







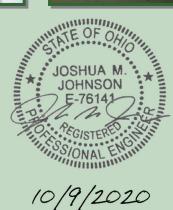
# UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

STRUCTURE NO. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323)
SR 19 OVER PORTAGE RIVER
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
DISTRICT 2

May 2020

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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 – Phillip Osborn – Collins Engineers, Inc.

*Inspection Date(s):* May 28, 2020

Water Visibility: <1 ft Water Velocity: <1 ft/s

*Water Temperature:* 78 °F *Weather:* Cloudy – 87 °F

*Waterline Elevation:* 576.2 ft *Type of Boat:* Kayak

Coordinates: 41.505001°N, -83.145095°W
Access Location: Northwest Embankment
Dive Mode: Surface Supplied Air

Waterline Reference: 4.5 ft below the top of cap at the downstream nose of Pier 4.
Maximum Depth at SSU: 18.9 ft – South Corner of the Downstream Nose of Pier 3

Shoreline Conditions: The north and south shorelines consisted of well-protected, well-vegetated,

mild slopes with minor erosion.

#### Summary of Findings:

#### • Pier 1:

- The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration.
- o The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed.
- O Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 50 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline.

#### • Pier 2:

- The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration.
- o The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed.
- O Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 20 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline.

#### • Pier 3:

- The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration.
- o The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed.
- O The top of footing was observed at 17.2 ft below the waterline extending from the midpoint along the north face around the downstream nose to the downstream quarter point of the south face with a maximum vertical exposure of 1.7 ft at the southeast corner.



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• Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 30 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline.

#### • Pier 4:

- The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration.
- o The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed.
- O Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 40 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 2 ft above the waterline.

#### Summary of Recommendations:

- Remove timber debris at Piers 1 through 4
- Monitor footing exposure at Pier 3.



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#### **Underwater Inspection Coding:**

#### **NBI Ratings:**

Item	Description	Coding	Condition
60	Substructure	8 – Very Good Condition	No Defects Observed
61	Channel	5 – Fair Condition	Minor Erosion, Timber Debris
			Accumulation, Footing Exposure
62	Culvert	N/A	
92B	UW Insp. Frequency	60 Months	
93B	Insp. Date	05 28 20	
113	Scour Critical Bridges	5 – Within Foundation Limits	Stable (Inspector Recommended)

### **AASHTO National Bridge Element (NBE) Ratings:**

				Condition State			
Element #	Description	Units	Total	1	2	3	4
210	Reinforced Concrete Pier Wall	LF	120	120	0	0	0
220	Reinforced Concrete Pile Cap / Footing	LF	15	15	0	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.



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#### 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 19 Bridge over Portage River in Ottawa County, OH. Collins Engineers, Inc. (Collins) conducted the underwater investigation for District 2 of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on May 28, 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 General Description of the Structure

Structure No. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323) spans 332.3 ft, carrying SR 19 over Portage River and is approximately 60 ft wide. The bridge superstructure is constructed of five continuous steel girder spans. The roadway orientation of the longitudinal axis of the bridge is south to north. The substructure units are labeled as Abutments 1 and 2 and Piers 1 through 4. 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 Method of Investigation

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.



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A three-person team consisting of a professional engineer-diver and team leader (Joshua Johnson, P.E.) and two engineer divers (Matthew Rogers, E.I.T. and Phillip Osborn, E.I.T.) conducted the underwater inspection. The inspection was conducted using surface supplied air diving equipment. During the inspection, the inspectors worked from a kayak and a note taker from the shore 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, digital fathometer, 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 Piers 1 through 4 and at 10 feet intervals in-line with the piers, 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 6 in Exhibit 1 for the sounding plan and channel cross sections that show the channel limits, extents of timber debris accumulation, and water depths around the structure.

#### 2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

#### 2.1 General Conditions

At the time of the inspection, the waterline of 6200885 (OTT-19-0323) was located approximately 4.5 ft below the top of cap at the downstream nose of Pier 4, which corresponds to a waterline elevation of 576.2 ft. During the inspection, the waterway was flowing at approximately <1 ft per second. The bridge pier skew was consistent with the channel alignment and does not require attention at this time. The north and south shorelines consisted of well-protected, well-vegetated, mild slopes with signs minor erosion. Refer to Photographs 3 through 8 in Exhibit 2 for views of the shorelines near the structure.



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#### 2.2 <u>Substructure Conditions</u>

#### 2.2.1 Pier 1

The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration. The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed. Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 50 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline. Refer to Figure 7 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Pier 1. Refer to Photographs 9 and 10 in Exhibit 2 for views of Pier 1.

#### 2.2.2 Pier 2

The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration. The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed. Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 20 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline. Refer to Figure 8 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Pier 2. Refer to Photographs 11 and 12 in Exhibit 2 for views of Pier 2.

#### 2.2.3 Pier 3

The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration. The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed. The top of footing was observed at 17.2 ft below the waterline extending from the midpoint along the north face around the downstream nose to the downstream quarter point of the south face with a maximum vertical exposure of 1.7 ft at the southeast corner. Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 30 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 1 ft above the waterline. Refer to Figure 9 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Pier 3. Refer to Photographs 13 and 14 in Exhibit 2 for views of Pier 3.

#### 2.2.4 Pier 4

The channel bottom material consisted of timber and silt overlay with approximately 6 in. probe rod penetration. The submerged portions of the pier were sound and smooth with no defects observed. Heavy timber debris consisting of logs up to 2 ft diameter were observed extending up to a 40 ft radius from the upstream nose from channel bottom to 2 ft above the waterline. Refer to Figure 10 in Exhibit 1 for detailed inspection notes of Pier 4. Refer to Photographs 15 through 17 in Exhibit 2 for views of Pier 4 and typical concrete condition at the waterline.



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#### 3.0 EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, the inspected substructure units of Structure No. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323) were in very good condition. A comparison of the soundings recorded during the previous inspection on June 23, 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 timber debris accumulations at Piers 1 through 4 is obstructing channel flow and the cause of footing exposure and should be removed at this time. Removal of the timber debris will reduce excessive lateral loads on the pier, limit further debris accumulation, and reduce the likelihood of channel bottom degradation resulting from obstructed flow.

It is recommended that the submerged substructure units of Structure No. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323) be next inspected underwater at an interval not to exceed 60 months, no later than May 28, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joshua Johnson, P.E.

Project Manager

Originated by:

Kevin Mitchell, E.I.T.

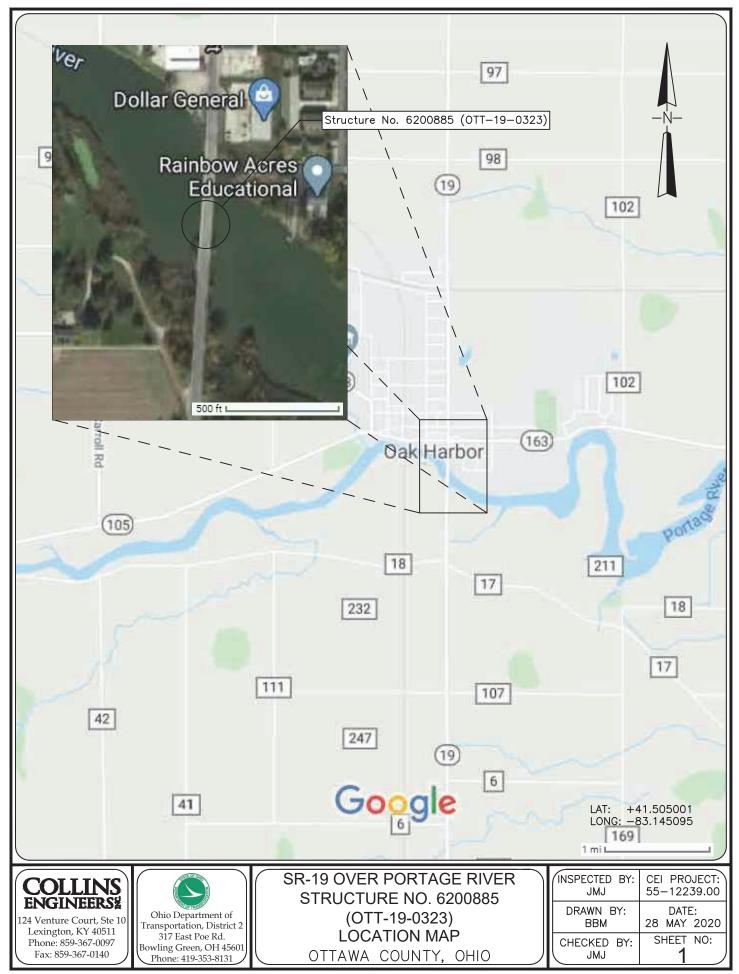


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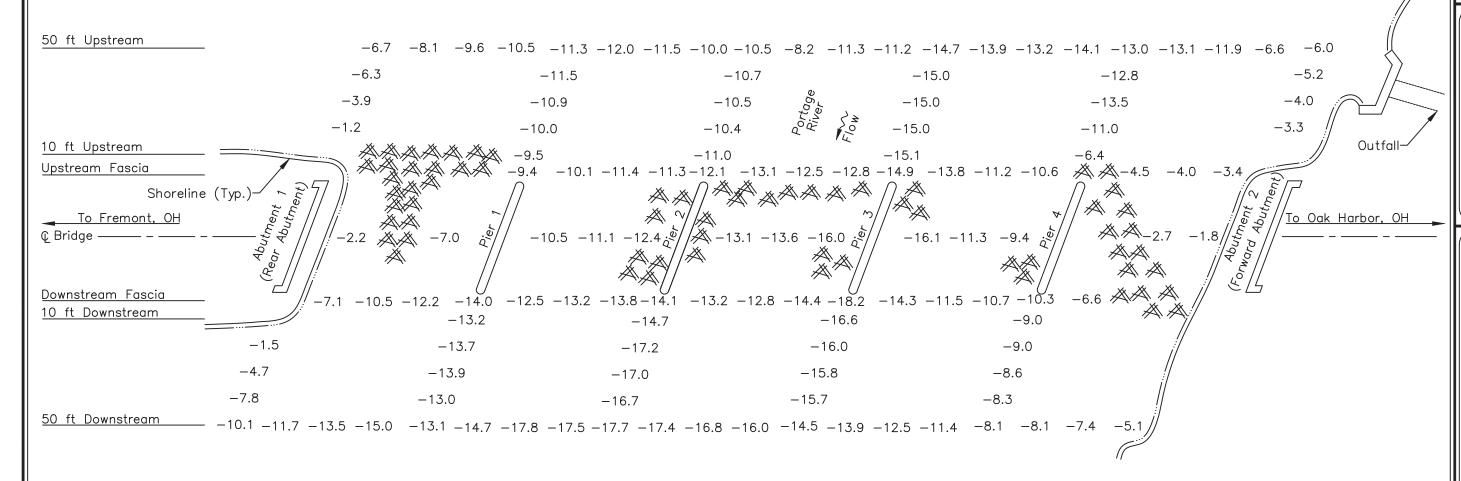


## EXHIBIT 1 – FIGURES









#### SOUNDING PLAN

#### **GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1. Piers 1 through 4 were inspected underwater. Substructure units are labeled according to available record drawings.
- 2. At the time of inspection on May 28, 2020, the waterline was located approximately 4.5 ft below Top of Cap at downstream nose of Pier 4 (EL. +580.7 ft). This corresponds with a waterline elevation of +575.2 ft.
- 3. Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
- 4. Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at the upstream and downstream fascias, at 10 ft intervals between the substructure units, and at 10 ft intervals in—line with the piers upstream and downstream up to 50 ft.
- 5. Footing not shown for clarity.

## LEGEND

-2.7 Sounding Depth from Waterline (ft)



Timber Debris

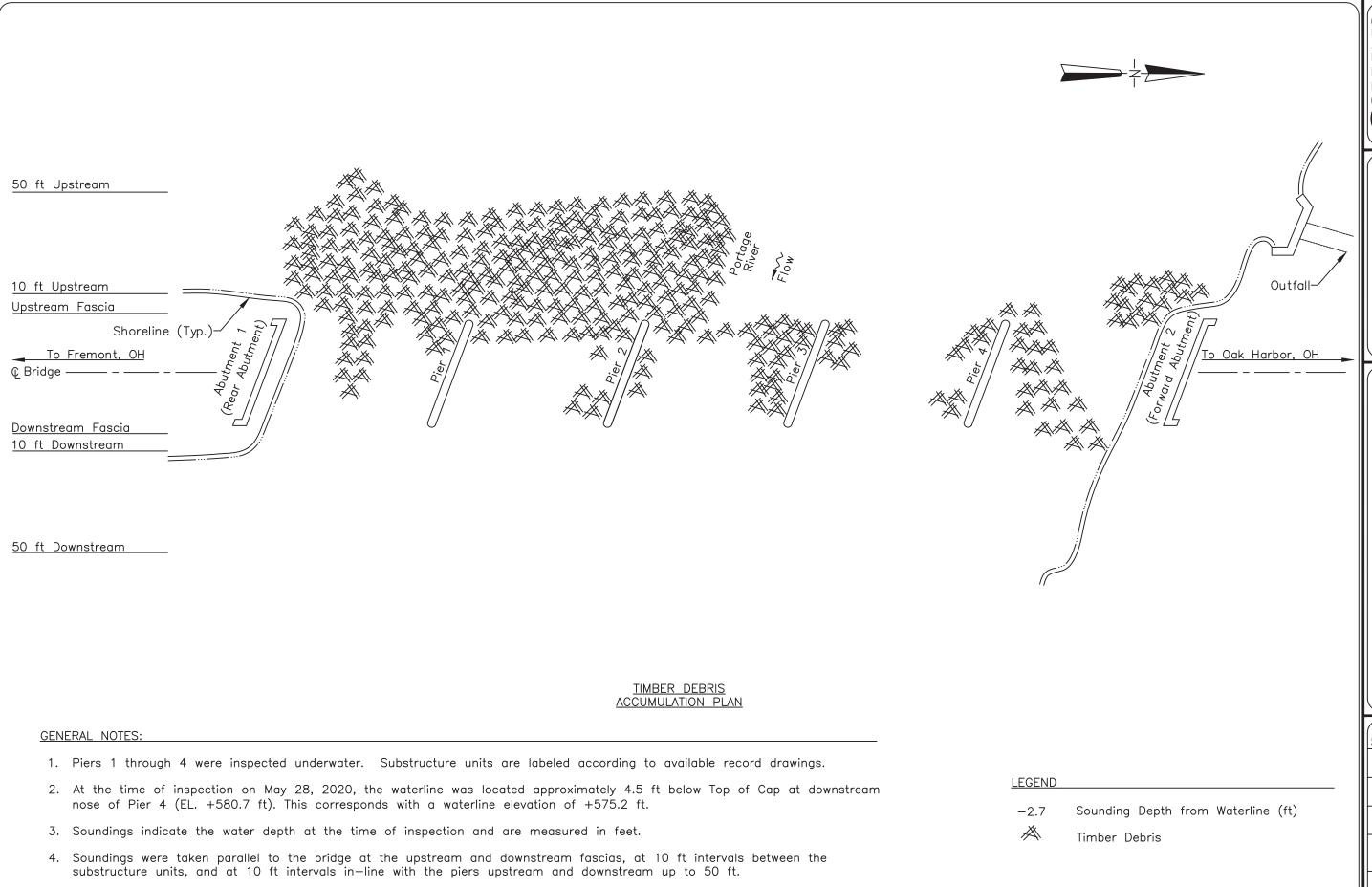
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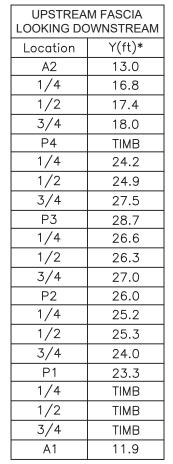
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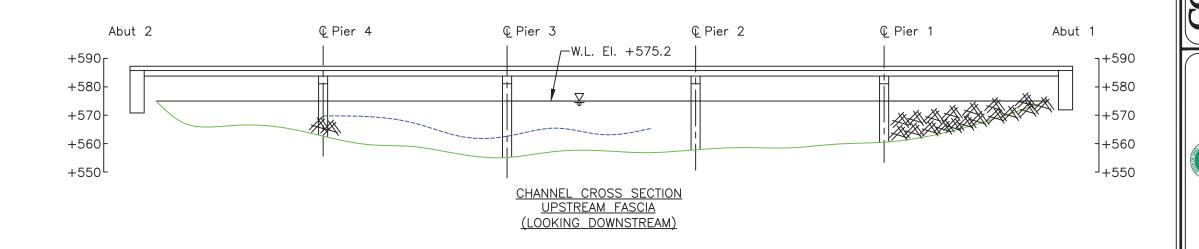
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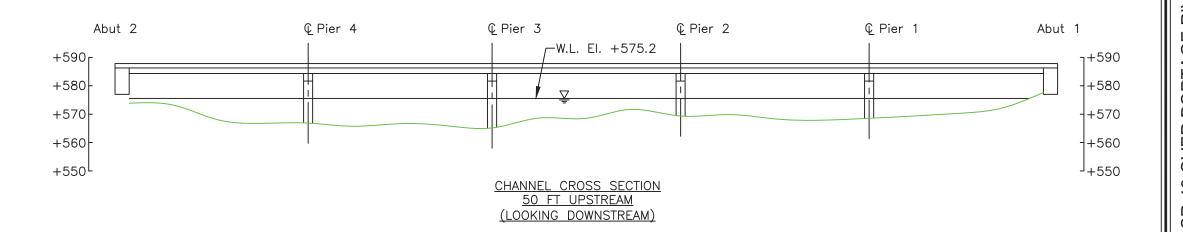
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\*Profile taken from top of deck to channel bottom

Note:





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Approximate Channel Bottom - May 2020 Approximate Channel Bottom — June 2015 Approximate Channel Bottom — (No Data) A Timber Debris Footing elevations unknown due to unavailable design drawings. Water Surface +450 Elevation (ft)

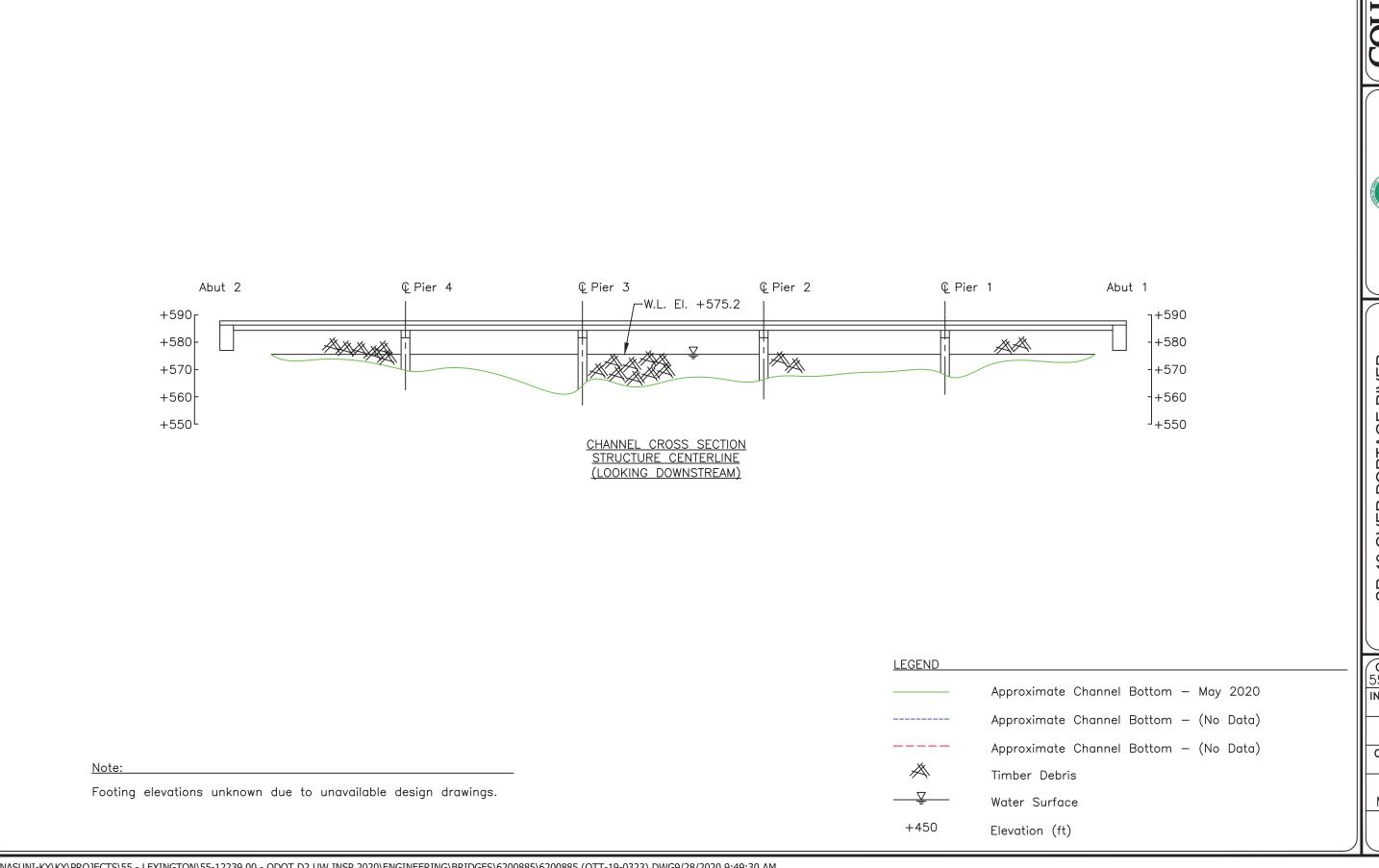
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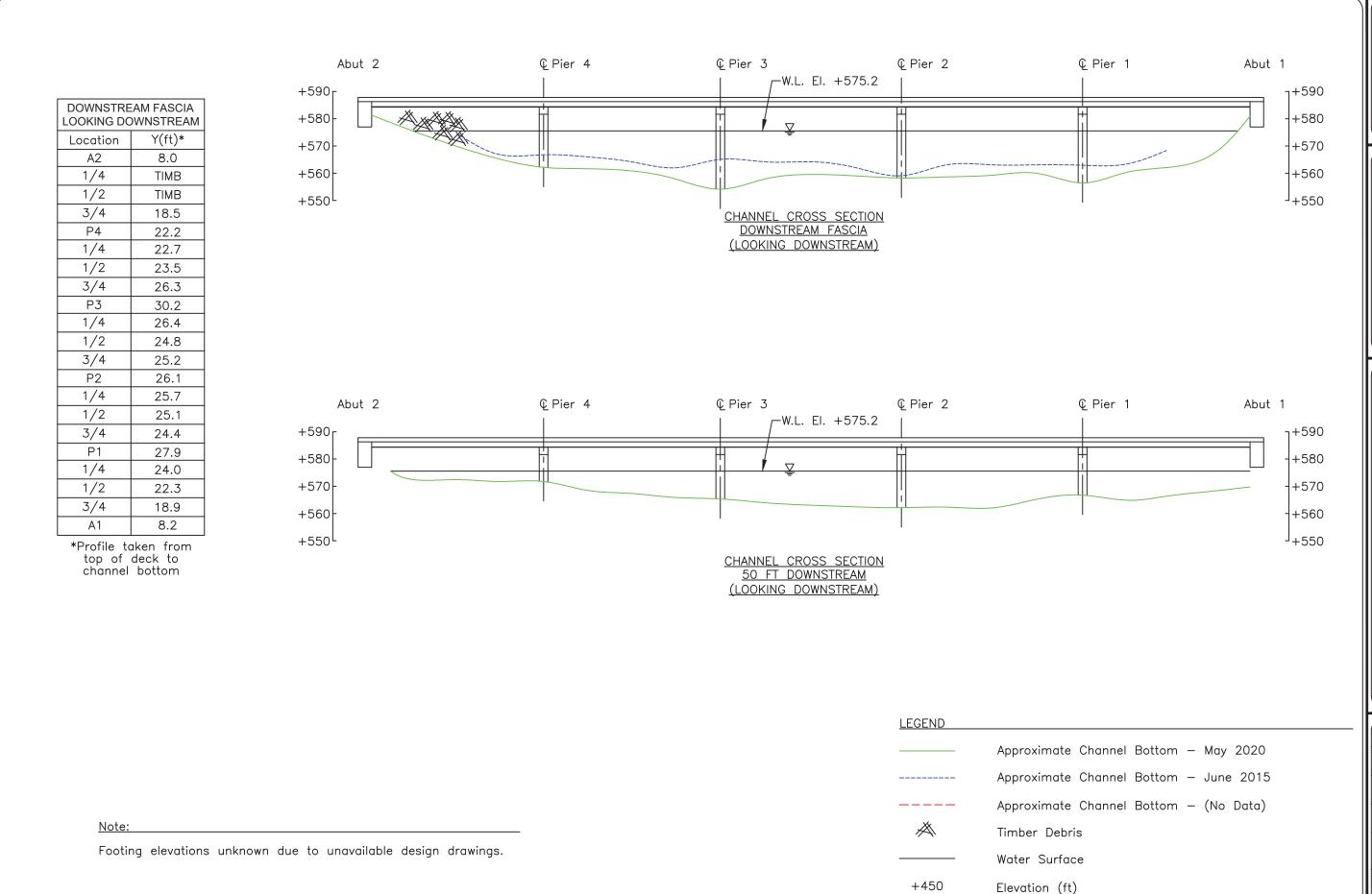
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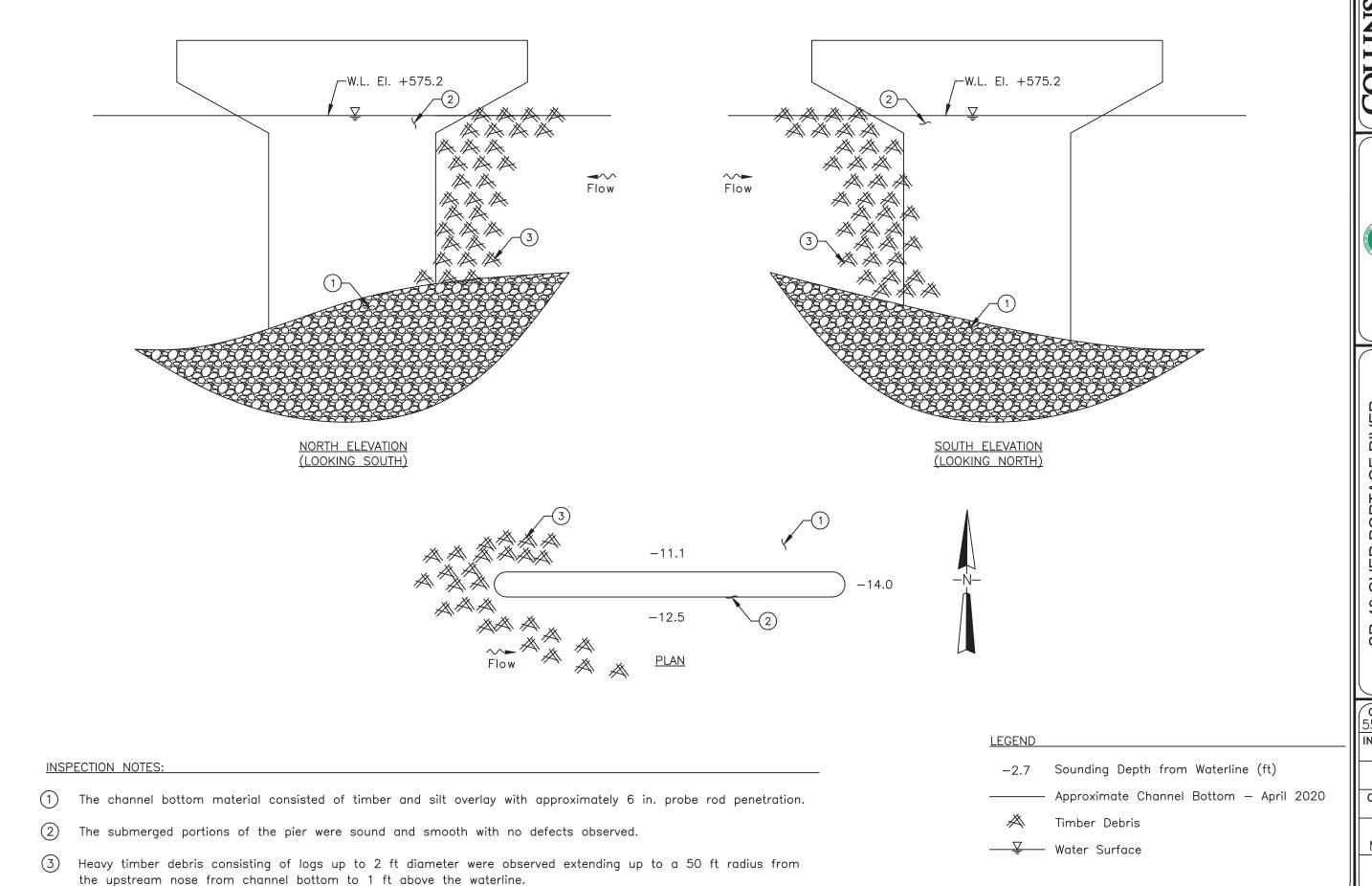
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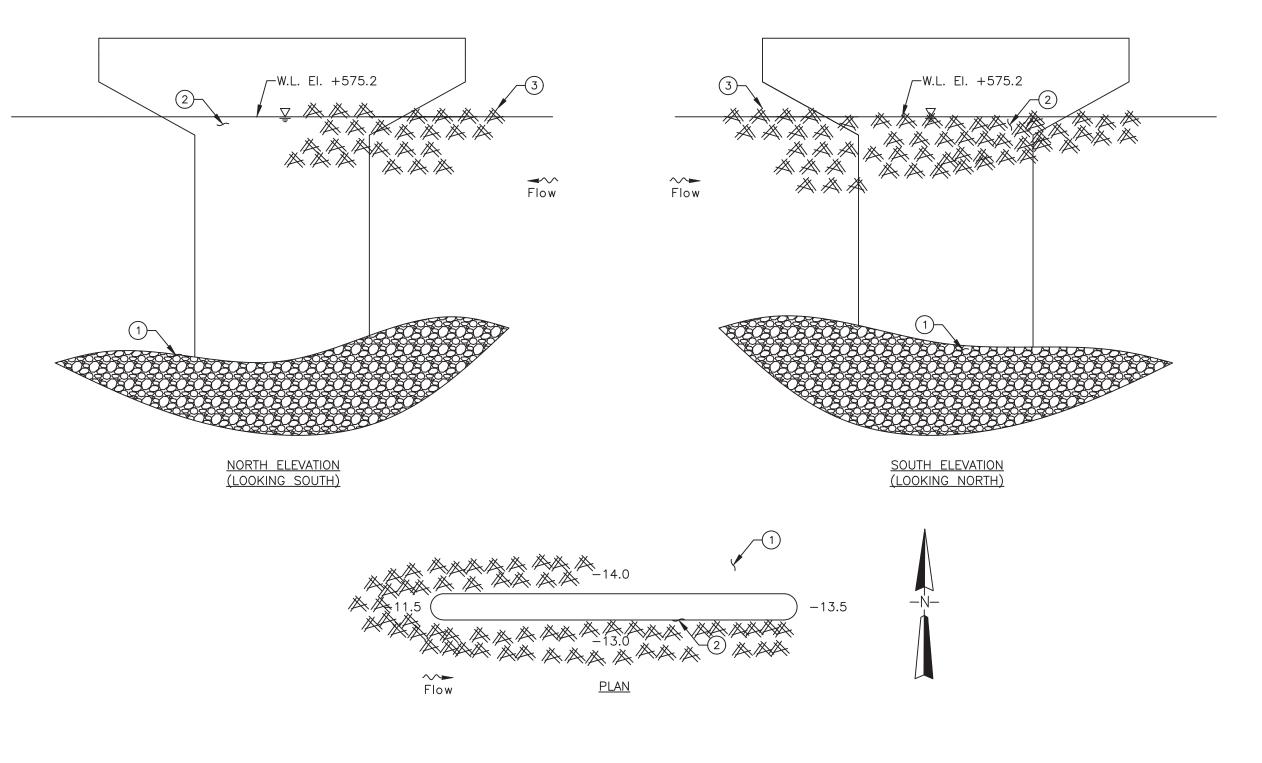
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**LEGEND** 

-2.7 Sounding Depth from Waterline (ft)

- Approximate Channel Bottom - April 2020

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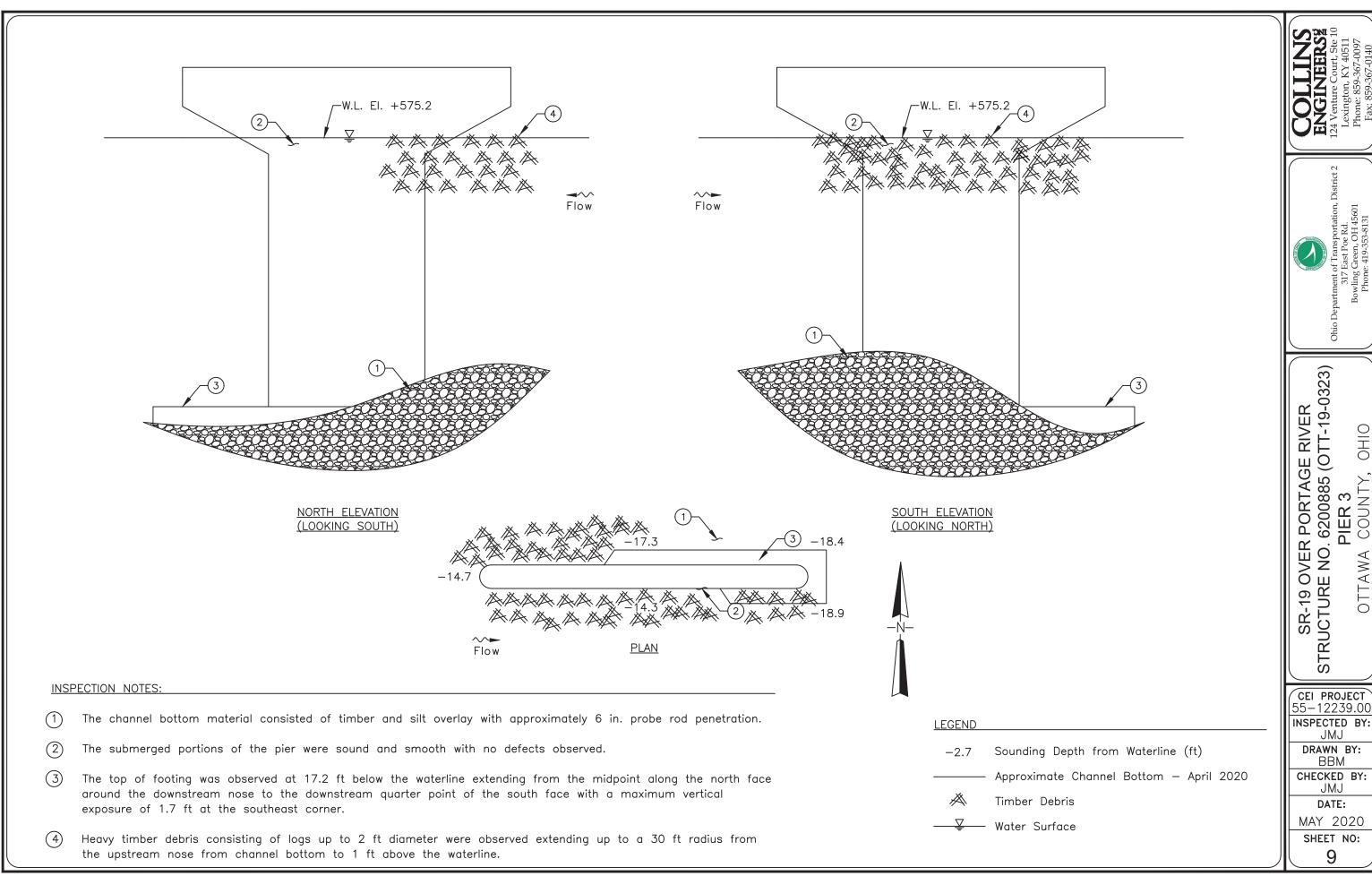
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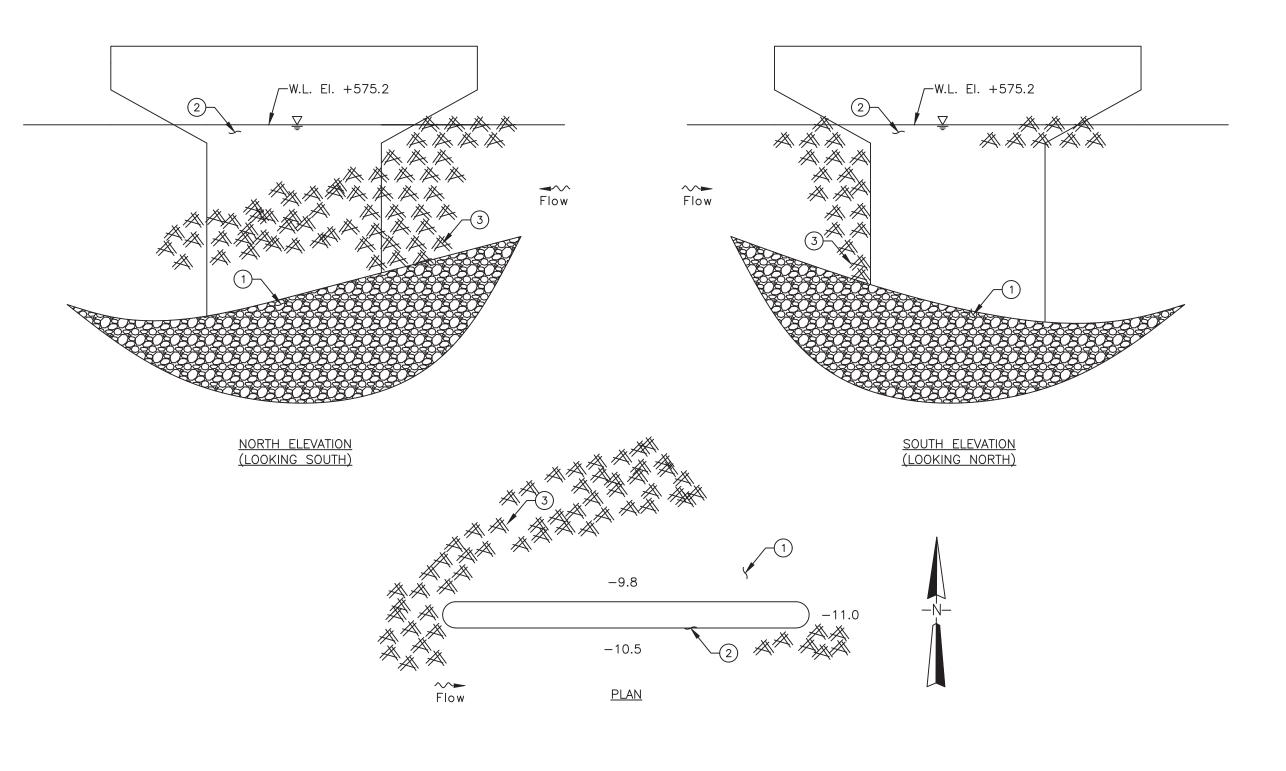
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## EXHIBIT 2 – INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPHS







Photograph No. 1: Overall View of Structure No. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323), Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 2: Overall View of Structure No. 6200885 (OTT-19-0323), Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 3: View of the North Embankment Upstream of the Structure, Looking Northeast.



Photograph No. 4: View of the North Embankment at the Structure, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 5: View of the North Embankment Downstream of the Structure, Looking Southwest.



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Photograph No. 9: View of the North Face of Pier 1, Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 10: View of the South Face of Pier 1, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 11: View of the North Face of Pier 2, Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 12: View of the South Face of Pier 2, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 13: View of the North Face of Pier 3, Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 14: View of the South Face of Pier 3, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 15: View of the North Face of Pier 4, Looking Southeast.



Photograph No. 16: View of the South Face of Pier 4, Looking Northwest.







Photograph No. 17: View of the Typical Concrete Condition at the Waterline on the South Face of Pier 4.



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## 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

Agency with Inspection	n Responsibility: ODOT DISTRICT 2
Dive Frequency:	months
SFN: 6200885	_ Bridge Number (County-Route-SLM-SD):OTT-19-0323
Superstructure Type	Main Span Type:CONTINUOUS STEEL GIRDER
	Approach Span:REINFORCED CONCRETE
Substructure Type	Abutment Type:REINFORCED CONCRETE
	Pier Type: REINFORCED CONCRETE
	Total Pier Count: 4
	Total Pier Count in water: 4
	Foundations: <u>UNKNOWN</u>
Feature Intersected	PORTAGE RIVER

## b. Photographs

## Endview



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
Rapid stream flows,	Cold Water (Apprx. Temp)
X Significant debris accumulation	Black water
Constricted waterway openings	Rapid stream flows
Soft or unstable streambeds	Near military facility
Meandering channels	Tribal fishing
Other which may promote scour and	Water quality
undermining of substructure elements	History of Log jams
Navigable Waterway	
Flow Controls	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: david.geckle@dot.ohio.gov – Phone: 419-373-4377					
Point of contact for immediate action such as closing the bridge due to findings					
Contact Bridge Owner14 (number) days before the proposed underwater inspection.					
Special contracting and scheduling procedures prior to inspection, include recommended lead time					

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

## IV. <u>Dive Team Shall Include the Following:</u>

Dive Team Narrative:					
The dive team consisted of one Team Leader (NBIS,	, P.E., ADCI) and two Team Members (NBIS, UW, ADCI)				
monitor rack box and take notes, one diver, one NBIS Team Leader onsite at all times.	ing a three-member dive team: one supervisor to and one tender/standby diver. There shall be one				
V. <u>Site Information</u>					
Navigable waterway: $Y / N$	Anticipated current <a>&lt;1</a> _ ft				
If Yes, waterway river point <u>N/A</u>	Scour Critical (item 113):5				
Anticipated water visibility depth <u>&lt;1</u> ft	POA in place: Y/ <u>N</u>				
Anticipated Dive depth ft	Scour Monitoring devices present: Y/N				
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	4	100% LEVEL I
Columns		10% LEVEL II
Abutment	N/A	
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.

## a. The inspection should be conducted The note taker should work alongside the dive using: team. Chest waders Hip waders d. Access to the waterway should be X Diving equipment obtained from the shore (north bank, SCUBA (Note that ADCI Consensus southwest quadrant, driveway 30 yards Standards require communication systems be employed for both SCUBA and north etc.) Surface-Supplied (whether air or mixedgas) dive modes) NORTHWEST EMBANKMENT SCUBA with communication e. The maximum depth of the channel is X Surface Supplied with typically measured feet from communication b. The channel bottom should be sounded utilizing X Digital fathometer Reference Datum: Top of Cap at the \_X\_\_\_Telescoping survey rod Downstream Nose of Pier 4 \_\_\_\_ acoustic imaging Soundings should be dictated by the scope of work. When not detailed in the scope they c. During the inspection, the divers should should be repeated from the previous work from soundings. If neither exist then they need to be Shore taken in a grid pattern between substructure X Boat units 100' upstream and 100' downstream. Either

VI.

**Equipment and Field Logistics** 

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VIII. Other Narrative Not Included In Prev			

VII.

**Inspection Procedure History**