



UNDERWATER BRIDGE

INSPECTION REPORT

STRUCTURE NO. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853) SR 2 OVER PORTAGE RIVER OVERFLOW OTTAWA COUNTY, OH DISTRICT 2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project:	ODOT District 2 Underwater Bridge Inspections - 2020				
Purpose of Project:	To perform a detailed visual and tactile underwater investigation of underwater bridges for District 2 of the Ohio Department of Transportation.				
Inspection Team:	Team Leader – Joshua Johnson, P.E. – Collins Engineers, Inc. Team Member – Matthew Rogers, E.I.T. – Collins Engineers, Inc. Team Member – Nicholas Lane – Collins Engineers, Inc.				
Inspection Date(s):	May 15, 2020				
Water Visibility:	0 ft	Water Velocity:	<1 ft/s		
Water Temperature:	54 °F	Weather:	Overcast – 70 °F		
Waterline Elevation:	571.8 ft	Type of Boat:	23 ft Carolina Skiff		
Coordinates:	41.510761°N, -82.988134°W				
Access Location:	Portage River Wildlife Access				
Dive Mode:	Surface Supplied Air				
Waterline Reference:	8.7 ft below the top of headwall at the upstream end of Abutment 2.				
Maximum Depth at SS	<i>11.5</i> – Northeast corner of Abutment 2				
Shoreline Conditions:		The west and east shorelines consisted of moderately vegetated, well protected moderate slopes with no signs of erosion.			

Summary of Findings:

- Abutment 1:
 - The footing, located at 10.8 ft below the water surface, was exposed for a 90 ft total length, beginning 10 ft upstream of the northwest corner and continuing to 4.5 ft around the southwest corner, with varying amounts of vertical face exposure, up to 2 ft maximum.
 - At the southwest wingwall, there was a spall measuring 10 in. wide by 2 ft high by 2 in. deep, with one exposed horizontal reinforcing bar and one exposed vertical reinforcing bar, located 2 ft above the footing.
 - The channel bottom material consisted of packed sand with no probe rod penetration.
 - The submerged portions of the abutment exhibited light scaling up to 1/16 in. deep.

• Abutment 2:

- The footing, located at 10.8 ft below the water surface, was exposed for an 80 ft total length, beginning 10 ft upstream of the northeast corner and ending approximately 10 ft downstream of the southeast corner, with varying amounts of vertical face exposure, up to 2.5 ft maximum.
- At the northeast wingwall, there was a spall measuring 2.5 ft wide by 1 ft high by 1 in. deep.
- At the middle of the abutment stem, there was a spall measuring 5 in. wide by 18 in. high by 1 in. deep, located 5 ft above the footing at the construction joint.
- At the south end of the abutment stem, there was a spall measuring 5 in. wide by 3 ft high by 1 in. deep, located 2 ft above the footing.





- At the southeast wingwall, there was a spall measuring 5 in. wide by 3 ft high by 1 in. deep, located 18 in. above the channel bottom.
- \circ $\;$ The channel bottom material consisted of packed sand with no probe rod penetration.
- \circ The submerged portions of the abutment exhibited light scaling up to 1/16 in. deep.

Summary of Recommendations:

- Monitor exposed footing at Abutments 1 and 2.
- Monitor spalls on Abutments 1 and 2.





Underwater Inspection Coding:

NBI Ratings:

Item	Description	Coding	Condition
60	Substructure	6 - Satisfactory Condition	Spalls, Exposed Footing
61	Channel	7 – Good Condition	Erosion, Trees Embedded
			in Channel
62	Culvert	N/A	
92B	UW Insp. Frequency	60 Months	
93B	Previous Insp. Date	5/15/20	
113	Scour Critical Bridges	5 – Within Foundation Limits	Stable (Inspector Recommended)

AASHTO National Bridge Element (NBE) Ratings:

					Conditi	on State	
Element #	Description	Units	Total	1	2	3	4
215	Reinforced Concrete Abutment	LF	220	215	5	0	0

Note: Ratings were developed using the FHWA Recording and Coding Guide for the Structure Inventory and Appraisal of the Nation's Bridges. The recommended ratings consider inspected elements located within the waterway and conditions existing below the water surface only. Additional consideration is necessary for the assignment of overall condition ratings for this bridge.





1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 <u>Purpose and Scope</u>

This report consists of the results of a detailed underwater investigation performed at the SR 2 Bridge over Portage River Overflow in Ottawa County, OH. Collins Engineers, Inc. (Collins) conducted the underwater investigation for District 2 of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on May 15, 2020. The primary purpose of the investigation was as follows:

- Determine the condition of the substructure components located in the water at the time of the inspection from the waterline to the channel bottom.
- Obtain channel bottom depth measurements along the bridge fascias, upstream and downstream of the bridge, and around the submerged substructure units.
- Obtain channel profile cross sections at the upstream and downstream fascias.
- Determine the condition of the shorelines in the vicinity of the structure.
- Obtain photographs of the bridge and any significant defects.

In addition, a brief inspection was made of areas that could be submerged during periods of high water. The following report includes a description of the structure, the method of investigation, a description of existing conditions, an evaluation and recommendations based on the conditions, inspection figures, and photographs.

1.2 <u>General Description of the Structure</u>

Structure No. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853) spans 20 ft, carrying SR 2 over Portage River Overflow and is approximately 24 ft wide. The bridge superstructure is constructed of one concrete slab span. The roadway orientation of the longitudinal axis of the bridge is west to east. The substructure units are labeled as Abutments 1 and 2. Existing record drawings were available at the time of the inspection. Refer to Figure 1 in Exhibit 1 for a Location Map of the bridge. Refer to Photographs 1 and 2 in Exhibit 2 for overall views of the bridge.

1.3 <u>Method of Investigation</u>

A detailed field inspection was conducted to determine the physical condition of the submerged bridge substructure units from the waterline to the channel bottom. A brief visual examination of the substructure units above the waterline was also made.





A three-person team consisting of a professional engineer-diver and team leader (Joshua Johnson, P.E.), an engineer-diver (Matthew Rogers, E.I.T.), and a technician-diver (Nicholas Lane) conducted the underwater inspection. The inspection was conducted using surface supplied air diving equipment. During the inspection, the inspectors worked from a boat and a note taker in the boat recorded the inspection notes.

The underwater inspection consisted of a visual and tactile examination of the accessible surfaces of the substructure units from the waterline to the channel bottom with particular attention given to any observed areas of deterioration or apparent distress. Approximately 10 percent of the total area on the underwater surfaces of the substructure units was cleaned so that the condition could be more closely examined. Photographs were taken to document the general conditions and observed deficiencies. Underwater photographs could not be obtained due to poor water conditions. The type of channel bottom material, the presence or extent of scour, the presence or extent of riprap, the presence or extent of drift and debris, and the location of any foundation exposure or undermining were noted.

Channel bottom soundings were performed utilizing a telescoping survey rod and pneumofathometer. Soundings were collected at quarter points along the bridge centerline as well as at quarter points along the upstream and downstream fascias and 50 ft fascias. Additional soundings were collected adjacent to Abutments 1 and 2 and at 10 feet intervals in-line with the abutments, upstream and downstream, and the waterline was referenced to a known elevation on the bridge. A sounding plan was developed using the soundings and approximate location of the shorelines. Refer to Figures 2 through 5 in Exhibit 1 for the sounding plan and channel cross sections that show the channel limits and water depths around the structure.

2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

2.1 <u>General Conditions</u>

At the time of the inspection, the waterline of 6200362 (OTT-2-1853) was located approximately 8.7 ft below the top of headwall at the upstream end of Abutment 2, which corresponds to a waterline elevation of 571.8 ft. During the inspection, the waterway was flowing at approximately <1 ft per second. The bridge substructure skew was consistent with the channel alignment and does not require attention at this time. The west and east shorelines consisted of moderately vegetated, well protected moderate slopes with no signs of erosion. Refer to Photographs 3 through 6 in Exhibit 2 for views of the shorelines near the structure.





2.2 <u>Substructure Conditions</u>

2.2.1 Abutment 1

The channel bottom material around Abutment 1 consisted of sand with no probe rod penetration. The footing, located at 10.8 feet below the water surface, was exposed for a 90 foot total length, beginning 10 feet upstream of the northwest corner and continuing to 4.5 feet around the southwest corner, with varying amounts of vertical face exposure, up to 2 feet maximum. At the southwest wingwall, there was a spall measuring 10 inches wide by 2 feet high by 2 inches deep, with one exposed horizontal reinforcing bar and one exposed vertical reinforcing bar, located 2 feet above the footing. Refer to Figure 6 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Abutment 1. Refer to Photographs 7 and 8 in Exhibit 2 for views of Abutment 1.

2.2.2 Abutment 2

The channel bottom material around Abutment 2 consisted of sand with no probe rod penetration. The footing, located at 10.8 feet below the water surface, was exposed for an 80 foot total length, beginning 10 feet upstream of the northeast corner and ending approximately 10 feet downstream of the southeast corner, with varying amounts of vertical face exposure, up to 2.5 feet maximum. At the northeast wingwall, there was a spall measuring 2.5 feet wide by 1 foot high by 1 inch deep. At the middle of the abutment stem, there was a spall measuring 5 inches wide by 18 inches high by 1 inch deep, located 5 feet above the footing at the construction joint. At the south end of the abutment stem, there was a spall measuring 5 inches wide by 3 feet high by 1 inch deep, located 2 feet above the footing. At the southeast wingwall, there was a spall measuring 5 inches wide by 3 feet high by 1 inch deep, located 18 inches above the mud line. Refer to Figure 7 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Abutment 2. Refer to Photographs 9 through 11 in Exhibit 2 for views of Abutment 2 and typical concrete condition at the waterline.





3.0 EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, the inspected substructure units of Structure No. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853) were in good condition. A comparison of the soundings recorded during the previous inspection on June 27, 2015 and the soundings taken during this inspection revealed no significant change in the channel bottom profile in the vicinity of the structure. Since no design or as-built plans were available for the bridge, the amount of embedment of the footings in the channel bottom is unknown. As a result, the channel bottom configuration should continue to be monitored during future underwater inspections to verify that localized scour or overall channel degradation is not occurring and that both pier footings remain adequately embedded in the channel bottom. Design or as-built drawings for the bridge should be obtained and reviewed, if possible, prior to the next underwater inspection to determine the exact construction of the piers and their foundations.

The spalls observed on Abutments 1 and 2 are not a structural concern at this time given its size compared to the overall pier size, and as a result, no repairs are recommended. This area should be monitored during future inspections for increasing extent or severity of the scaling and exposure of reinforcing steel. If the extent or severity of the scaling is observed to be increasing or reinforcing steel becomes exposed, it may be necessary to repair the area at that time.

It is recommended that the submerged substructure units of Structure No. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853) be next inspected underwater at an interval not to exceed 60 months, no later than May 15, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted, COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.

Joshua Johnson, P.E. Project Manager

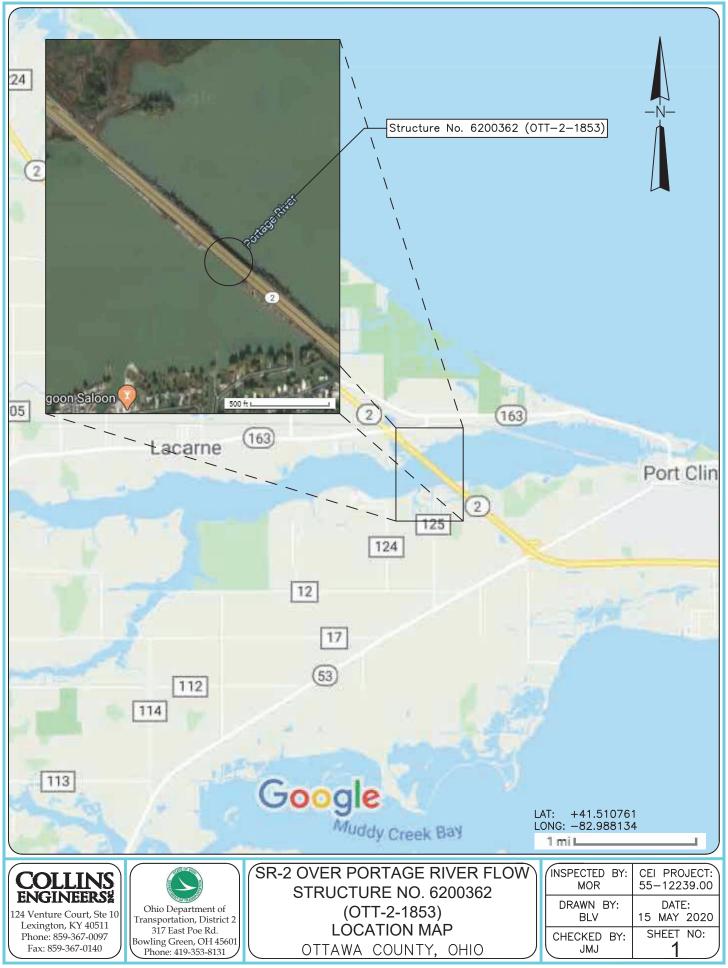
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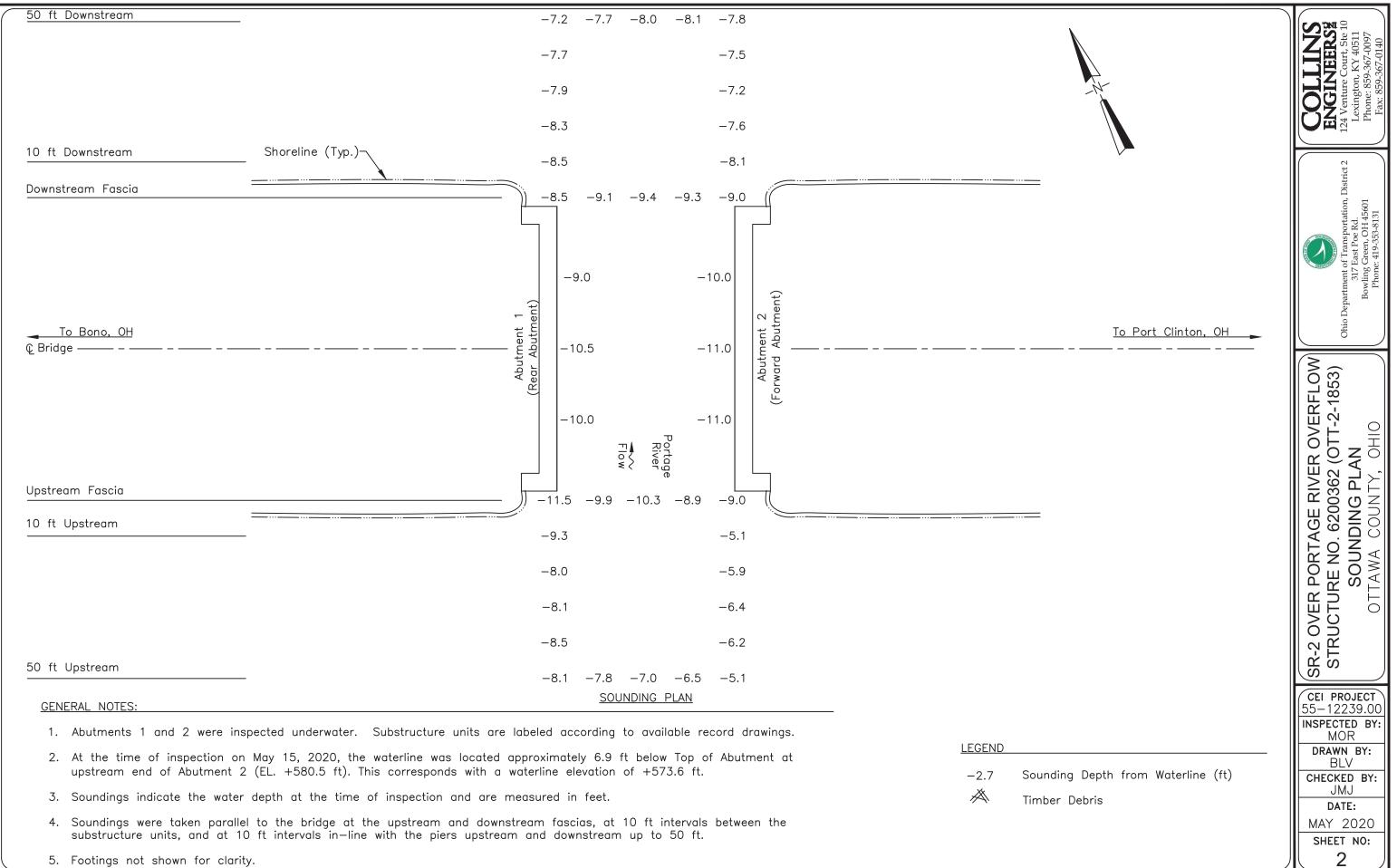


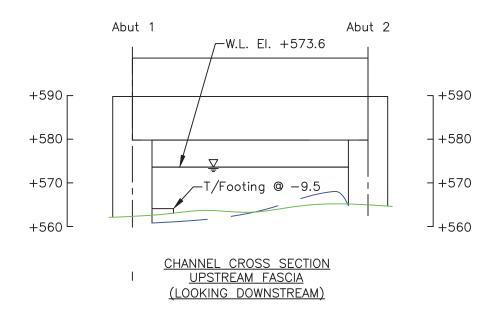
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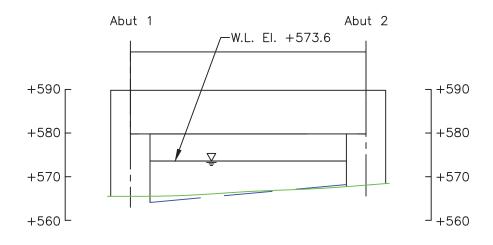




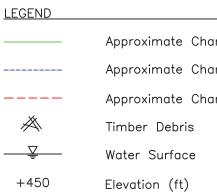
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CHANNEL CROSS SECTION 50 FT UPSTREAM (LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)



UPSTREA	UPSTREAM FASCIA		
LOOKING DOWNSTREAM			
Location	Y(ft)*		
A1	20.2		
1/4	18.6		
1/2	19.0		
3/4	17.6		
A2	17.7		

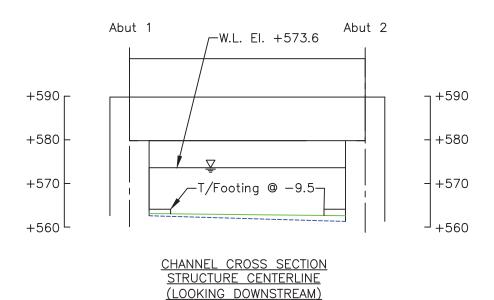
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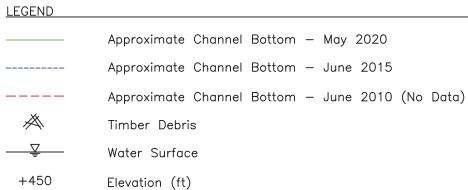


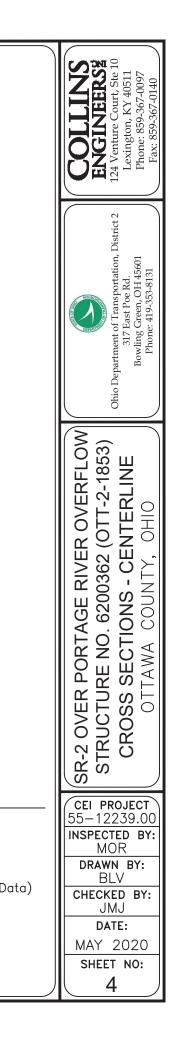


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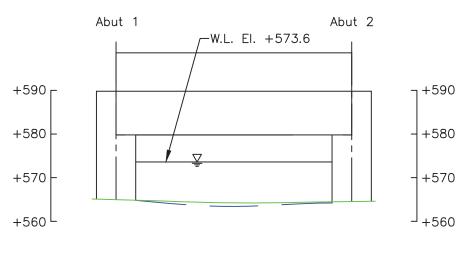
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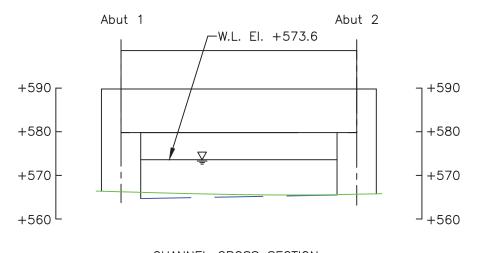




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annel	Bottom	-	June	2015	



CHANNEL CROSS SECTION DOWNSTREAM FASCIA (LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)

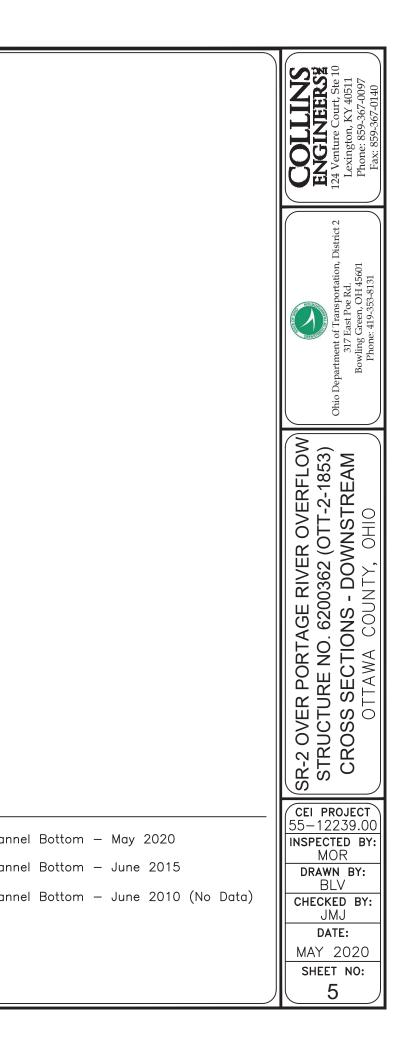


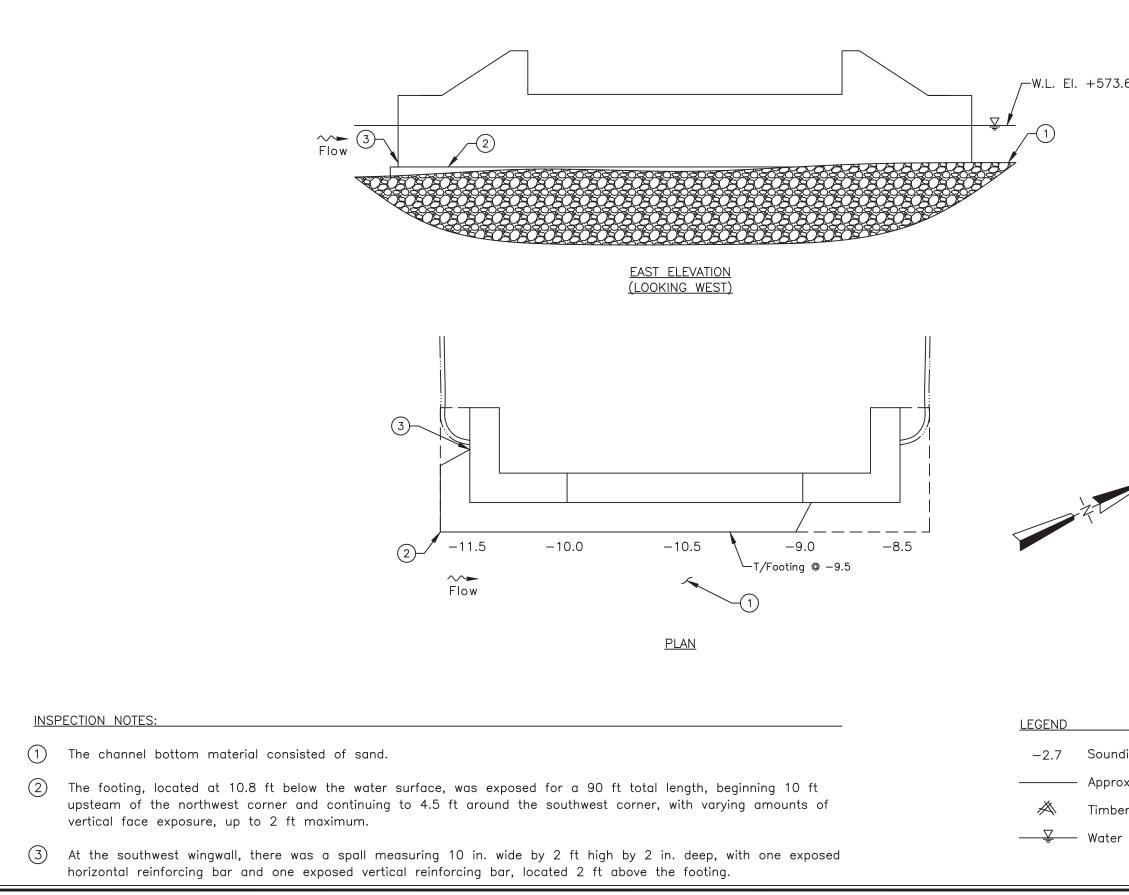
<u>CHANNEL</u> (CROSS SECTION
50 FT E	DOWNSTREAM
(LOOKING	DOWNSTREAM)

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Timber Debris
Water Surface
Elevation (ft)

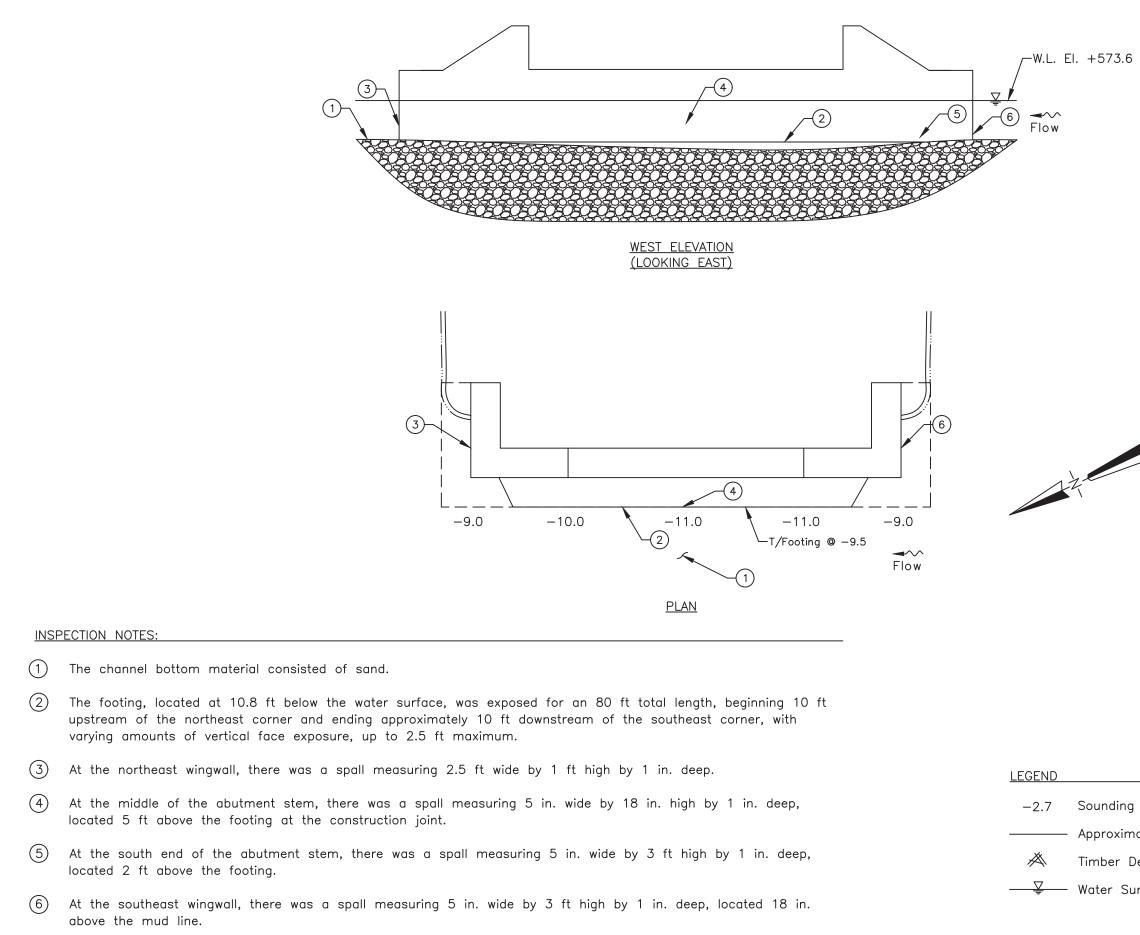
DOWNSTREAM FASCIA LOOKING DOWNSTREAM		
Location Y(ft)*		
A1	17.2	
1/4	17.8	
1/2	18.1	
3/4	18.0	
A2	17.7	

*Profile taken from top of headwall to channel bottom





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	CEI PROJECT 55-12239.00 INSPECTED BY: MOR
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EXHIBIT 2 – INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPHS







Photograph No. 1: Overall View of Structure No. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853), Looking North.



Photograph No. 2: Overall View of Structure No. 6200362 (OTT-2-1853), Looking South.







Photograph No. 3: View of the West Embankment Upstream of the Structure, Looking Northwest.



Photograph No. 4:

View of the West Embankment Downstream of the Structure, Looking Southwest.



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Photograph No. 5: View of the East Embankment Upstream of the Structure, Looking Northeast.



Photograph No. 6: View of the East Embankment Downstream of the Structure, Looking Southeast.



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Photograph No. 7: View of the North Corner of Abutment 1, Looking Southwest.



Photograph No. 8:

View of the South Corner of Abutment 1, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 9: View of the North Corner of Abutment 2, Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 10: View of the South Corner of Abutment 2, Looking Northeast.



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Photograph No. 11:

View of the Typical Concrete Condition at the Waterline on the South Corner of Abutment 1, Looking North.





EXHIBIT 3 – UNDERWATER DIVE INSPECTION PROCEDURE

CHECKLIST



Underwater Dive Inspection Procedure Checklist

Acceptable written procedures communicate to the next dive team what is necessary to ensure a safe and successful inspection. Each bridge requiring underwater dive techniques must have a unique written inspection procedure. The prior inspection report does not suffice for the required procedures. It is valuable to review the last inspection notes, but they do not serve the same purpose as a standalone inspection procedure.

This document shall be completed for all underwater dive inspections. This document shall be reviewed prior to performing the field work and it shall be updated when necessary.

I. Bridge Identification

a.	Agency with Inspection Responsibility:		ODOT DISTRICT 2
	Dive Frequency:	60	months
	SFN: <u>6200362</u>	Bridge Number	(County-Route-SLM-SD): <u>OTT-2-1853</u>
	Superstructure Type	Main Span Type:	CONCRETE SLAB
		Approach Span:	REINFORCED CONCRETE
	Substructure Type	Abutment Type:	REINFORCED CONCRETE
		Pier Type:	<u>N/A</u>
		Total Pier Count	N/A
		Total Pier Count	in water: <u>N/A</u>
		Foundations:	UNKNOWN
	Feature Intersected		PORTAGE RIVER

b. Photographs





Elevation



Underside

II. Office and Field Assessment

Prior to the inspection, obtain and review copies of the previous underwater inspection reports, routine inspection reports, scour and hydraulic information, and design plans in preparation of the inspection. Divers should pay particular attention given to any observed areas of deterioration, the channel conditions and factors that may accelerate material deterioration. Changes shall be noted in the inspection procedure. Site conditions should be reviewed prior to diving.

- a. Channel Conditions
 b. Anticipated Water conditions which

 _____Waterway features
 may affect the inspection
 - ____Cold Water (Apprx. Temp____)

Rapid stream flows

- ____Significant debris accumulation
- ____Constricted waterway openings
- _____Soft or unstable streambeds
- ____Meandering channels

Rapid stream flows,

- ____Other which may promote scour and
- undermining of substructure elements

____Navigable Waterway

____Flow Controls

____Near military facility

Black water

- _____Tribal fishing
- _____Water quality
- _____History of Log jams
- c. Identify factors that may accelerate the

deterioration of the bridge elements:

- _____Highly corrosive water
 - ____Unprotected steel members

____Other

Risk Factor Narrative:

III. Contacts Prior to Work

District 2 Bridge Engineer: David Geckle, P.E.

Email: <u>david.geckle@dot.ohio.gov</u> – Phone: 419-373-4377

Point of contact for immediate action such as closing the bridge due to findings

Contact Bridge Owner _____14 (number) days before the proposed underwater inspection.

Special contracting and scheduling procedures prior to inspection, include recommended lead time

Entity	Contact Name and Title	Contact Phone	Lead Time
Coast Guard			
Property Owner			
Access Equipment			
Lake or River draw- down	Marine Channel 14 Railroad Bridge		
Canal dry time			
Tree removal			
Other:			
Other:			

IV. Dive Team Shall Include the Following:

Dive Team Narrative:

The dive team consisted of one Team Leader (NBIS, P.E., ADCI) and two Team Members (NBIS, UW, ADCI)

Example: The Bridge shall be investigated using a three-member dive team: one supervisor to monitor rack box and take notes, one diver, and one tender/standby diver. There shall be one NBIS Team Leader onsite at all times.

V. <u>Site Information</u>

Navigable waterway:	Y / <u>N</u>	Anticipated currentft
If Yes, waterway river point	<u>N/A</u>	Scour Critical (item 113): <u>5</u>
Anticipated water visibility depth	n <u>0</u> ft	POA in place: Y/ <u>N</u>
Anticipated Dive depth	<u>11.5</u> ft	Scour Monitoring devices present: Y/N

Approximately 5 ft of clearance above waterline elevation at the central bridge 6200338 (OTT-2-1830)

with Assumed EL. +52.7 ft.

Verify the Scope of Services when work is contracted for the procedure for underwater elements that

are not in water during an inspection.

Site Information Narrative:

The underwater inspection consists of a visual and tactile examination of the accessible surfaces of the substructure items in water. Additional items should reference the scope of services in the contract. For reference the following items are in water:

Item	Number of Units	Level of Inspection (1, 2 or 3) with	
		Commentary	
Piers and Number of	N/A		
Columns			
Abutment	2	100% LEVEL I	
		10% LEVEL II	
Culvert	N/A		
Scour Countermeasures	N/A		
Fenders or Dolphins	N/A		

Photographs should be taken, if water clarity permits, for typical conditions, conditions that have changed since last inspection and significant or noteworthy deficiencies. The type of channel bottom material, the presence or extent of scour, the presence or extent of riprap, the presence or extent of drift and debris, and the location of any foundation exposure or undermining shall be quantified. Include depth, length, height and location of deficiencies.

VI. Equipment and Field Logistics

- a. The inspection should be conducted
 - using:
 - ____Chest waders
 - ____Hip waders
 - <u>X</u>Diving equipment

SCUBA (Note that ADCI Consensus Standards require communication systems be employed for both SCUBA and Surface-Supplied (whether air or mixedgas) dive modes)

____SCUBA with communication

<u>X</u>Surface Supplied with

- communication
- b. The channel bottom should be sounded

utilizing

- <u>X</u> Digital fathometer
- <u>X</u> Telescoping survey rod
- _____ acoustic imaging
- c. During the inspection, the divers should

work from

____Shore

<u> X </u>Boat

____Either

The note taker should work alongside the dive team.

 Access to the waterway should be obtained from the shore (north bank, southwest quadrant, driveway 30 yards north etc.)

PORTAGE RIVER WILDLIFE ACCESS

e. The maximum depth of the channel is

typically measured _____ feet from

THE UPSTREAM FASCIA OF

ABUTMENT 1

Reference Datum: <u>Top of Headwall at the</u>

Upstream End of Abutment 2

Soundings should be dictated by the scope of

work. When not detailed in the scope they

should be repeated from the previous

soundings. If neither exist then they need to be

taken in a grid pattern between substructure

units 100' upstream and 100' downstream.

VII. Inspection Procedure History

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VIII. Other Narrative Not Included In Previous Sections