



GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY

FOR

**PRECINCT 14- UNIT 5 PAVEMENTS
VERMANDI MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS**

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RABA KISTNER Inc. (RKI) is pleased to submit the report of our Geotechnical Engineering Study for the above-referenced project. This study was performed in accordance with RKI Proposal No. PNA22-078-00, dated October 3, 2022. The purpose of this study was to drill borings within the alignments of interior roadways, to perform laboratory testing to classify and characterize subsurface conditions, and to prepare an engineering report presenting pavement design and construction guidelines.

The following report contains our design recommendations and considerations based on our current understanding of the project information provided to our office. There may be alternatives for value engineering of the foundation and pavement systems, and RKI recommends that a meeting be held with the owner and design team to evaluate these alternatives.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. Should you have any questions about the information presented in this report, or if we may be of additional assistance with value engineering or on the materials testing-quality control program during construction, please call.

Very truly yours,

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Important Information About Your Geotechnical Engineering Report

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

RABA KISTNER Inc. (RKI) has completed the authorized subsurface exploration and pavement analysis for the proposed interior roadways in Precinct 14, Unit 5 of the Veramendi Master Planned Development in New Braunfels, Texas. The interior roadways are to be designed in general accordance with the City of San Antonio Pavement design guidance for Local Type A Streets (with and without bus traffic) and Local Type B Streets.

LIMITATIONS

This engineering report has been prepared in accordance with accepted Geotechnical Engineering practices in the region of south/central Texas and for the use of ASA Properties, LLC (CLIENT) and its representatives for design purposes. This report may not contain sufficient information for purposes of other parties or other uses. This report is not intended for use in determining construction means and methods.

The recommendations submitted in this report are based on the data obtained from the three (3) borings and single bulk sample collected at this site and the information provided to us. This report may not reflect the actual variations of the subsurface conditions across the site. The nature and extent of variations across the site may not become evident until construction commences. The construction process itself may also alter subsurface conditions. If variations appear evident at the time of construction, it may be necessary to reevaluate our recommendations after performing on-site observations and tests to establish the engineering impact of the variations.

The scope of our Geotechnical Engineering Study does not include an environmental assessment of the air, soil, rock, or water conditions either on or adjacent to the site. No environmental opinions are presented in this report.

BORINGS AND LABORATORY TESTS

Subsurface conditions at the site were evaluated by three (3) borings drilled at the locations shown on the Boring Location Map, Figure 1. These locations are approximate and distances were measured using a recreational grade, hand-held, GPS Locator. The borings were drilled using a truck-mounted drilling rig to depths below the existing ground surface of approximately 5 ft due to auger refusal. During drilling operations split-spoon (with standard penetration test) samples were collected at the depths annotated on our boring log.

Each sample was visually classified in the laboratory by a member of our Geotechnical Engineering staff. The geotechnical engineering properties of the strata were evaluated by moisture content, Atterberg Limits, as well as grain size analyses (percent passing a No. 200 sieve).

The laboratory test results are presented in graphical or numerical form on the boring logs illustrated on Figures 2 through 4. A key to classification terms and symbols used on the logs is presented on Figure 5. The results of the laboratory and field testing are also tabulated on Figure 6 for ease of reference.

Standard penetration test results are noted as “blows per ft” on the boring logs and Figure 6, where “blows per ft” refers to the number of blows by a falling hammer required for 1 ft of penetration into the soil/weak

rock (N-value). Where hard or dense materials were encountered, the tests were terminated at 50 blows even if one foot of penetration had not been achieved. When all 50 blows fall within the first 6 in. (seating blows), refusal "ref" for 6 in. or less will be noted on the boring logs and on Figure 6.

In addition to the above samples, a bulk sample of the predominant subgrade soil was also collected for use in California Bearing Ratio (CBR) testing, pH-Lime Series testing, and sulfate content testing. The bulk sample was collected in the vicinity of Boring P-3.

The results of the CBR testing can be found on the Moisture Density Relationship Curve on figure 7. The pH-Lime Series Curve can be found on Figure 8. Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were also performed at all the boring locations near proposed pavement areas from the existing ground surface to approximately 2 ft or practical equipment refusal and the results are presented on Figure 9.

The range of aggressiveness for the sulfate content was determined using the table below.

Sulfate Attack Potential	
Sulfate Ion Concentration (ppm or mg/kg)	Aggressiveness ⁽¹⁾
>20,000	Very Severe
2,000 to 20,000	Severe
1,000 to 2,000	Moderate
< 1,000	Negligible

1) ACI 318-05/ACI 318R-05

The results of the sulfate content testing is presented in the table below:

Location (Boring No.)	Sulfate Content (ppm or mg/kg)	Aggressiveness
P-3	Less than 100	Negligible

Samples will be retained in our laboratory for 30 days after submittal of this report. Other arrangements may be provided at the request of the Client.

FINDINGS AND TEST RESULTS

STRATIGRAPHY

In general, the natural stratigraphy consists of dark brown, highly plastic clay that is underlain by brown and tan gravel, overlying tan limestone. In our borings, depth to the top of limestone bedrock ranged from 1/2 ft to 1 ft. Each stratum presented on the boring logs has been designated by grouping materials that possess similar physical and engineering characteristics. The boring logs should be consulted for more specific stratigraphic information. Unless noted on the boring logs, the lines designating the changes between various strata represent approximate boundaries. The transition between materials may be gradual or may occur between recovered samples. The stratification given on the boring logs, or described

herein, is for use by RKI in its analyses and should not be used as the basis of design or construction cost estimates without realizing there can be variation from that shown or described.

The boring logs and related information depict subsurface conditions only at the specific locations and times where sampling was conducted. The passage of time may result in changes in conditions, interpreted to exist, at or between the locations where sampling was conducted.

GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was not encountered during drilling or immediately upon completion of the drilling operations. However, it is possible for groundwater to exist beneath this site at shallow depths on a transient basis, particularly following periods of precipitation and within granular layers. Fluctuations in groundwater levels occur due to variation in rainfall and surface water run-off. The construction process itself may also cause variations in the groundwater level.

SUBGRADE STRENGTH CHARACTERIZATION

We have assumed the pavement subgrade will consist of re-compacted on-site clays (referred to herein as “clay subgrade”) or native, intact or weathered limestone or rock millings (referred to herein as “rock subgrade”). The CBR value for the clay subgrade was determined using ASTM D 1883, *Standard Test Method for CBR (California Bearing Ratio) of Laboratory-Compacted Soils* with the soaked sample methodology. Corrected CBR and percent swell for the bulk samples collected from the site are tabulated below.

Sample Location	Average Swell (%)	Laboratory CBR	Design CBR
P-3	1.1 %	3.4	3.5

This value was determined using 3-points compacted at varying efforts to determine the corrected CBR value at 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by TxDOT, Tex-114-E. The moisture-density relationship is presented on Figure 7. If clay soils are imported for the purpose of constructing the road bed then imported materials must be selected that have a CBR value of at least 3.5 (Design CBR). The design CBR was assigned based on the laboratory CBR results, DCP test results, and our experience with similar soils. If lower quality clay fill materials are utilized, the pavement sections will have to be increased based on the quality (tested CBR value) of the clays imported.

SWELL/HEAVE POTENTIAL

Based on the results of our laboratory testing and the findings from our test borings, the estimated Potential Vertical Rise (PVR) for this site is 1 in or less. These values were determined using the empirical procedure, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Tex-124-E, Method for Determining the Potential Vertical Rise (PVR). A surcharge load of 1 psi, an active zone of the depth to limestone, and dry moisture conditions were assumed in estimating the above PVR values.

Subgrade soils that are highly expansive when water is introduced (i.e. highly plastic soils) will heave, causing the pavement to become rough or uneven over time. Pavement roughness is generally defined as an expression of irregularities in the pavement surface that adversely affect the ride quality of a vehicle (and thus the user). Roughness is an important pavement characteristic because it affects not only ride quality but also vehicle costs, fuel consumption, and maintenance costs. Pavement heave can be reduced through various measures but cannot be totally eliminated without full removal of the problematic soil. Measures available for reducing heave include:

- Soil Treatment with Lime or Other Chemicals
- Removal and Replacement of High PI Soils
- Drains or Barriers to Collect or Inhibit Moisture Infiltration

Soil treatment with lime (or other chemicals) is typically used to reduce the swelling potential of the upper portion of the pavement subgrade containing moderately plastic soils. Lime and water are mixed with the top 8 to 12 inches (or possibly more) of the subgrade and allowed to mellow or cure for a period of time. After mellowing, the soil-lime mixture is compacted to form a strong soil matrix that can improve pavement performance and potentially reduce soil heave. However, in highly plastic soils, lime treatment of only the top portion of the expansive subgrade may not provide an acceptable reduction in PVR. For a more substantial reduction in PVR, removal and replacement of the high PI soil may be the only method available to reduce the potential vertical rise of the pavement to an acceptable level. As stated previously, it must be recognized that partial removal of expansive clay soil only reduces the potential (or risk) of the damage swell can cause to a pavement and does not completely eliminate this risk.

In addition, capturing water infiltration via French drains, pavement edge drains, or inhibiting water through the use of vertical moisture barriers would reduce the potential for heave since one important component of the heaving mechanism, water, would be reduced. Geocomposite membranes, like geogrids, are also another tool available that may help reduce the damage that heaving subgrades cause to flexible pavements and may be considered in addition to or as an alternative to other mitigation techniques.

It should be noted that the pavement sections derived in the following sections are structurally adequate for the given traffic levels and existing clay subgrade strength, but do not consider the long-term effects of pavement roughness due to heave, which can only be addressed by the measures discussed in this section.

PAVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

DESIGN PARAMETERS – HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENTS

The roadways to be considered in this study are the interior roadways in Precinct 14, Unit 5 of the Veramendi Master Planned Development in New Braunfels, Texas. The proposed roadways are to be evaluated in accordance with the *City of San Antonio's Design Guidance Manual* regarding Local Type A with and without Bus traffic, and Local Type B roadways. Based on information provided by the City of San Antonio, we understand that the following design parameters are required for use in the design of flexible pavements for these types of streets.

Street Classification	Equivalent 18-kip Single Axle Load Applications (ESALs)	Reliability	Serviceability Initial/Terminal	Standard Deviation	Structural Number Minimum/Maximum
Local Type A without Bus Traffic	100,000	70	4.2/2.0	0.45	2.02/3.18
Local Type A with Bus Traffic	1,000,000	70	4.2/2.0	0.45	2.58/4.20
Local Type B	2,000,000	90	4.2/2.0	0.45	2.92/5.08

The required structural number is related to the CBR value of the pavement subgrade and the amount of traffic that the pavement will carry over its service life. The CBR provides an estimate of the relative strength of the subgrade and consequently indicates the ability of the pavement section to carry load. This site specific CBR value is utilized in conjunction with the above specified parameters to determine the required Structural Number (SN) for use in the design of the pavement section.

To determine the required design SN value, we utilized a method based on the 1993 edition of the AASHTO "Guide for the Design of Pavement Structures." The "required by design" SN values are presented in the tables of the pavement sections as well as the values subsequently determined in the design of the pavement sections for this site.

Structural Number Recommendations

Structural numbers for each scenario were calculated using the parameters provided in the table presented in the previous section, a design CBR value of 3.5 for clay subgrade and 10 for rock subgrade. The resulting Structural Numbers are presented in the pavement section tables.

PAVEMENT DESIGN PARAMETERS – HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENTS

The following input variables are utilized to design flexible base pavements (commonly referred to as Asphaltic Cement Concrete or Asphalt pavements) when using the procedures detailed in the *1993 AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures*:

- Performance Period, years
- Roadbed Soil Resilient Modulus, psi
- Serviceability Indices
- Overall Standard Deviation
- Reliability, %
- Design Traffic, 18-kip ESALs

Performance Period, years

The pavement structure was designed for a 20-year performance period which is typical for most flexible pavements.

Roadbed Soil Resilient Modulus, psi

The Resilient Modulus (M_R) is the material property used to characterize the support characteristics of the roadbed soils in flexible pavement design. It is a measure of the soil's deformation response to cyclic applications of loads much smaller than a failure load.

To determine the resilient modulus (M_R) of the subgrade, we utilized the correlation equation shown below:

$$M_R = 1,500 \times \text{CBR}$$

Serviceability Indices

Initial serviceability is a measure of the pavement's smoothness or rideability immediately after construction. Terminal serviceability is the minimum tolerable serviceability of a pavement. When the serviceability of a pavement reaches its terminal value, rehabilitation is required. See the recommended Initial and Terminal Serviceability Indices on the table presented in the *Design Parameters – Hot Mix Asphalt Pavements* section of this report.

Overall Standard Deviation

Overall standard deviation accounts for both chance variation in the traffic prediction and normal variation in pavement performance prediction for a given traffic. Higher values represent more variability; thus, the pavement thickness increases with higher overall standard deviations. A value of 0.45 was utilized for the flexible pavement designs presented herein.

Reliability, %

The reliability value represents a "safety factor," with higher reliabilities representing pavement structures with less chance of failure. The AASHTO Guide recommends values ranging from 50 to 99.9%, depending on the functional classification and the location (urban vs. rural) of the roadway. See the recommended Reliability values on the table presented in the *Design Parameters – Hot Mix Asphalt Pavements* section of this report.

Design Traffic, 18-kip ESALs

The 18-kip ESALs were determined from the traffic data specified in the Unified Development Code for the City of San Antonio. See the recommended values on the table presented in the *Design Parameters – Hot Mix Asphalt Pavements* section of this report.

RECOMMENDED PAVEMENT SECTIONS – HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENTS

Clay fill utilized for fill grading should be placed and compacted as discussed in the *On-Site Clay Fill* section of this report. For areas that require fill, the (at a minimum) final 6 in. of fill should be lime treated (see *Lime Treated Subgrade*). If fill grading is not planned and clays remain in place, then lime treatment of the exposed

clay subgrade should be performed in conjunction with the scarifying, moisture conditioning, and recompaction described in the *Site Preparation* section of this report.

If the alignment is constructed on rock millings, exposed massive limestone, or weathered limestone material are utilized to establish the subgrade, then a “rock subgrade” pavement section may be utilized.

Appendix 10-A of the *City of San Antonio’s Design Guidance Manual* states that subgrade soils with a PI greater than 20 must be treated with lime or other proven methods of treatment to reduce the PI of the soil to 20 or less. Based on the results of our Atterberg Limits testing performed on the bulk samples and in the upper 5 ft of our borings, the PI of the surficial subgrade clays ranges from 8 to 42. We recommend that pavements at this site include a minimum of 6 in. of lime-treated subgrade. We recommend that the required lime content reduce the PI of the subgrade soil to 20 or less and increases the pH of the soil to 12.4 or greater. If the exposed soil has a natural PI of 20 or less or consists of bedrock, then the lime treatment may be waived. For this site, the following options for pavement sections are available. Additional options are also available and can be provided upon request.

Clay Subgrade

Local Type A without Bus Traffic; CBR=3.5; Design SN = 2.35	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	SN Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	2.5 in.	0.44	1.10
	Flexible (Granular) Base	9.0 in.	0.14	1.26
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	17.5 in.		2.36
Full Depth Asphalt Option	Type D Surface Course	1.5 in.	0.44	0.66
	Type B Asphaltic Base	5.0 in.	0.34	1.70
	Lime Treated Subgrade	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	12.5 in.		2.36
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	2.5 in.	0.44	1.10
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	8.0 in.	0.17	1.36
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	16.5 in.		2.46

¹⁾ Lime treatment may be waived if the natural subgrade material or at least 6 inches of fill material has a PI of 20 or less.

Local Type A with Bus Traffic; CBR=3.5; Design SN = 3.34	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	SN Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Flexible (Granular) Base	15.0 in.	0.14	2.10
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	24.0 in.		3.42
Full Depth Asphalt Option	Type D Surface Course	1.5 in.	0.44	0.66
	Type B Asphaltic Base	8.0 in.	0.34	2.72
	Lime Treated Subgrade	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	15.5 in.		3.38
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	12.0 in.	0.17	2.04
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	21.0 in.		3.36

¹⁾ Lime treatment may be waived if the natural subgrade material or at least 6 inches of fill material has a PI of 20 or less.

Local Type B; CBR=3.5; Design SN = 4.15	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	SN Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	2.0 in.	0.44	0.88
	Type C or D Binder Course	3.5 in.	0.44	1.54
	Flexible (Granular) Base	13.0 in.	0.14	1.82
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	24.5 in.		4.24
Full Depth Asphalt Option	Type D Surface Course	2.0 in.	0.44	0.88
	Type B Asphaltic Base	10.0 in.	0.34	3.40
	Lime Treated Subgrade	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	18.0 in.		4.28
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	2.0 in.	0.44	0.88
	Type C or D Binder Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	12.0 in.	0.17	2.04
	Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Combined Total	23.0 in.		4.24

¹⁾ Lime treatment may be waived if the natural subgrade material or at least 6 inches of fill material has a PI of 20 or less.

Rock Subgrade

Local Type A without Bus Traffic; CBR=10; Design SN = 1.56 ⁽¹⁾	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	S.N. Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	2.5 in.	0.44	1.10
	Flexible (Granular) Base	<u>7.0 in.</u>	0.14	<u>0.98</u>
	Combined Total	9.5 in.		2.08
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	2.0 in.	0.44	0.88
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	<u>7.0 in.</u>	0.17	<u>1.19</u>
	Combined Total	9.0 in.		2.07

¹⁾ Lower than the CoSA minimum of 2.02, which will be utilized in design

Local Type A with Bus Traffic; CBR=10; Design SN = 2.30 ⁽¹⁾	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	S.N. Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Flexible (Granular) Base	<u>9.0 in.</u>	0.14	<u>1.26</u>
	Combined Total	12.0 in.		2.58
Full Depth Asphalt Option	Type D Surface Course	1.5 in.	0.44	0.66
	Type B Asphaltic Base	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.34	<u>2.04</u>
	Combined Total	7.5 in.		2.70
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	<u>8.0 in.</u>	0.17	<u>1.36</u>
	Combined Total	11.0 in.		2.68

¹⁾ Lower than the CoSA minimum of 2.58, which will be utilized in design

Local Type B; CBR=10; Design SN = 2.89 ⁽¹⁾	Layer Description	Layer Thickness	Recommended SN Coeff.	S.N. Extension
Flexible Base Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Flexible (Granular) Base	<u>12.0 in.</u>	0.14	<u>1.68</u>
	Combined Total	15.0 in.		3.00
Full Depth Asphalt Option	Type D Surface Course	2.0 in.	0.44	0.88
	Type B Asphaltic Base	<u>6.0 in.</u>	0.34	<u>2.04</u>
	Combined Total	8.0 in.		2.92
Mechanically Stabilized Layer Option	Type D Surface Course	3.0 in.	0.44	1.32
	Mechanically Stabilized Layer	<u>10.0 in.</u>	0.17	<u>1.70</u>
	Combined Total	13.0 in.		3.02

¹⁾ Lower than the CoSA minimum of 2.92, which will be utilized in design

A Mechanically Stabilized Layer (MSL) is a composite layer consisting of flexible (granular) base and a geogrid product. Geogrid provides lateral restraint to the flexible base by confining aggregate particles within the plane of the geogrid, thereby creating a reinforced, or mechanically stabilized layer.

DESIGN PARAMETERS – PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS

Based on information provided by the City of San Antonio, we understand that the following design parameters are required for use in the design of rigid pavements for the aforementioned street classifications.

Street Classification	Equivalent 18-kip Single Axle Load Applications (ESALs)	Reliability	Serviceability (Initial/Terminal)	Standard Deviation	Rigid Pavement Slab Thickness (Minimum/Maximum)
Local Type A without Bus Traffic	150,000	70	4.5/2.0	0.35	5.0/6.0
Local Type A with Bus Traffic	1,500,000	70	4.5/2.0	0.35	6.0/8.0
Local Type B	3,000,000	90	4.5/2.0	0.35	7.0/9.0

To calculate the required design rigid pavement thickness, we utilized a method based on the 1993 edition of the AASHTO “Guide for the Design of Pavement Structures.”

PAVEMENT DESIGN PARAMETERS – PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS

The following input variables are utilized to design rigid pavements (commonly referred to as Portland Cement Concrete or PCC pavements) when using the procedures detailed in the *1993 AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures*:

- Performance Period
- 28-day Concrete Modulus of Rupture, psi
- 28-day Concrete Elastic Modulus, (M_r) psi
- Effective Modulus of Subbase/Subgrade Reaction, (k-value) psi/in.
- Serviceability Indices
- Load Transfer Coefficient
- Drainage Coefficient
- Overall Standard Deviation
- Reliability, %
- Design Traffic, 18-kip ESALs

Performance Period

The pavement structure was designed for a 30-year performance period which is typical for most rigid pavements.

28-day Concrete Modulus of Rupture (M_r), psi

The M_r of concrete is a measure of the flexural strength of the concrete as determined by breaking concrete beam test specimens. An M_r of approximately 600 psi at 28 days was used in the analysis and is typical of local concrete production.

28-day Concrete Elastic Modulus, psi

Elastic modulus of concrete is an indication of concrete stiffness and varies depending on the coarse aggregate type used in the concrete. A modulus of 4,000,000 psi is used for this pavement design.

Effective Modulus of Subbase/Subgrade Reaction(k-value), psi/in.

Concrete slab support is characterized by the modulus of subgrade/subbase reaction, otherwise known as the k-value with units typically shown as psi/in. A K-value of 108 psi/in. and 200 psi/in. were used for the clay and rock subgrades, respectively, in the rigid pavement design procedure and is based upon the CBR values discussed above.

Serviceability Indices

Initial serviceability is a measure of the pavement's smoothness or rideability immediately after construction. Terminal serviceability is the minimum tolerable serviceability of a pavement. When the serviceability of a pavement reaches its terminal value, rehabilitation is required. See the recommended Initial and Terminal Serviceability Indices on the table presented in the *City of San Antonio Design Parameters – Portland Cement Concrete Pavements* section of this report.

Load Transfer Coefficient

The load transfer coefficient is used to incorporate the effect of dowels, reinforcing steel, tied shoulders, and tied curb and gutter on reducing the stress in the concrete slab due to traffic loading and therefore causing a reduction in the required concrete slab thickness.

The load transfer coefficients used in these pavement designs are 2.9 for Local Type A and Local Type B, using aggregate interlock reinforcement, with edge support (curbs) and given the traffic count for the street classifications (ESALs). We recommend dowels for Local B roadways.

Drainage Coefficient

The drainage coefficient characterizes the quality of drainage of the subbase layers under the concrete slab. Good draining pavement structures do not give water the chance to saturate the subbase and subgrade; thus, pumping is not as likely to occur.

There is no subbase recommended for this pavement structure. Therefore, the drainage coefficient used in this pavement design is 1.0 and is based upon local design experience for slabs without subbases on expansive clay subgrade.

Overall Standard Deviation

Overall standard deviation accounts for both chance variation in the traffic prediction and normal variation in pavement performance prediction for a given traffic. Higher values represent more variability; thus, the pavement thickness increases with higher overall standard deviations. See the recommended Overall Standard Deviation on the table presented in the *Design Parameters – Portland Cement Concrete Pavements* section of this report.

Reliability, %

The reliability value represents a "safety factor," with higher reliabilities representing pavement structures with less chance of failure. The AASHTO Guide recommends values ranging from 50 to 99.9%, depending on the functional classification and the location (urban vs. rural) of the roadway. See the recommended Reliability on the table presented in the *Design Parameters – Portland Cement Concrete Pavements* section of this report.

Design Traffic 18-kip ESAL

The 18-kip ESALs were determined from the street classifications as discussed previously in the *Design Parameters – Portland Cement Concrete Pavements* section of this report.

RECOMMENDED PAVEMENT SECTIONS – PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENTS

The recommended concrete slab thicknesses determined with the inputs discussed above are presented in the table below. An optional lime treated subgrade is recommended to facilitate construction over the clay subgrade but is not required. The contractor may elect to include lime treated subgrade to stabilize saturated soils to create a working or construction platform.

Portland Cement Concrete Design - Cross Sections		Layer Description	TxDOT Spec. Item	Layer Thickness
Local Type A without Bus Traffic	Clay Subgrade	PCC Surface	360	5.0 in.
		Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	260	<u>6.0 in.</u>
		Combined Total		11.0 in.
	Rock Subgrade	PCC Surface Subbase Combined Total	360 ----	5.0 in. ⁽³⁾ <u>0.0 in.</u> 5.0 in.
Local Type A with Bus Traffic	Clay Subgrade	PCC Surface	360	6.5 in.
		Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	260	<u>6.0 in.</u>
		Combined Total		12.5 in.
	Rock Subgrade	PCC Surface Subbase Combined Total	360 ----	6.5 in. <u>0.0 in.</u> 6.5 in.
Local Type B	Clay Subgrade	PCC Surface ⁽²⁾	360	8.5 in.
		Lime Treated Subgrade ⁽¹⁾	260	<u>6.0 in.</u>
		Combined Total		14.5 in.
	Rock Subgrade	PCC Surface ⁽²⁾ Subbase Combined Total	360 ----	8.0 in. <u>0.0 in.</u> 8.0 in.

- ¹⁾ Lime treatment may be waived if the natural subgrade material or at least 6 inches of fill material has a PI of 20 or less.
- ²⁾ The concrete design thickness for Local Type B assumes load transfer devices (i.e. dowels) will be utilized at control joints.
- ³⁾ Based on minimum criteria for rigid pavement slab thickness provided by the City of San Antonio

PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

SUBGRADE PREPARATION

Preparation for the right-of-way (for streets, sidewalks, utilities, etc.) should be performed in accordance with the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 100 – *Preparing Right of Way*. Exposed subgrades should be thoroughly proofrolled in order to locate any weak, compressible zones. A minimum of 5 passes of a fully-loaded dump truck or a similar heavily-loaded piece of construction equipment should be used for planning purposes. Proofrolling operations should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer or his representative to document subgrade condition and preparation. Weak or soft areas identified during proofrolling should be removed and replaced with a suitable, compacted backfill.

In areas where clay will remain in place, the exposed subgrade should be moisture conditioned. This should be done after completion of the proofrolling operations and just prior to flexible base placement. Moisture conditioning is done by scarifying to a minimum depth of 8 in. and recompacting to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum density determined from the Texas Department of Transportation Compaction Test (TxDOT, Tex-114-E). The moisture content of the subgrade should be maintained within

the range of optimum moisture content to 3 percentage points above optimum until permanently covered.

Upon completion of fill grading using the on-site clays, the final 8 in. of fill should be lime treated (see *Lime Treatment of Subgrade*). If fill grading is not planned, then lime treatment of the stripped clay subgrade should be performed in conjunction with the scarifying, moisture conditioning, and recompaction described previously.

If a “rock subgrade” is established prior to flexible base placement, the lime treated subgrade may be eliminated from the pavement section and the rock subgrade recommendations should be utilized. The rock subgrade may also be utilized for those pavements that are placed directly over box culverts. Density and compaction requirements will not be required for intact bedrock.

ON-SITE CLAY FILL

We recommend that the on-site soils be placed to conform to the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 132 – *Embankment*, Type B, and should be placed in compacted lifts not exceeding 6 in. in thickness and compacted to the requirements of Table 2 in Item 132 based on the maximum density and optimum moisture content as determined by TxDOT, Tex-114-E. The moisture content of the fill should be maintained to be at least equal to the optimum water content, but not exceed 3 percentage points above the optimum water content until permanently covered. Fill materials shall be free of roots and other organic or degradable material. We recommend that the maximum particle size not exceed 3 in. or one half the compacted lift thickness, whichever is smaller. If other import fill materials are utilized, RKI should be notified, as additional CBR testing and thicker pavement sections may be required.

It is imperative that the subgrade modulus utilized in the pavement design process be met or exceeded by the fill material. In the event that the clay fill used is different than the existing subgrade, the recommendations in this report could be invalidated and the design engineer must be consulted to determine if additional CBR testing and thicker pavement sections are required.

LIME TREATMENT OF SUBGRADE

Lime treatment of the subgrade soils with PIs greater than 20 should be in accordance with the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 260 – *Lime Treatment (Road-Mixed)*. Lime-treated subgrade soils should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum density at a moisture content within the range of optimum moisture content to 3 percentage points above the optimum moisture content as determined by Tex-113-E. Based on the results of the pH-Lime Series Curve and for estimating purposes, we recommend that at least 5 percent hydrated lime by weight be used to reduce the PI of the subgrade clays or a minimum of 22.5 pounds/S.Y. for 6 in. of lime treated subgrade, whichever results in the greater percentage of lime. If dry placement of lime is used during construction, an additional 1 percent of lime should be added to account for expected loss. We recommend that further testing be completed during construction to establish the percentage of lime required and the dry unit weight of the soils to be used as the subgrade.

It is also recommended to perform additional laboratory testing to determine the concentration of soluble sulfates in the subgrade soils, in order to investigate the potential for adverse reaction to lime in certain

sulfate-containing soils. The adverse reaction, referred to as sulfate-induced heave, has been known to cause cohesive subgrade soils to swell in short periods of time, resulting in pavement heaving and possible failure. Based on the sulfate content testing completed on the bulk samples, the subgrade soils have a negligible potential for sulfate induced heave. We do not anticipate that mitigation efforts or alternatives to lime treated subgrade will be required for these pavements for lime treated subgrade conditions.

GEOGRID REINFORCEMENT

The geogrid reinforcement should be selected in accordance with TxDOT DMS6240, Type II geogrid. The geogrid should be placed at the bottom of the flexible (granular) base section in all cases. An alternative to the above geogrid should not be considered without approval from RKL.

GRANULAR BASE COURSE

The flexible base course should be crushed limestone conforming to the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 247 – *Flexible Base*, Type A, Grade 1-2. The base course should be placed in lifts with a maximum compacted thickness of 8 in. (10 inches loose) and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum density determined by Tex-113-E at a moisture content within the range of 2 percentage points below to 2 percentage points above the optimum moisture content as determined by Tex-113-E.

PRIME COAT

A prime coat should be placed on top of the flexible base course (if used) and should be a MC-30, AE-P, EAP&T, or PCE conforming to the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 310 – *Prime Coat* or Item 314 – *Emulsified Asphalt Treatment* as well as Item 300 – *Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions*. Prime coat application rates are typically between 0.1 to 0.3 gal/yd² and are generally dependent upon the absorption rate of the granular base and other environmental conditions at the time of placement. The prime coat layer should be placed on the prepared flexible base as soon as possible. This will facilitate plugging the capillary voids in the flexible base surface to reduce migration of moisture and providing a water resistant surface. The asphalt layer should be placed as soon as possible after the prime coat has been properly set/cured.

TACK COAT

A tack coat should be placed between asphaltic concrete base and/or surface lifts and should be a PG binder with a minimum high-temperature grade of PG 58, SS-1H, CSS-1H, or EAP&T conforming to the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 300 – *Asphalts, Oils and Emulsions*. See additional requirements for tack coats in the appropriate TxDOT Standard Specifications for Asphaltic Concrete Materials.

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE SURFACE AND/OR BINDER¹ COURSES

The asphaltic concrete surface and/or binder courses should conform to the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 341 – *Dense Graded Hot Mix Asphalt*, Types C or D for the surface and binder, and Type B for the base, if the full depth asphalt section is selected for construction. Recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) should be limited to 20 percent of the total weight of the mix for Types C and D mixes and 30 percent for

¹ A binder course is defined as the hot mixed asphalt concrete (HMAC) layer placed directly beneath the HMAC surface or wearing course but is not an asphalt treated base layer.

Type B mixes. Higher percentages of RAP may be permissible depending on the material source. If higher percentages of RAP are desired, contact RKI for consideration. Asphalt cement grades should conform to the table shown below, which conforms to the requirements of Item 341.

Street Classifications	Minimum PG Asphalt Cement Grade		
	Surface Courses	Binder & Level Up Courses	Base Courses
Local Type B Streets	PG 70-22	PG 70-22	PG 64-22
Local Type A Street With Bus Traffic		PG 64-22	
Local Type A Street Without Bus Traffic	PG 64-22		

The asphaltic concrete should be compacted on the roadway to contain from 5 to 9 percent air voids computed using the maximum theoretical specific gravity (Rice) of the mixture determined according to Test Method Tex-227-F. Pavement specimens, which shall be either cores or sections of asphaltic pavement, will be tested according to Test Method Tex-207-F. The nuclear-density gauge or other methods which correlate satisfactorily with results obtained from project roadway specimens may be used when approved by the Engineer. Unless otherwise shown on the plans, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the required roadway specimens at their expense and in a manner and at locations selected by the Engineer.

It is recommended that the hot mix asphalt concrete pavement be placed with a paving machine only and not with a motor grader unless prior approval is granted by the Engineer for special circumstances. The asphalt layer should preferably be placed as soon as possible after the flexible base has been accepted and the prime coat has been placed. This will further protect the flexible base and subgrade from undue moisture fluctuation due to precipitation or sheet flow from rain events.

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

The Portland cement concrete should conform to the requirements of the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 360 – *Concrete Pavement*, for a Hydraulic Cement Concrete Class P. Liquid membrane-forming curing compound should be applied as soon as practical after broom finishing the concrete surface and should conform to Section 2.4, Curing Materials. The curing compound will help reduce the loss of water from the concrete. The reduction in the rapid loss in water will help reduce shrinkage cracking of the concrete.

CONCRETE PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTROL

Construction of Portland Cement Concrete Pavements should be controlled by the 2014 TxDOT Standard Specifications, Item 341 – *Concrete Pavement*. The surface of all concrete pavements should be textured or tined. Texturing using carpet dragging or tining should be in accordance with Item 360, Sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2. Other texturing techniques may be utilized as described in ACI 330.1-03, Section 3, Subparagraph 9.

CONCRETE PAVEMENT TYPE

Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement (which is referred to by TxDOT as Concrete Pavement Contraction Design or CPCD) is suggested for roadways with crosswalks, adjacent parking, or sidewalks and is recommended as the pavement type for this city street.

JOINT SPACING AND DETAILS

Construction joint spacing should not exceed 15 ft in either the longitudinal or transverse direction. The depth of sawcut should be a minimum of 1/4 of the slab depth (1/3 the slab depth is recommended) if utilizing a conventional saw or 1 in. when using an early entry saw (early entry sawing is recommended). The width of the joint will be a function of the sealant chosen to seal the joint. It is recommended that a joint seal be utilized to minimize the introduction of incompressible material into the joint.

It is recommended that dowel bars be used to provide load transfer and reduce differential movement (or faulting) across transverse joints. Dowels should be smooth #9 bars (Grade 60 steel) spaced 12 in. on center with an embedment length of at least 8 in.

Tie bars should be used to tie longitudinal joints within the pavement lanes and at the shoulder. Tie bars should be deformed #4 bars at a minimum (Grade 60 steel) spaced 36 in. on center with a minimum length of 30 in.

Isolation joints must be used around fixed structures including light standard foundations and drainage inlets to offset the effects of differential horizontal and vertical movements. Premolded joint fillers should be used around the fixed structures prior to placing the concrete pavement to prevent bonding of the slab to the structure and should extend through the depth of the slab but slightly recessed from the pavement surface to provide room for the joint sealant.

SUGGESTED PAVEMENT DETAILS

Suggested details that can be utilized for construction are:

- TxDOT CPCD-14, Concrete Paving Details, Contraction Design, T-6 to 12 inches
- TxDOT JS-14, Concrete Paving Details, Joint Seals

See Figure 10 of the Attachments for the above joint details.

MISCELLANEOUS PAVEMENT RELATED CONSIDERATIONS

Drainage Considerations

As with any soil-supported structure, the satisfactory performance of a pavement system is contingent on the provision of adequate surface and subsurface drainage. Insufficient drainage which allows saturation of the pavement subgrade and/or the supporting granular pavement materials will greatly reduce the performance and service life of the pavement systems.

Surface and subsurface drainage considerations crucial to the performance of pavements at this site include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Any known natural or man-made subsurface seepage at the site which may occur at sufficiently shallow depths as to influence moisture contents within the subgrade should be intercepted by drainage ditches or below grade French drains.
- Final site grading should eliminate isolated depressions adjacent to curbs, which may allow surface water to pond and infiltrate into the underlying soils. Curbs should be installed to a sufficient depth to reduce infiltration of water beneath the curbs and into the pavement base materials.
- Pavement surfaces should be maintained to help minimize surface ponding and to provide rapid sealing of any developing cracks. These measures will help reduce infiltration of surface water downward through the pavement section.

Utilities

Our experience indicates that significant settlement of backfill can occur in utility trenches, particularly when trenches are deep, when backfill materials are placed in thick lifts with insufficient compaction, and when water can access and infiltrate the trench backfill materials. The potential for water to access the backfill is increased where water can infiltrate flexible base materials due to insufficient penetration of curbs, and at sites where geological features can influence water migration into utility trenches (such as fractures within a rock mass or at contacts between rock and clay formations). It is our belief that another factor which can significantly impact settlement is the migration of fines within the backfill into the open voids in the underlying free-draining bedding material.

To reduce the potential for settlement in utility trenches, we recommend that consideration be given to the following:

- All backfill materials should be placed and compacted in controlled lifts appropriate for the type of backfill and the type of compaction equipment being utilized and all backfilling procedures should be tested and documented.
- Consideration should be given to wrapping free-draining bedding gravels with a geotextile fabric (similar to Mirafi 140N) to reduce the infiltration and loss of fines from backfill material into the interstitial voids in bedding materials.

Alternatively, consideration may be given to utilizing a low strength flowable fill in utility trenches located within the roadway alignments.

Longitudinal Cracking

It should be understood that asphalt pavement sections in highly expansive soil environments, such as those encountered at this site, can develop longitudinal cracking along unprotected pavement edges. In the semi-arid climate of south central Texas this condition typically occurs along the unprotected edges of pavements where moisture fluctuation is allowed to occur over the lifetime of the pavements.

Pavements that do not have a protective barrier to reduce moisture fluctuation of the highly expansive clay subgrade between the exposed pavement edge and that beneath the pavement section tend to develop longitudinal cracks 1 to 4 ft from the edge of the pavement. Once these cracks develop, further degradation and weakening of the underlying granular base may occur due to water seepage through the cracks. The occurrence of these cracks can be more prevalent in the absence of lateral restraint and steep embankments. This problem can best be addressed by providing either a horizontal or vertical moisture barrier at the unprotected pavement edge.

A horizontal barrier is commonly in the form of a paved shoulder extending 8 feet or greater beyond the edge of the pavement. Other methods of shoulder treatment, such as using geofabrics beyond the edge of the roadway, are sometimes used in an effort to help reduce longitudinal cracking. Although this alternative does not eliminate the longitudinal cracking phenomenon, the location of the cracking is transferred to the shoulder rather than within the traffic lane.

Vertical barriers installed along the unprotected edges of roadway pavements are also effective in preventing non-uniform drying and shrinkage of the subgrade clays. These barriers are typically in the form of a vertical moisture barrier/membrane extending 6 feet or greater below the top of the subgrade at the pavement edge. Both types of barriers must be sealed at the edge of the pavement to prevent a crack that would facilitate the drying of the subgrade clays.

At a minimum, we recommend that the curbs are constructed such that the depth of the curb extends through the entire depth of the granular base material and into the subgrade to act as a protective barrier against the infiltration of water into the granular base.

In most cases, a longitudinal crack does not immediately compromise the structural integrity of the pavement system. However, if left unattended, infiltration of surface water runoff into the crack will result in isolated saturation of the underlying base. This will result in pumping of the flexible base, which could lead to rutting, cracking, and pot-holes. For this reason, we recommend that the owner of the facility immediately seal the cracks and develop a periodic sealing program.

Pavement Maintenance

Regular pavement maintenance is critical in maintaining pavement performance over a period of several years. All cracks that develop in asphalt pavements should be regularly sealed. Areas of moderate to severe fatigue cracking (also known as alligator cracking) should be sawcut and removed. The underlying base should be checked for contamination or loss of support and any insufficiencies fixed or removed and the entire area patched. All cracks that develop in concrete pavements should be routed and sealed regularly. Joints in concrete pavements should be maintained to reduce the influx of incompressible materials that restrain joint movement and cause spalling and/or cracking. Other typical maintenance techniques should be followed as required.

Construction Traffic

Construction traffic on prepared subgrade, granular base or asphalt treated base (black base) should be restricted as much as possible until the protective asphalt surface pavement is applied. Significant damage to the underlying layers resulting in weakening may occur if heavily loaded vehicles are allowed to use these areas.

CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND OBSERVATION SERVICES

As presented in the attachment to this report, *Important Information About Your Geotechnical Engineering Report*, subsurface conditions can vary across a project site. The conditions described in this report are based on interpolations derived from a limited number of data points. Variations will be encountered during construction, and only the geotechnical design engineer will be able to determine if these conditions are different than those assumed for design.

Construction problems resulting from variations or anomalies in subsurface conditions are among the most prevalent on construction projects and often lead to delays, changes, cost overruns, and disputes. These variations and anomalies can best be addressed if the geotechnical engineer of record, RKI is retained to perform construction observation and testing services during the construction of the project. This is because:

- RKI has an intimate understanding of the geotechnical engineering report's findings and recommendations. RKI understands how the report should be interpreted and can provide such interpretations on site, on the client's behalf.
- RKI knows what subsurface conditions are anticipated at the site.
- RKI is familiar with the goals of the owner and project design professionals, having worked with them in the development of the geotechnical workscope. This enables RKI to suggest remedial measures (when needed) which help meet the owner's and the design teams' requirements.
- RKI has a vested interest in client satisfaction, and thus assigns qualified personnel whose principal concern is client satisfaction. This concern is exhibited by the manner in which contractors' work is tested, evaluated and reported, and in selection of alternative approaches when such may become necessary.
- RKI cannot be held accountable for problems which result due to misinterpretation of our findings or recommendations when we are not on hand to provide the interpretation which is required.

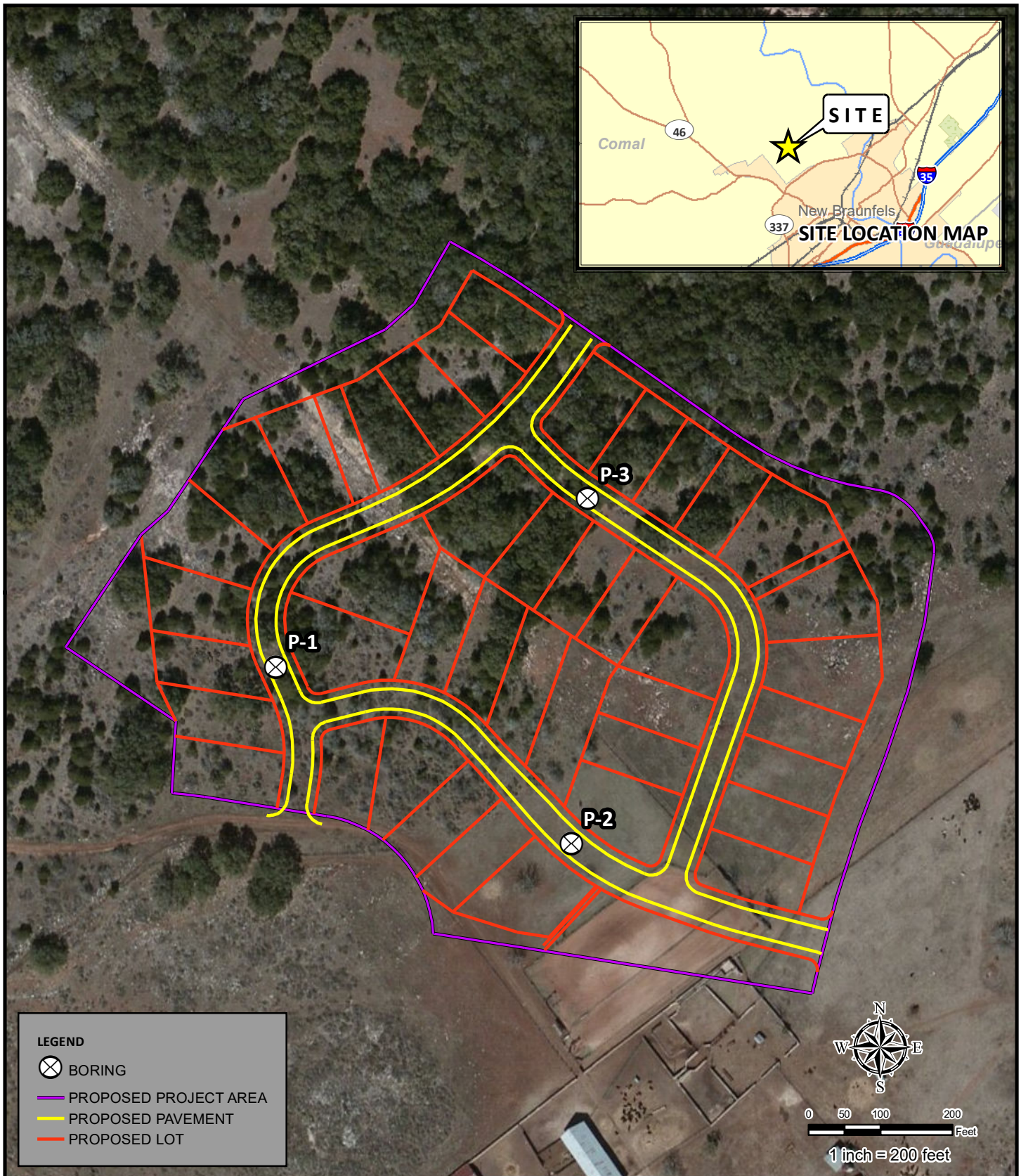
BUDGETING FOR CONSTRUCTION TESTING

Appropriate budgets need to be developed for the required construction testing and observation activities. At the appropriate time before construction, we advise that RKI and the project designers meet and jointly develop the testing budgets, as well as review the testing specifications as it pertains to this project.

Once the construction testing budget and scope of work are finalized, we encourage a preconstruction meeting with the selected contractor to review the scope of work to make sure it is consistent with the construction means and methods proposed by the contractor. RKI looks forward to the opportunity to provide continued support on this project, and would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Project Team to develop both a scope and budget for these services.

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ATTACHMENTS



LEGEND

- BORING
- PROPOSED PROJECT AREA
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED LOT

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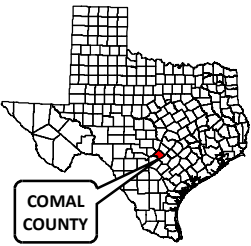


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BORING LOCATION MAP

PRECINCT 14 – UNIT 5 PAVEMENTS
 VERAMENDI MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
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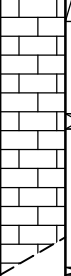

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 Precinct 14 - Unit 5 Pavements
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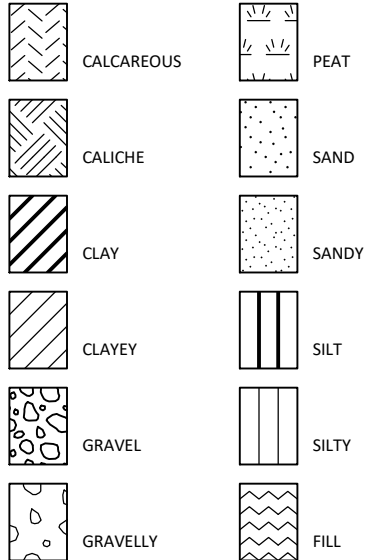
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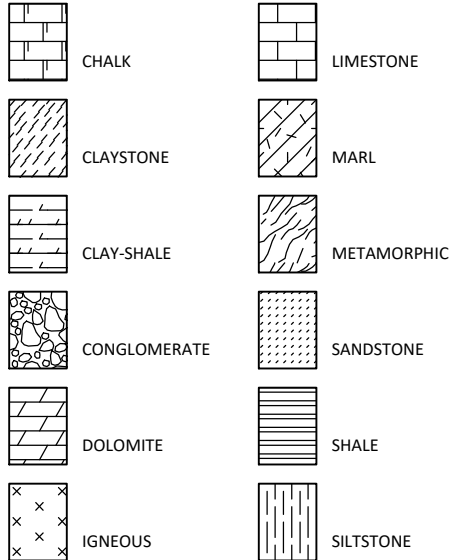
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MATERIAL TYPES

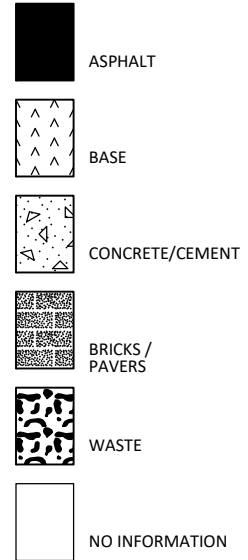
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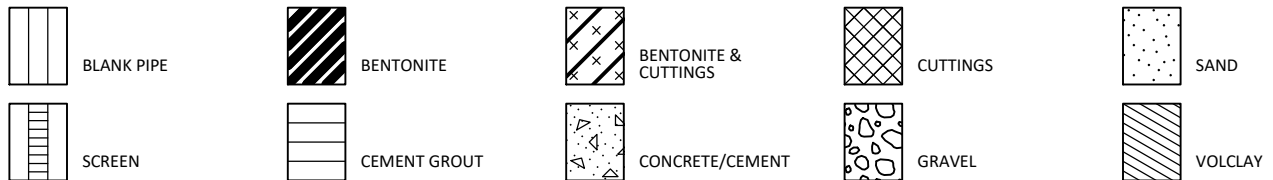
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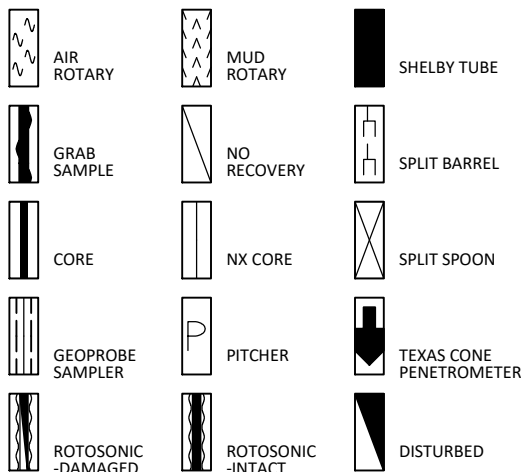
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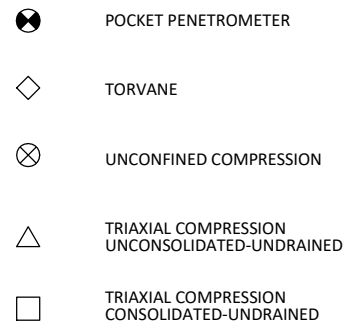
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SAMPLE TYPES



STRENGTH TEST TYPES



NOTE: VALUES SYMBOLIZED ON BORING LOGS REPRESENT SHEAR STRENGTHS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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KEY TO TERMS AND SYMBOLS (CONT'D)

TERMINOLOGY

Terms used in this report to describe soils with regard to their consistency or conditions are in general accordance with the discussion presented in Article 45 of SOILS MECHANICS IN ENGINEERING PRACTICE, Terzaghi and Peck, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1967, using the most reliable information available from the field and laboratory investigations. Terms used for describing soils according to their texture or grain size distribution are in accordance with the UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, as described in American Society for Testing and Materials D2487-06 and D2488-00, Volume 04.08, Soil and Rock; Dimension Stone; Geosynthetics; 2005.

The depths shown on the boring logs are not exact, and have been estimated to the nearest half-foot. Depth measurements may be presented in a manner that implies greater precision in depth measurement, i.e 6.71 meters. The reader should understand and interpret this information only within the stated half-foot tolerance on depth measurements.

RELATIVE DENSITY

COHESIVE STRENGTH

PLASTICITY

<u>Penetration Resistance Blows per ft</u>	<u>Relative Density</u>	<u>Resistance Blows per ft</u>	<u>Consistency</u>	<u>Cohesion TSF</u>	<u>Plasticity Index</u>	<u>Degree of Plasticity</u>
0 - 4	Very Loose	0 - 2	Very Soft	0 - 0.125	0 - 5	None
4 - 10	Loose	2 - 4	Soft	0.125 - 0.25	5 - 10	Low
10 - 30	Medium Dense	4 - 8	Firm	0.25 - 0.5	10 - 20	Moderate
30 - 50	Dense	8 - 15	Stiff	0.5 - 1.0	20 - 40	Plastic
> 50	Very Dense	15 - 30	Very Stiff	1.0 - 2.0	> 40	Highly Plastic
		> 30	Hard	> 2.0		

ABBREVIATIONS

B = Benzene	Qam, Qas, Qal = Quaternary Alluvium	Kef = Eagle Ford Shale
T = Toluene	Qat = Low Terrace Deposits	Kbu = Buda Limestone
E = Ethylbenzene	Qbc = Beaumont Formation	Kdr = Del Rio Clay
X = Total Xylenes	Qt = Fluvial Terrace Deposits	Kft = Fort Terrett Member
BTEX = Total BTEX	Qao = Seymour Formation	Kgt = Georgetown Formation
TPH = Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	Qle = Leona Formation	Kep = Person Formation
ND = Not Detected	Q-Tu = Uvalde Gravel	Kek = Kainer Formation
NA = Not Analyzed	Ewi = Wilcox Formation	Kes = Escondido Formation
NR = Not Recorded/No Recovery	Emi = Midway Group	Kew = Walnut Formation
OVA = Organic Vapor Analyzer	Mc = Catahoula Formation	Kgr = Glen Rose Formation
ppm = Parts Per Million	EI = Laredo Formation	Kgru = Upper Glen Rose Formation
	Kknm = Navarro Group and Marlbrook Marl	Kgrl = Lower Glen Rose Formation
	Kpg = Pecan Gap Chalk	Kh = Hensell Sand
	Kau = Austin Chalk	

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TERMINOLOGY

SOIL STRUCTURE

Slickensided	Having planes of weakness that appear slick and glossy.
Fissured	Containing shrinkage or relief cracks, often filled with fine sand or silt; usually more or less vertical.
Pocket	Inclusion of material of different texture that is smaller than the diameter of the sample.
Parting	Inclusion less than 1/8 inch thick extending through the sample.
Seam	Inclusion 1/8 inch to 3 inches thick extending through the sample.
Layer	Inclusion greater than 3 inches thick extending through the sample.
Laminated	Soil sample composed of alternating partings or seams of different soil type.
Interlayered	Soil sample composed of alternating layers of different soil type.
Intermixed	Soil sample composed of pockets of different soil type and layered or laminated structure is not evident.
Calcareous	Having appreciable quantities of carbonate.
Carbonate	Having more than 50% carbonate content.

SAMPLING METHODS

RELATIVELY UNDISTURBED SAMPLING

Cohesive soil samples are to be collected using three-inch thin-walled tubes in general accordance with the Standard Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils (ASTM D1587) and granular soil samples are to be collected using two-inch split-barrel samplers in general accordance with the Standard Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils (ASTM D1586). Cohesive soil samples may be extruded on-site when appropriate handling and storage techniques maintain sample integrity and moisture content.

STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT)

A 2-in.-OD, 1-3/8-in.-ID split spoon sampler is driven 1.5 ft into undisturbed soil with a 140-pound hammer free falling 30 in. After the sampler is seated 6 in. into undisturbed soil, the number of blows required to drive the sampler the last 12 in. is the Standard Penetration Resistance or "N" value, which is recorded as blows per foot as described below.

SPLIT-BARREL SAMPLER DRIVING RECORD

Blows Per Foot	Description
25	25 blows drove sampler 12 inches, after initial 6 inches of seating.
50/7"	50 blows drove sampler 7 inches, after initial 6 inches of seating.
Ref/3"	50 blows drove sampler 3 inches during initial 6-inch seating interval.

NOTE: To avoid damage to sampling tools, driving is limited to 50 blows during or after seating interval.

RESULTS OF SOIL SAMPLE ANALYSES

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Veramendi Master Planned Development
New Braunfels, Texas

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Boring No.	Sample Depth (ft)	Blows per ft	Water Content (%)	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	USCS	Dry Unit Weight (pcf)	% -200 Sieve	Shear Strength (tsf)	Strength Test
P-1	0.0 to 1.3	50/10"									
	0.3		7	63	21	42	CH				
	2.5 to 2.7	ref/2"	6								
	4.5 to 4.6	ref/1"	9								
P-2	0.0 to 1.5	50	6								
	2.5 to 2.8	ref/4"	6								
	4.5 to 4.6	ref/1"	4	38	17	21					
P-3	0.0 to 0.7	50/2"	5								
	2.5 to 2.6	ref/1"	2						24		
	4.5 to 4.6	ref/1"	1								

PP = Pocket Penetrometer TV = Torvane UC = Unconfined Compression FV = Field Vane UU = Unconsolidated Undrained Triaxial

CU = Consolidated Undrained Triaxial

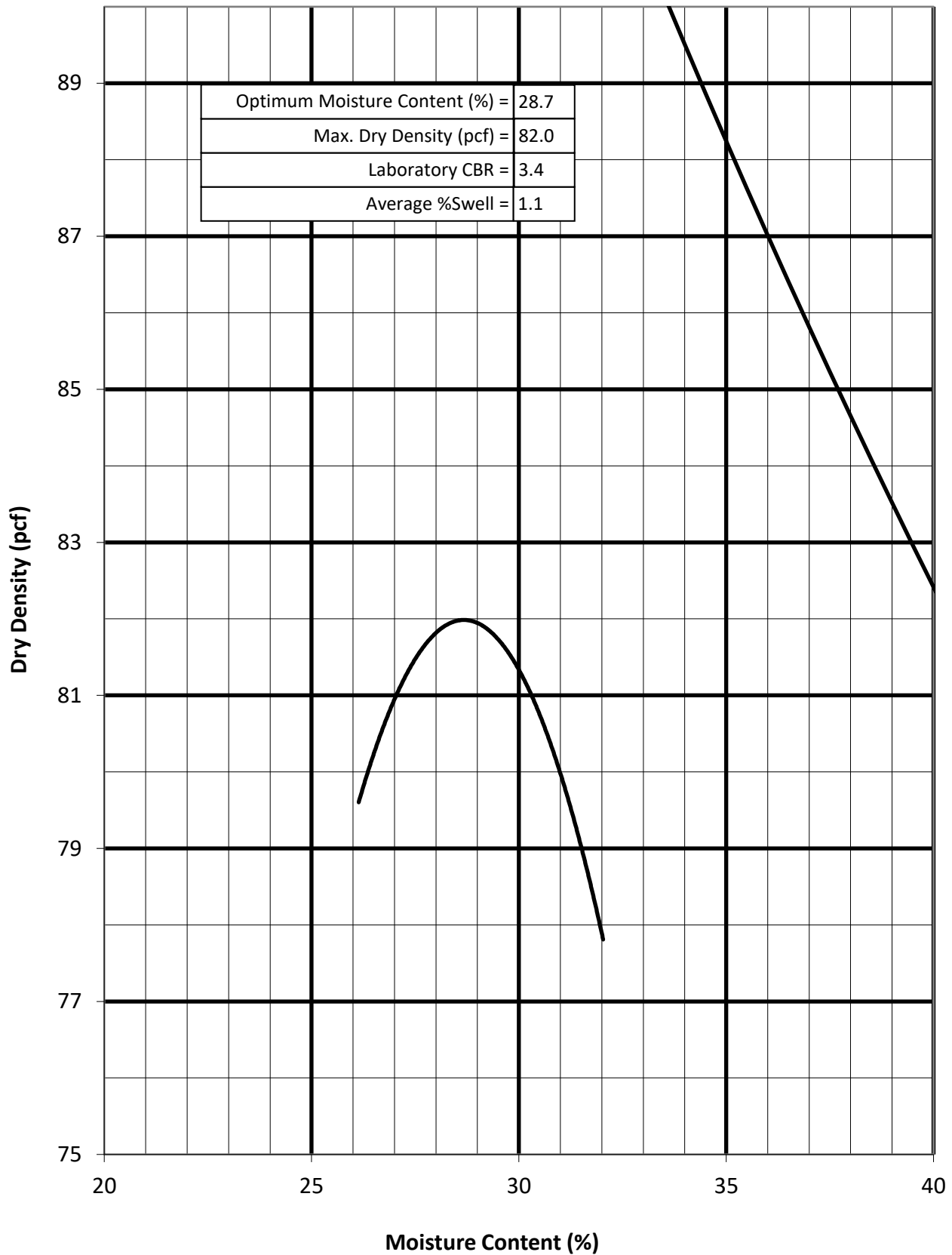
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FIGURE 6

MOISTURE DENSITY RELATIONSHIP CURVE

Precinct 14- Unit 5 Pavements
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New Braunfels, Texas



pH-LIME SERIES CURVE
Precinct 14- Unit 5 Pavements
Vermandi Master Planned Development
New Braunfels, Texas

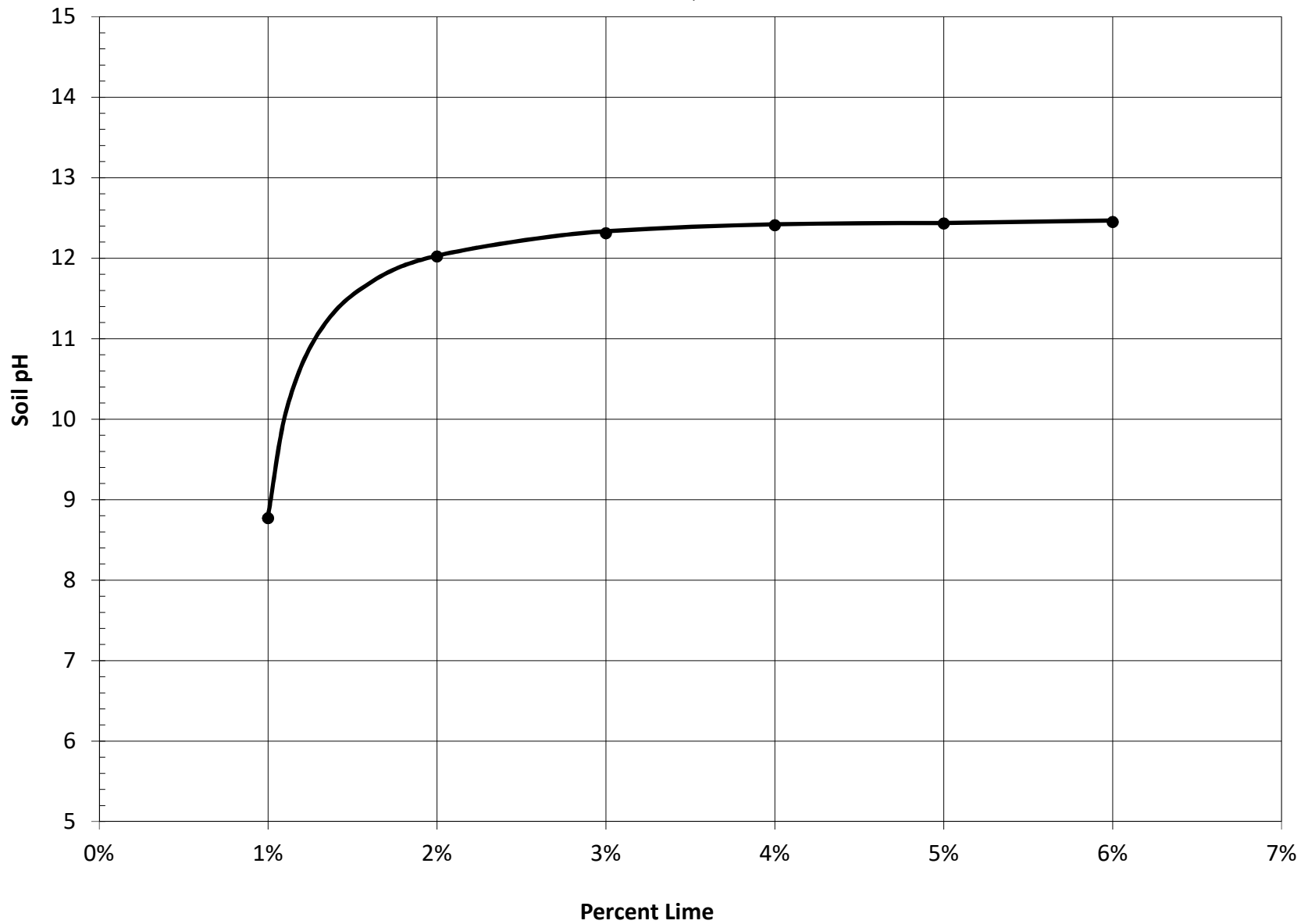
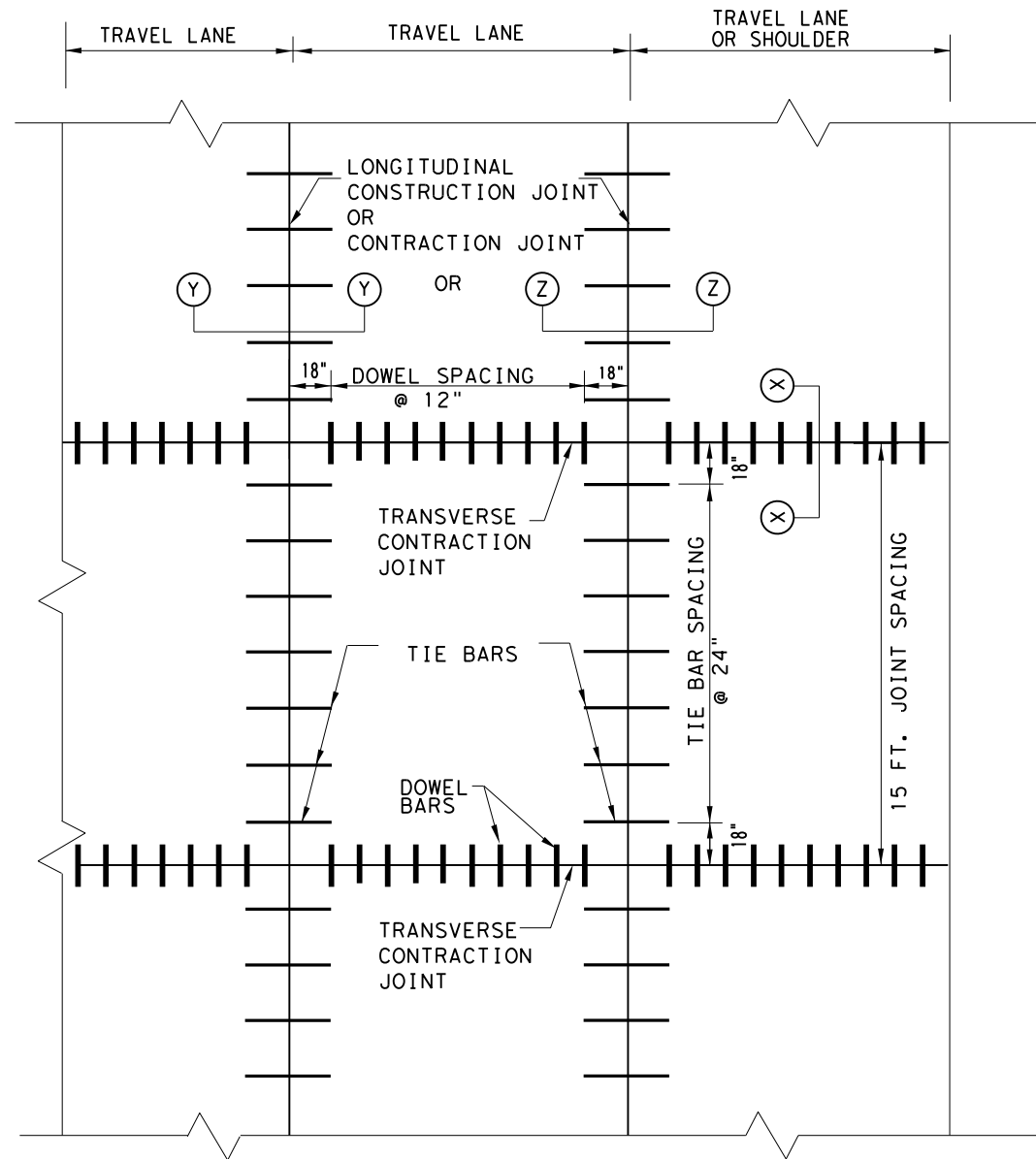
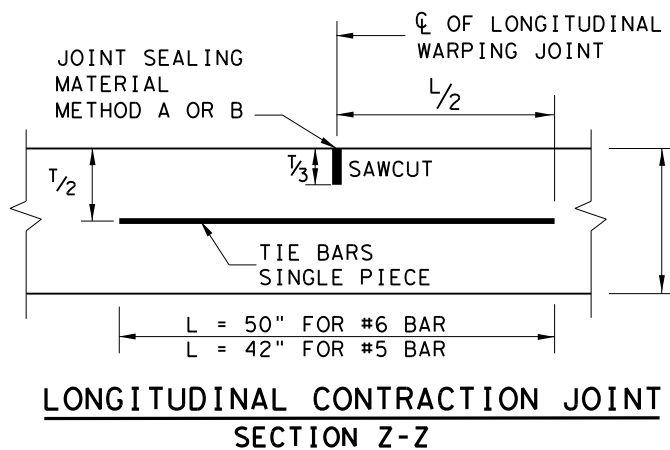
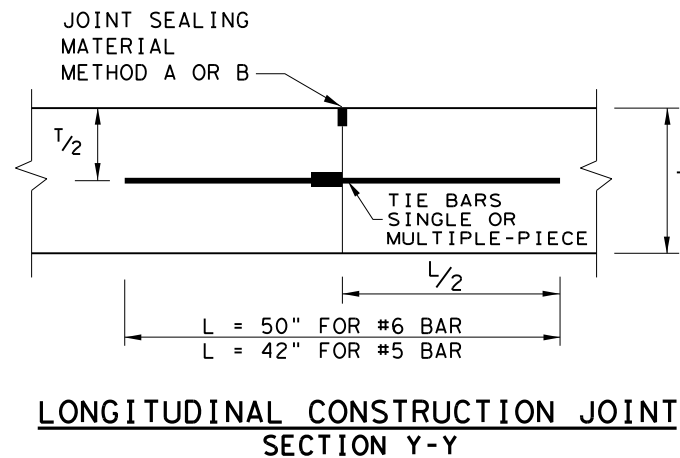
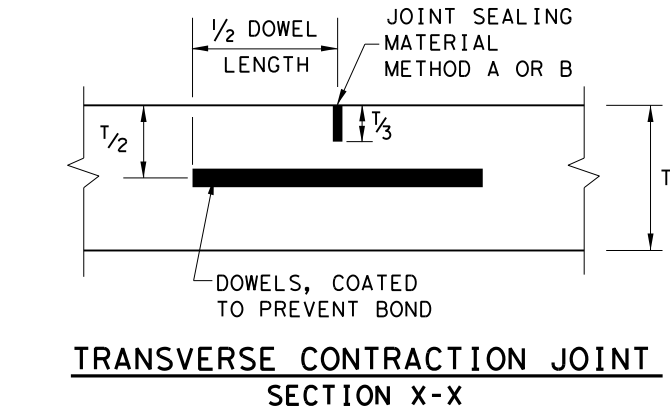


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TYPICAL PAVEMENT LAYOUT
PLAN VIEW (NOT TO SCALE)

TABLE NO.1 DOWELS (SMOOTH BARS)		
SLAB THICKNESS T (IN.)	BAR DIA. AND LENGTH	AVERAGE SPACING (IN.)
6 to 7.5	1" X 18"	12
8 to 10	1 1/4" X 18"	12
>= 10.5	1 1/2" X 18"	12

TABLE NO.2 TIE BARS (DEFORMED BARS)		
SLAB THICKNESS T (IN.)	BAR SIZE	AVERAGE SPACING (IN.)
6 to 7.5	#5	24
>= 8	#6	24

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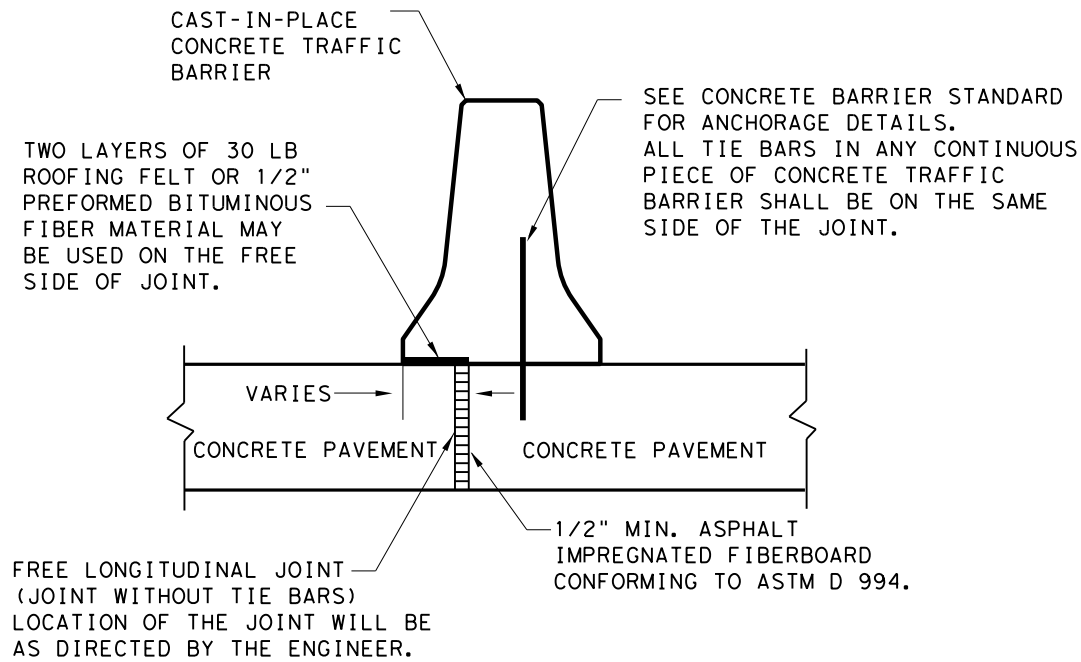
1. DETAILS FOR PAVEMENT WIDTH, PAVEMENT THICKNESS AND THE CROWN CROSS-SLOPE SHALL BE SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN THE PLANS. PAVEMENTS WIDER THAN 100 FT. WITHOUT A FREE LONGITUDINAL JOINT ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS STANDARD.
2. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF CONCRETE AND LOAD TRANSFER DEVICES REFER TO THE GOVERNING SPECIFICATION FOR "CONCRETE PAVEMENT".
3. THE SPACING BETWEEN TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION JOINTS SHALL BE 15 FT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN IN THE PLANS.
4. TRANSVERSE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS MAY BE FORMED BY USE OF METAL OR WOOD FORMS EQUAL IN DEPTH TO THE DEPTH OF PAVEMENT, OR BY METHODS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
5. USE HAND-OPERATED IMMERSION VIBRATORS TO CONSOLIDATE THE CONCRETE ADJACENT TO ALL THE FORMED JOINTS.
6. PAVEMENT WIDTHS OF MORE THAN 15 FT. SHALL HAVE A LONGITUDINAL JOINT (SECTION Z-Z OR SECTION Y-Y). THESE JOINTS SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN 6 IN. OF THE LANE LINE UNLESS THE JOINT LOCATION IS SHOWN ELSEWHERE ON THE PLANS.
7. THE JOINT BETWEEN OUTSIDE LANE AND SHOULDER SHALL BE A LONGITUDINAL CONTRACTION JOINT (SECTION Z-Z) UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN IN THE PLANS. THE SAW CUT DEPTH FOR THE LONGITUDINAL CONTRACTION JOINT (SECTION Z-Z) SHALL BE ONE THIRD OF THE SLABTHICKNESS (T/3).
8. WHEN TYING CONCRETE GUTTER AT A LONGITUDINAL JOINT, THE TIE BAR LENGTH OR POSITION MAY BE ADJUSTED. PROVIDE 3 IN. OF CONCRETE COVER FROM THE BACK OF GUTTER TO THE END OF TIE BAR.
9. REPLACE MISSING OR DAMAGED TIE BARS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION BY DRILLING MIN. 10 IN. DEEP AND GROUTING TIE BARS WITH TYPE III, CLASS C EPOXY. MEET THE PULL-OUT TEST REQUIREMENTS IN ITEM 361.
10. WHEN AN MONOLITHIC CURB IS SPECIFIED, THE JOINT IN THE CURB SHALL COINCIDE WITH PAVEMENT JOINTS AND MAY BE FORMED BY ANY MEANS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
11. DOWEL BAR PLACEMENT TOLERANCE SHALL BE +/- 1/4 IN. HORIZONTALLY AND VERTICALLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. WHERE DOWEL BAR BASKETS ARE USED, REMOVE THE SHIPPING WIRES.
12. THE DETAIL FOR JOINT SEALANT AND RESERVOIR IS SHOWN ON STANDARD SHEET "CONCRETE PAVING DETAILS, JOINT SEALS."

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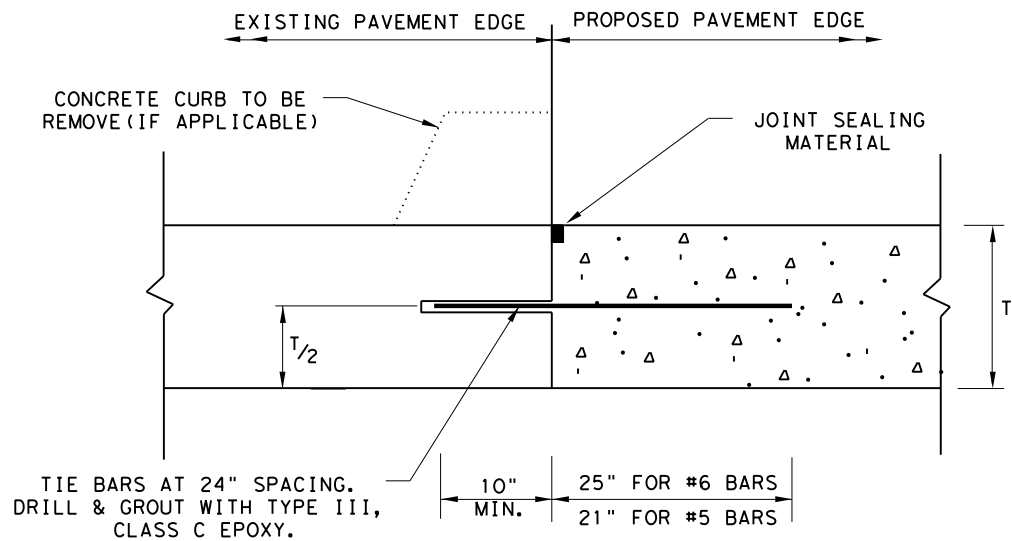
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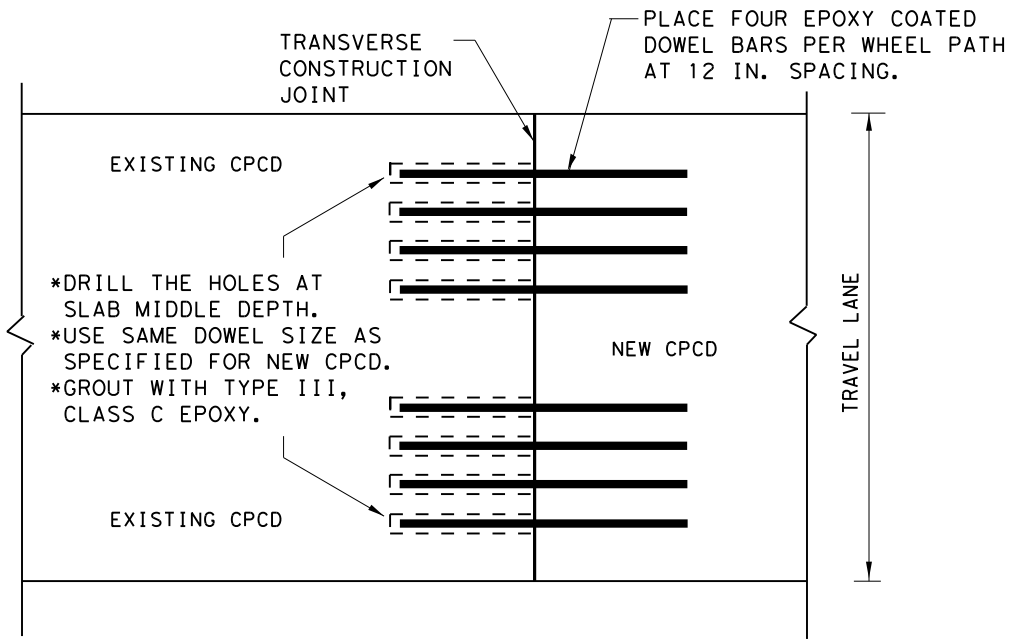


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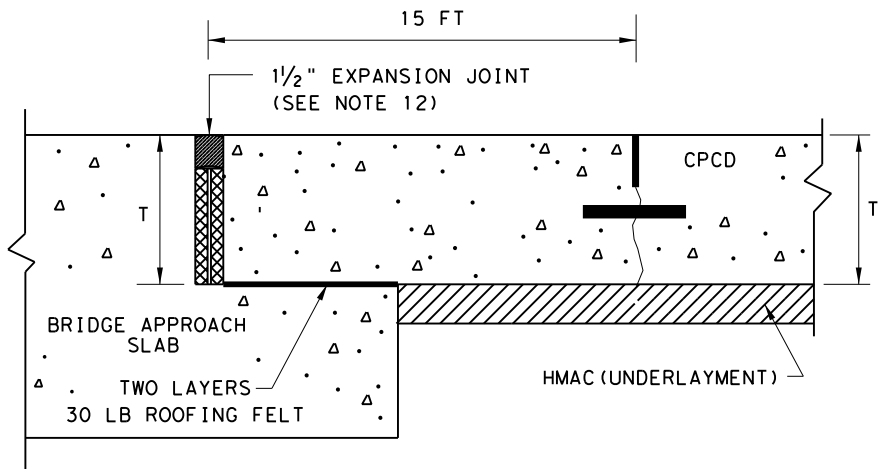


1. BEFORE WIDENING WORK, DEMONSTRATE THAT THE BOND STRENGTH OF THE EPOXY-GROUTED TIE BARS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PULL-OUT TEST SPECIFIED IN ITEM 361.
2. SPACE TIE BARS AT 24" SPACING. USE #6 BARS FOR 8" AND THICKER SLABS, USE #5 BARS FOR LESS THAN 8" THICK SLABS.
3. THE TRANSVERSE JOINTS OF PROPOSED PAVEMENT SHALL COINCIDE WITH EXISTING PAVEMENT JOINTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

LONGITUDINAL WIDENING JOINT DETAIL



TRANSVERSE JOINT DETAIL
EXISTING CPCD TO NEW CPCD
PLAN VIEW (NOT TO SCALE)



TRANSVERSE EXPANSION JOINT DETAIL
AT BRIDGE APPROACH

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CONCRETE PAVEMENT DETAILS
CONTRACTION DESIGN
T-6 to 12 INCHES

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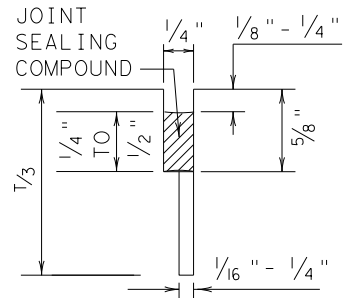
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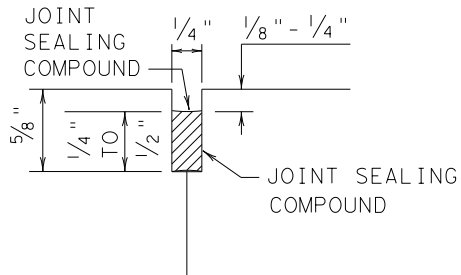
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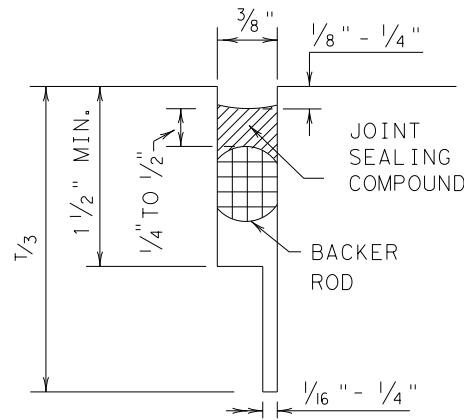
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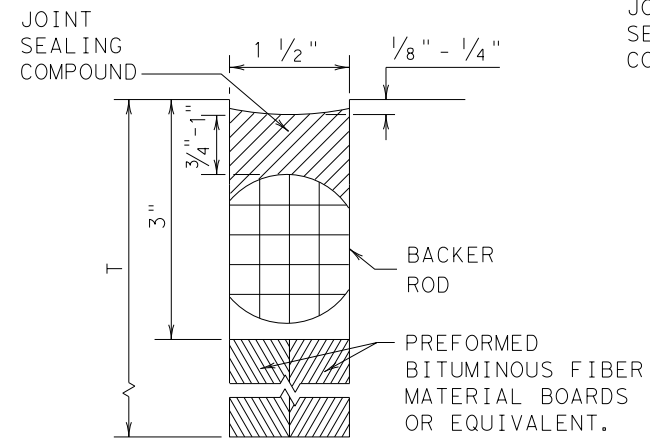
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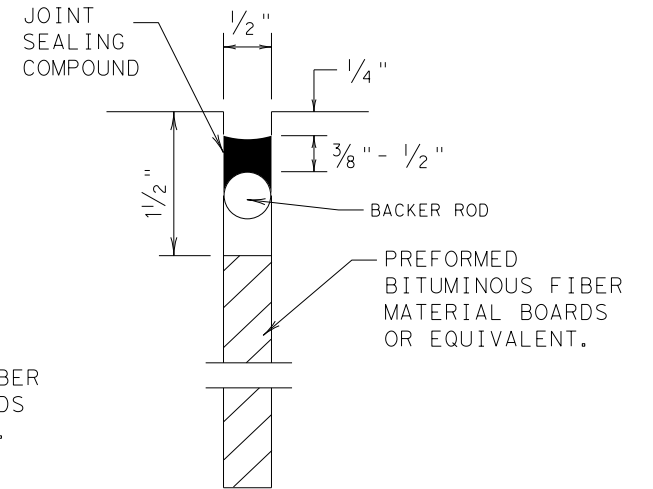
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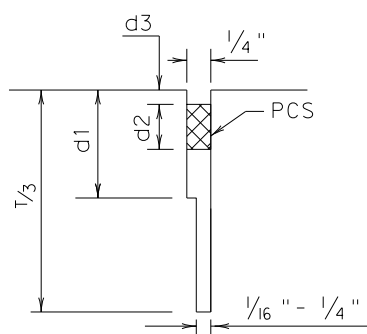


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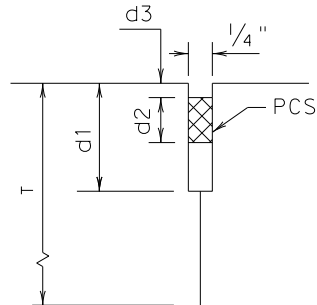


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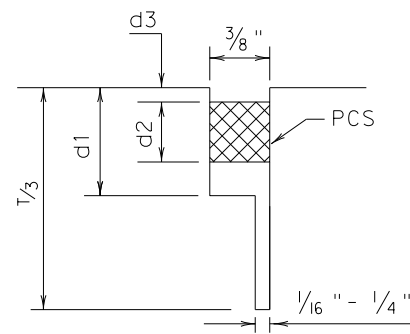
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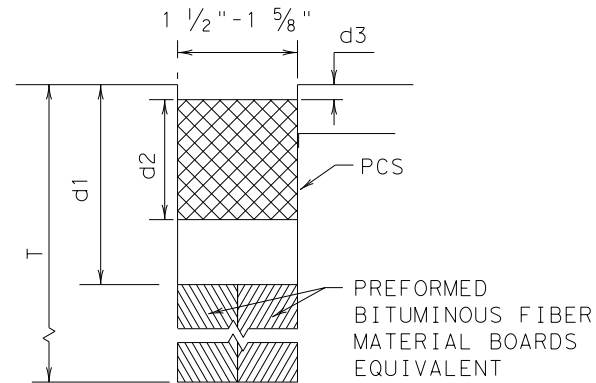
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LONGITUDINAL
CONSTRUCTION JOINT




TRANSVERSE SAWED
CONTRACTION JOINT



TRANSVERSE FORMED
EXPANSION JOINT

GENERAL NOTES

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN IN THE PLANS, EITHER METHOD "A" OR METHOD "B" MAY BE USED.
2. THE LOCATION OF JOINTS SHALL BE AS SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN THE PLANS.
3. THE JOINT RESERVOIR FOR SEALANT OR PCS SHALL BE SAWED UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON THE PLANS FOR THE LONGITUDINAL AND TRANSVERSE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS AND THE SAWED JOINTS.
4. DIMENSIONS d1, d2, AND d3 SHOWN IN METHOD A SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREFORMED COMPRESSION SEAL MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
5. REFER TO DMS-6310 "JOINT SEALANTS AND FILLERS" FOR THE CLASSIFICATIONS.
6. FOR SAWED LONGITUDINAL JOINT, LONGITUDINAL OR TRANSVERSE CONSTRUCTION JOINT, USE JOINT SEALANT CLASS 5 OR 8 UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON THE PLAN OR APPROVED.
7. FOR TRANSVERSE SAWED CONTRACTION, TRANSVERSE FORMED EXPANSION JOINT, AND ISOLATION JOINT USE JOINT SEALANT CLASS 5 OR 8 AT NEW JOINTS. USE JOINT SEALANT CLASS 4,5,7,OR 8 FOR MAINTAINING EXISTING JOINTS.
8. THE JOINTS SHALL BE CLEANED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ITEM 438 "CLEANING AND SEALING JOINTS" OR ITEM 713 "CLEANING AND SEALING JOINTS AND CRACKS (CONCRETE PAVEMENT)".
9. ISOLATION JOINTS ACCOMMODATE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL MOVEMENTS THAT OCCUR BETWEEN A PAVEMENT AND A STRUCTURE. ISOLATION JOINTS MAY BE USED FOR BRIDGE ABUTMENTS, INTERSECTIONS, CURB AND GUTTER, OLD AND NEW PAVEMENTS, OR AROUND DRAINAGE INLETS, MANHOLES, FOOTINGS AND LIGHTING STRUCTURES.

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FIGURE 10C

Important Information about This Geotechnical-Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

Geotechnical Services Are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs of their clients. A geotechnical-engineering study conducted for a civil engineer may not fulfill the needs of a constructor — a construction contractor — or even another civil engineer. Because each geotechnical-engineering study is unique, each geotechnical-engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client. No one except you should rely on this geotechnical-engineering report without first conferring with the geotechnical engineer who prepared it. *And no one — not even you — should apply this report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.*

Read the Full Report

Serious problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical-engineering report did not read it all. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only.

Geotechnical Engineers Base Each Report on a Unique Set of Project-Specific Factors

Geotechnical engineers consider many unique, project-specific factors when establishing the scope of a study. Typical factors include: the client's goals, objectives, and risk-management preferences; the general nature of the structure involved, its size, and configuration; the location of the structure on the site; and other planned or existing site improvements, such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities. Unless the geotechnical engineer who conducted the study specifically indicates otherwise, do not rely on a geotechnical-engineering report that was:

- not prepared for you;
- not prepared for your project;
- not prepared for the specific site explored; or
- completed before important project changes were made.

Typical changes that can erode the reliability of an existing geotechnical-engineering report include those that affect:

- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light-industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed structure;
- the composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project changes—even minor ones—and request an

assessment of their impact. *Geotechnical engineers cannot accept responsibility or liability for problems that occur because their reports do not consider developments of which they were not informed.*

Subsurface Conditions Can Change

A geotechnical-engineering report is based on conditions that existed at the time the geotechnical engineer performed the study. *Do not rely on a geotechnical-engineering report whose adequacy may have been affected by:* the passage of time; man-made events, such as construction on or adjacent to the site; or natural events, such as floods, droughts, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations. *Contact the geotechnical engineer before applying this report to determine if it is still reliable.* A minor amount of additional testing or analysis could prevent major problems.

Most Geotechnical Findings Are Professional Opinions

Site exploration identifies subsurface conditions only at those points where subsurface tests are conducted or samples are taken. Geotechnical engineers review field and laboratory data and then apply their professional judgment to render an opinion about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual subsurface conditions may differ — sometimes significantly — from those indicated in your report. Retaining the geotechnical engineer who developed your report to provide geotechnical-construction observation is the most effective method of managing the risks associated with unanticipated conditions.

A Report's Recommendations Are Not Final

Do not overrely on the confirmation-dependent recommendations included in your report. *Confirmation-dependent recommendations are not final*, because geotechnical engineers develop them principally from judgment and opinion. Geotechnical engineers can finalize their recommendations *only* by observing actual subsurface conditions revealed during construction. *The geotechnical engineer who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the report's confirmation-dependent recommendations if that engineer does not perform the geotechnical-construction observation required to confirm the recommendations' applicability.*

A Geotechnical-Engineering Report Is Subject to Misinterpretation

Other design-team members' misinterpretation of geotechnical-engineering reports has resulted in costly

problems. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer confer with appropriate members of the design team after submitting the report. Also retain your geotechnical engineer to review pertinent elements of the design team's plans and specifications. Constructors can also misinterpret a geotechnical-engineering report. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences, and by providing geotechnical construction observation.

Do Not Redraw the Engineer's Logs

Geotechnical engineers prepare final boring and testing logs based upon their interpretation of field logs and laboratory data. To prevent errors or omissions, the logs included in a geotechnical-engineering report should *never* be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings. Only photographic or electronic reproduction is acceptable, *but recognize that separating logs from the report can elevate risk.*

Give Constructors a Complete Report and Guidance

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can make constructors liable for unanticipated subsurface conditions by limiting what they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent costly problems, give constructors the complete geotechnical-engineering report, *but* preface it with a clearly written letter of transmittal. In that letter, advise constructors that the report was not prepared for purposes of bid development and that the report's accuracy is limited; encourage them to confer with the geotechnical engineer who prepared the report (a modest fee may be required) and/or to conduct additional study to obtain the specific types of information they need or prefer. A prebid conference can also be valuable. *Be sure constructors have sufficient time* to perform additional study. Only then might you be in a position to give constructors the best information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Some clients, design professionals, and constructors fail to recognize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This lack of understanding has created unrealistic expectations that have led to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce the risk of such outcomes, geotechnical engineers commonly include a variety of explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help

others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Environmental Concerns Are Not Covered

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform an *environmental* study differ significantly from those used to perform a *geotechnical* study. For that reason, a geotechnical-engineering report does not usually relate any environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated environmental problems have led to numerous project failures.* If you have not yet obtained your own environmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk-management guidance. *Do not rely on an environmental report prepared for someone else.*

Obtain Professional Assistance To Deal with Mold

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts of mold from growing on indoor surfaces. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the *express purpose* of mold prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional mold-prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe mold infestations, many mold-prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may have been addressed as part of the geotechnical-engineering study whose findings are conveyed in this report, the geotechnical engineer in charge of this project is not a mold prevention consultant; *none of the services performed in connection with the geotechnical engineer's study were designed or conducted for the purpose of mold prevention. Proper implementation of the recommendations conveyed in this report will not of itself be sufficient to prevent mold from growing in or on the structure involved.*

Rely, on Your GBC-Member Geotechnical Engineer for Additional Assistance

Membership in the Geotechnical Business Council of the Geoprofessional Business Association exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project. Confer with you GBC-Member geotechnical engineer for more information.



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