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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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ROADWAY  
SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

COUNTY LINCOLN COUNTY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 71 ON  
SR 1168 (JOHNSTOWN ROAD) OVER INDIAN CREEK

INVENTORY

REFERENCE: SF-540071

PROJECT: B-5853



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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**SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION**

SUPPLEMENTAL LEGEND, GEOLOGICAL STRENGTH INDEX (GSI) TABLES  
FROM AASHTO LRFD BRIDGE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

AASHTO LRFD Figure 10.4.6.4-1 — Determination of GSI for Jointed Rock Mass (Marinos and Hoek, 2000)

AASHTO LRFD Figure 10.4.6.4-2 — Determination of GSI for Tectonically Deformed Heterogeneous Rock Masses (Marinos and Hoek, 2000)

GEOLOGICAL STRENGTH INDEX (GSI) FOR JOINTED ROCKS (Hoek and Marinos, 2000)		SURFACE CONDITIONS					GSI FOR HETEROGENEOUS ROCK MASSES SUCH AS FLYSCH (Marinos, P and Hoek E., 2000)		SURFACE CONDITIONS OF DISCONTINUITIES (Predominantly bedding planes)					
<p>From the lithology, structure and surface conditions of the discontinuities, estimate the average value of GSI. Do not try to be too precise. Quoting a range from 33 to 37 is more realistic than stating that GSI = 35. Note that the table does not apply to structurally controlled failures. Where weak planar structural planes are present in an unfavorable orientation with respect to the excavation face, these will dominate the rock mass behaviour. The shear strength of surfaces in rocks that are prone to deterioration as a result of changes in moisture content will be reduced if water is present. When working with rocks in the fair to very poor categories, a shift to the right may be made for wet conditions. Water pressure is dealt with by effective stress analysis.</p>		VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	<p>From a description of the lithology, structure and surface conditions (particularly of the bedding planes), choose a box in the chart. Locate the position in the box that corresponds to the condition of the discontinuities and estimate the average value of GSI from the contours. Do not attempt to be too precise. Quoting a range from 33 to 37 is more realistic than giving GSI = 35. Note that the Hoek-Brown criterion does not apply to structurally controlled failures. Where unfavourably oriented continuous weak planar discontinuities are present, these will dominate the behaviour of the rock mass. The strength of some rock masses is reduced by the presence of groundwater and this can be allowed for by a slight shift to the right in the columns for fair, poor and very poor conditions. Water pressure does not change the value of GSI and it is dealt with by using effective stress analysis.</p>		VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	
		Very rough, fresh unweathered surfaces	Rough, slightly weathered, iron stained surfaces	Smooth, moderately weathered and altered surfaces	Slickensided, highly weathered surfaces with compact coatings or fillings or angular fragments	Slickensided, highly weathered surfaces with soft clay coatings or fillings			Very Rough, fresh unweathered surfaces	Rough, slightly weathered surfaces	Smooth, moderately weathered and altered surfaces	Very smooth, occasionally slickensided surfaces with compact coatings or fillings with angular fragments	Very smooth, slickensided or highly weathered surfaces with soft clay coatings or fillings	
STRUCTURE		DECREASING SURFACE QUALITY →					COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE							
	INTACT OR MASSIVE - intact rock specimens or massive in situ rock with few widely spaced discontinuities	90			N/A	N/A		A. Thick bedded, very blocky sandstone. The effect of pelitic coatings on the bedding planes is minimized by the confinement of the rock mass. In shallow tunnels or slopes these bedding planes may cause structurally controlled instability.	70					
	BLOCKY - well interlocked undisturbed rock mass consisting of cubical blocks formed by three intersecting discontinuity sets	80						B. Sandstone with thin inter-layers of siltstone	60					
	VERY BLOCKY - interlocked, partially disturbed mass with multi-faceted angular blocks formed by 4 or more joint sets		70					C. Sandstone and siltstone in similar amounts	50					
	BLOCKY/DISTURBED/SEAMY - folded with angular blocks formed by many intersecting discontinuity sets. Persistence of bedding planes or schistosity		60					D. Siltstone or silty shale with sandstone layers	40					
	DISINTEGRATED - poorly interlocked, heavily broken rock mass with mixture of angular and rounded rock pieces		50					E. Weak siltstone or clayey shale with sandstone layers	30					
	LAMINATED/SHEARED - Lack of blockiness due to close spacing of weak schistosity or shear planes		40					F. Tectonically deformed, intensively folded/faulted, sheared clayey shale or siltstone with broken and deformed sandstone layers forming an almost chaotic structure	20					
			30					G. Undisturbed silty or clayey shale with or without a few very thin sandstone layers	10					
			20					H. Tectonically deformed silty or clayey shale forming a chaotic structure with pockets of clay. Thin layers of sandstone are transformed into small rock pieces.						
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		N/A	N/A											

→ Means deformation after tectonic disturbance

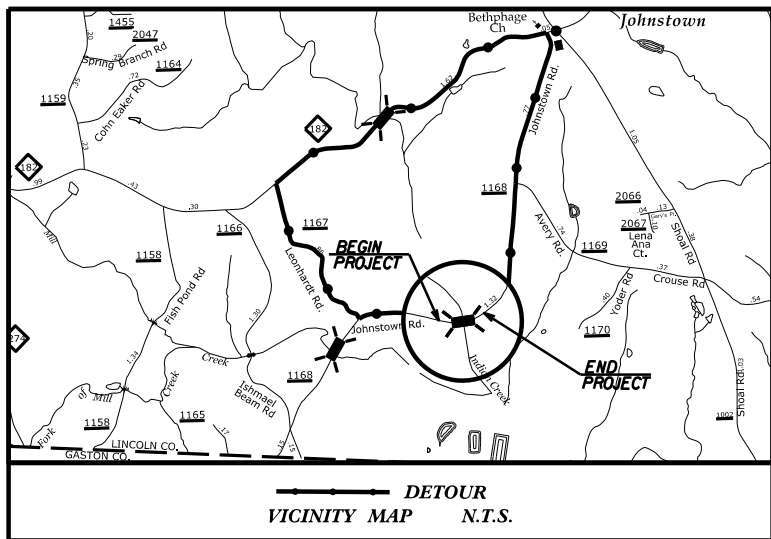
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**LINCOLN COUNTY**

**LOCATION: REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 71. ON SR 1168 (JOHNSTOWN ROAD)  
OVER INDIAN CREEK**

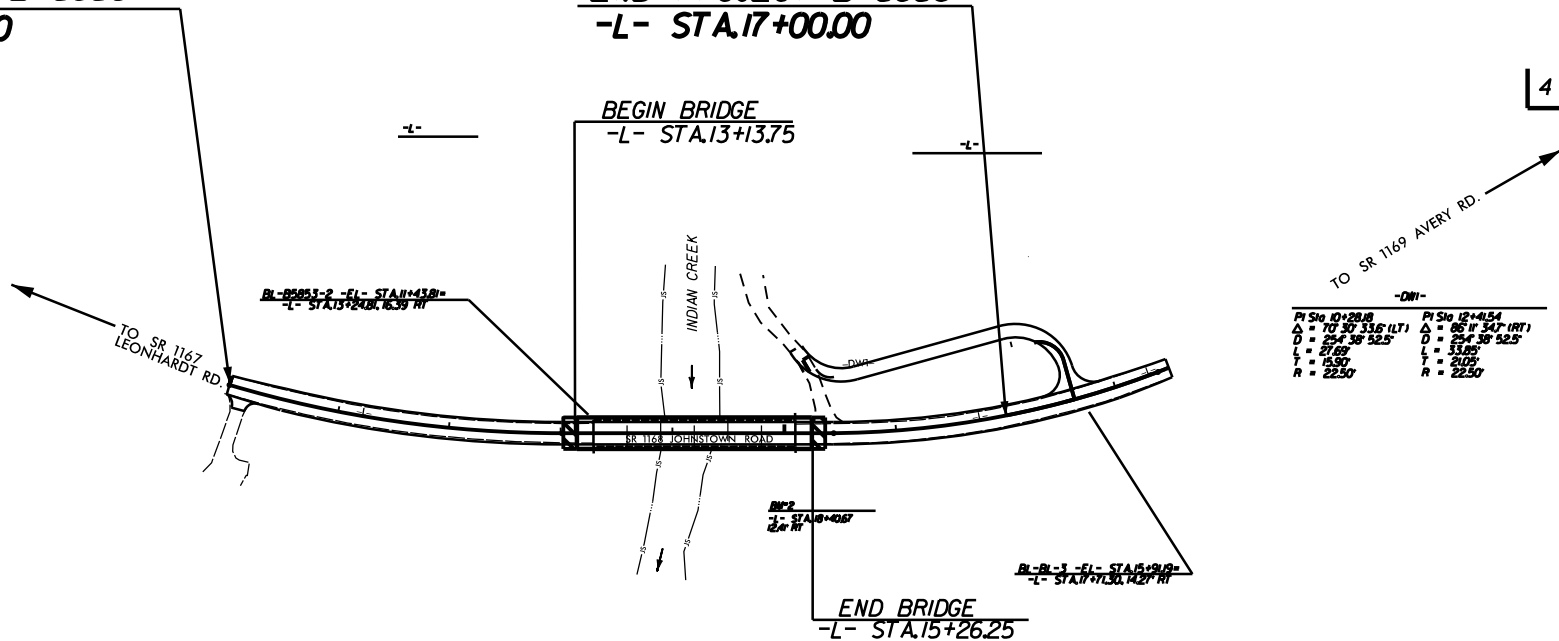
**TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING AND STRUCTURE**

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WB PROJ. NO.	F.A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
45806.1	NA	PE	
45806.2	NA	R/W	
45806.3	NA	CONSTRUCTION	



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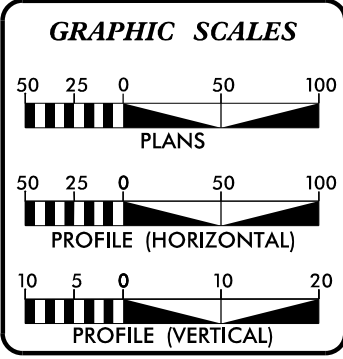


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CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II.

**PROJECT: B-5853**

**CONTRACT:**



**DESIGN DATA**

ADT 2016 =	500
ADT 2040 =	600
K =	9 %
D =	60 %
T =	22 % *
V =	50 MPH
* TTST =	2% DUAL 20%
FUNC CLASS =	LOCAL
SUBREGIONAL TIER	

**PROJECT LENGTH**

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-5853 =	0.093 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-5853 =	0.040 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT B-5853 =	0.133 MILES

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2018 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS	
RIGHT OF WAY DATE:	5/27/2022
LETTING DATE:	05/23/2023

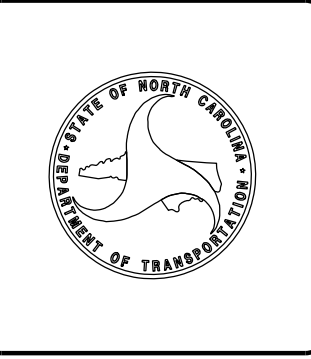
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May 14, 2024

STATE PROJECT: 45806.1.1 (B-5853)  
 COUNTY: Lincoln  
 DESCRIPTION: Bridge No. 71 on SR 1168 over Indian Creek  
 SUBJECT: Geotechnical Report – Inventory

S&ME, Inc. has completed a reconnaissance and subsurface investigation for the above roadway project and presents this inventory. Plans and cross-sections are included in this report.

### **Project Description**

The project corridor is located in Lincoln County along SR 1168 (Johnstown Road) near the town of Crouse in North Carolina. Minor widening, grading, drainage, paving, and bridge replacement is proposed for this site. The project consists of minor widening of SR 1168 to accommodate the new bridge that is replacing Bridge No. 71 over Indian Creek. The mainline (-L-) starts at the western end of the project and continues for approximately 0.13 miles to the east. The bridge was investigated during this investigation with additional borings and will be submitted as a separate report.

The geotechnical field investigation was conducted in May of 2022 and February of 2024. One S&ME drill crew was used to drill and sample the borings in this report. S&ME staff professionals observed drilling and logged the borings. An ATV-mounted Diedrich D50 equipped with an automatic hammer was used for drilling. Standard Penetration Tests were performed at selected locations along the project. Representative soil samples were collected for visual classification in the field and selected samples were submitted for laboratory analysis by the S&ME soils lab.

The following alignments, totaling 0.13 miles, were investigated. Subsurface cross-sections of this alignment are included in this report.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Station</u>
-L-	10+00 to 17+00

### **Physiography and Geology**

The project is located in the piedmont physiographic province of North Carolina near the town of Crouse. The project corridor is predominately rural with few single-family homes, farmland, and wooded areas. Topography along the project consists of gently to steeply rolling hills. Elevations along the project range from 805± to 787± feet above sea level.

Geologically the project area is located within the Inner Piedmont Block. The rocks are composed primarily of Biotite Gneiss, Schists and Amphibolites. These rocks were formed around the Precambrian era as a composite stack of thrust sheets and later experienced metamorphism from subsequent mountain building episodes approximately 300-400 million years ago during the Paleozoic Era.

### **Water Bodies**

There is one major body of water that flow through the project corridor. Indian Creek flows underneath Bridge No. 71 from north to south.

### **Soil Properties**

Soils encountered during this investigation are separated into 3 categories: Roadway Embankment, Alluvial and Residual soils.

Roadway Embankment soils were encountered in the existing roadway areas. Roadway Embankment consist of red brown, black and gray, very loose to medium dense, silty sand (A-2-4), and very soft to very stiff, sandy silt (A-4), sandy clay (A-6) and clay (A-7-6). Plasticity Index of tested clayey samples ranged from 13 to 19.

Alluvial soils were found near Indian Creek. These soils consist of black, brown and gray, very loose to medium dense, silty sand (A-2-4) and fine sand (A-3) and clayey sand (A-2-6) and soft to medium dense sandy silt (A-4).

Residual soils were formed by the in-place weathering of the underlying bedrock in the area. These soils consist of brown, tan, gray, red and white, very soft to very hard, silty clay (A-7-5 and A-7-6), sandy silt (A-4) and silt (A-5), and very loose to very dense, silty sand (A-2-4), clayey sand (A-2-6).

### **Rock Properties**

Weathered rock and crystalline rock were encountered in the project area. The weathered rock is derived from the underlying mica schist bedrock. The weathered rock was encountered at elevations ranging from 766.5± feet to 733.4± feet and ranges from 1.5± to 15.7± feet in thickness. Crystalline rock was encountered at elevations ranging from 762.3± feet to 717.7± feet. Rock coring was performed in one boring at each interior bent location of the proposed bridge. Recovery was 100% and a RQD value of 99% was recorded.

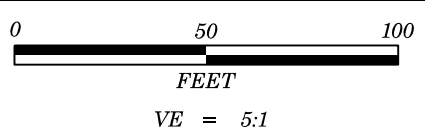
### **Groundwater**

Groundwater was encountered in some of the borings. Groundwater was found to be between elevations 769± and 788±. In the low-lying areas adjacent to Hinton Creek, the groundwater elevation is anticipated to be near the elevation of Indian Creek. Groundwater is not expected to cause any significant impacts to construction.

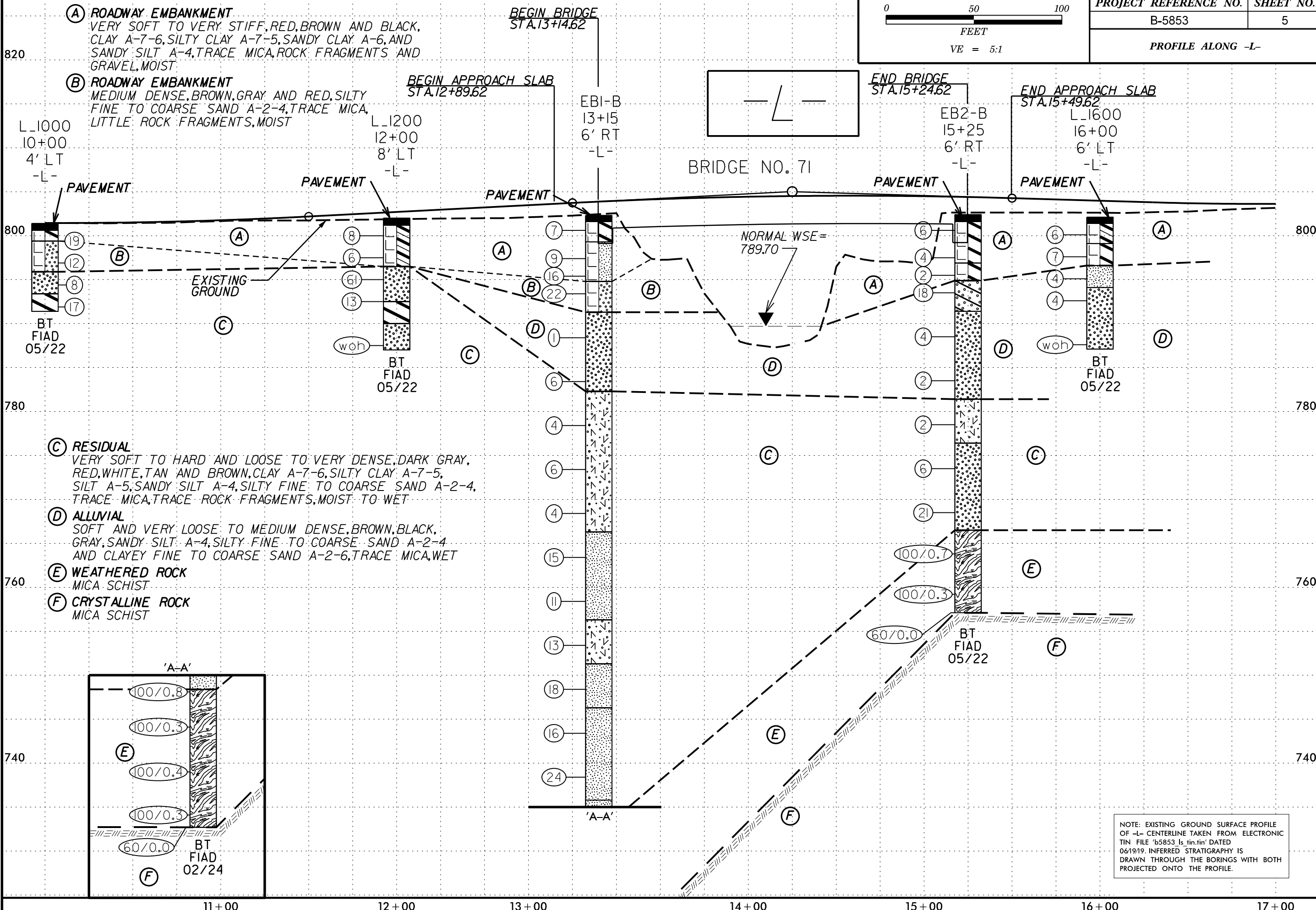




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**(A) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT**  
 VERY SOFT TO VERY STIFF, RED, BROWN AND BLACK, CLAY A-7-6, SILTY CLAY A-7-5, SANDY CLAY A-6, AND SANDY SILT A-4, TRACE MICA, ROCK FRAGMENTS AND GRAVEL, MOIST

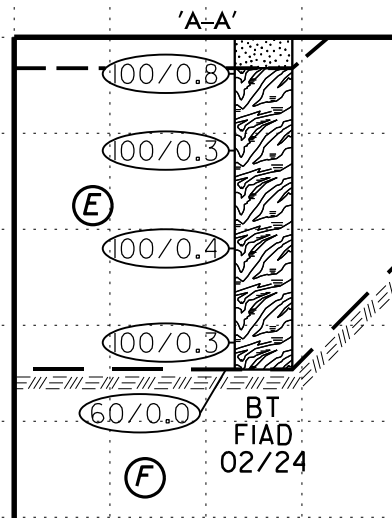
**(B) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT**  
 MEDIUM DENSE, BROWN, GRAY AND RED, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND A-2-4, TRACE MICA, LITTLE ROCK FRAGMENTS, MOIST

**(C) RESIDUAL**  
 VERY SOFT TO HARD AND LOOSE TO VERY DENSE, DARK GRAY, RED, WHITE, TAN AND BROWN, CLAY A-7-6, SILTY CLAY A-7-5, SILT A-5, SANDY SILT A-4, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND A-2-4, TRACE MICA, TRACE ROCK FRAGMENTS, MOIST TO WET

**(D) ALLUVIAL**  
 SOFT AND VERY LOOSE TO MEDIUM DENSE, BROWN, BLACK, GRAY, SANDY SILT A-4, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND A-2-4 AND CLAYEY FINE TO COARSE SAND A-2-6, TRACE MICA, WET

**(E) WEATHERED ROCK**  
 MICA SCHIST

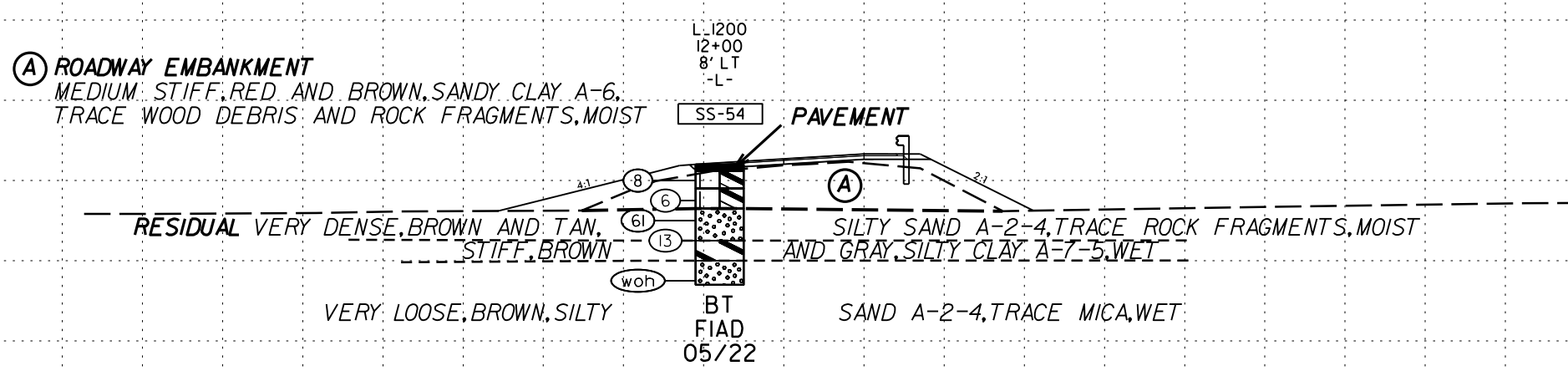
**(F) CRYSTALLINE ROCK**  
 MICA SCHIST



NOTE: EXISTING GROUND SURFACE PROFILE OF -L- CENTERLINE TAKEN FROM ELECTRONIC TIN FILE 'b5853\_ls.tin.tin' DATED 06/19/19. INFERRED STRATIGRAPHY IS DRAWN THROUGH THE BORINGS WITH BOTH PROJECTED ONTO THE PROFILE.

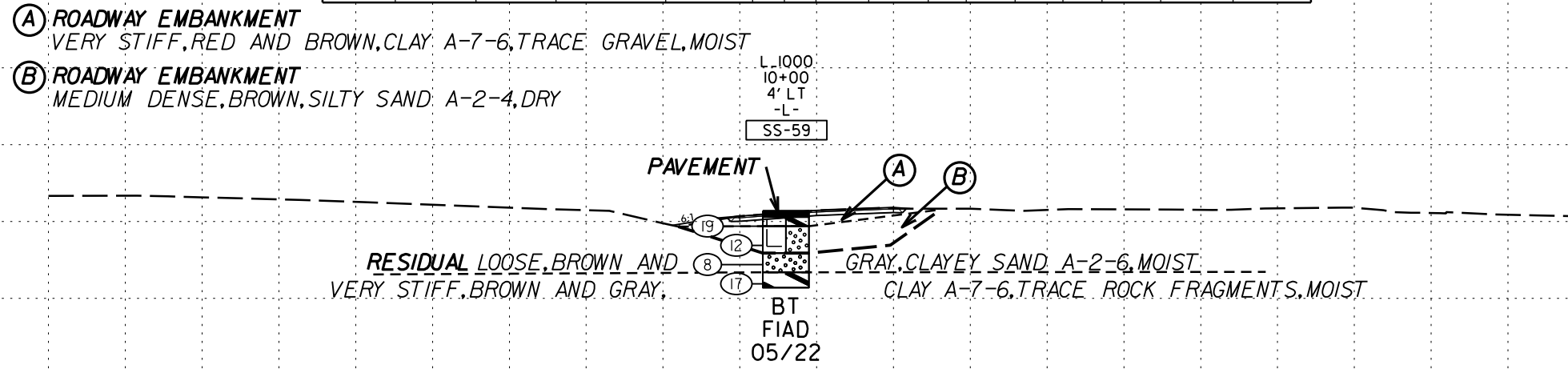
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							C.SAND	F.SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-54	8' LT	12+00	1.0-2.5	A-6 (7)	39	16	20	25	13	42	99	86	59.5	32.1	ND



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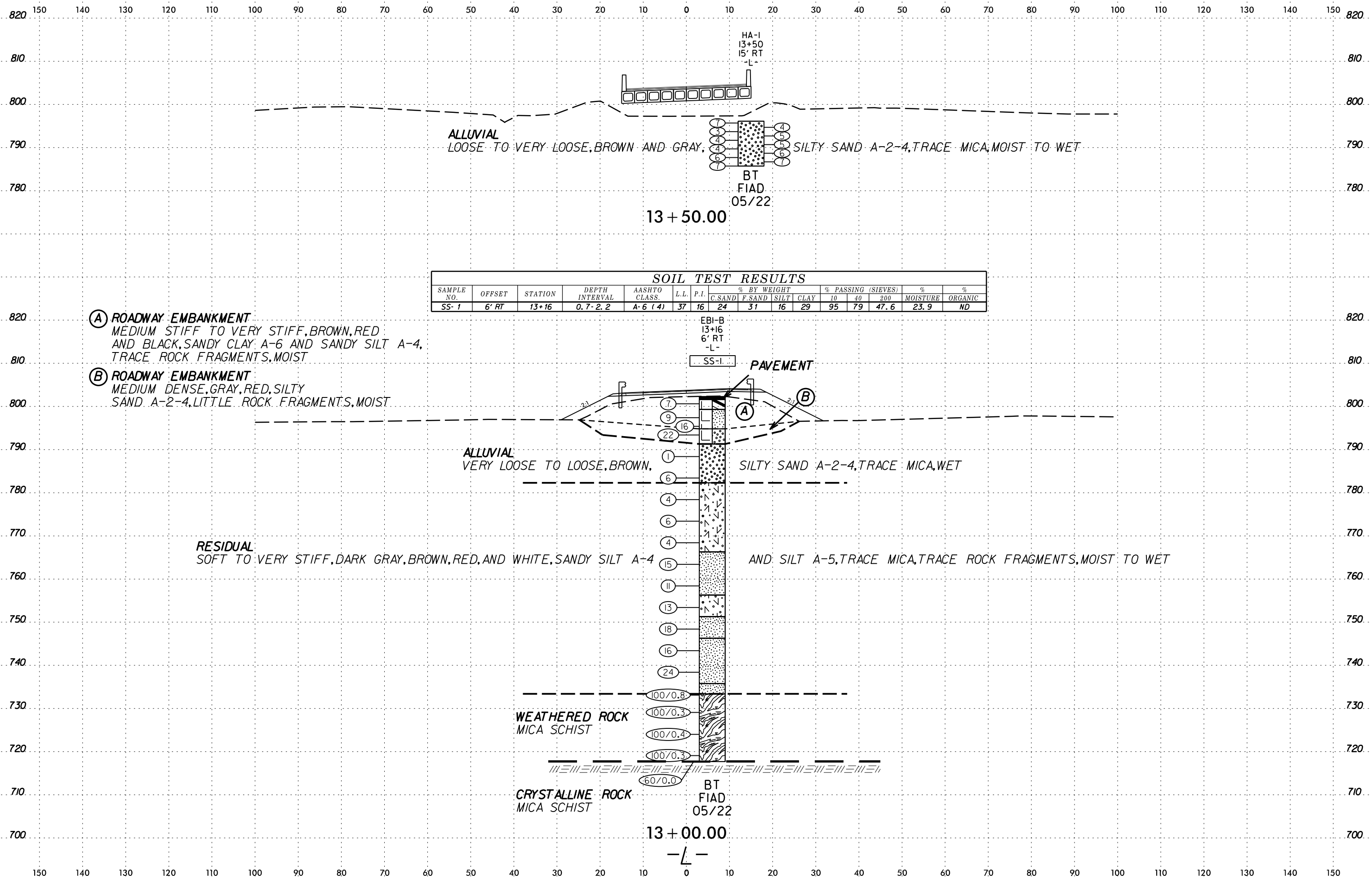
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							C.SAND	F.SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-59	4' LT	10+00	1.0-2.5	A-7-6(9)	43	16	23	18	18	41	100	84	61.7	38.6	ND



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							C. SAND	F. SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-1	6' RT	13+16	0.7-2.2	A-6 (4)	37	16	24	31	16	29	95	79	47.6	23.9	ND

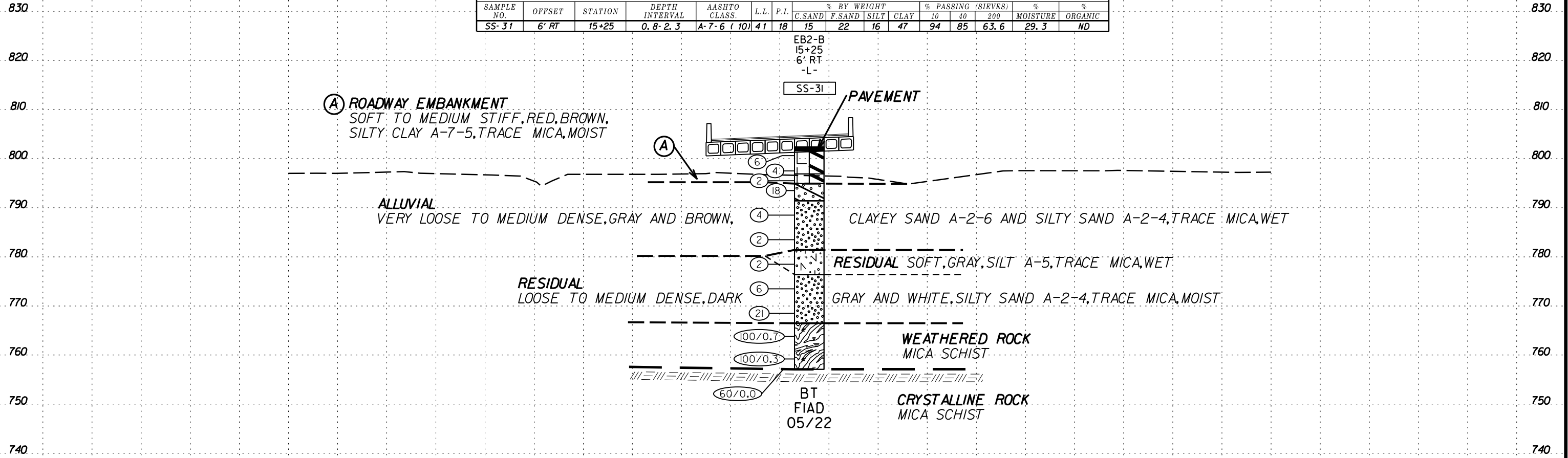
- (A) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT  
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- (B) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT  
 MEDIUM DENSE, GRAY, RED, SILTY SAND A-2-4, LITTLE ROCK FRAGMENTS, MOIST

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							C. SAND	F. SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-31	6' RT	15+25	0.8-2.3	A-7-6 (10)	41	18	15	22	16	47	94	85	63.6	29.3	ND



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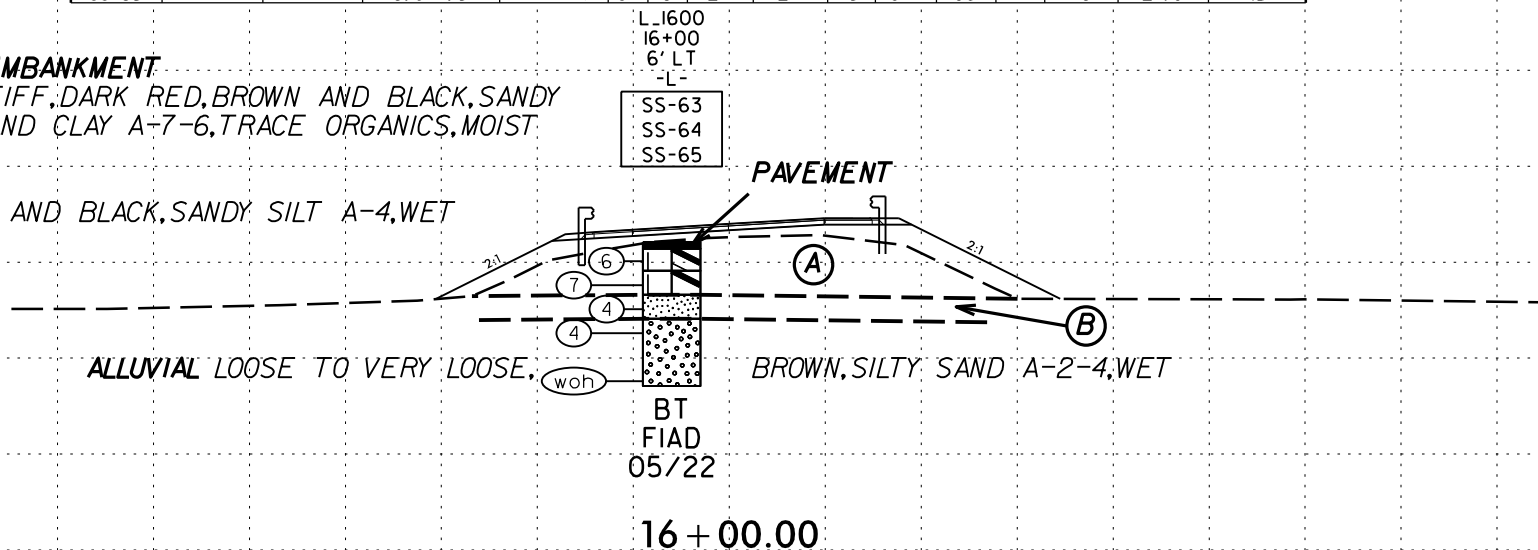
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							C.SAND	F.SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-63	6' LT	16+00	1.0-1.5	A-6 (6)	35	13	17	21	24	38	92	82	60.6	21.7	0.4
SS-64	6' LT	16+00	3.5-5.0	A-7-6 (10)	41	19	16	24	16	44	98	88	62.9	49.9	ND
SS-65	6' LT	16+00	6.0-7.5	A-4 (1)	34	6	27	27	15	31	90	74	46	24.9	ND

(A) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT  
 MEDIUM STIFF, DARK RED, BROWN AND BLACK, SANDY CLAY A-6, AND CLAY A-7-6, TRACE ORGANICS, MOIST.

(B) ALLUVIAL  
 SOFT, GRAY AND BLACK, SANDY SILT A-4, WET



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							C.SAND	F.SAND	SILT	CLAY	10	40	200		
SS-23	6' LT	15+40	8.5-10	A-4 (0)	26	6	38	29	11	22	97	70	35.9	23.5	ND
SS-24	6' LT	15+40	13.5-15.0	A-3 (1)	NP	NP	74	20	1	5	99	55	7.4	32.3	ND

(A) ROADWAY EMBANKMENT  
 SOFT TO MEDIUM STIFF, RED, BROWN, GRAY, SANDY CLAY A-6 AND SANDY SILT A-4, TRACE MICA, TRACE ROCK FRAGMENTS, MOIST.

