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Re: **Bearing Capacity and Settlement Evaluation**
(Culvert at STA. 485+02.43 SR 139)
SCI-823-0.00 Portsmouth Bypass
DLZ Job No.: 0121-3070.03
Document #0061

Dear Mr. Weeks:

This letter presents the findings of preliminary evaluations of the proposed culvert and embankment at Station 485+02.43 (170.27 ft Right from SR 823 on Portsmouth Minford Road-SR 139) on the above-referenced project. The findings of other culvert evaluations will be submitted in separate documents.

It is our understanding that a new 4 ft × 8 ft box culvert will be constructed on SR 139 approximately 170 feet right of centerline at SR 823 station 485+02.43 for the above referenced project. Preliminary plans indicate that the SR 139 roadway grade at the culvert location will remain unchanged and the culvert invert will be approximately 7 to 8 feet below the pavement surface. At the time of preparing this letter no further information was available regarding the proposed culvert.

It should be noted that this preliminary evaluation is based upon the findings of two culvert borings (C-53 and C-54) located along the proposed alignment of the culvert. The borings were advanced to depths ranging between 12 and 16 feet below the ground surface. Logs of the borings, a plan and profile drawing showing the approximate locations of the borings, a legend of the boring log terminology and general information regarding the drilling procedures are attached. The surveyed ground elevations at the boring locations are reported on the logs.

Exploration Findings

The borings generally encountered 6.5 to 11.0 feet of medium stiff to stiff silt (A-4b) and sandy silt (A-4a) over sandstone bedrock. The bedrock surface was weathered and fractured to varying degrees but generally improved in quality with depth.

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General Recommendations

Preliminary plans indicate that the invert elevations at the inlet and outlet of the culvert are 628.00 and 627.30, respectively. Based on this information and the conditions encountered in the borings, the culvert will rest on sandy silt of variable compactness/consistency. The foundation of the culvert must provide uniform support. Any soft zones encountered in the foundation or that become soft or unstable, due either to construction activity or groundwater, surface water or precipitation entering the excavation, should be undercut and replaced with sand or well-graded aggregate. Suitable stability can typically be restored with undercuts of two feet or less. Bedding should conform to the requirements of ODOT CMS Item 603.06.

Bearing Capacity and Settlement Evaluation

Headwall footings bearing four feet below the invert elevations will, based on the results of the borings, bear on or very near the weathered rock surface. Therefore, it is recommended that the any overburden soil within the footprint of the footings be removed down to the bedrock surface to assure that they bear entirely on the rock. It is further recommended that footings bearing on the weathered sandstone be designed based on an allowable bearing capacity not greater than 10 tons per square foot (tsf). Post construction settlement of footings bearing on the rock is expected to be negligible. Since the conduit will lie only a few feet above the bedrock surface and the proposed roadway grade is the same as existing (i.e. the culvert is not under a new embankment load), settlement of the culvert is likewise anticipated to be negligible.

We appreciate having the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning our preliminary findings.

Respectfully submitted,

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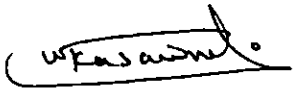

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GENERAL INFORMATION
DRILLING PROCEDURES AND LOGS OF BORINGS

Drilling and sampling were conducted in accordance with procedures generally recognized and accepted as standardized methods of investigation of subsurface conditions concerning geotechnical engineering considerations. Borings were drilled with either a truck-mounted or ATV-mounted drill rig.

Drive split-barrel sampling was performed in 1.5 foot increments at intervals not exceeding 5 feet. In the event the sampler encountered resistance to penetration of 6 inches or less after 50 blows of the drop hammer, the sampling increment was discontinued. Standard penetration data were recorded and one or more representative samples were preserved from each sampling increment.

In borings where rock was cored, NXM or NQ size diamond coring tools were used.

In the laboratory all samples were visually classified by a soils engineer. Moisture contents of representative fine-grained soil samples were determined. A limited number of samples, considered representative of foundation materials present, were selected for performance of grain-size analyses and plasticity characteristics tests. The results of these tests are shown on the boring logs.

The boring logs included in the Appendix have been prepared on the basis of the field record of drilling and sampling, and the results of the laboratory examination and testing of samples. Stratification lines on the boring logs indicating changes in soil stratigraphy represent depths of changes approximated by the driller, by sampling effort and recovery, and by laboratory test results. Actual depths to changes may differ somewhat from the estimated depths, or transitions may occur gradually and not be sharply defined. The boring logs presented in this report therefore contain both factual and interpretative information and are not an exact copy of the field log.

Although it is considered that the borings have disclosed information generally representative of site conditions, it should be expected that between borings conditions may occur which are not precisely represented by any one of the borings. Soil deposition processes and natural geologic forces are such that soil and rock types and conditions may change in short vertical intervals and horizontal distances.

Soil/rock samples will be stored at our laboratory for a period of six months. After this period of time, they will be discarded, unless notified to the contrary by the client.

LEGEND - BORING LOG TERMINOLOGY

Explanation of each column, progressing from left to right

1. Depth (in feet) - refers to distance below the ground surface.

2. Elevation (in feet) - is referenced to mean sea level, unless otherwise noted.

3. Standard Penetration (N) - the number of blows required to drive a 2-inch O.D., 1-3/8 inch I.D., split-barrel sampler, using a 140-pound hammer with a 30-inch free fall. The blows are recorded in 6-inch drive increments. Standard penetration resistance is determined from the total number of blows required for one foot of penetration by summing the second and third 6-inch increments of an 18-inch drive.

   50/n - indicates number of blows (50) to drive a split-barrel sampler a certain number of inches (n) other than the normal 6-inch increment.

4. The length of the sampler drive is indicated graphically by horizontal lines across the "Standard Penetration" and "Recovery" columns.

5. Sample recovery from each drive is indicated numerically in the column headed "Recovery".

6. The drive sample location is designated by the heavy vertical bar in the "Sample No., Drive" column.

7. The length of hydraulically pressed "Undisturbed" samples is indicated graphically by horizontal lines across the "Press" column.

8. Sample numbers are designated consecutively, increasing in depth.

9. Soil Description

   a. The following terms are used to describe the relative compactness and consistency of soils:

Granular Soils - Compactness

Terms	Blows/Foot Standard Penetration
Very Loose	0 - 4
Loose	4 - 10
Medium Dense	10 - 30
Dense	30 - 50
Very Dense	over 50

Cohesive Soils - Consistency

Term	Unconfined Compression tons/sq.ft.	Blows/Foot Standard Penetration	Hand Manipulation
Very Soft	less than 0.25	below 2	Easily penetrated by fist
Soft	0.25 - 0.50	2 - 4	Easily penetrated by thumb
Medium Stiff	0.50 - 1.00	4 - 8	Penetrated by thumb w/ moderate effort
Stiff	1.0 - 2.0	8 - 15	Readily indented by thumb but not penetrated
Very Stiff	2.0 - 4.0	15 - 30	Readily indented by thumb nail
Hard	over 4.0	over 30	Indented with difficulty by thumb nail

   b. Color - If a soil is a uniform color throughout, the term is single, modified by such adjective as light and dark. If the predominant color is shaded by a secondary color, the secondary color precedes the primary color. If two major and distinct colors are swirled throughout the soil, the colors are modified by the term "mottled".

   c. Texture is based on the ODOT Classification System. Soil particle size definitions are as follows:

Description	Size	Description	Size
Boulders	Larger than 8"	Sand-Coarse	2.00 mm. to 0.42 mm.
Cobbles	8" to 3"	-Fine	0.42 mm. to 0.074 mm.
Gravel-Coarse	3" to 3/4"	Silt	0.074 mm. to 0.005 mm.
-Fine	3/4" to 2.00" mm.	Clay	Smaller than 0.005 mm.

   d. The main soil component is listed first. The minor components are listed in order of decreasing percentage of particle size.

e. Modifiers to main soil descriptions are indicated as a percentage by weight of particle sizes.

trace	- 0 to 10%
little	- 10 to 20%
some	- 20 to 35%
"and"	- 35 to 50%

f. The moisture content of cohesive soils (silts and clays) is expressed relative to plastic properties.

Term	Relative Moisture or Appearance
Dry	Powdery
Damp	Moisture content slightly below plastic limit
Moist	Moisture content above plastic limit, but below liquid limit
Wet	Moisture content above liquid limit

g. Moisture content of cohesionless soils (sands and gravels) is described as follows:

Term	Relative Moisture or Appearance
Dry	No moisture present
Damp	Internal moisture, but none to little surface moisture
Moist	Free water on surface
Wet	Voids filled with free water

10. Rock hardness and rock quality description.

a. The following terms are used to describe the relative hardness of the bedrock.

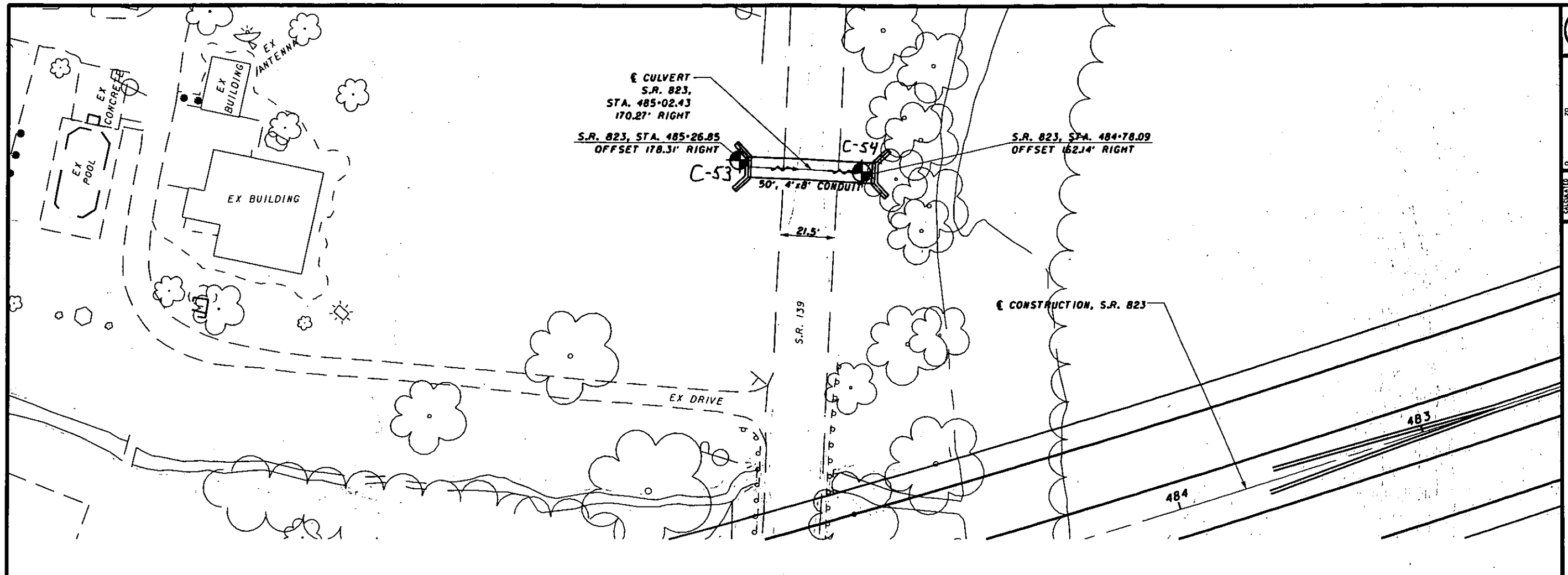
Term	Description
Very Soft	Difficult to indent with thumb nails; resembles hard soil but has rock structure
Soft	Resists indentation with thumb nail but can be abraded and pierced to a shallow depth by a pencil point.
Medium Hard	Resists pencil point, but can be scratched with a knife blade.
Hard	Can be deformed or broken by light to moderate hammer blows.
Very Hard	Can be broken only by heavy blows, and in some rocks, by repeated hammer blows.

b. Rock Quality Designation, RQD - This value is expressed in percent and is an indirect measure of rock soundness. It is obtained by summing the total length of all core pieces which are at least four inches long, and then dividing this sum by the total length of the core run.

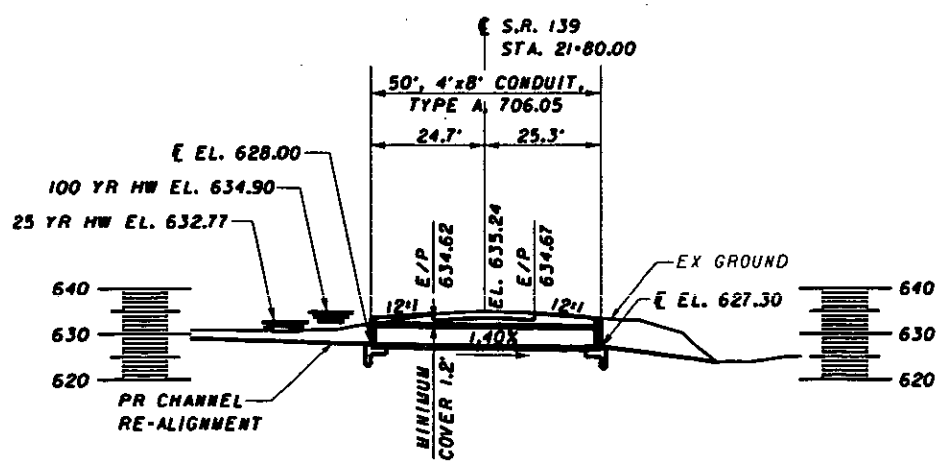
11. Gradation - when tests are performed, the percentage of each particle size is listed in the appropriate column (defined in Item 9c).

12. When a test is performed to determine the natural moisture content, liquid limit moisture content, or plastic limit moisture content, the moisture content is indicated graphically.

13. The standard penetration (N) value in blows per foot is indicated graphically.



HYDRAULIC DESIGN DATA	
DRAINAGE AREA	= 173.79 AC.
Q_{25}	= 203.13 CFS
Q_{100}	= 296.53 CFS
HW_{25}	= 632.77
HW_{100}	= 634.90
V_{25}	= 16.0 FPS
V_{100}	= 17.1 FPS



HORIZONTAL SCALE IN FEET
0 10 20

CALCULATED MDC
CHECKED HJS

CULVERT DETAIL
S.R. 823 STA. 485+02.43, 170.27' RIGHT

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Client: TranSystems, Inc. | Project: SCI-823-0.00 | Job No. 0121-3070.03

LOG OF: Boring C-53 | Location: Sta. 485+25.3, 177.8 ft. RT of SR 823 CL | Date Drilled: 09/14/06

WATER OBSERVATIONS: Water seepage at: 3.0'
Water level at completion: None (prior to coring)
2.0' (includes drilling water)

Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Blows per 6"	Recovery (in)	Sample No. Drive	Sample No. Press / Core	Hand Penetrometer (tsf)	DESCRIPTION	GRADATION % Aggregate	% C. Sand	% M. Sand	% F. Sand	% Silt	% Clay	STANDARD PENETRATION (N) Natural Moisture Content, % - ● PL ⊢—⊣ LL Blows per foot - ○ 10 20 30 40
0	630.5													
0.3	630.2						Topsoil - 4"							
		1 1 2	10	1		1.5	Stiff brown SILT (A-4b), little to some clay, trace fine sand; damp to moist.							
3.0	627.5													
		1 3 1	14	2		-	Loose brownish gray SANDY SILT (A-4a), trace to little clay, little coarse sand, trace gravel; moist.							
5							@ 6.0', becomes brown.							
6.5	624.0	5 50/3	7	3		-								50+
7.0	623.5						Soft brown SANDSTONE; very fine grained, highly weathered to decomposed.							
10		Core 60"	Rec 60"	RQD 85%	R-1		Soft to medium hard gray SANDSTONE; fine grained to very fine grained, slightly weathered, thinly bedded to medium bedded, moderately fractured. @ 8.0',8.1',8.5', low angle fractures.							
12.0	618.5						Bottom of Boring - 12.0'							
15														
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LOG OF: Boring C-54 | Location: Sta. 484+80.3, 161.7 ft. RT of SR 823 CL | Date Drilled: 09/12/06

WATER OBSERVATIONS: Water seepage at: None
Water level at completion: None (prior to coring)
8.7' (includes drilling water)

Depth (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Blows per 6"	Recovery (in)	Sample No. Drive	Sample No. Press / Core	Hand Penetrometer (tsf)	DESCRIPTION	GRADATION % Aggregate	% C. Sand	% M. Sand	% F. Sand	% Silt	% Clay
0	633.3												
0.4	632.9						Topsoil - 5"						
		3 3 5		1		--	Medium stiff to stiff brown SANDY SILT (A-4a), trace to little clay, trace gravel; damp to moist.						
		9 4 4		2		--							
5		5 5 6		3		1.0	@ 8.5'-10.0', little gravel.						
		2 2 2		4		--							
10													
11.0	622.3	Core 60"	Rec 60"	RQD 78%	R-1		Medium hard to hard gray SANDSTONE; fine grained, slightly weathered, thinly bedded to medium bedded, moderately fractured.						
15													
16.0	617.3						Bottom of Boring - 16.0'						
20													
25													
30													

STANDARD PENETRATION (N)
Natural Moisture Content, % - ●
PL ⊢——⊣ LL
Blows per foot - ○
10 20 30 40

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