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MEMORANDUM

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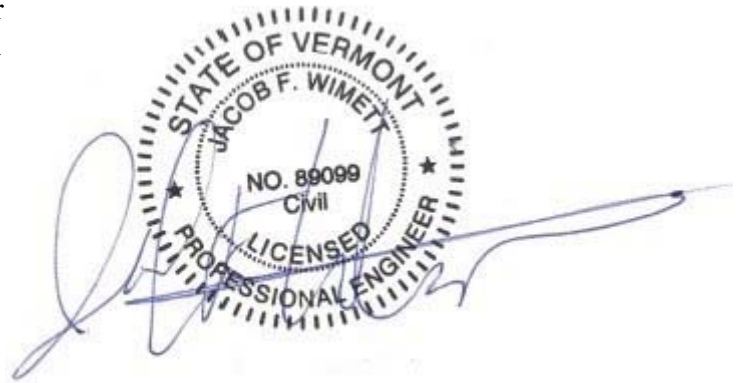
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FROM: GEODesign, Inc.
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DATE: January 4, 2024

RE: Subsurface Findings & Preliminary Recommendations
Washington ER P23-1(669)
Bridge No. 15 – VT Route 110 Washington
PIN: 23B742
Washington, VT

FILE NO.: 0750-22



ATTACHMENTS: Exploration Location Plan (Fig 1); Soil Boring Logs (B & P-Series); Laboratory Testing Results; Limitations

SUMMARY

GEODesign completed soil borings and rock coring at the request of VTrans for Bridge No. 15 along Route 110 in Washington, Vermont. This memorandum transmits our subsurface findings and associated preliminary recommendations for the new bridge. Work was completed in accordance with the VTrans Emergency July 2023 Weather Event South Eastern contract (WAN #PS0837-WA00015).

SOIL BORINGS

Soil borings and rock probes (B-Series and P-Series) were performed on August 7 and 8, 2023 by New England Boring Company using a GTechDrill GT8 drilling rig. Two borings (B-101 and B-102) consisted of soil sampling using the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and rock coring. Three

borings (P-103, P-104 and P-105) consisted of probing for bedrock depth using wash and drive methods and a roller bit.

Refer to the attached Exploration Location Plan (Figure 1) and boring logs for additional information.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

We observed a generalized subsurface profile in our soil borings as outlined below.

Non-Engineered Fill – Fill that has not been placed and compacted in a controlled and consistent manner to a specified density is considered non-engineered. We encountered approximately 9 to 10-feet of this material in the soil boring, consisting of primarily sand with varying amounts of silt, gravel, and organic matter.

Glacial Till – Natural soil was first encountered approximately 9 to 10-feet below existing grade at a layer of very dense glacial till consisting of primarily silt and sand with varying amounts of gravel. This layer was only encountered in B-101 where the bedrock was deeper than the other borings.

Inferred Weathered / Decomposed Bedrock – Weathered Bedrock was inferred to begin at approximately 7 to 8.5-feet below existing grade on the south side of the bridge (B-102, P-103 and P-105), and 13.5 to 18 feet below existing grade on the north side of the bridge (B-101 and P-104). Increased roller bit resistance at these depths support these approximate depths.

Bedrock - Bedrock was inferred to begin at approximately 9 to 9.5-feet below existing grade on the south side of the bridge (B-102, P-103 and P-105), and 14 to 19-feet on the north side of the bridge (B-101 and P-104). Increased roller bit resistance along with poor to good quality rock cores support these approximate depths.

GEOTECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS & PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our subsurface findings, we recommend founding the wingwalls and bridge footings either:

- On spread footings bearing directly on bedrock or glacial till; or,
- On a micropile supported pile cap, with the micropiles deriving their capacity within the underlying bedrock.

For spread footings, we recommend a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 5,000 psf for foundations bearing directly on bedrock or glacial till.

For micropile supported foundation design, we recommend a preliminary grout-to-rock ultimate bond strength of 150 psi for initial pile design purposes. Ultimately, bond strength will need to be verified in the field through verification and proof tests performed in accordance with Publication No. FHWA NHI-05-039 (Micropile Design and Construction Reference Manual).

OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Subgrade Preparation

Rock subgrade surfaces having an average slope greater than 10 percent across the width of the footing in any direction will need to be leveled. Alternatively, if leveling proves difficult it is acceptable to install dowels into the rock in lieu of leveling the subgrade by mechanical means. In our experience, 30-inch-long Grade 60 No. 8 size reinforcing dowel bars drilled into the subgrade at least 12 inches into the rock is sufficient, but we recommend the Structural Engineer review this option and specify the number of bars required based on the measured slope of the rock subgrade if this alternative is pursued.

Backfill for the wingwalls should consist of a free draining granular backfill, with drainage provided at the wall bottom to avoid the buildup of hydrostatic pressures. We recommend using Granular Backfill For Structures (VAOT 704.08), and suggest the following design parameters for this material:

Granular Backfill for Structures Parameters (Assumes compacted to 95% Modified Proctor)

Parameter	Value
Unit Weight γ	140 pcf
Friction Angle Φ	34°
Cohesion c	0 psf
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient K_a	0.28
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient K_0	0.44
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient K_p	3.54

Note that active pressure coefficient should be used where walls are free to displace laterally, and at-rest pressure coefficient should be used when walls are constrained for lateral movement at the top or by multiple levels of bracing.

Note that to fully develop passive pressure resistance as part of a wall design, (1) sufficient soil extending laterally from the wall is required as well as (2) significant movement of the wall into the soil (around 1% of the wall height) is required. Oftentimes the level of movement required to fully mobilize passive pressure will not be achieved. The actual distance soil is required to extend in front of the wall as well as the actual wall movement required to develop full passive pressure will depend on the individual details and geometric arrangement of a given wall. It is the wall designer's responsibility to verify sufficient conditions exist before relying on passive pressure (or

a portion thereof) for retaining wall design. Furthermore, GEODesign recommends passive resistance be completely neglected where the ground slopes away from the walls or within anticipated scour depths.

Lateral Loading Considerations

For lateral loading evaluation in micropile design, we recommend the following parameters for overburden materials:

Fill:

Fill Parameter	Value
Unit Weight γ	120 pcf
Friction Angle Φ	30°
Cohesion c	0 psf
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient K_0	0.50
Lateral Subgrade Modulus k (Above Water)	35 pci
Lateral Subgrade Modulus k (Below Water)	20 pci

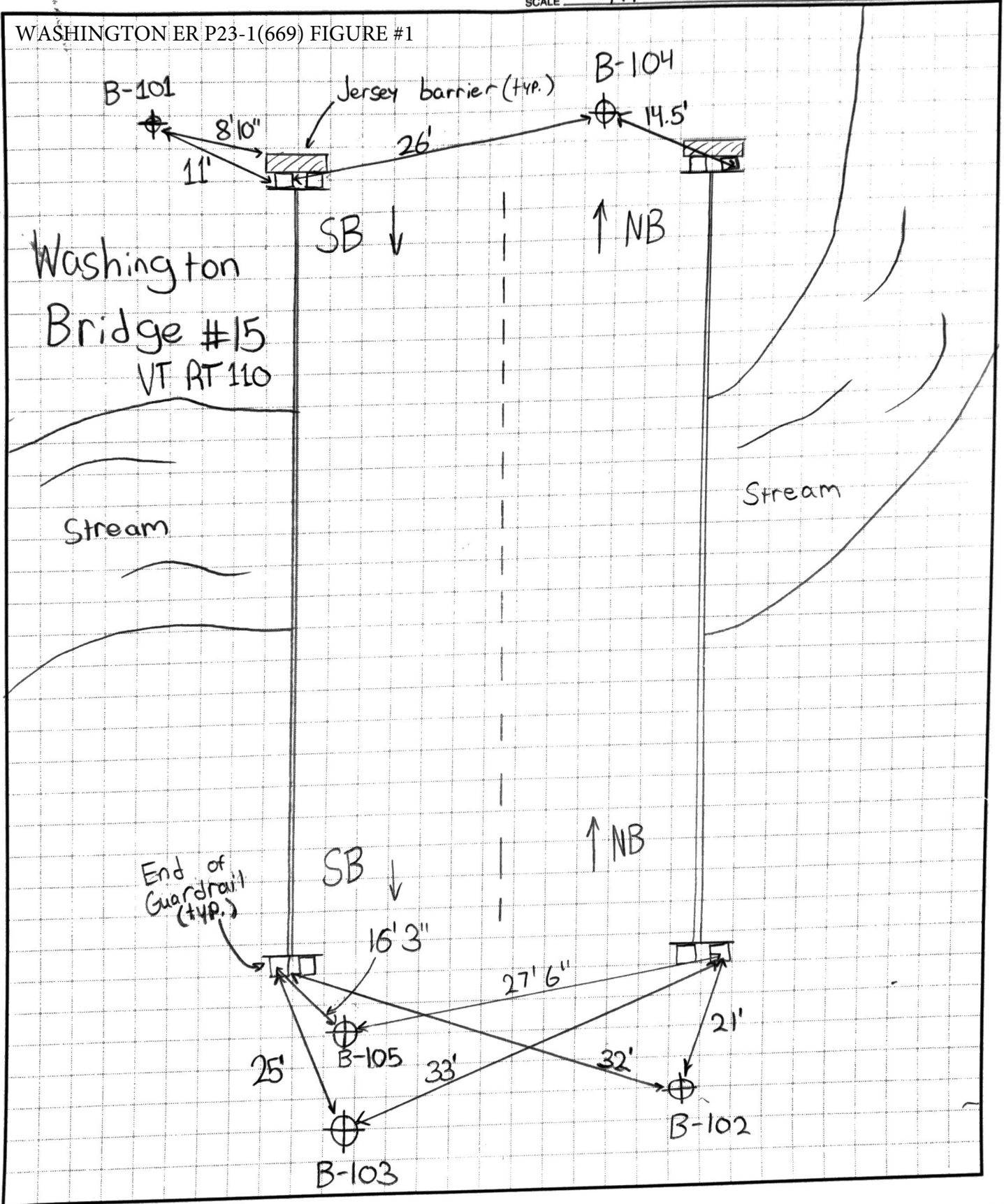
Glacial Till:

Glacial Till Parameter	Value
Unit Weight γ	135 pcf
Friction Angle Φ	40°
Cohesion c	0 psf
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient K_0	0.36
Lateral Subgrade Modulus k (Above Water)	225 pci
Lateral Subgrade Modulus k (Below Water)	125 pci

LIMITATIONS

This memorandum is subject to the attached limitations.

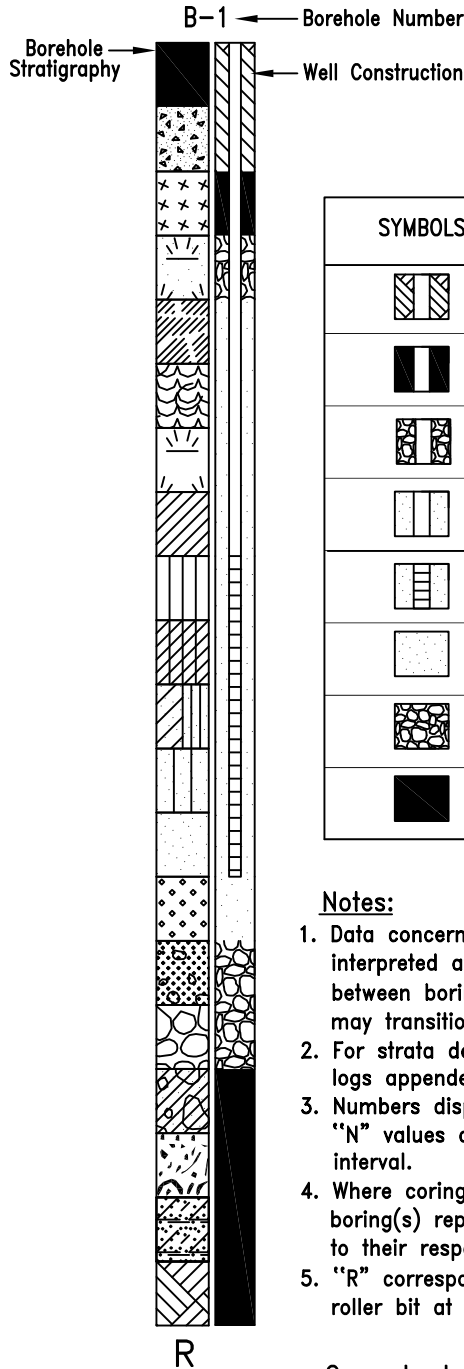
WASHINGTON ER P23-1(669) FIGURE #1



STRATIGRAPHY SYMBOLS

EXPLANATION OF BORING

SYMBOLS	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF PREDOMINANT MATERIAL TYPE
	ASPHALT
	CONCRETE
	FILL
	TOPSOIL
	SUBSOIL
	ORGANIC SILT OR CLAY WITH SHELLS
	PEAT
	CLAY
	SILT
	CLAY/SILT MIXTURE
	CLAY/SILT/SAND MIXTURE
	SANDY SILT
	SILTY SAND
	POORLY-GRADED SAND
	WELL-GRADED SAND
	SAND/SILT/GRAVEL MIXTURE
	BOULDERS AND/OR COBBLES
	GLACIAL TILL
	WEATHERED BEDROCK
	BEDROCK



WELL SYMBOLS

SYMBOLS	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS
	CEMENT SEAL: 1 PIPE
	BENTONITE SEAL: 1 PIPE
	SLOUGH BACKFILL: 1 PIPE
	FILTER PACK: 1 PIPE
	SLOTTED PIPE WITH FILTER PACK: 1 PIPE
	FILTER PACK AT BOTTOM OF HOLE
	SLOUGH AT BOTTOM OF HOLE
	BENTONITE AT BOTTOM OF HOLE

Notes:

1. Data concerning the various strata have been interpreted at boring locations only. The stratigraphy between borings may vary from that shown, and may transition more gradually within borings.
2. For strata details, see Report and boring logs appended to this report.
3. Numbers displayed beside boring(s) represent SPT "N" values corresponding to their respective sampling interval.
4. Where coring was performed, numbers displayed beside boring(s) represent Recovery and RQD values corresponding to their respective sampling interval.
5. "R" corresponds to refusal of sampler, casing and/or roller bit at bottom of boring.

Groundwater Observations (where applicable)

- Water Level Reading at time of drilling.
- Water Level Reading after completing drilling.



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BORING LOG /
SUBSURFACE PROFILE LEGEND



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BORING LOG

**VT Route 110 Washington Bridge #15
 Washington ER P23-1(669)**

Boring No.: B-101
 Page No.: 1 of 1
 Pin No.: 23B742
 Checked By: JFW

Boring Crew: Ken Smith (NEBC), Jack Cassara (GEODesign)
 Date Started: 8/07/23 Date Finished: 8/07/23
 VTSPG NAD83: Not Available
 Station: Not Available Offset: Not Available
 Ground Elevation: Not Available

Type: FJ Sampler: SS
 I.D.: 4 in 2 in
 Hammer Wt: 140 lb. 140 lb.
 Hammer Fall: 30 in. 30 in.
 Hammer/Rod Type: Auto
 Rig: GTechDrill GT8 C_E = 1.3

Groundwater Observations ⁽³⁾		
Date	Depth (ft)	Notes

Depth (ft)	Strata ⁽¹⁾	CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS (Description)	Run (Dip deg.)	Core Rec. % (RQD %)	Drill Rate minutes/ft	Blows/6" (N Value) ⁽²⁾	Moisture Content %	Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	LL %	PI %
5	× × ×	S1) Very loose. Top 3": brown GRAVEL, gray, moist Bottom 7": SILT, little fine Sand, trace roots. Rec. = 0.1 ft				1-1-2-2 (3)						
	× × ×	S2) Very loose, brown/gray fine to coarse SAND and SILT, trace fine Gravel, moist. Rec. = 0.8 ft				2-2-2-7 (4)						
	× × ×	S3) Medium dense, brown/gray/red, SILT and ORGANICS, some fine to coarse SAND, trace Wood, trace Gravel, moist. Rec. = 0.6 ft				37-11-4-5 (15)	48.6	0.4	74.5	25.1	NP	NP
	× × ×	S4) Very loose, brown/gray fine to medium SAND, some Silt, trace Wood, wet. Rec. = 1.0 ft (A-2-4.)				1-1/12"-3 (1)						
10	× × ×	S5) Medium dense Top 9": Light brown SILT and fine to coarse SAND, moist. Bottom 2": Gray SILT and fine to coarse SAND, trace fine Gravel, moist. Rec. = 0.9 ft				7-14-14-12 (28)						
15		S6) Very dense, Gray SILT and fine to coarse SAND, trace fine to coarse Gravel, wet. Rec. = 1.5 ft (A-4.)				27-44-37-34 (81)	10.5	12.0	34.1	53.9	NP	NP
Top of Bedrock @ 18.0 ft												
20		19.0 ft to 24.0 ft, C1) Light to dark gray, moderately hard, fresh, closely to moderately jointed, Fair Quality LIMESTONE (with PHYLLITE interbeds).	C1	100 (73)	2.2 2.1 1.7 2.2							
25		24.0 ft to 29.0 ft, C2) Light to dark gray, moderately hard, fresh, closely to moderately jointed, Good Quality LIMESTONE (with PHYLLITE interbeds).	C2	100 (85)	1.3 1.3 1.3 1.1 1.2							
30		Hole stopped @ 29.0 ft Inferred Bedrock										
40		Remarks: 1) S2, S5 not per ASTM D1586 standards (back to back with S1 and S4). 2) Switched to 300 lb safety hammer to pound casing through glacial till. 3) Driller noted inferred ledge at 18', Rollerbitted through to 19' prior to coring. Stone cuttings in wash. 4) Hammer energy is assumed.										

GEODESIGN LOG - NO LOCATION OR GSE WASHINGTON BRIDGE 15.GPJ VERMONT AOT.GDT 1/4/24

Notes: 1. Stratification lines represent approximate boundary between material types. Transition may be gradual.
 2. N Values have not been corrected for hammer energy. C_E is the hammer energy correction factor.
 3. Water level readings have been made at times and under conditions stated. Fluctuations of groundwater may occur due to other factors than those present at the time measurements were made.



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BORING LOG

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Boring No.: P-103
 Page No.: 1 of 1
 Pin No.: 23B742
 Checked By: JFW

Boring Crew: Ken Smith (NEBC), Jack Cassara (GEODesign)
 Date Started: 8/07/23 Date Finished: 8/07/23
 VTSPG NAD83: Not Available
 Station: Not Available Offset: Not Available
 Ground Elevation: Not Available

	Casing	Sampler
Type:	FJ	SS
I.D.:	4 in	2 in
Hammer Wt:	140 lb.	140 lb.
Hammer Fall:	30 in.	30 in.
Hammer/Rod Type:	Auto	
Rig:	GTechDrill GT8	C _E = 1.3

Groundwater Observations ⁽³⁾		
Date	Depth (ft)	Notes

Depth (ft)	Strata ⁽¹⁾	CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS (Description)	Blows/6" (N Value) ⁽²⁾	Moisture Content %	Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %
0 - 5		8" Asphalt Smooth drilling.					
5 - 7		Medium rig chatter.					
7 - 9.5		Smooth hard drilling (Inferred Bedrock). Hole stopped @ 9.5 ft Inferred Bedrock					
9.5 - 45		Remarks: 1) Exploration performed as a probe for top of bedrock. No soil sampling was performed. 2) Drove casing to 5'. Advance open-hole with rollerbit thereafter. 3) Wash water dark brown through inferred fill to 7' deep. 4) Rollerbit chatter at 7' deep on inferred gravelly soils. 5) Driller infers bedrock at 9.5' deep.					

Top of Bedrock @ 9.5 ft

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BORING LOG

**VT Route 110 Washington Bridge #15
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Boring No.: P-104
 Page No.: 1 of 1
 Pin No.: 23B742
 Checked By: JFW

Boring Crew: Ken Smith (NEBC), Jack Cassara (GEODesign)
 Date Started: 8/08/23 Date Finished: 8/08/23
 VTSPG NAD83: Not Available
 Station: Not Available Offset: Not Available
 Ground Elevation: Not Available

	Casing	Sampler
Type:	FJ	SS
I.D.:	4 in	2 in
Hammer Wt:	140 lb.	140 lb.
Hammer Fall:	30 in.	30 in.
Hammer/Rod Type:	Auto	
Rig:	GTechDrill GT8	C _E = 1.3

Groundwater Observations ⁽³⁾		
Date	Depth (ft)	Notes

Depth (ft)	Strata ⁽¹⁾	CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS (Description)	Blows/6" (N Value) ⁽²⁾	Moisture Content %	Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %
0		11" Asphalt					
5		Smooth drilling.					
10		Medium rig chatter.					
15		Smooth hard drilling (Inferred Bedrock). Hole stopped @ 13.5 ft Inferred Bedrock					
20							
25		Remarks: 1) Exploration performed as a probe for top of bedrock. No soil sampling was performed. 2) Drove casing down to approximately 10'. Advance open hole with rollerbit thereafter. 3) Wash water brown. 4) Rollerbit chatter at 13.5', slowed advance at 14', stone chips in wash. Infer bedrock at 13.5' deep.					
30							
35							
40							
45							

Top of Bedrock @ 13.5 ft

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BORING LOG

**VT Route 110 Washington Bridge #15
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Boring No.: P-105
 Page No.: 1 of 1
 Pin No.: 23B742
 Checked By: JFW

Boring Crew: Ken Smith (NEBC), Jack Cassara (GEODesign)
 Date Started: 8/08/23 Date Finished: 8/08/23
 VTSPG NAD83: Not Available
 Station: Not Available Offset: Not Available
 Ground Elevation: Not Available

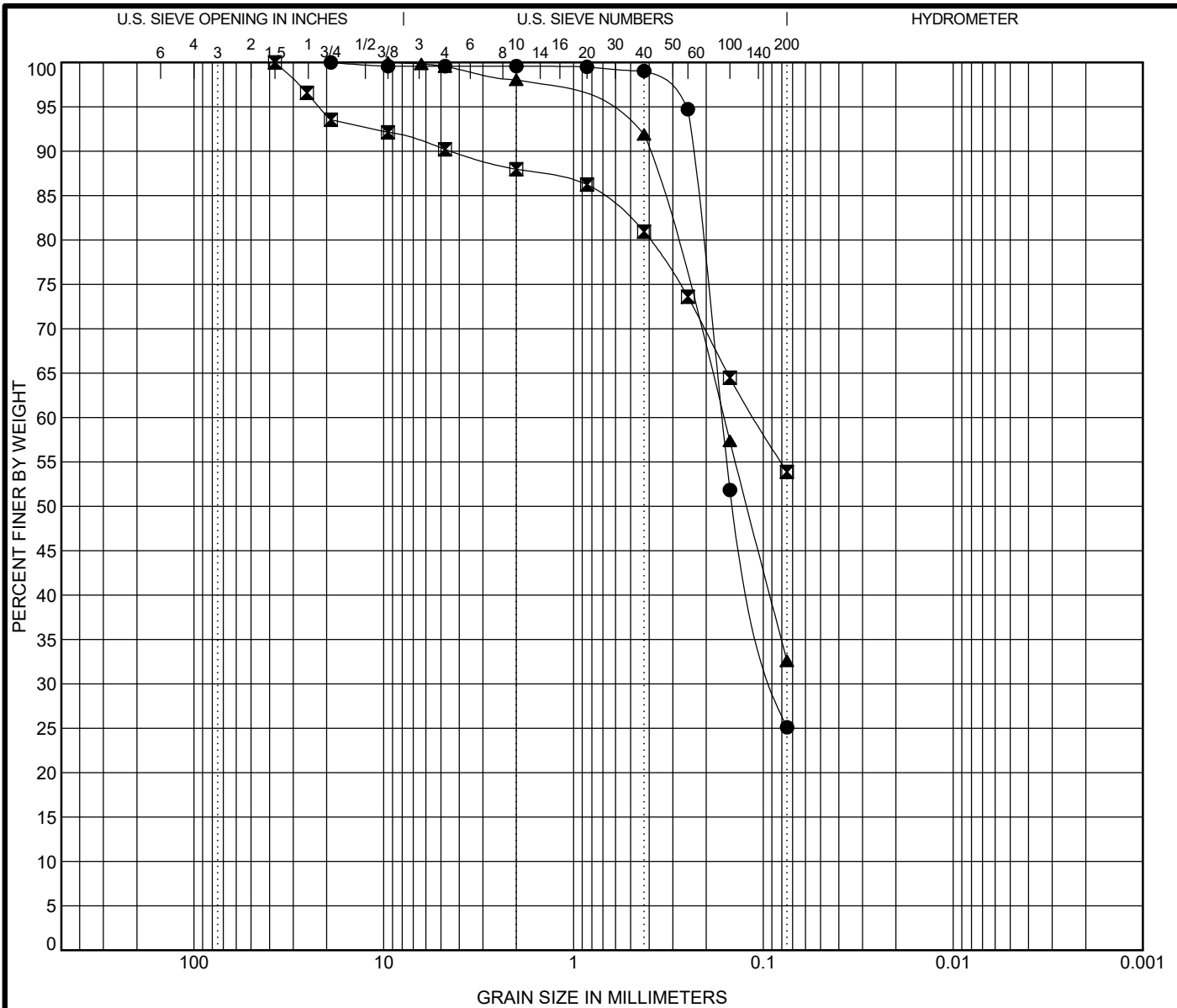
Type:	Casing	Sampler
I.D.:	FJ	SS
Hammer Wt:	4 in	2 in
Hammer Fall:	140 lb.	140 lb.
Hammer/Rod Type:	30 in.	30 in.
Rig:	Auto	
	GTechDrill GT8	C _E = 1.3

Groundwater Observations ⁽³⁾		
Date	Depth (ft)	Notes

Depth (ft)	Strata ⁽¹⁾	CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS (Description)	Blows/6" (N Value) ⁽²⁾	Moisture Content %	Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %
0 - 9	Asphalt	Smooth drilling.					
9 - 8.5	Hard rig chatter (Inferred Decomposed Bedrock).	Smooth hard drilling (Inferred Bedrock). Hole stopped @ 9.0 ft Inferred Bedrock					
8.5 - 9.0							
9.0 - 45		Remarks: 1) Exploration performed as a probe for top of bedrock. No soil sampling was performed. 2) Driller drove casing to refusal on inferred bedrock at 9' deep 3) Wash water brown to gray. 4) Rollerbit chatter beginning at approximately 8.5'.					

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COBBLES	GRAVEL	SAND		SILT OR CLAY
		coarse	fine	

Boring	Start Depth (ft)	Classification (M145 , D2487)	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-101	6.0	A-2-4 , SM	NP	NP	NP		
☒ B-101	14.0	A-4 , ML	NP	NP	NP		
▲ B-102	4.5	A-2-4 , SM	NP	NP	NP		

Boring	Start Depth (ft)	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
● B-101	6.0	19	0.165	0.085		0.4	74.5	25.1	
☒ B-101	14.0	37.5	0.112			12.0	34.1	53.9	
▲ B-102	4.5	9.5	0.162			1.9	65.5	32.6	



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Project Name: VT Route 110 Washington Bridge #15 - Washington, VT
 Number: Washington ER P23-1(669)
 Testing Performed By: JAC
 Testing Reviewed By: JFW
 Testing Date: 12/28-29/2023
 Testing performed in general accordance with AASHTO T27 & T11.

GEO SIEVE WASHINGTON BRIDGE 15.GPJ VT AOT.GDT 12/29/23



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Geotechnical Limitations

Explorations

1. The analyses and recommendations submitted in this report are based in part upon the data obtained from widely spaced subsurface explorations. The nature and extent of variations between these explorations may not become evident until construction. If variations then appear evident, it will be necessary to reevaluate the recommendations of this report.
2. The generalized soil profile described in the text is intended to convey trends in subsurface conditions. The boundaries between strata are approximate and idealized and have been developed by interpretations of widely spaced explorations and samples; actual soil transitions are probably more erratic. For specific information, refer to the boring logs.
3. Water level readings and moisture conditions have been made in the explorations, and from the samples at times and under conditions stated on the logs. These data have been reviewed and interpretations have been made in the text of this report. However, it must be noted that fluctuations in the level of the groundwater and moisture condition may occur due to variations in rainfall, temperature, and other factors occurring since the time measurements were made.

Review

4. In the event that any changes in the nature, design or location of the proposed structures is planned, the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report shall not be considered valid unless the changes are reviewed and conclusions of this report modified or verified in writing by GEODesign, Inc. We recommend that we be provided the opportunity to review and comment on the finalized project design and relevant construction specifications in order that earthwork and foundation recommendations may be properly interpreted and implemented in the design and specifications.

Use of Report

5. This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of **VTrans**, for specific application to the **Washington ER P23-1(669)** project, as described in GEODesign's scope of services/contract and related documents, in accordance with generally accepted soil and foundation engineering practices. No other warranty, express or implied, is made.
6. This report has been prepared for this specific project by GEODesign, Inc. This report is for design purposes only and is not sufficient to prepare an accurate bid. Contractors wishing a copy of the report may secure it with the understanding that its scope is limited to design considerations only, unless otherwise specified in the report.
7. Unless otherwise noted, the scope of our services did not include environmental assessment or investigation for the presence of hazardous or toxic materials in the soil, surface water, groundwater or air, on, below, or around this site.