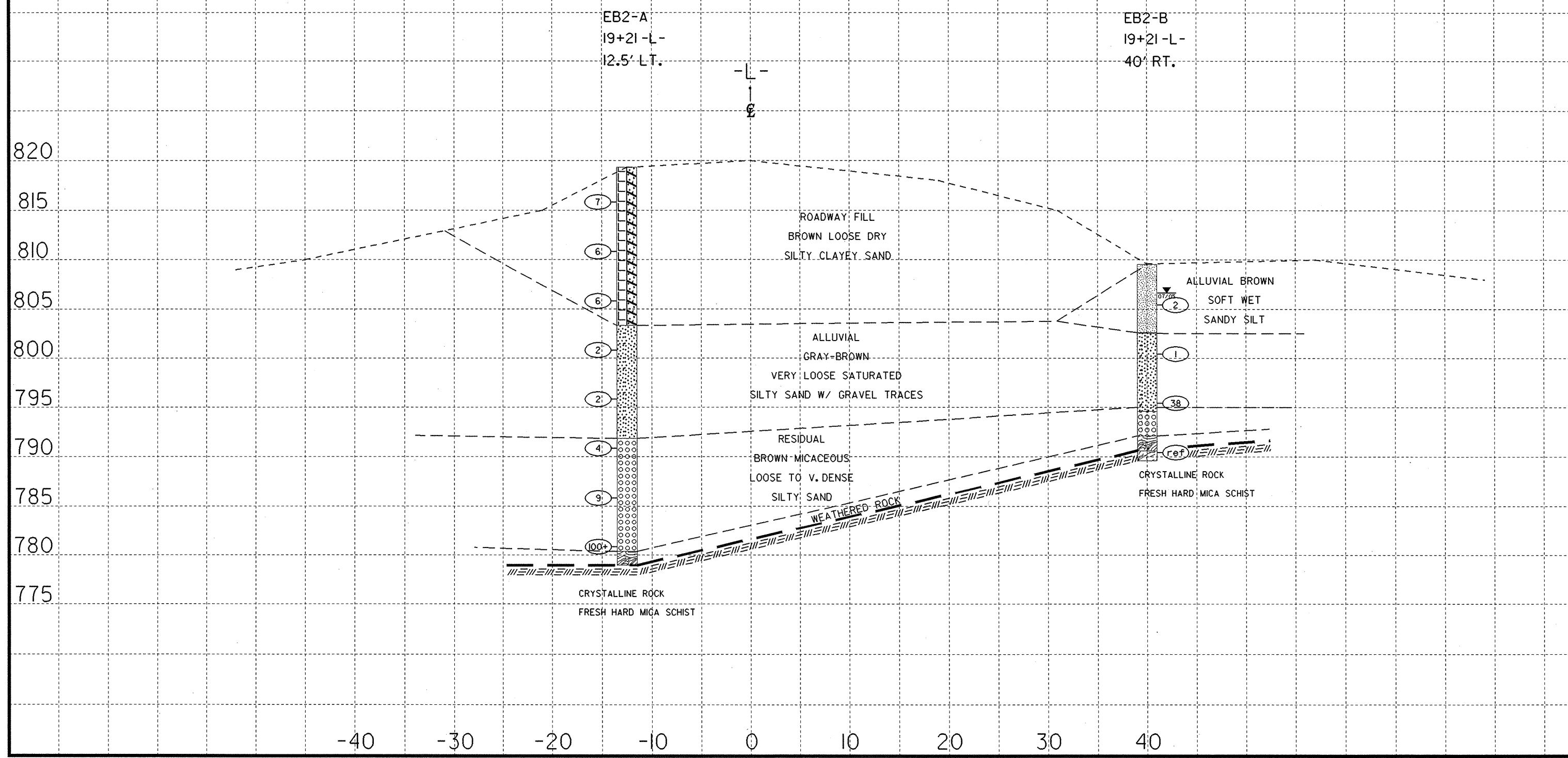
# SECTION THROUGH BI-A & BI-B

820  
815  
810  
805  
800  
795  
790  
785  
780

-40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40



# SECTION THROUGH EB2-A





NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 GEOTECHNICAL UNIT BORING LOG

PROJECT NO 33438		ID B-4076		COUNTY CLEVELAND		GEOLOGIST TODD							
SITE DESCRIPTION BRIDGE 156 OVER BUFFALO CREEK ON SR 1804							GND WATER						
BORING NO EB1-A		NORTHING 0.00		EASTING 0.00		0 HR N/A							
ALIGNMENT L		BORING LOCATION 17+41.000		OFFSET 12.00ft LT		24 HR 12.00ft							
COLLAR ELEV 821.90ft		TOTAL DEPTH 13.90ft		START DATE 7/28/05		COMPLETION DATE 07/28/05							
DRILL MACHINE CME 550			DRILL METHOD H.S. AUGERS			HAMMER TYPE AUTOMATIC							
SURFACE WATER DEPTH			DEPTH TO ROCK N/A			Log EB1-A, Page 1 of 1							
ELEV	DEPTH	BLOW CT			PEN (ft)	BLOWS PER FOOT				SAMPLE NO	MOI	LOG	SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION
		6in	6in	6in		0	25	50	75				
821.90													
820.00	3.70	2	1	2	1.0	3							ROADWAY FILL BROWN SANDY SILT
	8.70	3	4	6	1.0	10							
810.00													
808.00	13.70	100			0.1	100							RESIDUAL V. DENSE MICACEOUS SAND
													CRYSTALLINE ROCK MOD. SEVERELY WEATHERED MICA SCHIST

AUGER REFUSAL ON ROCK AT 13.9' ELEVATION 808.0

Ground Surface

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BORING NO B1-A		NORTHING 0.00		EASTING 0.00		0 HR N/A									
ALIGNMENT L		BORING LOCATION 18+36.000		OFFSET 10.00ft LT		24 HR 3.50ft									
COLLAR ELEV 807.60ft		TOTAL DEPTH 26.30ft		START DATE 7/26/05		COMPLETION DATE 07/26/05									
DRILL MACHINE CME 550			DRILL METHOD SPT CORE BORING			HAMMER TYPE AUTOMATIC									
SURFACE WATER DEPTH			DEPTH TO ROCK N/A			Log B1-A, Page 1 of 1									
ELEV	DEPTH	BLOW CT			PEN (ft)	BLOWS PER FOOT					SAMPLE NO	MOI	LOG	SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION	
		6in	6in	6in		0	25	50	75	100					
807.60															Ground Surface
800.00	7.00	1	3	3	1.0	6						SS-3	▼		ALLUVIAL BROWN SOFT CLAYEY F. SANDY SILT
	10.80	100			0.5				100			SS-3A	W		GRAY LOOSE SAND
															RESIDUAL V. DENSE MICACEOUS SAND
															WEATHERED ROCK
															FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST REC=100% RQD = 100%
790.00															
781.30															TERMINATED AT 26.3' ELEVATION 781.3' IN FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST

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BORING NO B1-B		NORTHING 0.00		EASTING 0.00		0 HR N/A									
ALIGNMENT EL		BORING LOCATION 18+38.000		OFFSET 17.00ft RT		24 HR 5.00ft									
COLLAR ELEV 807.50ft		TOTAL DEPTH 27.10ft		START DATE 7/17/05		COMPLETION DATE 07/27/05									
DRILL MACHINE CME 550			DRILL METHOD SPT CORE BORING			HAMMER TYPE AUTOMATIC									
SURFACE WATER DEPTH			DEPTH TO ROCK N/A			Log B1-B, Page 1 of 1									
ELEV	DEPTH	BLOW CT			PEN (ft)	BLOWS PER FOOT					SAMPLE NO	MOI	LOG	SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION	
		6in	6in	6in		0	25	50	75	100					
807.50															Ground Surface
800.00	7.70	1	1	1	1.0	2						SS-1	▼		ALLUVIAL GRAY SOFT F. SANDY SILT
	11.20	8	100		1.0				100			SS-2 RS-1	W		RESIDUAL GRAY-WHITE MICACEOUS SAND
												RS-2			FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST REC=100% RQD=70% BREAKS ON 5 DEG. FOLIATION
															FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST REC=100% RQD=100%
															FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST REC=100% RQD=98% BREAKS ON FOLIATION
															FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST REC=100% RQD=93% BREAKS ON FOLIATION
790.00															
780.40															TERMINATED AT 27.1' ELEVATION 780.4' IN FRESH HARD MICA SCHIST

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SITE DESCRIPTION BRIDGE 156 OVER BUFFALO CREEK ON SR 1804							GND WATER								
BORING NO EB2-A		NORTHING 0.00		EASTING 0.00		0 HR N/A	24 HR N/A								
ALIGNMENT L		BORING LOCATION 19+21.000		OFFSET 12.50ft LT											
COLLAR ELEV 819.40ft		TOTAL DEPTH 39.40ft		START DATE 7/28/05		COMPLETION DATE 07/28/05									
DRILL MACHINE CME 550			DRILL METHOD H.S. AUGERS			HAMMER TYPE AUTOMATIC									
SURFACE WATER DEPTH			DEPTH TO ROCK N/A			Log EB2-A, Page 1 of 1									
ELEV	DEPTH	BLOW CT			PEN (ft)	BLOWS PER FOOT					SAMPLE NO.	MOI	LOG	SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION	
		6in	6in	6in		0	25	50	75	100					
819.40															Ground Surface
	3.50	2	3	4	1.0		7					SS-7	D		ROADWAY FILL BROWN SILTY CLAYEY SAND
810.00	8.50	3	3	3	1.0		6								
	13.50	2	3	3	1.0		6						D		
800.00	18.50	1	1	1	1.0		2					SS-8	SAT		ALLUVIAL GRAY-BROWN SAND W/ GRAVEL TRACES
	23.50	1	1	1	1.0		2								
790.00	28.50	2	2	2	1.0		4						SAT		RESIDUAL BROWN MICACEOUS SILTY SAND
	33.50	2	4	5	1.0		9						W		
780.00	38.50	100			0.2				100						WEATHERED ROCK (MICA SCHIST)
															AUGER REFUSAL ON ROCK AT 39.4' ELEVATION 780.0

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BORING NO EB2-B		NORTHING 0.00		EASTING 0.00		0 HR N/A	24 HR 3.00ft								
ALIGNMENT L		BORING LOCATION 19+21.000		OFFSET 40.00ft RT											
COLLAR ELEV 809.50ft		TOTAL DEPTH 20.00ft		START DATE 7/28/05		COMPLETION DATE 07/28/05									
DRILL MACHINE CME 550			DRILL METHOD H.S. AUGERS			HAMMER TYPE AUTOMATIC									
SURFACE WATER DEPTH			DEPTH TO ROCK N/A			Log EB2-B, Page 1 of 1									
ELEV	DEPTH	BLOW CT			PEN (ft)	BLOWS PER FOOT					SAMPLE NO.	MOI	LOG	SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION	
		6in	6in	6in		0	25	50	75	100					
809.50															Ground Surface
	4.00	1	1	1	1.0		2					SS-4	W		ALLUVIAL BROWN FINE SANDY SILT
800.00	9.00	0	0	1	1.0		1					SS-5	SAT		GRAY SILTY FINE SAND
	14.00	3	4	34	1.0		38					SS-6	W		RESIDUAL BROWN VERY MICACEOUS SILTY SAND
789.50	19.00	100			0.1				100						WEATHERED ROCK (MICA SCHIST)
															CRYSTALLINE ROCK MOD. SEVERELY WEATHERED MICA SCHIST
															AUGER REFUSAL ON ROCK AT 20.0' ELEVATION 789.5

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T. I. P. No. B-4076

REPORT ON SAMPLES OF SOILS FOR QUALITY

Project 33834.1.1 County CLEVELAND Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: Sampled 7/5/05 Received 8/9/05 Reported 8/11/2005  
 Sampled from BRIDGE By J P ROGERS  
 Submitted by N WAINAINA 1995 Standard Specifications

725087 TO 725096  
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TEST RESULTS

Proj. Sample No.	SS-1	SS-2	SS-3	SS-3A	SS-4	SS-5
Lab. Sample No.	725087	725088	725089	725090	725091	725092
Retained #4 Sieve %	-	51	-	-	-	-
Passing #10 Sieve %	100	37	100	100	100	100
Passing #40 Sieve %	99	23	98	98	97	96
Passing #200 Sieve %	43	10	68	31	46	26

MINUS NO. 10 FRACTION

SOIL MORTAR - 100%						
Coarse Sand Ret - #60 %	8.1	49.6	5.2	12.9	9.3	20.2
Fine Sand Ret - #270 %	57.7	30.6	37.7	58.9	51.6	60.3
Silt 0.05 - 0.005 mm %	20.2	15.7	28.8	15.1	19.0	10.5
Clay < 0.005 mm %	14.1	4.0	28.2	13.1	20.2	9.1
Passing #40 Sieve %	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passing #200 Sieve %	-	-	-	-	-	-

L. L.	25	23	35	23	25	27
P. I.	6	NP	10	4	4	NP
AASHTO Classification	A-4(0)	A-1-a(0)	A-4(6)	A-2-4(0)	A-4(0)	A-2-4(0)
Station						
LOCATION	B1-B	B1-B	B1A	B1A	EB2-B	EB2-B
Hole No.						
Depth (Ft)	7.70	11.20	0.00	7.00	4.00	9.00
to	9.20	11.90	6.00	8.50	5.50	10.50

cc: J P ROGERS  
 Soils File

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TEST RESULTS

Proj. Sample No.	SS-6	SS-7	SS-8	SS-9
Lab. Sample No.	725093	725094	725095	725096
Retained #4 Sieve %	48	13	-	3
Passing #10 Sieve %	45	82	100	93
Passing #40 Sieve %	35	69	99	75
Passing #200 Sieve %	16	35	31	37

MINUS NO. 10 FRACTION

SOIL MORTAR - 100%				
Coarse Sand Ret - #60 %	31.9	26.6	10.0	28.4
Fine Sand Ret - #270 %	41.1	35.5	65.6	37.7
Silt 0.05 - 0.005 mm %	19.0	15.7	12.3	13.7
Clay < 0.005 mm %	8.1	22.2	12.1	20.2
Passing #40 Sieve %	-	-	-	-
Passing #200 Sieve %	-	-	-	-

L. L.	29	28	22	24
P. I.	NP	10	NP	8
AASHTO Classification	A-1-b(0)	A-2-4(0)	A-2-4(0)	A-4(0)
Station				
LOCATION	EB2-B	EB2A	EB2A	EB1-A
Hole No.				
Depth (Ft)	14.00	3.50	18.50	3.70
to	15.50	5.00	20.00	5.20



# FIELD SCOUR REPORT

WBS: 33438 TIP: B-4076 COUNTY: Cleveland

DESCRIPTION(1): Bridge 156 over Buffalo Creek on SR 1804

### EXISTING BRIDGE

Information from: Field Inspection  Microfilm \_\_\_\_\_ (reel \_\_\_\_\_ pos: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Bridge No.: 156 Length: 155 Total Bents: 5 Bents in Channel: 1 Bents in Floodplain: 4  
 Foundation Type: UNKNOWN

#### EVIDENCE OF SCOUR(2)

Abutments or End Bent Slopes: NONE

Interior Bents: NONE

Channel Bed: NONE

Channel Bank: NONE

#### EXISTING SCOUR PROTECTION

Type(3): RIP-RAP

Extent(4): 20' LT. OF CL TO 50' DOWNSTREAM - BOTH CHANNEL BANKS

Effectiveness(5): GOOD (PLACED FOR AFTER WATER LINE INSTALLATION)

Obstructions(6): NONE

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Describe the specific site's location, including route number and body of water crossed.
- 2 Note scour evidence at existing end bents or abutments (e.g. undermining, sloughing, degradations).
- 3 Note existing scour protection (e.g. rip rap).
- 4 Describe extent of existing scour protection.
- 5 Describe whether or not the scour protection appears to be working.
- 6 Note obstructions such as dams, fallen trees, debris at bents, etc.
- 7 Describe the channel bed material based on observation and/or samples. Include any lab results with report.
- 8 Describe the channel bank material based on observation and/or samples. Include any lab results with report.
- 9 Describe the material covering the banks (e.g. grass, trees, rip rap, none).
- 10 Determine the approximate floodplain width from field observation or a topographic map.
- 11 Describe the material covering the floodplain (e.g. grass, trees, crops).
- 12 Use professional judgement to specify if the stream is degrading, aggrading, or static.
- 13 Describe potential and direction of the stream to migrate laterally during the bridge's life (approx. 100 years).
- 14 Give the geotechnically adjusted scour elevation (GASE) expected over the life of the bridge (approx. 100 years). This elevation can be given as a range across the site, or for each bent. Discuss the relationship between the Hydraulics Unit theoretical scour and the GASE. If the GASE is dependent on scour counter measures, explain (e.g. rip rap armoring on slopes). The GASE is based on the erodability of materials, giving consideration to the influence of joints, foliation, bedding characteristics, % core recovery, % RQD, differential weathering, shear strength, observations at existing structures, other tests deemed appropriate, and overall geologic conditions at the site.

### DESIGN INFORMATION

Channel Bed Material(7): ROCK

Channel Bank Material(8): SOFT ALLUVIAL SANDY SILT AS SS-3, SS-4

Channel Bank Cover(9): TREES - MOST LEANING TOWARD STREAM

Floodplain Width(10): 400'

Floodplain Cover(11): WOODS

Stream is(12): Aggrading \_\_\_\_\_ Degrading X Static \_\_\_\_\_

Channel Migration Tendency(13): NONE

Observations and Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

GEOTECHNICALLY ADJUSTED SCOUR ELEVATIONS(14) Feet X Meters \_\_\_\_\_

#### BENTS

EB1	B1	EB2							
816.5	796	NA							

Comparison of GASE to Hydraulics Unit theoretical scour:

EB1 GASE = Theoretical

B1 GASE = Theoretical which is also coincident with top of rock.

#### SOIL ANALYSIS RESULTS FROM CHANNEL BED AND BANK MATERIAL

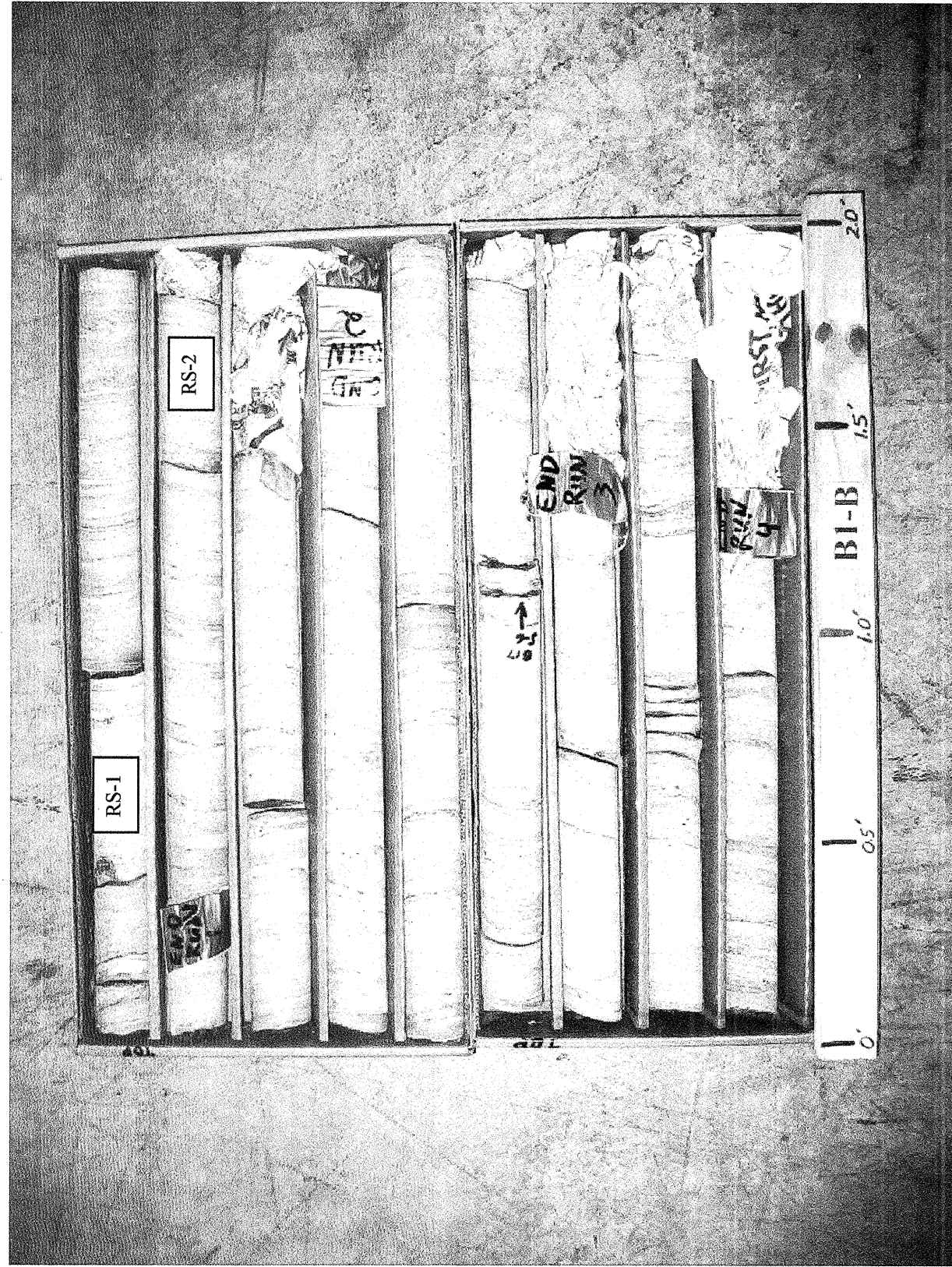
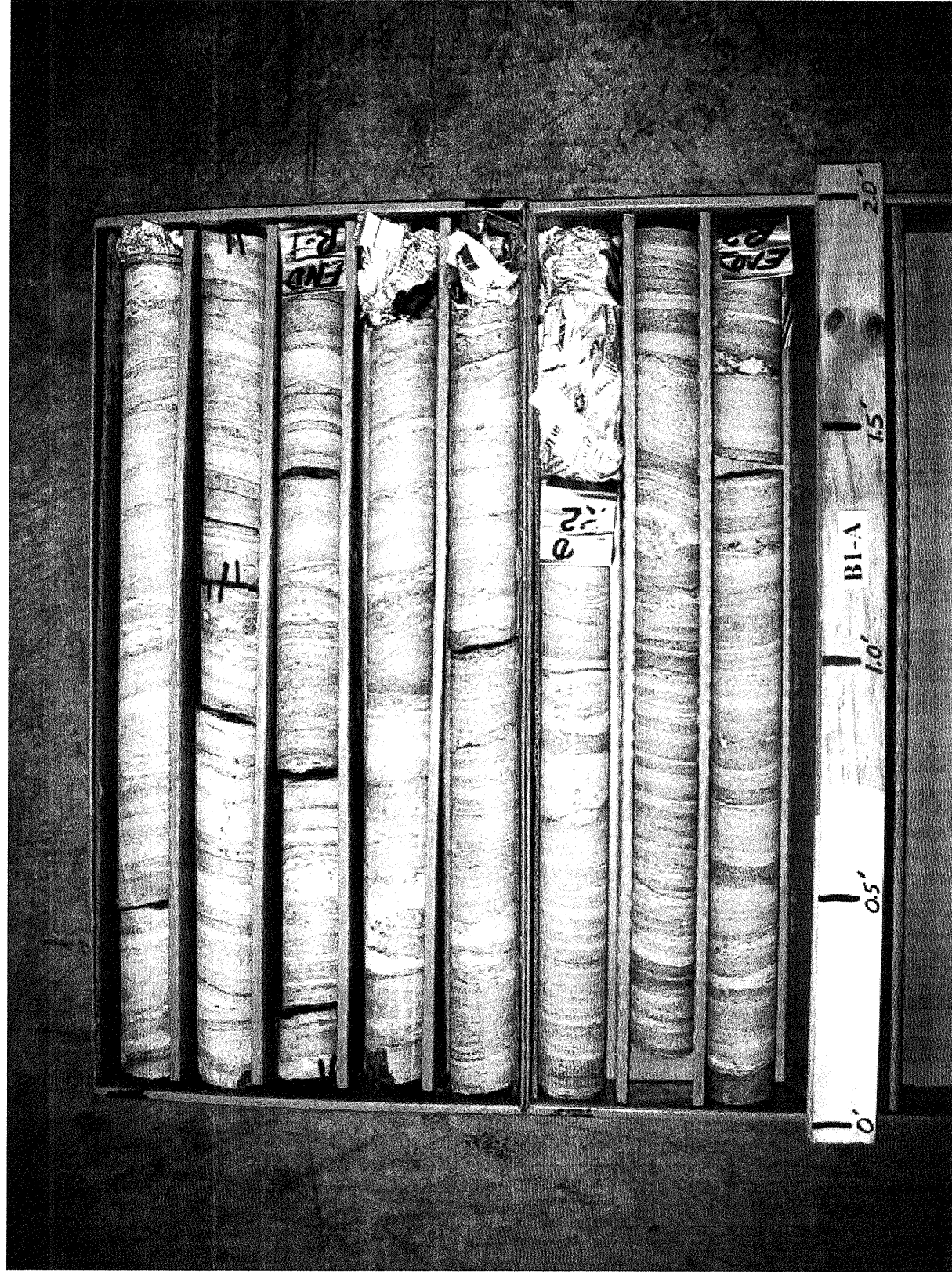
Bed or Bank							
Sample No.							
Retained #4							
Passed #10	See Sheet 12, "Soil Test Results", for samples: Coarse Sand SS-3 Fine Sand SS-4						
Passed #40							
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Coarse Sand							
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CORE PHOTOS





EXISTING BRIDGE LINE AHEAD



EXISTING BRIDGE LINE BACK