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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the results of our subsurface investigation, laboratory testing, and geotechnical evaluations for the removal and replacement of the existing single span bridge carrying IL Route 83 (Cal Sag Road) over Tinley Creek (at 127<sup>th</sup> Street) with a new culvert in Crestwood, Cook County, Illinois. A *Site Location Map* is presented as Exhibit 1.

The purpose of our investigation was to characterize site soil and groundwater conditions, perform geotechnical analyses, and provide recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed culvert and wingwalls.

#### **1.1 Proposed Structure**

A Type, Size and Location (TSL) plan was provided by Collins Engineers, Inc. (Collins) for the preparation of this Structure Geotechnical Report (SGR). The *TSL* is presented in Appendix D.

Wang understands the proposed structure (SN 016-1331) will be a triple cell, 12-foot wide by 10.5-foot high side cells with 14-foot wide by 13.5-foot high center cell, CIP box culvert with horizontal cantilever and T-type vertical cantilever wingwalls. The centerline of culvert will be located at Station 116+38.40 on IL Route 83. The structure length will measure 170.0 feet along culvert center line, with out-to-out width of 42.0 feet (1 to 1.5-foot wall thickness), and will intersect IL 83 at 34<sup>0</sup> skew. The existing roadway profile along IL 83 and 127<sup>th</sup> will have minor grade change. The upstream (U.S.) and downstream (D.S.) culvert invert elevations will be 583.72 and 582.13 feet, respectively with flow directed from south to north. The top of roadway elevation will be 603 feet with top of culvert estimated at 595 feet resulting in an 8-foot roadway fill above top of culvert.



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## **1.2 Existing Structure**

The existing structure (SN016-0569) was originally as a single span bridge of reinforced concrete T-Beams on closed abutments. In 1935 and 1984, the structure was widened to the north and south with single span reinforced concrete slabs on cantilevered closed abutments. There is an existing upstream weir structure which will remain and will be connected to the proposed triple cell culvert.

Wang understands that stage construction will be utilized to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction at all times during the removal and replacement of the existing structure.

## 2.0 SITE CONDITIONS AND GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The site is located in the Village of Crestwood, at the bridge where Illinois Route 83 intersects with West 127<sup>th</sup> Street, in Cook County, Illinois. On the USGS *Palos Park 7.5 Minute Series* map, the bridge is located in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 28 and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 33, Tier 37 N, Range 13 E of the Third Principal Meridian.

The following review of published geologic data, with emphasis on factors that might influence the design and construction of the proposed engineering works, is meant to place the project area within a geological framework and confirm the dependability and consistency of the present subsurface investigation results. For the study of the regional geologic framework, Wang considered northeastern Illinois in general and Cook County in particular. Exhibit 2 illustrates the *Site and Regional Geology*.

## 2.1 Physiography

The site is situated along the south bank of the Cal Sag Channel, which follows the path of a former drainage way of glacial Lake Chicago. The area is flat, with Tinley Creek draining the rougher, higher terrain to the southwest, into the Cal Sag Channel. Elevations around the project site range from 600 to 603 feet.



## 2.2 Surficial Cover

Within the project area, 30- to 35-foot thick, Wisconsinan-age glacial drift covers the bedrock. The glacial cover is made up of clay and silt of the Equality Formation of the Mason Group and silty loam diamicton of the Batestown Member of the Lemont Formation (Hansel and Johnson 1996). The Equality Formation is made up of bedded silt and clay, locally laminated, with lenses and/or thin beds of sand and gravel. The Batestown Member consists of massive, gray till with a silty loam to loam matrix, dolostone clasts, and occasional lenses sand, gravel, and silt.

From a geotechnical viewpoint, the Equality Formation is characterized by low strength, medium to high plasticity, and medium to high moisture content. The Batestown Member is characterized by low plasticity, medium to high blow counts, and low moisture content (Bauer et al. 1991; Peck and Reed 1954).

## 2.3 Bedrock

In the project area, the glacigenic deposits rest unconformably over Silurian-age dolostone. The top of bedrock may be encountered between 30 to 35 feet below ground surface (bgs) or elevations of 569 to 572 feet. The Silurian dolostone dips gently eastward at a pace of 15 feet per mile. Only inactive faults are known in the area, and the seismic risk to the proposed structure from the existing faults is minimal (Leetaru et al. 2004; Willman 1971).

Our subsurface investigation results fit into the local geologic context. The borings drilled in the project area revealed the native sediments consist of silt to silty loam lacustrine deposits of the Equality Formation resting on top of more competent gravelly silty loam diamicton of the Batestown Member of the Lemont Formation, which in turn is underlain by bedrock. The borings encountered bedrock at 31.0 and 35.5 feet bgs or elevations of 570 and 567 feet, consistent with the estimated bedrock in the area.

## 3.0 METHODS OF INVESTIGATION

The following sections outline the subsurface and laboratory investigations performed by Wang. All elevations in this report are based on North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) 1988.

## 3.1 Subsurface Investigation

The subsurface investigation was performed by Wang on September 22 and 23, 2014, and consisted of



two structure borings designated as SSB-01 and SSB-02. Boring SSB-01 was drilled from top of roadway on the northeast side of the intersection adjacent to the existing structure, and Boring SSB-02 was drilled from the grass area at the southwest side of intersection. Both borings were drilled to the top of bedrock at 31.0 and 35.5 feet bgs. Northings and eastings were surveyed by Wang with a mapping-grade GPS unit. The boring locations are presented in the *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and in the *Boring Location Plan* (Exhibit 3).

An ATV drilling rig, equipped with solid stem augers and mud rotary equipment, was used to advance and maintain an open borehole. Soil sampling was performed according to AASHTO T 206, "*Penetration Test and Split Barrel Sampling of Soils.*" The soil was sampled at 2.5-foot intervals to 30 feet bgs and at 5-foot intervals thereafter. Samples collected from each interval were placed in sealed jars for further examination and testing. NWD4-size bedrock cores were collected from both borings.

Field boring logs, prepared and maintained by a Wang engineer, include lithological descriptions, visual-manual soil/rock classifications, results of Rimac and pocket penetrometer unconfined compressive strength tests, results of Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) recorded as blows per 6 inches of penetration. The SPT N value, shown on the soil profile, is the sum of the second and third blows per 6 inches. The soils were described and classified according to Illinois Division of Highways (IDH) Textural Classification system. The field logs were finalized by an experienced engineering geologist after verifying the field visual classifications and laboratory test results. The bedrock cores were described and measured for recovery and Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

Groundwater observations were made during and at the end of drilling operations. Due to safety considerations, boreholes were grouted immediately upon completion.

## 3.2 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples were tested in the laboratory for moisture content (AASHTO T-265). Atterberg limits (AASHTO T 89/T 90) and particle size (AASHTO T 88) analyses were performed to classify selected samples. Field visual descriptions of the soil samples were verified in the laboratory, and the tested samples were classified in accordance with the IDH Textural Classification chart. Selected rock core samples were tested for unconfined compressive strength (ASTM D7012). Laboratory test results are shown in the *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and in the *Laboratory Test Results* (Appendix B).

The soil and rock core samples will be retained in our laboratory for 60 days following this report



submittal. The samples will be discarded unless a specific written request is received as to their disposition.

## 4.0 RESULTS OF FIELD AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

Detailed descriptions of the soil conditions encountered during the subsurface investigation are presented in the attached *Boring Logs* (Appendix A) and in the *Soil Profile* (Exhibit 4). Please note that strata contact lines represent approximate boundaries between soil types. The actual transition between soil types in the field may be gradual in horizontal and vertical directions.

#### 4.1 Soil Conditions

Boring SSB-02 taken from top of roadway revealed a pavement structure of 11-inch asphalt overlying 5 inches of crushed stone base course, and Boring SSB-02 taken from top of grass revealed a 5-inch thick black silty loam topsoil.

In descending order, the general lithologic succession encountered beneath the topsoil/pavement includes 1) man-made ground (fill); 2) loose to very dense silt, silty loam, sandy gravel; and 3) dolostone bedrock.

## 1) Man-made ground (fill)

Underneath the pavement structure or topsoil, borings encountered 5.5 and 8.5 feet of fill consisting of medium dense silty loam or stiff to very stiff clay loam. The silty loam has SPT N values of 12 and 13 blows per foot with moisture content (MC) values of 16 %, and the clay loam has unconfined compressive strength (Qu) values of 1.75 to 3.50 tsf with MC values of 14 to 17 %.

## 2) Loose to very dense silt, silty loam, sandy gravel

Beneath the fill, loose to very dense silt, silty loam, and sandy gravel was encountered to the top of dolostone bedrock located at a depth of 31.0 and 35.5 below ground surface (bgs) corresponding to 570.4 and 567.3 feet elevations. The granular material in general has SPT N values of 4 to 83 blows per foot with moisture content (MC) values of 8 to 23 %. However, below a depth of 23.5 feet bgs, the soil becomes dense to very dense with SPT N values of 35 to 83 blows per foot with moisture content (MC) values of 9 to 13 %. About 2 feet of weathered bedrock was encountered at a depth of 28.8 and 33.5 bgs, corresponding to 572.6 and 569.3 feet elevations. It should be noted that hard drilling was encountered at about 18, 20, 28 and 33 feet bgs which indicates the possibility of gravel and cobbles.



## 3) Dolostone bedrock

Dolostone bedrock was confirmed by coring at 35.5 to 39.75 feet bgs in Boring SSB-01 and at 31.0 to 37.5 feet in Boring SSB-02 corresponding to elevations of 563.9 and 563.0 feet. Based on rock cores taken, RQD ranges from 0 to 52% corresponding to very poor to fair quality rock. Dolostone bedrock was strong, gray to greenish gray, bedded, and shaly. Unconfined compressive strength of rock sample tested from Boring SSB-02 was 10,120 psi. Bedrock core photographs are shown in Appendix A.

## 4.2 Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater was located at approximately 8.75 to 10.25 feet bgs within the granular fill or silty loam layers. Afterwards, the groundwater level could not be determined due to the mud drilling and rock boring operations, which involve injection of mud and water, thereby making any groundwater readings unreliable. However, based on the wetness of the soil samples, we estimate groundwater to be at an elevation of about 592 feet within the granular soils.

## 5.0 FOUNDATION ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Geotechnical evaluations and recommendations for the box culvert and wingwalls wall are included in the following sections.

## 5.1 Culvert and Wingwalls

The new structure will be a triple cell, 12-foot wide by 10.5-foot high side cells with 14-foot wide by 13.5-foot high center cell, CIP box culvert with horizontal cantilever and T-type vertical cantilever wingwalls. Alternative wingwall types can be drilled soldier pile, and horizontal cantilever with drilled pile extension. These wingwall types tend to be more favorable in culvert locations with a high volume of water since a cofferdam is not required.

Wang has performed bearing capacity, settlement, and global stability analyses for the culvert box and wingwalls. Our analyses show that the culvert box and wingwalls can be supported on a shallow foundation system, and that the wingwalls are globally stable.

The upstream (U.S.) and downstream (D.S.) culvert invert elevations will be 583.72 and 582.13 feet, respectively with flow directed from south to north. The top of roadway elevation will be about 603 feet with top of culvert estimated at 595 feet resulting in an 8-foot roadway fill above top of culvert. There will be a 4-foot cut off wall and A-4 class riprap protection at the downstream end. There is also



riprap protection around the wingwalls. Therefore, with the provision of cut off wall and riprap protection we do not anticipate scour of the culvert and wingwall foundations.

## 5.1.1 Bearing Capacity

The foundation soils below the culvert box and the wingwalls will generally consist of medium to very dense sandy gravel, silt and silty loam to the top of bedrock at about 570 feet elevation. However, it should be noted that there are saturated silt layers at the foundation level. If this layer is encountered during construction, the silt layer can become unstable, thus it is recommended to remove and replace about 12-inch of the silt by structural fill in order to have proper foundation bearing surface and construction working platform. Dewatering may be necessary to stabilize the excavation. The extent of removal and replacement shall be determined through field verification in order to address local problem zones or areas of uncertainty between borings.

Our evaluations show the bearing capacity of the foundation soils or new structural fill to carry the box culvert at the proposed foundation bearing elevation of about 581 feet (23 feet below the proposed roadway) is satisfactory and is not a governing factor.

Wang recommends the T-type vertical cantilever wingwall foundations to be established 4.0 feet below the culvert invert elevation. The recommended maximum factored bearing resistance for footing design is 3,000 psf calculated with a bearing resistance factor of 0.55. The estimated friction angle between the base of a concrete wingwall and the underlying silty soils is 24° as per NAVFAC *Foundations and Earth Structures* (NAVFAC 1986). The corresponding friction coefficient is 0.45. The wingwalls should be designed with a minimum factor of safety against sliding of 1.50 (LRFD resistance factor of 1.0) and a minimum factor of safety against overturning of 2.0 (LRFD resistance factor of 0.5).

Wingwalls and culvert box should be designed based on a lateral earth pressure diagram determined according to IDOT *Culvert Manual* (IDOT, 2000). Alternatively, backfill parameters recommended in Table 3 can be used to estimate lateral pressures on the side of the barrels and wingwalls.

#### 5.1.2 Settlement

The foundation soils consist of medium to very dense sandy gravel, silt and silty loam to the top of bedrock. Based on a maximum applied soil pressure of 3,000 psf, we estimate the maximum total settlement of the culvert and the wingwalls to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. The maximum differential settlement between areas that have been preloaded by the existing structure and the virgin soil loading areas is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch,



especially the north end. This settlement is expected to occur through the construction period due to the granular nature of the soils.

## 5.1.3 Global Stability

The global stability of the wingwalls was analyzed based on the soil profile described in Section 4.1 and the TSL plan. The maximum wingwall height is approximately 13.0 feet with exposed height of approximately 9.0 feet.

The minimum required FOS for both short-term and long-term conditions is 1.5 (IDOT, 1999). Analyses were performed with Slide v6.0, and the results of slope stability evaluations are shown in Appendix C. We estimated undrained (short-term) and drained (long-term) FOS of 1.9 and 1.6, respectively (Appendix C-1 and C-2). These conditions meet the IDOT's minimum requirement for slope stability.

			6		Pressure cients <sup>(2)</sup>
Layer Elevations/ Soil Description	Unit Weight (pcf)	Cohesion (psf)	Friction Angle <sup>(3)</sup> φ' (Degree)	Active Pressure	Passive Pressure
602.77 to 597.30 Stiff to V Stiff CL LOAM	120	100	30	0.54	3.00
597.30 to 593.80 Loose to M Dense SI LOAM	110	0	28	0.63	2.77
593.80 to 592.30 Stiff CL LOAM	120	100	29	0.58	2.88
592.30 to 589.80 M Dense SANDY GR	115	0	31	0.50	3.12
589.80 to 587.30 Loose SI	105	0	28	0.63	2.77
587.30 to 579.80 M Dense SI LOAM	115	0	30	0.54	3.00
579.80 to 569.30 Dense to V Dense SI LOAM	120	0	32	0.47	3.25
569.30 to 567.30 <sup>(1)</sup> Weathered BEDROCK	125	0	38	0.33	4.20

The earth pressure recommendations for soldier pile wingwall alternative are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: Design Earth Pressure Parameters for Soldier Pile Wingwall (Boring: SSB-01)

<sup>(1)</sup> Top of bedrock. <sup>(2)</sup> For inclined backfill slope of 2H:1V (approximate) and ignoring wall friction (Coulomb's Theory). <sup>(3)</sup>Based on SPT N-values



	Drained Shear		Shear Strength	Earth Pressure	
Lover Flevations/	_	Properties		Coefficients <sup>(2)</sup>	
Soil Description W	Unit Weight (pcf)	Cohesion (psf)	Friction Angle <sup>(3)</sup> φ' (Degree)	Active Pressure	Passive Pressure
601.37 to 598.40 V Stiff CL LOAM	120	100	30	0.54	3.00
598.40 to 592.50 M Dense SI LOAM	115	0	29	0.58	2.88
592.50 to 583.40 Loose SI	105	0	28	0.63	2.77
583.40 to 580.90 M Dense SI	115	0	30	0.54	3.00
580.90 to 575.90 M Dense to Dense SANDY GR	120	0	35	0.39	3.69
575.90 to 572.60 V Dense SI LOAM	120	0	32	0.47	3.25
572.60 to 570.40 <sup>(1)</sup> Weathered BEDROCK	120	0	38	0.33	4.20

<sup>(1)</sup> Top of bedrock. <sup>(2)</sup> For inclined backfill slope of 2H:1V (approximate) and ignoring wall friction (Coulomb's Theory). <sup>(3)</sup>Based on SPT N-values

#### 5.2 Existing Foundations

It is understood that the existing structure will be removed and replaced by the new structure. Based on the TSL, the existing foundations for the original cantilever closed abutments appear to be supported on drilled shafts and H-piles. The existing structures shall be removed in accordance with section 501.01 of specifications (IDOT, 2012B). Wang recommends to cut-off the top of existing foundations by 2 feet below the proposed culvert elements to avoid stress concentrations. We do not anticipate settlement of these existing foundation structures since they are likely bearing upon the shallow bedrock located about 10 feet below.

#### 5.3 Stage Construction Considerations

Based on the TSL plan, Wang understands that staged construction will be utilized to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction at all times. The simple cantilevered temporary steel sheet piling designed using charts and methods provided in *IDOT Design Guide 3.13.1* (IDOT, 2009) is not a feasible shoring system due to the very high wall retention height (19 feet) and shallow bedrock, thus a temporary soil retention system will be required.



#### 6.0 CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

#### 6.1 Site Preparation

All vegetation, surface topsoil, and debris should be cleared and stripped where fills and structures will be placed. Any unstable or unsuitable materials should be removed and replaced with compacted structural fill as described in Section 6.3. Precipitation run-off should be diverted away from excavations.

#### 6.2 Excavation and Utilities

Excavations should be performed in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. The excavation and backfill for the new precast culvert structures shall be according to Section 502 and removal of the existing culvert shall be according to Section 501 of IDOT Standard Specifications for Bridge and Road Construction (IDOT 2012B). Deep excavations are planned to be supported through a temporary shoring system. There is an existing storm sewer that will be removed and should be filled with structural fill. The Designer should ensure there are no other utility conflicts with the final design and construction program.

#### 6.3 Filling and Backfilling

Fill material to attain the final design elevations should be structural fill material. Coarse aggregate of IDOT gradation CA-6 or pre-approved, compacted, cohesive or granular soil conforming to IDOT Section 204 would be acceptable as structural fill (IDOT 2012B). The fill material should be free of organic matter and debris. Structural fill should be placed in lifts and compacted according to Section 205, *Embankment* (IDOT 2012B).

All backfill materials must be pre-approved by the site engineer. To backfill the box culvert sections and wingwalls, we recommend porous granular material, such as crushed stone or crushed gravel that conforms to the gradation requirements specified in the standard specifications Section 1004 (IDOT 2012B). Backfill material should be placed and compacted in accordance with the Section 205, *Embankment* and the *Culvert Manual* (IDOT 2000). Estimated design parameters for granular structural backfill materials are presented in Table 3.



Table 3: Estimated Granular Backfill Parameters				
Soil Description	Porous Granular Material			
	Backfill			
Unit Weight	125 pcf			
Angle of Effective Internal Friction	32°			
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient <sup>1</sup>	0.31			
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient <sup>1</sup>	3.26			
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient	0.5			

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<sup>1</sup>Straight backfill

#### 6.4 Earthwork Operations

The required earthwork can be accomplished with conventional construction equipment. Moisture and traffic will cause deterioration of exposed subgrade soils. Precautions should be taken by the contractor to prevent water erosion of the exposed subgrade. A compacted subgrade will minimize water runoff erosion.

Earth moving operations should be scheduled to not coincide with excessive cold or wet weather (early spring, late fall or winter). Any soil allowed to freeze or soften due to the standing water should be removed. Wet weather can cause problems with subgrade compaction.

It is recommended that an experienced geotechnical engineer be retained to inspect the exposed subgrade, monitor earthwork operations, and provide material inspection services during the construction phase of this project.

#### 6.5 Diversion and Cofferdam

The current water flowing from the upstream weir will need to be diverted during construction. If Ttype wingwalls are selected, a Type 2 Cofferdam with Seal Coat will be needed to construct the wingwalls if diversion and pumping are not sufficient.



#### 7.0 QUALIFICATIONS

The analysis and recommendations submitted in this report are based upon the data obtained from the borings drilled at the locations shown on the boring logs and in Exhibit 3. This report does not reflect any variations that may occur between the borings or elsewhere on the site, variations whose nature and extent may not become evident until the course of construction. In the event that any changes in the design and/or location of the culvert are planned, we should be timely informed so that our recommendations can be adjusted accordingly.

It has been a pleasure to assist Collins Engineers, Inc. and the Illinois Department of Transportation on this project. Please call if there are any questions, or if we can be of further service.

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# **APPENDIX B**



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## **APPENDIX C**

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