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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of the PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (PBS) geotechnical engineering services for the proposed culvert replacement along Graf Road near the intersection of Scammon Creek Road in Centralia, Washington. The site location is shown on the Vicinity Map, Figure 1. The exploration locations in relation to existing site features are shown on the Site Plan, Figure 2.

1.2 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of PBS' services was to develop geotechnical design and construction recommendations in support of the construction of a Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil - Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) for the Graf Road culvert replacement. This was accomplished by performing the following scope of services:

1.2.1 Literature and Records Review

PBS reviewed relevant published geologic maps of the area for information regarding geologic conditions. We also reviewed previously completed reports near the project site that were available in our files.

1.2.2 Subsurface Explorations

PBS completed two borings in the vicinity of the proposed culvert replacement. The borings were advanced to depths of 26.5 and 31.5 feet below the existing ground surface (bgs). The borings were logged and representative soil samples collected by a member of the PBS engineering staff (refer, Appendix A – Field Explorations).

1.2.3 Soils Testing

Collected soil samples were transported to our laboratory for testing that included natural moisture content, Atterberg limits, grain-size analyses, and one-dimensional consolidation (refer, Appendix B – Laboratory Testing).

1.2.4 Geotechnical Engineering Analysis

Data collected during the subsurface explorations, literature research, and laboratory testing were used to develop specific geotechnical design and construction recommendations.

1.2.5 Report Preparation

This Geotechnical Engineering Report summarizes the results of our explorations, testing, and analyses, including information related to the following:

- Exploration logs and site plan with approximate exploration locations
- Laboratory test results
- Summary of interpreted surface and subsurface conditions
- Earthwork and grading recommendations:
	- structural fill materials and preparation
		- recommended cut and fill slope inclinations
		- wet weather/conditions considerations
		- utility trench excavation and backfill requirements

- GRS-IBS foundation design recommendations:
	- allowable bearing pressure
	- estimated settlement
	- sliding coefficient
- Results of external stability analyses (sliding, overturning, bearing)
- Lateral earth pressures including:
	- active earth pressure
	- allowable bearing pressure
	- seismic lateral force
	- sliding coefficient
	- groundwater and drainage considerations
- Slab and pavement subgrade preparation recommendations

1.3 Project Understanding

PBS understands that Lewis County Public Works Department (County) will remove an existing culvert crossing along Graf Road and replace the culvert with a GRS-IBS. GRS-IBS includes abutments constructed using thin (less than 12 inches) layers of crushed rock fill separated with biaxial woven geotextile fabric or biaxial geogrid. The reinforcing geotextile is "anchored" to the blocks by friction between the blocks and geotextile only. Due to the close spacing of the geotextile, the primary function of the blocks is to control sloughing of backfill and act as a construction aid, and is not a major load carrying element. The lateral thrust is independent of wall height. The upper four courses of blocks should be filled with concrete encompassing vertical No. 4 bars. The GRS is founded on a thick rock working pad referred to as reinforced soil foundation (RSF). Example plans showing details related to construction of a GRS-IBS are included in Appendix C.

2.0 SITE CONDITIONS

2.1 Surface Description

The Graf Road culvert is located approximately 150 feet east of its intersection with Scammon Creek Road in Centralia, Washington. The existing concrete culvert allows Scammon Creek to flow under Graf Road. The road is generally flat with an approximate elevation of 183 feet above mean sea level (amsl) (datum: WGS84 EGM96 Geoid). The creek is heavily vegetated on the north and south sides of the roadway, with large tree debris scattered across the waterway.

2.2 Geologic Setting

Locally, the area is mapped as Quaternary alluvium (Qal) that is underlain by Tertiary Skookumchuck Formation (Tsk) (Schasse, 1987). The Qal was deposited by the meandering of the Scammon Creek and other local tributaries and consists of silt, sand, and gravel deposited in streambeds and fans. The Skookumchuck Formation (Tsk) is a near-shore marine to nonmarine bedrock formation that contains interbedded layers of sandstone, siltstone, shale, carbonaceous siltstone, claystone, and coal rock.

2.3 Subsurface Conditions

2.3.1 Soil and Bedrock

Subsurface conditions at the site were explored by drilling two borings designated as B-1 and B-2. The borings were advanced to depths of 26.5 and 31.5 feet bgs and completed on December 22, 2015, by Hardcore Drilling, Inc., of Dundee, Oregon, using mud rotary drilling techniques. The explorations were logged and representative samples collected by a

member of the PBS geotechnical engineering staff. Boring logs summarizing the subsurface conditions encountered in the explorations are presented in Appendix A.

PBS has summarized the subsurface units as follows:

SURFACE MATERIALS: Asphalt concrete (AC) pavement was observed at the surface of the borings and was approximately 4 inches thick. Below the AC, we observed 23 and 14 inches of angular gravel (base course) in borings B-1 and B-2, respectively.

FILL Stiff brown gravelly SILT (ML) containing wood pieces was encountered beneath the surface materials in boring B-1 to approximately 4 feet bgs. Fill was not observed in boring B-2.

QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM (Qal) Beneath the pavement section and/or fill materials, alluvial deposits consisting of interbedded sand and clay soils were encountered in the borings.

Boring B-1 consisted of:

- From 4 feet to 10 feet bgs: medium stiff sandy Lean CLAY (CL)
- From 10 feet to 14 feet bgs: loose to medium dense silty SAND (SM)
- From 14 feet to 20 feet bgs: medium stiff Fat CLAY (CH)
- From 20 feet to 25 feet bgs: medium stiff Lean CLAY (CL)
- From 25 feet to 26.5 feet bgs (total depth): medium dense poorly graded SAND (SP-SM) with silt

Boring B-2 consisted of:

- From 4 feet to 14 feet bgs: medium stiff sandy Lean CLAY (CL)
- From 14 feet to 20 feet bgs: medium stiff Fat CLAY (CH)
- From 20 feet to 25 feet bgs: medium stiff Lean CLAY (CL)
- From 25 feet to 30 feet bgs: medium dense poorly graded SAND (SP-SM) with silt

SKOOKUMCHUCK Extremely weak (R0) SILTSTONE was encountered beneath the *FORMATION (Tsk):* alluvial deposits in B-2 with an N-value of greater than 100 blows per foot.

2.3.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was not observed while drilling borings B-1 and B-2 due to the use of mud rotary drilling techniques. Groundwater is likely hydraulically connected to the Scammon Creek water elevation and its fluctuations, and is therefore anticipated to be approximately 10 feet bgs from the top of Graf Road.

Perched groundwater may be encountered at the project site due to variations in fill, alluvial deposits, and bedrock contact depths and will fluctuate due to variations in rainfall, agricultural irrigation, and the season.

3.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Geotechnical Design Considerations

The subsurface conditions at the site consist of silt fill containing wood debris and fine- and coarse-grained alluvial deposits overlying extremely weak (R0) siltstone bedrock. The primary geotechnical concern related to the project is the presence of very soft and soft soils near the bottom of the foundations elevations. Based on our observations and analyses, GRS-IBS for use as the proposed bridge abutments is feasible, assuming the following recommendations are implemented. Excavations using conventional equipment will also be feasible to the depth of the anticipated foundations.

The grading and final development plans for the project had not been completed when this report was prepared. Subsequently, we have not evaluated the impacts of site grading on the stability of the existing slopes and have estimated settlement of the underlying soils based on the estimated loads using our engineering judgment. Once completed, PBS should be engaged to review the project plans and update our recommendations as necessary.

3.2 Seismic Design Criteria

External stability for seismic design will need to be checked for GRS-IBS just like with any other gravity structure. Design considerations for external stability and seismicity include increasing the base width of the wall and increasing the length of the reinforcement at the top of the wall. Additional bearing capacity and overall external stability is generally improved by increasing the base width of the wall. Additional stability is created by increasing the length of the reinforcement at the top of the wall or abutment. This integrated approach has also been shown to be beneficial because it keys the structure into the existing terrain, preventing the development of a failure plane along the cut slope, which can lead to progressive failure. No seismic design requirements are necessary for the internal stability of GRS-IBS.

The seismic design parameters, in accordance with the 2015 International Building Code (IBC), are summarized in Table 1.

g – Acceleration due to gravity

3.2.1 Liquefaction Potential

Liquefaction is defined as a decrease in the shear resistance of loose, saturated, cohesionless soil (e.g., sand) or low plasticity silt soils, due to the buildup of excess pore pressures generated during an earthquake. This results in a temporary transformation of the soil deposit into a viscous fluid. Liquefaction can result in ground settlement, foundation bearing capacity failure, and lateral spreading of ground.

Based on our review of the Liquefaction Susceptibility Map of Lewis County, Washington (Palmer et al., 2004), the site is located in an area mapped as a high liquefaction hazard. The very loose silty sand observed from 10 to 12 feet bgs in B-1 may liquefy during a design level earthquake and could result in about 2 to 4 inches of settlement. Based on our preliminary analyses, the base of the RSF will be founded at a depth of approximately 16 feet bgs, removing the potentially liquefiable soil from beneath the abutment. Subsequently, the risk of structurally damaging settlement occurring below the GRS-IBS abutments is low.

3.3 GRS-IBS

GRS abutments underlain by RSF bearing on medium stiff clay may be used to support loads associated with the GRS-IBS abutments provided the recommendations in this report are followed. Undocumented fill should be removed from beneath the GRS abutments and backfilled with the specified structural fill, if encountered.

3.3.1 GRS and RSF Embedment Depths

The base of the GRS abutment should be founded below the anticipated depth of scour and supported on the RSF. The RSF should be a minimum of 2.5 feet thick (below the GRS).

3.3.2 Minimum GRS Abutment Widths

Considering a GRS height (H) of 10.5 feet, the minimum recommended base width is 9.5 feet. Based on our analyses, the base width of 9.5 feet is the minimum required to achieve a Factor of Safety (FS) greater than 1.5 against sliding.

With a GRS abutment height of 10.5 feet, bottom of bridge deck depth of about 3 feet bgs, and RSF thickness of 2.5 feet, the resulting applied bearing pressure under the RSF will be approximately 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf). This does not consider short-term live loads or dynamic loads. Based on our analyses, the resulting FS against a bearing failure is greater than 2.5, the minimum FS recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

3.3.3 Settlement

Due to the presence of soft to medium stiff clay, the GRS abutments will settle in response to increased loads greater than the existing embankment fill. We estimate total settlement will be on the order of 2 to 4 inches.

3.3.4 Lateral Resistance

Lateral loads can be resisted by friction at the base of the GRS abutments only and passive resistance should not be considered due to the potential for scour in front of the abutments. For GRS abutments underlain by RSF (rock-to-rock contact) PBS considered an ultimate coefficient of friction equal to 0.7 when calculating resistance to sliding. Suitable resistance factors or factors of safety should be applied for use in design.

3.3.5 Lateral Earth Pressures

The following recommendations are based on the assumption of flat conditions in front of and behind the GRS abutments and fully drained backfill. We considered an active earth pressure of 35 psf (walls allowed to rotate at least 0.005H about the base, where H is the height of the GRS abutment). We recommend the GRS abutment supported on RSF that is a minimum of 2.5 feet thick and underlain by native soil be provided with adequate drainage

and backfilled with clean, angular, crushed rock fill, in accordance with the standard specifications provided in Appendix C.

For seismic loading, we considered an inverted triangular distribution (seismic surcharge) equivalent to 11H psf. The GRS was evaluated by applying the active earth pressure plus the seismic loading. A vertical, uniform surcharge of 250 psf was considered for traffic loading. Seismic lateral earth pressures were computed using the Mononobe-Okabe equation.

Lateral loads can also be resisted by friction acting on the base of GRS abutments only and passive resistance should not be considered.

3.3.6 Drainage

Recommended lateral earth pressures assume that walls are fully drained and no hydrostatic pressures develop behind the GRS abutments. Due to the potential for groundwater or water from the creek to rise above the base of the GRS, we recommend that GRS reinforced backfill composed of "open-graded" angular crushed rock be installed to 1 foot above the 100-year flood elevation. Reinforced backfill above this elevation should be composed of relatively clean, well-graded crushed rock. Gradation requirements for these backfill materials are specified in section 4.6.1.

3.4 Hydraulic Design Considerations

Scour of the soil supporting the GRS-IBS has not been determined as part of these geotechnical engineering services, but is anticipated to be significant based on the unconsolidated, fine-grained materials within the Scammon Creek channel. The amount of scour should be considered by the County and appropriate countermeasures included in the design and construction of the bridge.

3.4.1 Scour Depth

To determine the scour depth, the depth of contraction scour plus long-term degradation are summed. The scour elevation is then obtained by projecting the elevation of the depth of scour from the lowest point in the channel to each of the abutments.

3.4.2 Scour Countermeasures

Design scour countermeasures include riprap aprons, gabion mattresses, and articulating concrete blocks. The purpose of installing a designed scour countermeasure is to prevent loss of soil from underneath a GRS-IBS abutment. Soil loss can reduce bearing capacity or lead to settlement, which can cause structural failure. Figure 3, Typical Cross Section for Sloping Rock, shows an illustration of a typical abutment riprap countermeasure recommended for smaller, more culvert-like structures similar to Graf Road.

3.4.3 Post Construction Inspections

Post construction, scour countermeasure condition and channel instability should be assessed during regular bridge inspections and after severe flood events. Any countermeasure failure or significant change in channel condition should be noted and scheduled for repair or stabilization. Without proper inspection and maintenance, a scour countermeasure may fail or a channel may become unstable, which can lead to undermining of an abutment.

4.0 CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Site Preparation

Construction of the proposed GRS-IBS will involve clearing and grubbing of the existing vegetation and demolition of the existing culvert and pavement. Demolition should include removal of existing foundations, utilities, etc., throughout the proposed construction footprint. Underground utility lines or other abandoned structural elements should also be removed. The voids resulting from removal of foundations or loose soil in utility lines should be backfilled with compacted structural fill. The base of these excavations should be excavated to firm native subgrade before filling, with sides sloped to allow for uniform compaction.

Materials generated during demolition should be transported off site or stockpiled in areas designated by the owner's representative.

4.1.1 RSF Subgrade Preparation

Excavations for the RSF should be carefully prepared to a neat and undisturbed state. A qualified representative should confirm suitable bearing conditions and evaluate all exposed foundation subgrades. Observations should also confirm that loose or soft materials have been removed from new footing excavations and concrete slab-on-grade areas. Localized deepening of footing excavations may be required to penetrate loose, wet, or deleterious materials. Excavation for the RSF must be backfilled during the same day. Based on subsurface conditions encountered, we recommend placing a woven, stabilization geotextile below the RSF only (not on the sides and top).

4.1.2 Proofrolling/Subgrade Verification

Following site preparation and prior to placing foundation elements, the exposed subgrade should be evaluated either by proofrolling or probing. The subgrade pavement should be proofrolled with a fully loaded dump truck or similar heavy, rubber-tire construction equipment to identify unsuitable areas. If evaluation of the subgrades occur during wet conditions, or if proofrolling the subgrades will result in disturbance, it should be evaluated by a PBS representative using a steel foundation probe. We recommend that PBS be retained to observe the proofrolling and/or perform the subgrade verifications. Unsuitable areas identified during the field evaluation should be compacted to a firm condition or be excavated and replaced with structural fill.

4.2 Subgrade Protection

4.2.1 Wet Weather and Wet Soil Conditions

Protection of the subgrade is the responsibility of the contractor. Track-mounted excavating equipment may be required during wet weather. The thickness of the haul roads to access the site for excavation and staging areas will depend on the amount and type of construction traffic and typically consists of a 12- to 18-inch-thick mat of stabilization material for light staging areas. The stabilization material for haul roads and areas with repeated heavy construction traffic should be increased to between 18 to 24 inches. The actual thickness of haul roads and staging areas should be based on the contractor's approach to site work and the amount and type of construction traffic.

Stabilization material should be placed in one lift over the prepared, undisturbed subgrade and compacted using a smooth-drum, non-vibratory roller. Additionally, we recommend a geotextile be placed between the subgrade and imported granular material. Depending on site conditions, the geotextile should meet WSDOT SS 9-33.2 – Geosynthetic Properties for soil separation or stabilization. The geotextile should be installed in conformance with

WSDOT SS 2-12.3 – Construction Geosynthetic (Construction Requirements) and, as applicable, WSDOT SS 2-12.3(2) – Separation or WSDOT SS 2-12.3(3) – Stabilization.

4.2.2 Dry Weather Conditions

Medium to high plasticity clay subgrade soils remaining beneath footings, slabs, or pavements should not be allowed to dry significantly. Clay soils should be covered within 4 hours of exposure by 4 inches of crushed rock or plastic sheeting during the dry season. Exposure of these materials should be coordinated with the geotechnical engineer so that the subgrade suitability can be evaluated prior to being covered.

4.3 Excavation

The near-surface soils at the site are excavatable with conventional earthwork equipment. All excavations should be made in accordance with applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and State regulations. The contractor is solely responsible for adherence to the OSHA requirements. Trench cuts should stand relatively vertical to a depth of approximately 4 feet bgs, provided no groundwater seepage is present in the trench walls. Open excavation techniques may be used in clayey silt, silty sand, and sandy silt, provided the excavation is configured in accordance with the OSHA requirements, groundwater seepage is not present, and with the understanding that some sloughing may occur. The trenches should be flattened if sloughing occurs or seepage is present. If shallow groundwater is observed during construction, use of a trench shield or other approved temporary shoring is recommended for cuts that extend below groundwater seepage, or if vertical walls are desired for cuts deeper than 4 feet bgs. If dewatering is used, we recommend that the type and design of the dewatering system be the responsibility of the contractor, who is in the best position to choose systems that fit the overall plan of operation

4.4 Slopes

If the project will include slopes or open excavation, temporary and permanent cut slopes up to 16 feet high may be inclined at 1.5H:1V (horizontal to vertical) and 2H:1V, respectively. Access roads and pavements should be located at least 5 feet from the top of temporary slopes. Surface water runoff should be collected and directed away from slopes to prevent water from running down the face.

4.5 Structural Fill – Non-GRS-IBS Construction

The extent of site grading is currently unknown. Structural fill, including base rock, should be placed over subgrades that have been prepared in conformance with the Site Preparation and Wet Weather and Wet Soil Conditions sections of this report. Structural fill material should consist of relatively well-graded soil, or an approved rock product that is free of organic material and debris, and contains particles not greater than 4 inches nominal dimension.

If fill and excavated material will be placed on slopes steeper than 5H:1V, these must be keyed/benched into the existing slopes and installed in horizontal lifts. Vertical steps between benches should be approximately 2 feet.

With respect to the current plans, a brief characterization of some of the acceptable materials and our recommendations for their use as structural fill is provided as follows.

4.5.1 Onsite Soil

Based on our geotechnical exploration, on-site materials are coarse and fine-grained soil. These may be suitable for mass grading applications. However, due to the difficulty required

to dry fine-grained soils to near optimum moisture content, reuse of native clay as structural fill may not be feasible except during dry summer months. Even then, it may require several days of constant mixing in order to achieve the desired moisture content. If used as fill for mass grading, the material should be free of any organic or deleterious material and have a grain size less than 4 inches in diameter. The material should be compacted to at least 92 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557 (modified Proctor), and placed at a maximum uncompacted thickness of 8 to 12 inches.

4.5.2 Imported Granular Materials

Imported granular material used during periods of wet weather or for haul roads, building pad subgrades, staging areas, etc., should be pit or quarry run rock, crushed rock or crushed gravel, and sand, and should meet the specifications provided in WSDOT SS 9- 03.14(2) – Select Borrow. However, the imported granular material should also be fairly well graded between coarse and fine material, and of the fraction passing the US Standard No. 4 Sieve, less than 5 percent by dry weight should pass the US Standard No. 200 Sieve.

Imported granular material should be placed in lifts with a maximum uncompacted thickness of 9 inches, and be compacted to not less than 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557.

4.5.3 Aggregate Base Course

Imported granular material should be clean, crushed rock or crushed gravel, and sand that is fairly well-graded between coarse and fine. The base aggregate should meet the gradation defined in WSDOT SS 9-03.9(3) – Crushed Surfacing Top Course or Base Course. The base aggregate should be compacted to not less than 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557.

4.5.4 Trench Backfill

Trench backfill placed beneath, adjacent to, and for at least 2 feet above utility lines (i.e., the pipe zone), should consist of well-graded granular material with a maximum particle size of 1 inch and less than 10 percent by weight passing the US Standard No. 200 Sieve, and should meet the standards prescribed by WSDOT SS 9-03.12(3) – Gravel Backfill for Pipe Zone Bedding. The pipe zone backfill should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D1557, or as required by the pipe manufacturer or local building department.

Within pavement areas, the remainder of the trench backfill should consist of well-graded granular material with a maximum particle size of 1½ inches, less than 10 percent by weight passing the US Standard No. 200 Sieve, and should meet standards prescribed by WSDOT SS 9-03.19– Bank Run Gravel for Trench Backfill. This material should be compacted to at least 92 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557, or as required by the pipe manufacturer or local building department. The upper 2 feet of the trench backfill should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557.

Outside of structural improvement areas (e.g., roadway alignments), trench backfill placed above the pipe zone should consist of excavated material free of wood waste, debris, clods, or rocks greater than 6 inches in diameter and meet WSDOT SS 9-03.14 – Borrow and WSDOT SS 9-03.15 – Native Material for Trench Backfill. This general trench backfill should

be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D1557, or as required by the pipe manufacturer or local building department.

4.6 GRS-lBS Construction Specifications and Design Drawings

All work related to construction of the GRS-IBS should comply with specifications provided in *Sample Guide Specifications for Construction of Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS)* (FHWA, August 2012). Example design drawings provide additional details on the components, estimation of material volumes for different soil conditions, and layout of the GRS-IBS (Appendix C, Figures C-1 through C-4).

4.6.1 Reinforced Backfill

Recommended open-graded backfill material consists of clean, crushed angular (not rounded) stone. The smallest maximum grain size to efficiently achieve compaction behind the abutment wall face is ½ inch. Examples of a typical open-graded abutment backfill based on AASHTO No. 89 (below 1 foot above the 100-year flood elevation) and a wellgraded crushed rock, WSDOT SS 9-03.9(3) Crushed Surfacing Top Course (above 1 foot above the 100-year flood elevation) are shown in Table 2. The amount of fines passing the No. 200 sieve should be as close to 0 percent as possible, and no more than 7.5 percent, with a plasticity index of equal to or less than 6. The backfill should be substantially free of shale or other poor durability particles, with a magnesium sulfate soundness loss of less than 30 percent after four cycles (or a sodium soundness less than 15 percent after five cycles) as determined by AASHTO T-104.

Table 2. GRS Abutment Open-Graded Backfill Gradation

* PBS recommends fines be limited to a maximum of 7.5 percent

5.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATIONS

In most cases, other services beyond completion of a geotechnical engineering report are necessary or desirable to complete the project. Occasionally, conditions or circumstances arise that require the performance of additional work that was not anticipated when the geotechnical report was written. PBS offers a range of environmental, geological, geotechnical, and construction services to suit the varying needs of our Clients.

PBS should be retained to review the plans and specifications for this project before they are finalized. Such a review allows us to verify that our recommendations and concerns have been adequately addressed in the design.

Satisfactory earthwork performance depends on the quality of construction. Sufficient observation of the contractor's activities is a key part of determining that the work is completed in accordance with the construction drawings and specifications. We recommend that PBS be retained to observe general excavation, stripping, fill placement, and footing and pavement subgrades. Subsurface conditions observed during construction should be compared with those encountered during the subsurface explorations. Recognition of changed conditions requires experience; therefore, qualified personnel should visit the site with sufficient frequency to detect whether subsurface conditions change significantly from those anticipated.

6.0 LIMITATIONS

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the addressee, and their architects and engineers, for aiding in the design and construction of the proposed development and is not to be relied upon by other parties. It is not to be photographed, photocopied, or similarly reproduced, in total or in part, without express written consent of the client and PBS. It is the addressee's responsibility to provide this report to the appropriate design professionals, building officials, and contractors to ensure correct implementation of the recommendations.

The opinions, comments, and conclusions presented in this report are based upon information derived from our literature review, field explorations, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses. It is possible that soil, rock, or groundwater conditions could vary between or beyond the points explored. If soil, rock, or groundwater conditions are encountered during construction that differ from those described herein, the client is responsible for ensuring that PBS is notified immediately so that we may reevaluate the recommendations of this report.

Unanticipated fill, soil and rock conditions, and seasonal soil moisture and groundwater variations are commonly encountered and cannot be fully determined by merely taking soil samples or soil borings and test pits. Such variations may result in changes to our recommendations and may require additional funds for expenses to attain a properly constructed project. Therefore, we recommend a contingency fund to accommodate such potential extra costs.

The scope of services for this subsurface exploration and geotechnical report did not include environmental assessments or evaluations regarding the presence or absence of wetlands or hazardous substances in the soil, surface water, or groundwater at this site.

If there is a substantial lapse of time between the submission of this report and the start of work at the site, if conditions have changed due to natural causes or construction operations at or adjacent to the site, or if the basic project scheme is significantly modified from that assumed, this report should be reviewed to determine the applicability of the conclusions and recommendations presented herein. Land use, site conditions (both on and off site), or other factors may change over time and could materially affect our findings. Therefore, this report should not be relied upon after three years from its issue, or in the event that the site conditions change.

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APPENDIX A

Field Explorations

APPENDIX A – FIELD EXPLORATIONS

A1.0 GENERAL

PBS explored the subsurface conditions at the project site by drilling two borings, designated B-1 and B-2, to depths of 26.5 feet to 31.5 feet bgs. The approximate locations of the explorations are shown on Figure 2, Site Plan. The procedures and techniques used to advance the borings, collect samples, and other field techniques, are described in detail in the following paragraphs. Unless otherwise noted, all soil sampling and classification procedures followed local engineering practices that are in general accordance with relevant ASTM procedures. "General accordance" means that certain local and common drilling and descriptive practices and methodologies have been followed.

A2.0 BORINGS

A2.1 Drilling

Borings were advanced with a truck-mounted CME-75 drill rig provided and operated by Hardcore Drilling, Inc. of Dundee, Oregon, using mud rotary drilling techniques. The borings were observed by a PBS engineer, who maintained a detailed log of the subsurface conditions and the materials encountered during the course of the work.

A2.2 Sampling

Disturbed soil samples were taken in the borings at selected depth intervals. The samples were obtained using a standard 2-inch outside diameter (OD), split-spoon sampler following procedures prescribed for the standard penetration test (SPT). Using the SPT, the sampler is driven 18 inches into the soil using a 140-pound hammer dropped 30 inches. The number of blows required to drive the sampler the last 12 inches is defined as the standard penetration resistance (N-value). The N-value provides a measure of the relative density of granular soils such as sands and gravels, and the consistency of cohesive soils such as clays and plastic silts. The disturbed soil samples were examined by a member of the PBS geotechnical staff, and then sealed in plastic bags for further examination and physical testing in our laboratory.

Relatively undisturbed samples were also taken from the borings. The samples were obtained in 3-inch OD, thin-wall Shelby tubes by hydraulically pushing the Shelby tubes into undisturbed soil at the bottom of the borehole. The soil exposed at the end of the tubes was examined and classified. After field classification, the ends of the tubes were capped to preserve the natural moisture of the sample. The tubes were returned to our laboratory for further examination and testing.

A2.3 Boring Logs

The boring logs show the various types of materials that were encountered in the boring and the depths where the materials and/or characteristics of these materials changed, although the changes may be gradual. Where material types and descriptions changed between samples, the contacts were interpreted. The types of samples taken during drilling, along with their sample identification number, are shown to the right of the classification of materials. The N-values and select laboratory results are shown further to the right.

A4.0 MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

Initially, soil samples were classified visually in the field. Consistency, color, relative moisture, degree of plasticity, and other distinguishing characteristics of the soil samples were noted. Afterward, the samples were reexamined in the PBS laboratory, various standard classification tests were conducted, and the field classifications were modified where necessary. The terminology used in the soil classifications and other modifiers are defined in Appendix A, Table A-1, Terminology Used to Describe Soil and Rock.

Table A-1 Terminology Used to Describe Soil and Rock 1 of 5

Soil Descriptions

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Soils exist in mixtures with varying proportions of components. The predominant soil, i.e., greater than 50 percent based upon total dry weight, is the primary soil type and is capitalized in our log descriptions, e.g., SAND, GRAVEL, SILT or CLAY. Lesser percentages of other constituents in the soil mixture are indicated by use of modifier words in general accordance with the Visual-Manual Procedure (ASTM D2488-06). "General Accordance" means that certain local and common descriptive practices have been followed. In accordance with ASTM D2488-06, group symbols (such as GP or CH) are applied on that portion of the soil passing the 3-inch (75mm) sieve based upon visual examination. The following describes the use of soil names and modifying terms used to describe fine- and coarse-grained soils.

Fine - Grained Soils (More than 50% fines passing 0.075 mm, #200 sieve)

The primary soil type, i.e. SILT or CLAY is designated through visual – manual procedures to evaluate soil toughness, dilatency, dry strength, and plasticity. The following describes the terminology used to describe fine - grained soils, and varies from ASTM 2488 terminology in the use of some common terms.

Modifying terms describing secondary constituents, estimated to 5 percent increments, are applied as follows:

Borderline Symbols, for example CH/MH, are used where soils are not distinctly in one category or where variable soil units contain more than one soil type. **Dual Symbols,** for example CL-ML, are used where two symbols are required in accordance with ASTM D2488.

Soil Consistency. Consistency terms are applied to fine-grained, plastic soils (i.e., PI > 7). Descriptive terms are based on direct measure or correlation to the Standard Penetration Test N-value as determined by ASTM D1586- 84, as follows.

Soil Descriptions

Coarse - Grained Soils (less than 50% fines)

Coarse-grained soil descriptions, i.e., SAND or GRAVEL, are based on that portion of materials passing a 3-inch (75mm) sieve. Coarse-grained soil group symbols are applied in accordance with ASTM D2488-06 based upon the degree of grading, or distribution of grain sizes of the soil. For example, well graded sand containing a wide range of grain sizes is designated SW; poorly graded gravel, GP, contains high percentages of only certain grain sizes. Terms applied to grain sizes follow.

The primary soil type is capitalized, and the amount of fines in the soil are described as indicated by the following examples. Other soil mixtures will provide similar descriptive names.

Example: Coarse-Grained Soil Descriptions with Fines

Additional descriptive terminology applied to coarse-grained soils follow.

Example: Coarse-Grained Soil Descriptions with Other Coarse-Grained Constituents

Cobble and boulder deposits may include a description of the matrix soils, as defined above.

Relative Density terms are applied to granular, non-plastic soils based on direct measure or correlation to the Standard Penetration Test N-value as determined by ASTM D1586-84.

Rock Descriptions

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 (H) = Healed)

Rock Descriptions

Joint Roughness Coefficient (JRC) (Barton and Choubey, 1977)

Table A-1 Terminology Used to Describe Soil and Rock 5 of 5

$\frac{1}{PBS}$ **Rock Descriptions**

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APPENDIX B

Laboratory Testing

APPENDIX B – LABORATORY TESTING

B1.0 GENERAL

Samples obtained during the field explorations were examined in the PBS laboratory. The physical characteristics of the samples were noted and the field classifications were modified where necessary. The testing procedures are presented in the following paragraphs. Unless noted otherwise, all test procedures are in general accordance with applicable ASTM standards. "General accordance" means that certain local and common descriptive practices and methodologies have been followed.

B2.0 CLASSIFICATION TESTS

B2.1 Visual Classification

The soils were classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System with certain other terminology, such as the relative density or consistency of the soil deposits, in general accordance with engineering practice. In determining the soil type (that is, gravel, sand, silt, or clay) the term that best described the major portion of the sample is used. Modifying terminology to further describe the samples is defined in Terminology Used to Describe Soil and Rock in Appendix A.

B2.2 Moisture (Water) Contents

Natural moisture content determinations were made on samples of the fine-grained soils (that is, clay, silts, and silty sands). The natural moisture content is defined as the ratio of the weight of water to dry weight of soil, expressed as a percentage. The results of the moisture content determinations are presented on the logs of the borings in Appendix A.

B2.3 Atterberg Limits

Atterberg limits tests were performed on select samples by determining the liquid and plastic limits of the soil. The results of the Atterberg limits testing are presented on the logs in Appendix A and graphically in Appendix B.

B2.4 Grain-Size Analyses (P200 Wash)

No. 200 wash (P200) analyses were completed on samples to determine the portion of soil samples passing the No. 200 Sieve (i.e., silt and clay). The results of the P200 test results are presented on the logs of the borings in Appendix A.

B2.5 One-Dimensional Consolidation Test

Consolidation testing was conducted to obtain quantitative data for use in evaluating settlement. The test specimen was placed in a one-dimensional consolidation test apparatus (fixed ring). Loads were applied to the specimen and the resulting change in thickness of the soil sample was monitored with time. Upon completion of primary consolidation, the next load increment was applied. Consolidation test results are in the form of logarithm of stress versus percent strain. The resulting curve shows the percent strain that occurred in the test specimen under various magnitudes of applied constant load.

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APPENDIX C

FHWA Construction Specifications and Example Drawings

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GENERAL NOTES

PURPOSE: These example plan Sheets A through D were prepared to illustrate the_ typical contents of a set of drawings necessary for a GRS-IBS project. Presented m these plans are the assumptions for the bridge and GRS~IBS *systems with typical wall heights (H) ranging from 10 to 24 feet. Two cond1t1ons were prepared for the quantity estimate Sheet B: "poor soil conditions" and "favorable soil conditions". INTENDED USE: These plans are not associated with a spet:ific project. All* dimensions and properties should be confirmed and/or revised by the Engineer of *Record prior to use. Project specifications should be prepared to supplement thiS plan set.*

DESIGN

DESIGN LOADS AND SOIL PROPERTIES

- *1. Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System Interim Implementation Guide, FHWA-HRT-11-026, January 2011.*
- *2. Design methods follow the ASD design methods presented in Chapter 4 of the reference Manual. No seismic design assumed.*
- *3. Conduct a subsurface investigation in accordance with "Soils and Foundations", FHWA-NHI-06-0BB (2006) and "Subsurface Investigations", FHWA-NHI-01-031, (2006).*
- *4. Design factor of safety against sliding* is~ *1.5; Factor of safety against bearing failure is* \geq 2.5.
- *5. A global stability analysis must be performed for each site. Factor of safety against global failure is to be* ~ *1. 5.*
- 6. Performance criteria: tolerable vertical strain = 0.5% of wall height (H): *tolerable lateral strain = 1.0% of b and* a_b *(bearing width and setback)*

Combined load: Superstructure (qLL + *qB) 2 TSF maximum (service load, allowable stress design). Roadway live load surcharge: 250 psf uniform vertical*

Road Base unit weight = *140 pcf, thickness* = *34-inches*

"Poor" Soil Conditions:

Retained backfill: Unit weight= 125 pcf, friction angle= 34°, cohesion = 0 psf, (Cohesion ~ *200 psf assumed for temporary back slope cut conditions during construction.)* $d_{\text{max}} \geq 1.0$ inches

Reinforced fill: Unit weight=11S pcf, friction angle = *3B0 , cohesion* = *0 psf RSF backfill: Unit weight* = *140 pcf, friction angle* = *3B0, cohesion* = *0 psf Foundation soil: Unit weight* = *12S pcf, friction angle* = *30°, cohesion* = *0 psf*

"Favorable" Soil Conditions:

Retained backfill: Unit weight= 125 pcf, friction angle = *40°, cohesion* = *100 psf dmax* ~ *0.5-inches* . *Foundation soil: Unit weight* = *125 pcf, friction angle* = *40°, cohes1on* = *100 psf*

Reinforced fill: Unit weight = *120 pcf, friction angle* = *42°, cohesion =0 psf RSF backfill: Unit weight* = *120 pcf, friction angle* = *42°, cohesion* = *0 psf*

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- *B. Superstructure Placement: The crane used for the placement of the* . *superstructure can be positioned on the GRS abutment provided the outngger pads are sized for less than 4,000 psf near the face of the abutment wall. !>reater loads could be supped checked by the Engineer checked by the Engineer reinforcement can be placed between the beam seat and the concrete or steel beams* to provide additional without dragging act
- 9. *Integrated Approach geotextile reinforcement layers are placed alon_g the* bac~ *of the s_uperstructure, built in maximum lift heights* of *huilt in maximum lift reinforcement* < 6-inches 2-inches below the *base cover over the*
- 7. *Settlement below the RSF is assumed to be negligible. No differential settlement between abutments is assumed.*
- *B. Sliding checks were conducted at the top and bottom of the RSF to meet the minimum factors of safety in the reference manual.*
- 9. *Road base thickness (h_{rb}) assumes a 32-inch structure and 2-inch pavement thickness.*

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

Reinforced Backfill Gradation = See *Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated* **Bridge System In** *GRS CMU minimal dimensions to be the same.* **GEOSYNTHETIC REI**

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- *1. Site Layout/Survey: Construct the base of the GRS abutment and wingwalls within 1. 0 inch of the staked elevations. Construct the external GRS abutment and wingwalls to within ±0.5 inches of the surveyed stake dimensions.*
- *2. Excavation: Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for all excavations.*
- 3. Compaction: Compact backfill to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry *density according to AASHTO-T-99 and ::J:. 2 percent optimum mo1stu_re content In* . *the bearing reinforcement zone, compact to 100 percent of the max1mum dry dens1ty according to AASHTO-T-99. Only hand-operated compaction equipment is allowed within 3-feet of the wall face. Reinforcement extends directly beneath each layer of CMU blocks, covering* ~ *B5% of the full width of the block to the front face of the wall.*
- *4. Geosynthetic Reinforcement Placement: Pull the geosynthetic taught to remove any wrinkles and lay flat prior to placing and compacting the_ backfill matenal.* . Splices should be staggered at least 24-inches apart and splices are not allowed in the *bearing reinforcement zone. No equipment is allowed directly on the geosynthet1c. Place a minimum 6-inch layer of granular fill prior to operating only rubber-tired equipment over the geosynthetic at speeds less than 5 miles per hour with no sudden braking or sharp turning.*
- *5. RSF Construction: The RSF should be encapsulated in geotextile reinforcement on all sides with minimum overlaps of 3.0 feet to prevent water infiltration. Wrapped comers need to be tight without exposed soil. Compact backfill material in lifts less than 6-inches in compacted height. Grade and level the top of the RSF prior to final encapsulation, as this will serve as the leveling pad for the CMU blocks of the GRS abutment.*
- 6. *GRS Wall Face Alignment: Check for level alignment of the CMU block row at least every other layer of the GRS abutment. Correct any alignment deviations greater than 0.25 inches.*
- 7. *Beam Seat Placement: Generally, the thickness of the beam seat is approximately B to 12 inches and consists of a minimum of two 4-inch lifts of wrapped*face GRS. Place precut 4-inch thick foam board on the top of the bearing bed *reinforcement butt against the back face of the CMU block. Set half-height or full height (depending on wall height and required clear space) solid CMU blocks on top of the foam board. Wrap two approximately 4-inch lifts across the beam seat. Before folding the final wrap, it may be necessary to grade the surface aggregate of the beam seat slightly high, to about 0.5 inches, to aid in seating the superstructure and to maximize contact with the bearing area.*

REINFORCING STEEL

Provide reinforcing steel conforming to ASTM A615, GR. 60.

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ABREVIATIONS: H= Wall height: measured from top of RSF to top *1. CMU block assumptions: solid blocks at the base of the GRS abutment of beam seat* ...

the beam seat below the clear zone. See Sheet C and D for illustrations

L. CMU block assumptions: solid blocks at the base of the GKS abutment
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- *²* Foam board thickness is 4-inches (typ.).
- M No overlaps in geosynthetics measured for quantities.

 $\mathcal I$ Design clear space (de) rounded up to the nearest 1.0 Inch.

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