

RAILROAD BRIDGE APPROACH EMBANKMENT SETTLEMENT MITIGATION

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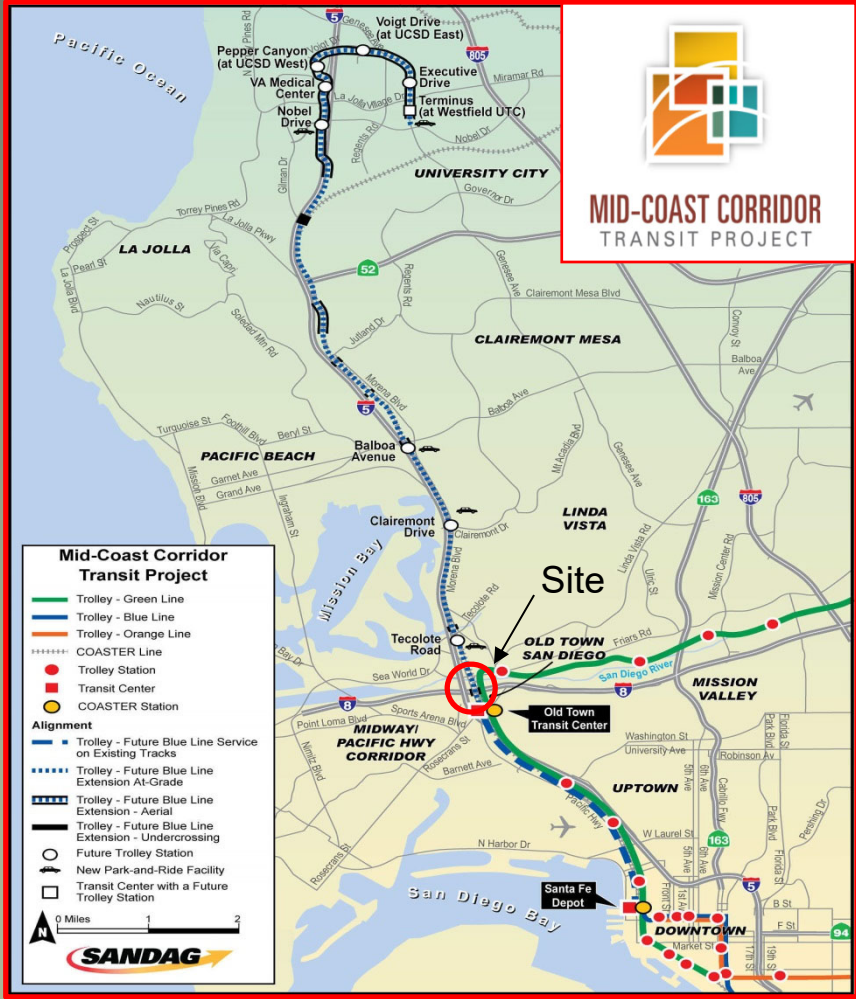
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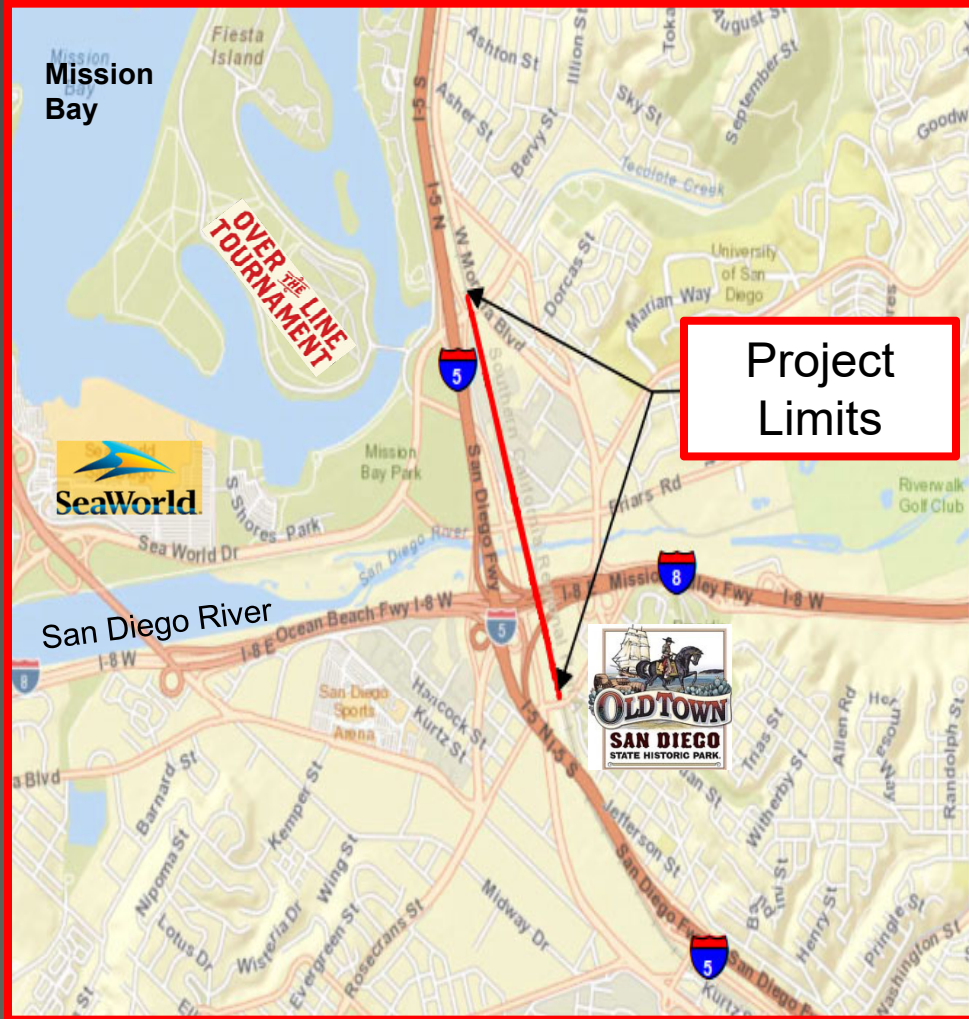


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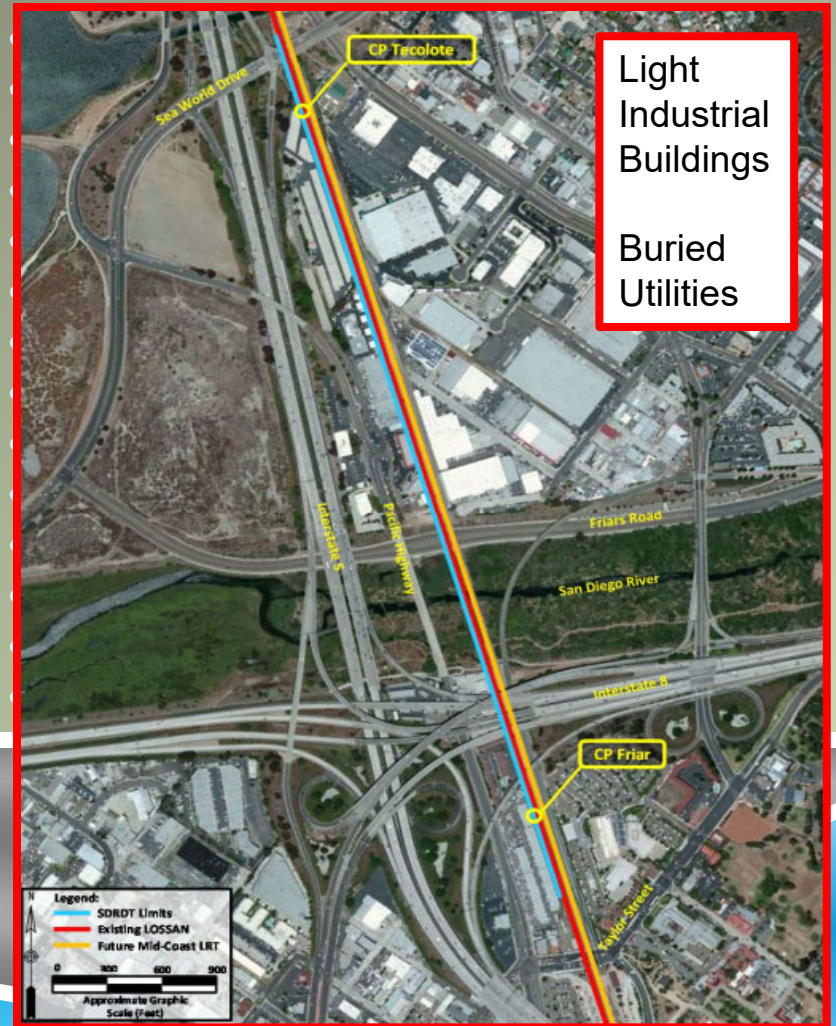


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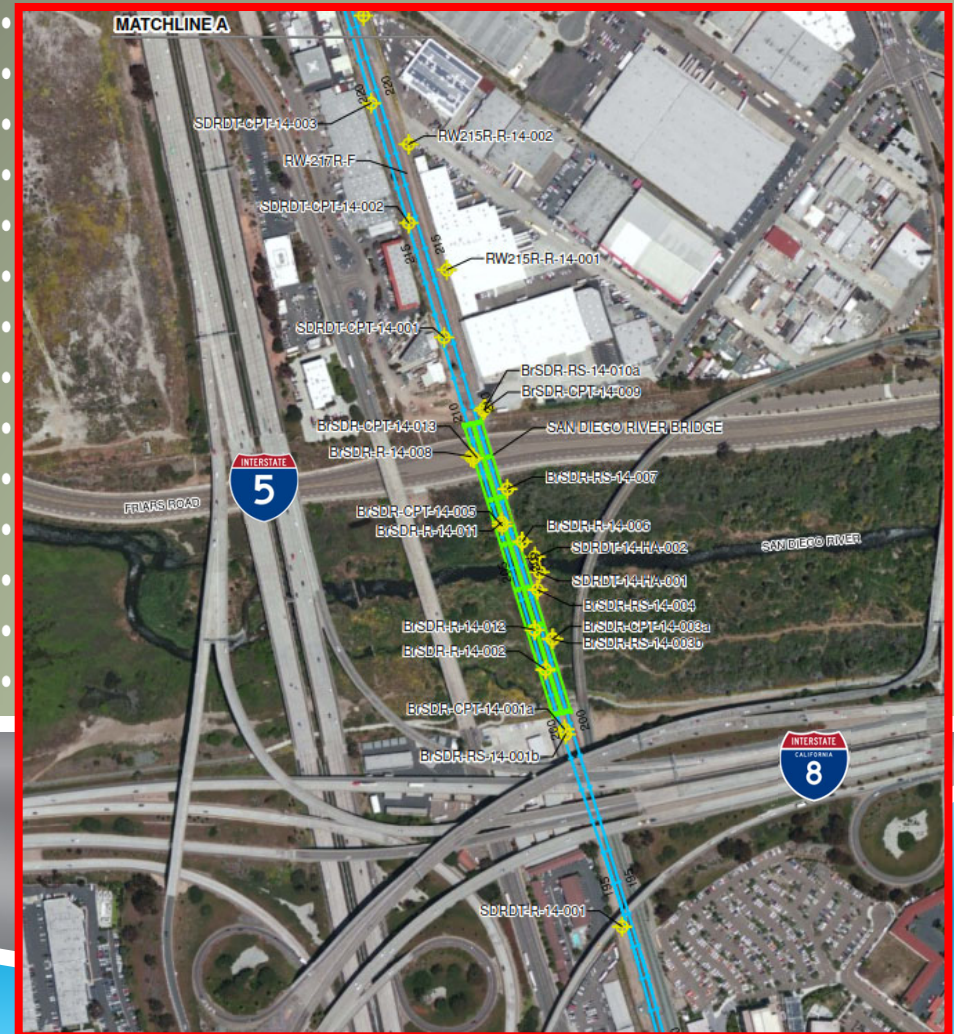


- ### 900' River Crossing
- LOSSAN Double Track Bridge
 - MTS LRT Double Track Bridge
- ### Approach Embankment
- 1,520' long and up to 15' High



Field Explorations

- Boreholes (HSA, Rotary Wash, Sonic)
- CPTs w/ Shear Wave Velocity
- Geophysical Survey (ReMi and MASW)



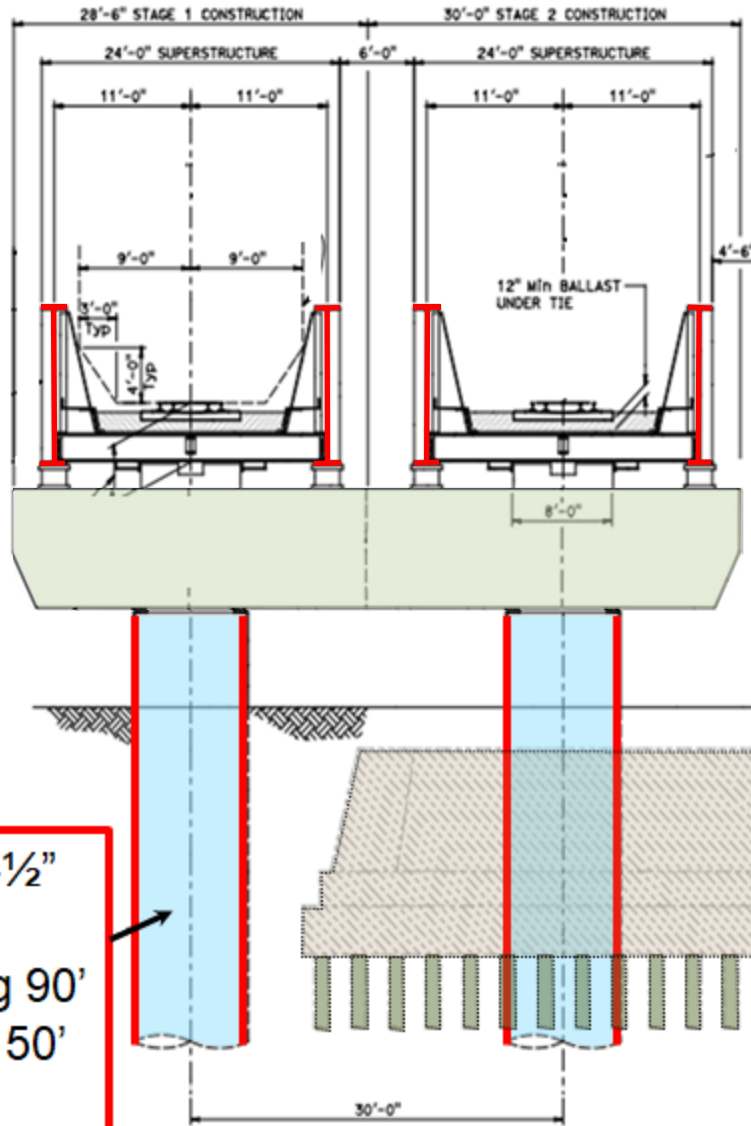


Preconstruction
Site Conditions
along Friars
Road and Tack
Alignment

Existing 900'
MT-1 Bridge to
be Demolished

Views to South
and North





Steel Through Girder Bridge
(double track MT-1 and MT-2)

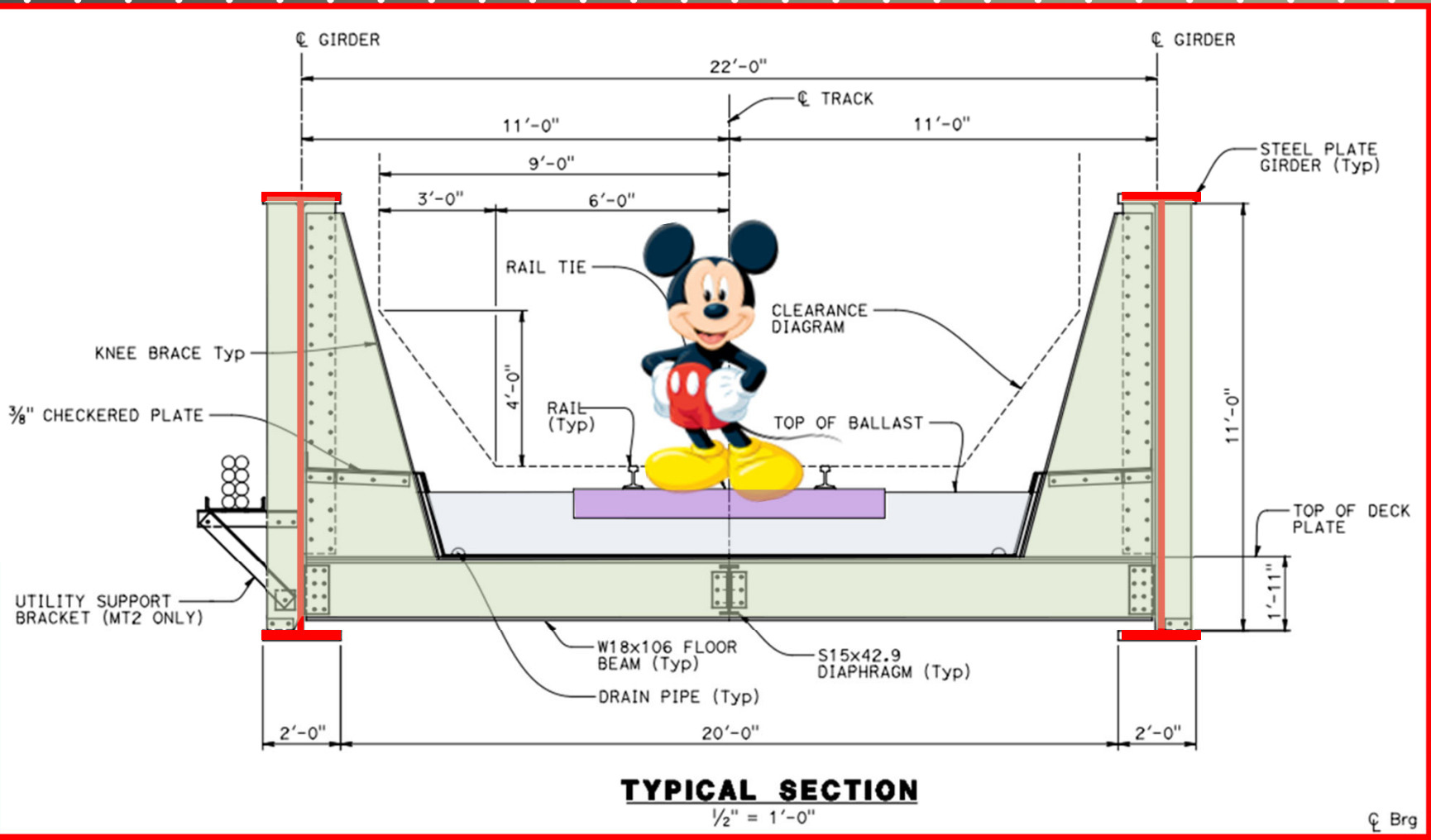
CIP Double Box Girder Bridge
(double track NB and SB)

9' dia. w/ 1-1/2" thick perm. steel casing 90' then 8' dia. 50' (140' total)

10' dia. w/ 1-1/2" thick perm. steel casing 130' then 9' dia. 20' (150' total)

TYPICAL SECTION
1" = 5'-0"



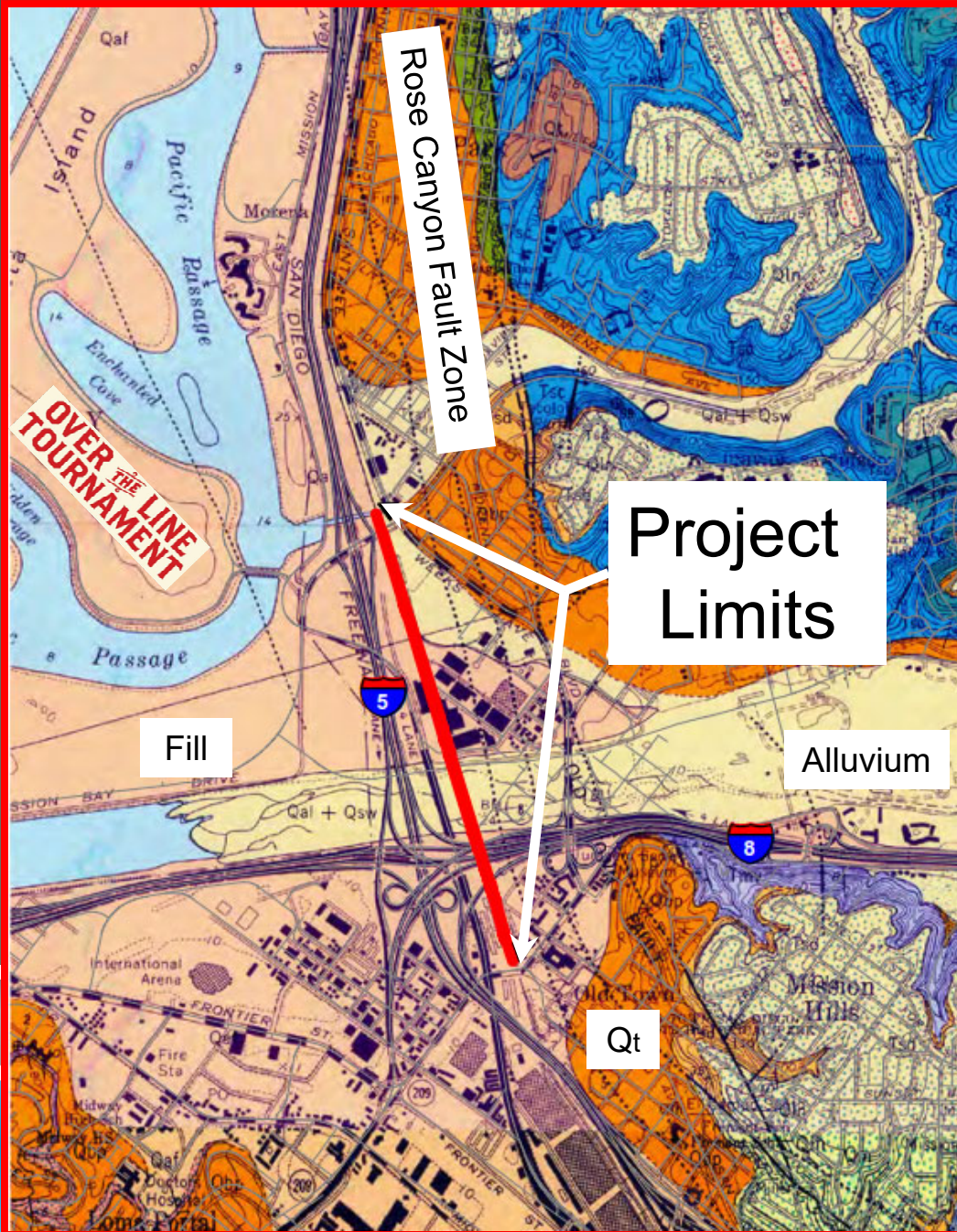


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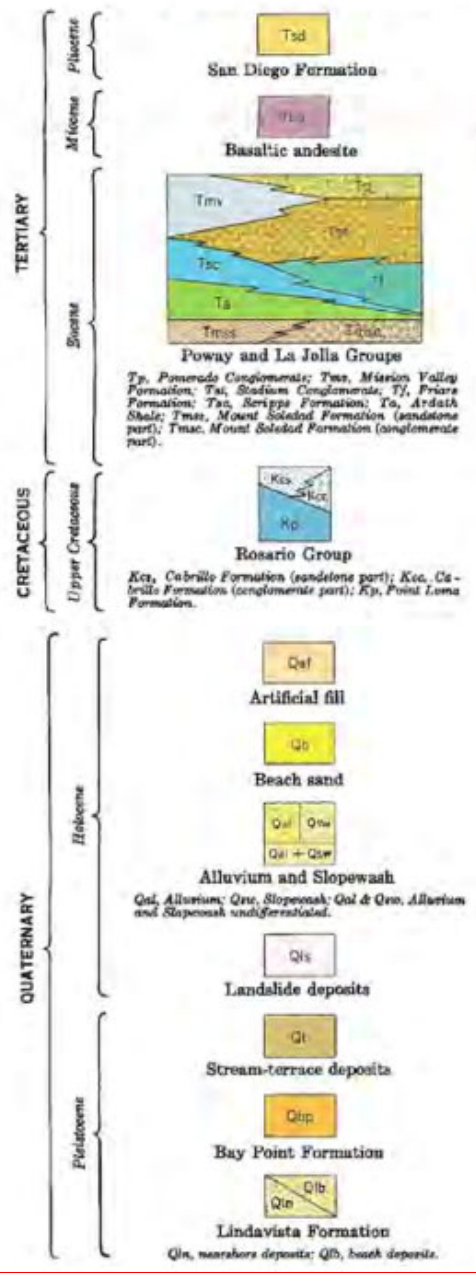
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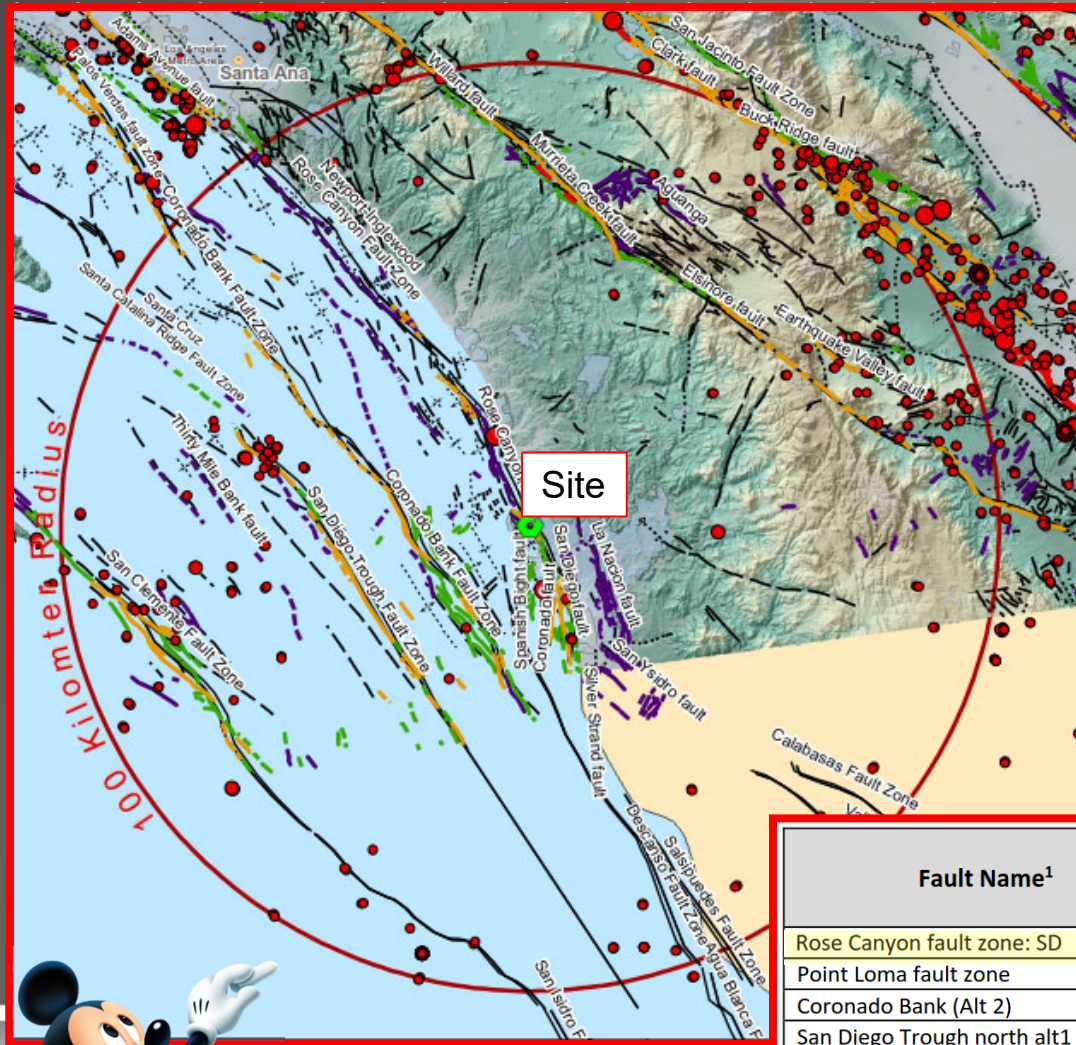


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Regional Faults and Historic Earthquake Epicenters (100 km radius)

Fault Rupture Data

Fault Name ¹	R _{RUP} (miles) ²	Fault Type ³	Maximum Moment Magnitude ⁴	Slip Rate (inches/year) ⁵
Rose Canyon fault zone: SD	0.1	SS	6.8	0.08
Point Loma fault zone	2.0	N	6.3	n/a
Coronado Bank (Alt 2)	12.9	SS	7.4	0.12
San Diego Trough north alt1	24.0	SS	7.3	0.08
Newport Inglewood: Offshore	30.2	SS	7.2	0.04
Elsinore: Julian	40.8	SS	7.7	0.12
San Clemente	47.2	SS	7.5	0.10
San Felipe fault	48.8	SS	6.3	n/a
San Joaquin Hills	60.1	R	7.0	0.02
San Jacinto: Coyote Creek	61.6	SS	7.3	0.20
San Jacinto: Anza	64.5	SS	7.7	0.74



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Rose Canyon Fault Zone

Table 1 - Site Characteristics and Governing Fault Parameters

Site Coordinates	Latitude = 32.761855 degrees, Longitude = -117.202319 degrees
Shear Wave Velocity, V_{s30}	2,200 ft/s (671 m/s)
Depth to $V_s=1.0$ km/s, $Z_{1.0}$	NA (Not located in a basin)
Depth to $V_s=2.5$ km/s, $Z_{2.5}$	NA (Not located in a basin)
Fault Name and ID Number	Rose Canyon fault zone (San Diego section), ID No. 405
Maximum Magnitude (M_{Max})	6.8
Fault Type	Strike Slip
Fault Dip	90 degrees
Dip Direction	Vertical
Bottom of Rupture Plane	8.0 miles (13 km)
Top of Rupture Plane (Z_{tor})	0 mile (0 km)
R_{RUP}^1	0.17 miles (0.27 km)
R_{JB}^2	0.17 miles (0.27 km)
R_X^3	0.17 miles (0.27 km)
F_{norm} (1 for normal, 0 for others)	0
F_{rev} (1 for reverse, 0 for others)	0
Design Peak ground Acceleration (PGA)	0.542

Notes:
¹ R_{RUP} = Closest distance from the site to the fault rupture plane.
² R_{JB} = Joyner-Boore distance; the shortest horizontal distance to the surface projection of the rupture area.
³ R_X = Horizontal distance from the site to the fault trace or surface projection of the top of the rupture plane.

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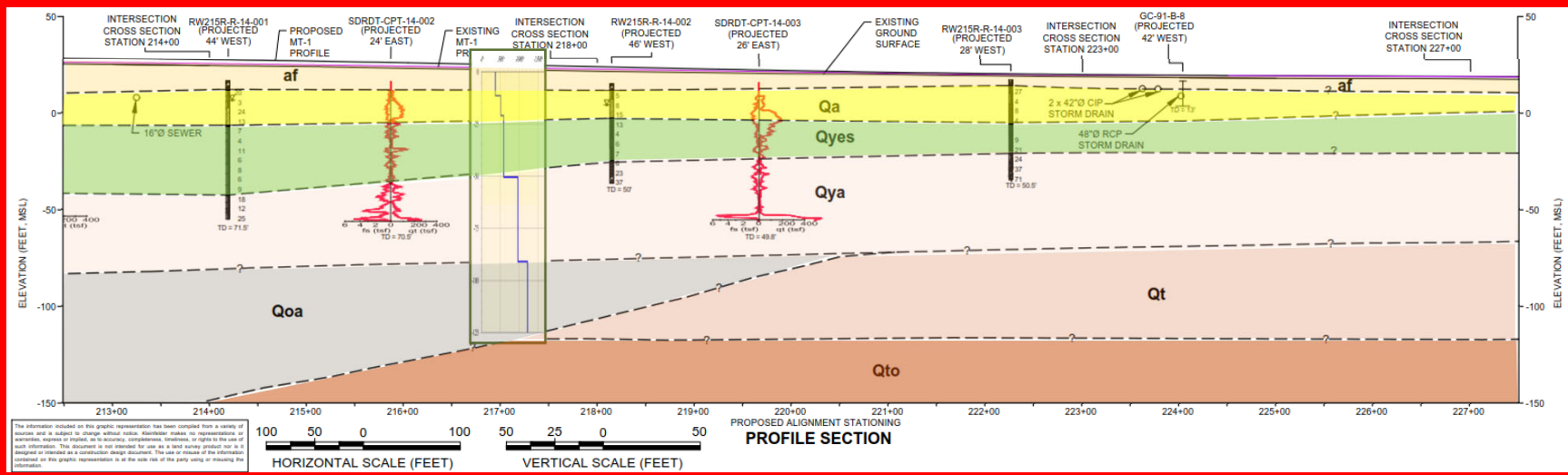
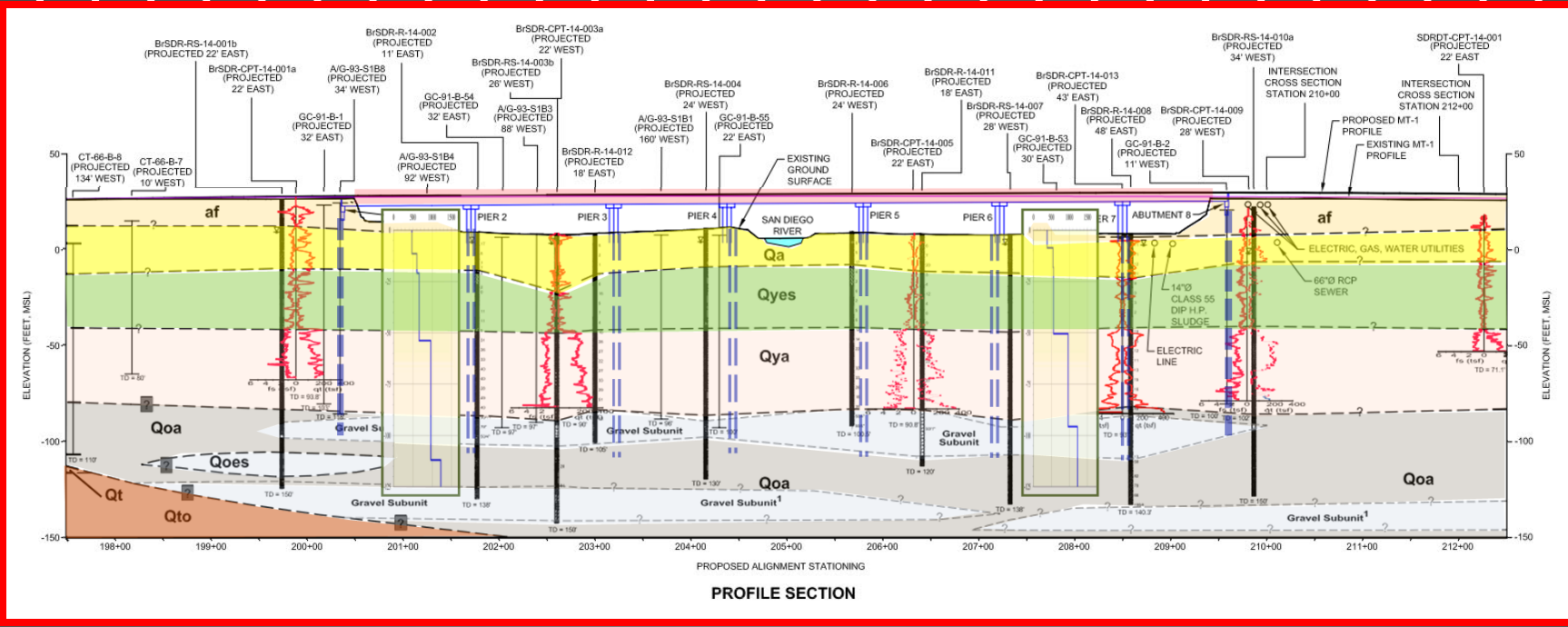
- PROPOSED LOSSAN SDRDT ALIGNMENT
- Faults (Kleinfielder, 2011)**
- FAULT - IDENTIFIED BY DISTINCT GEOMORPHIC FEATURES
- - - FAULT - IDENTIFIED BY MODERATELY EXPRESSED
- FAULT, CONCEALED
- GRABEN
- City of San Diego**
- FAULT
- SHEAR ZONE
- - - INFERRED FAULT
- CONCEALED ZONE



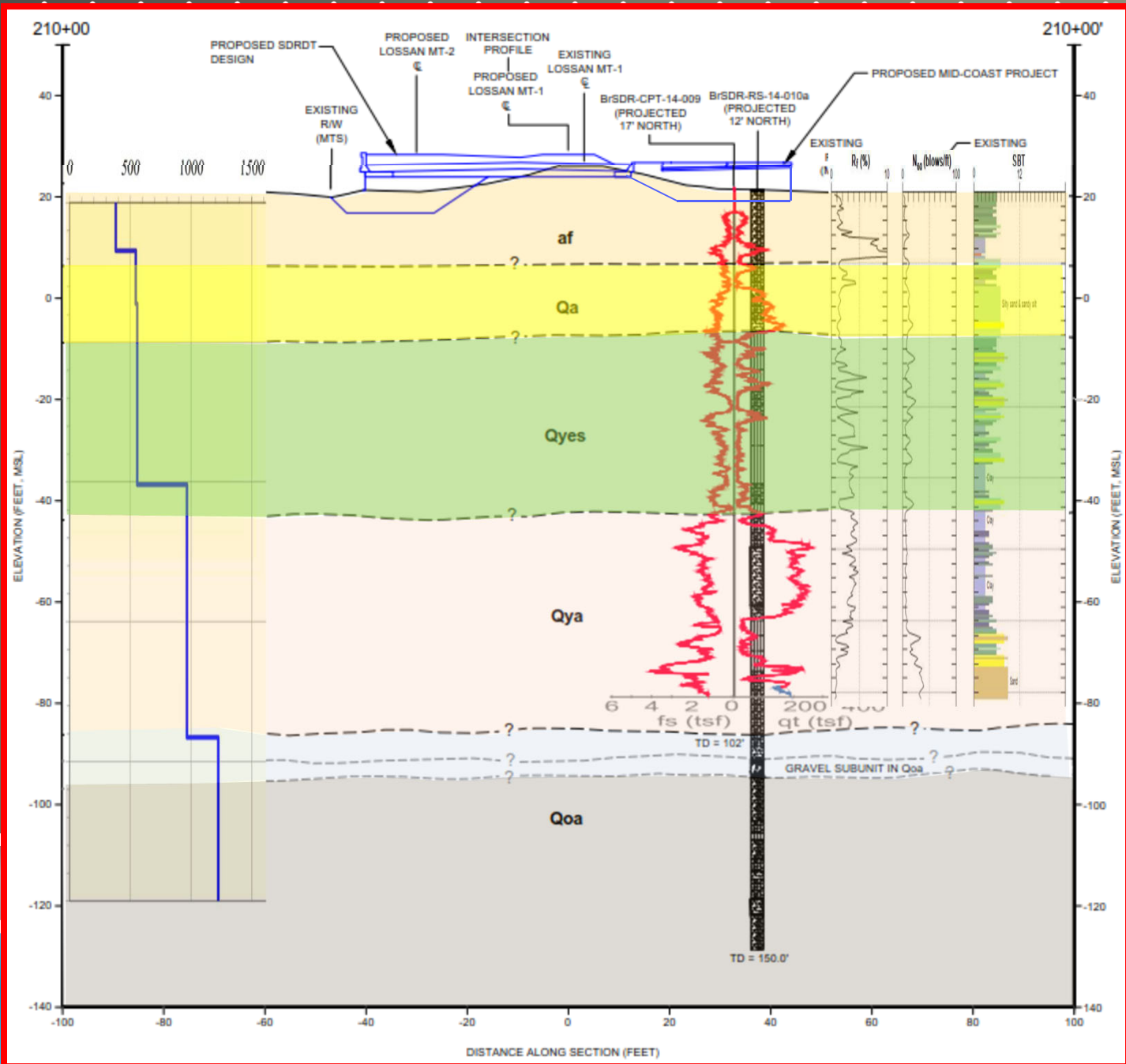
$M_{max} = 6.8$

$R_{RUP} = 1,000'$

$PGA = 0.542 g$



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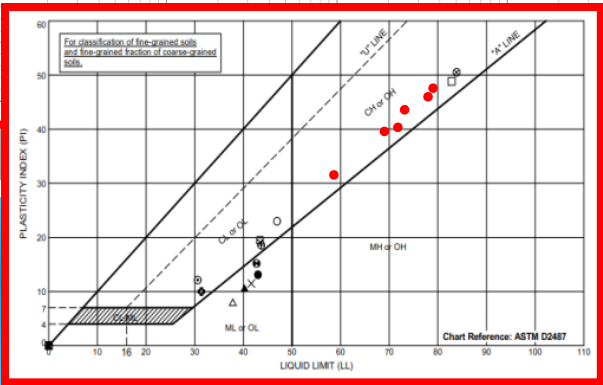
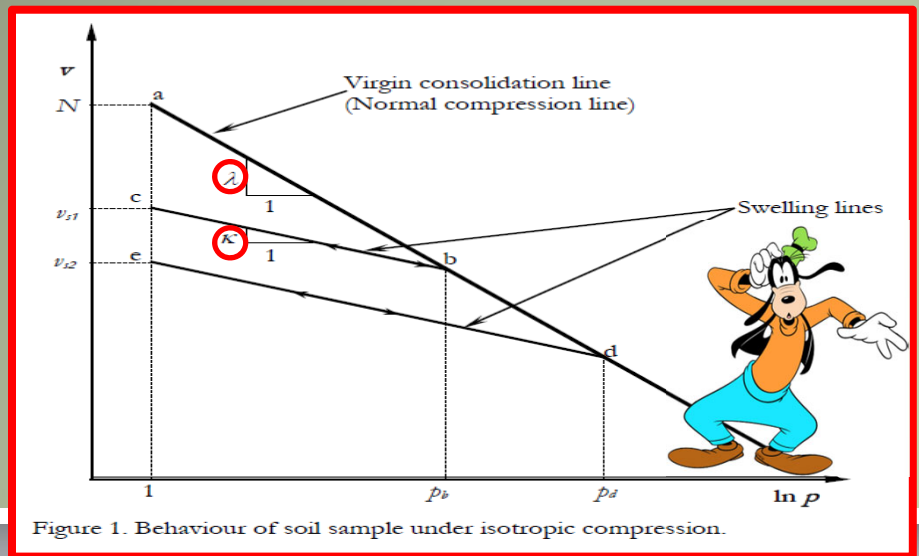
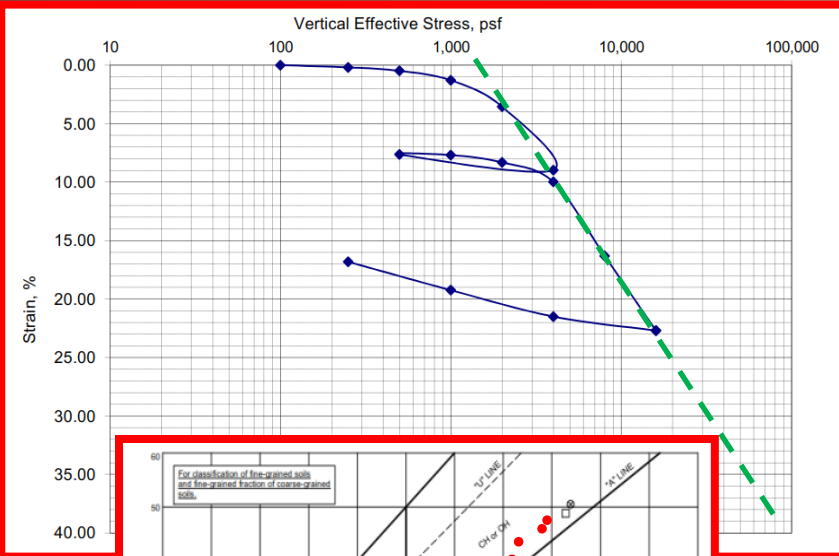
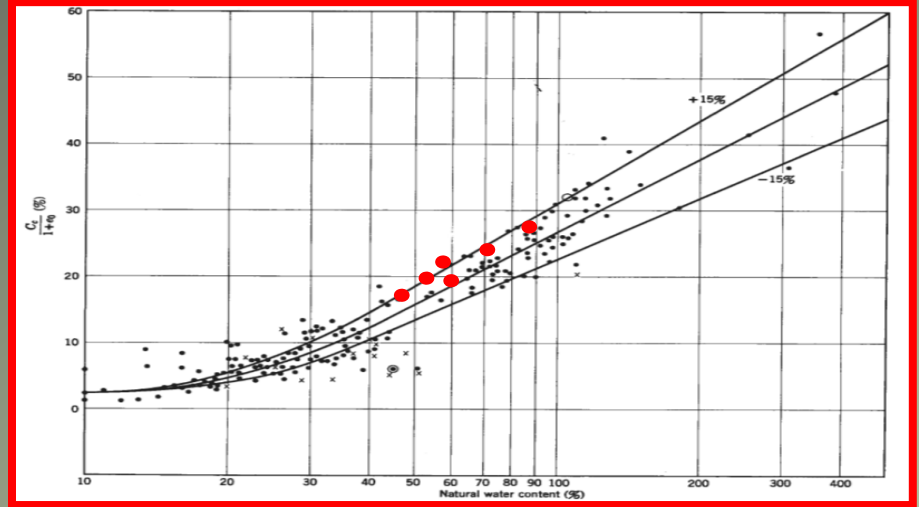
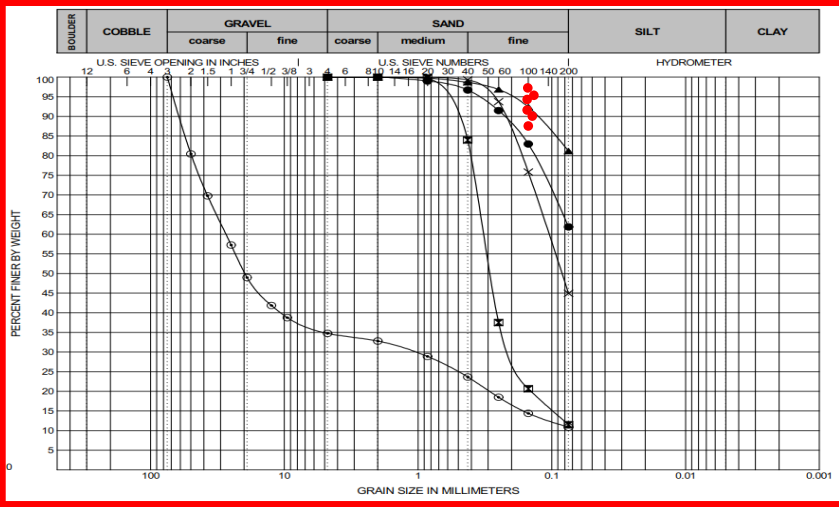


Figure 1. Behaviour of soil sample under isotropic compression.

Modified Cam-Clay Consolidation Parameters
 λ = virgin CSL and κ = unload/reload (compression)



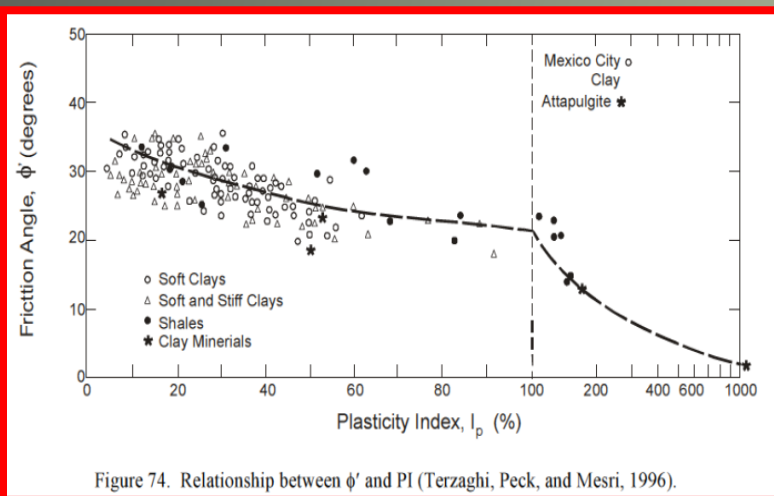
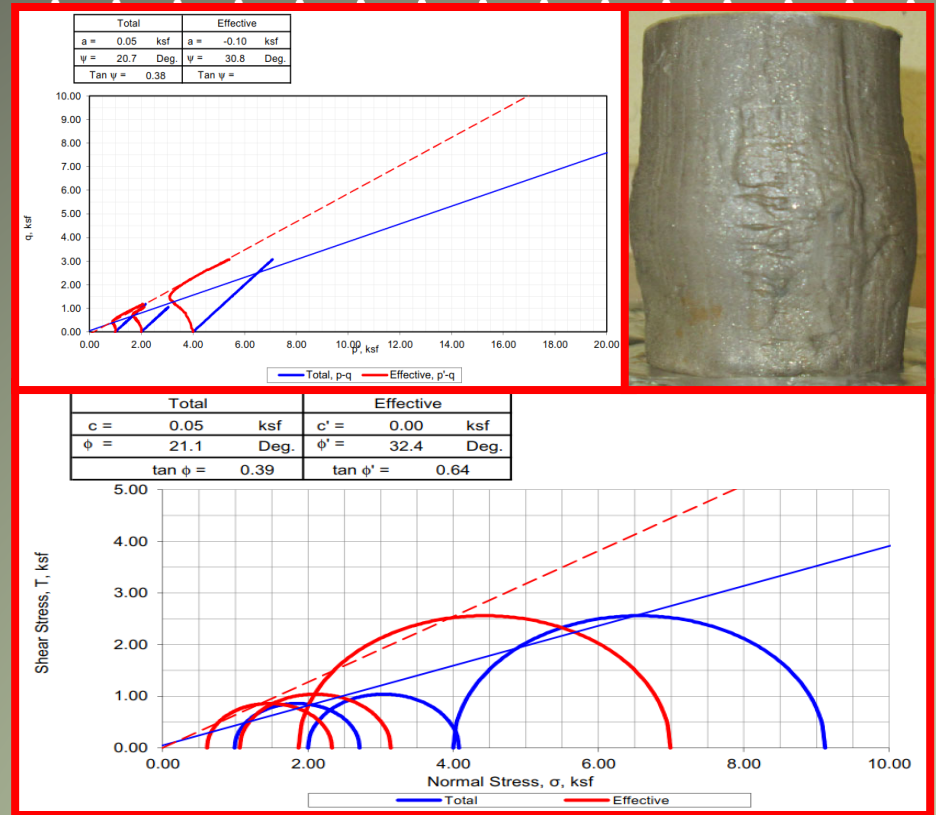
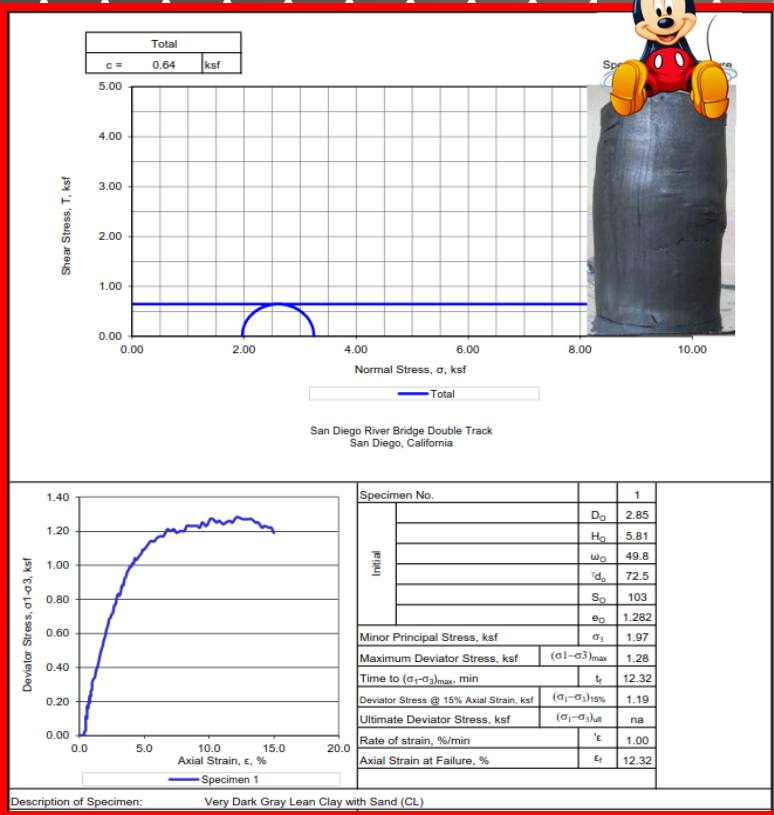
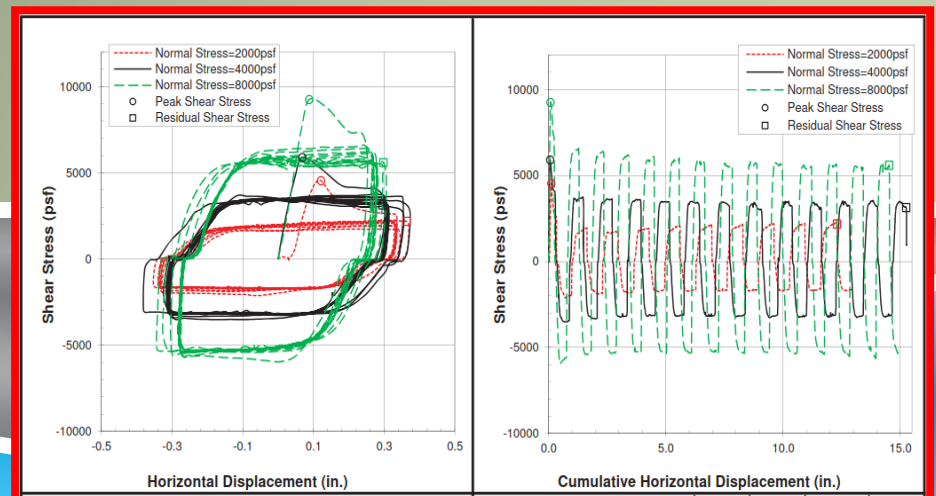
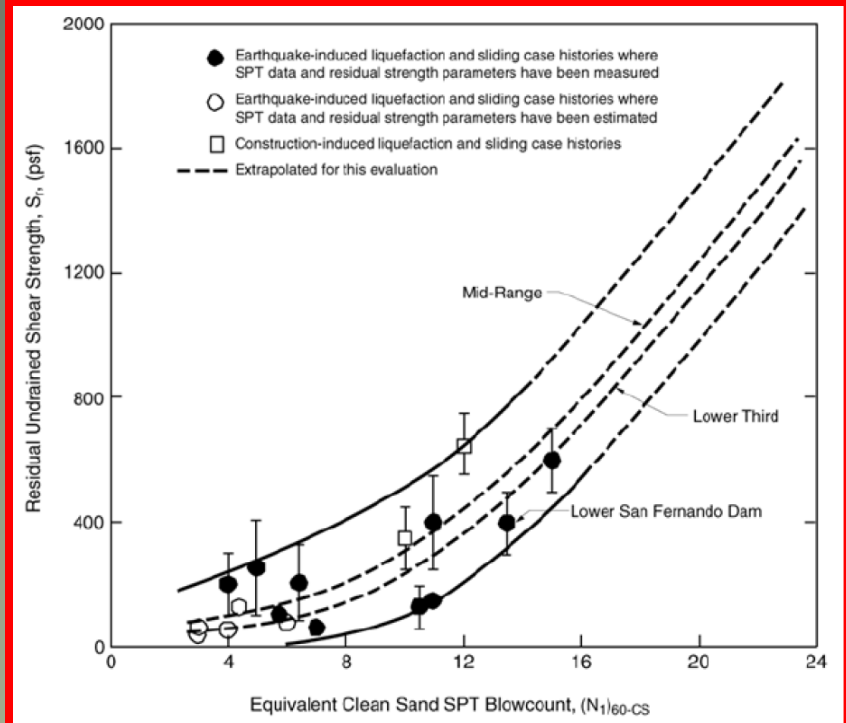
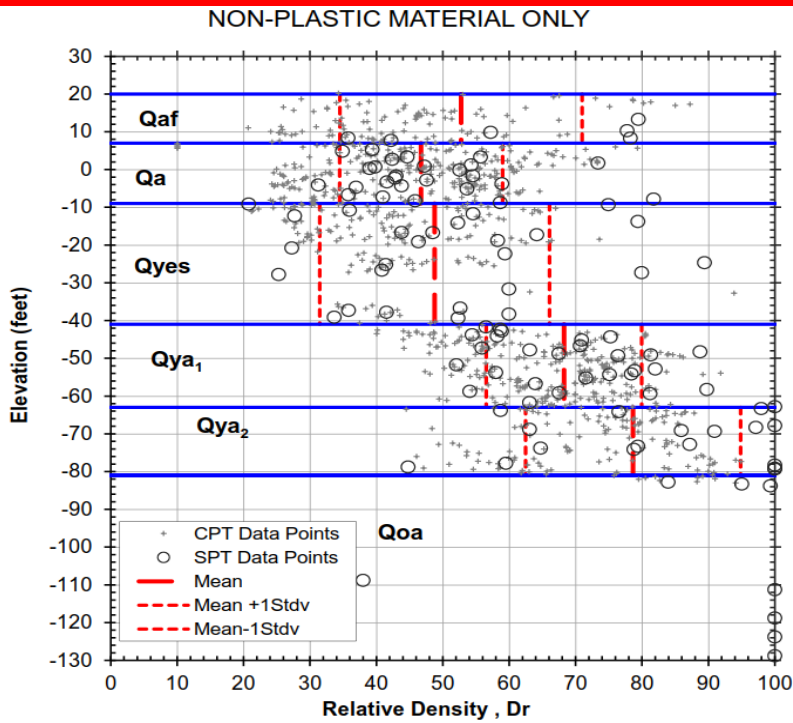


Figure 74. Relationship between ϕ' and PI (Terzaghi, Peck, and Mesri, 1996).





Development of Residual Undrained Shear Strength for Liquefied Soil Materials

Results of liquefaction triggering analysis are presented in the Calculation Package – Liquefaction Triggering Analysis for San Diego River Bridge. Residual undrained shear strength parameters are needed for liquefiable soil to analyze post-liquefaction conditions. Ledezma and Bray's (2010) relationship was used to estimate the residual strength ratio per the following equation:

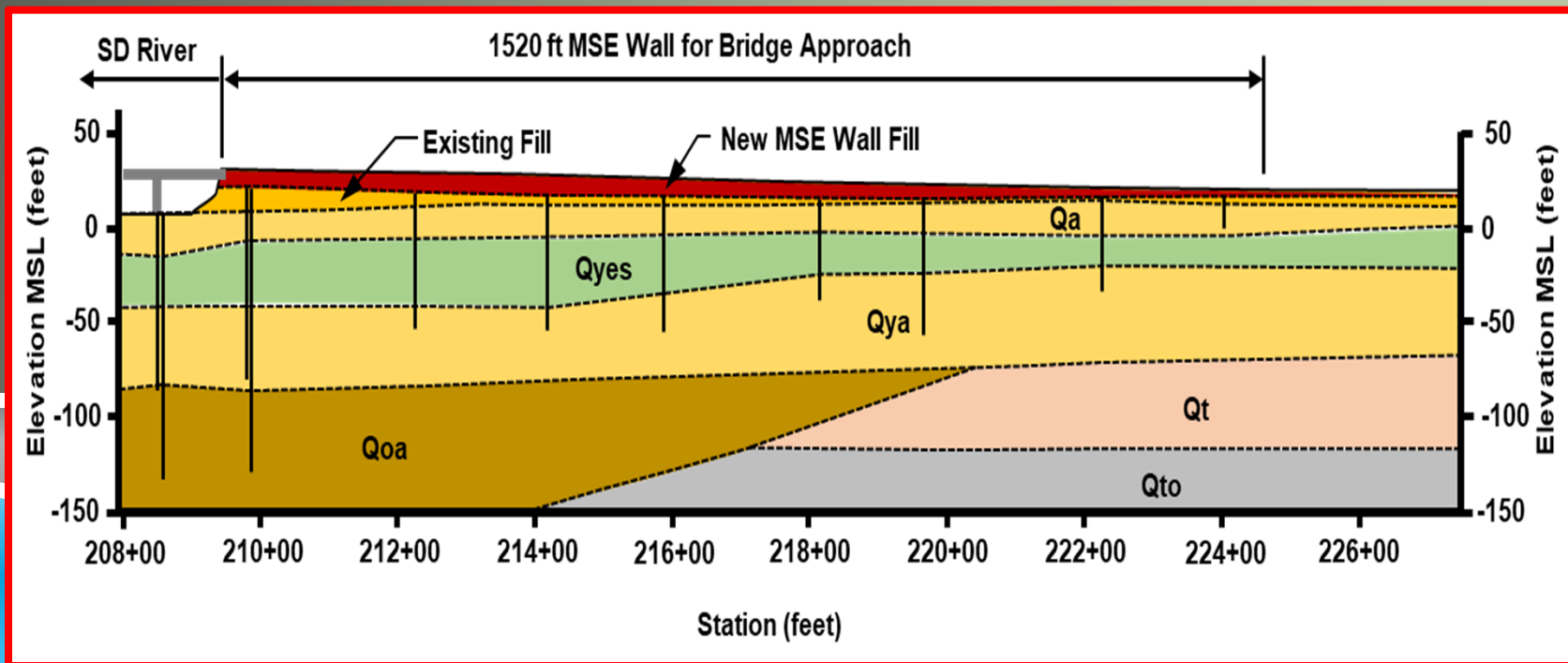


$$\frac{S_{u,res}}{\sigma'_{v0}} = \exp\left(\frac{N_{1,60-CS} - S_r}{8.9} - 3.5\right); 0 \leq N_{1,60-CS} \leq 20$$

$$\mu_{\frac{S_{UR}}{\sigma'_{vc}}} \approx \exp\left(\frac{\mu_{N_{1,60-CS}}}{8} - 3.5\right) \times \left[1 + \frac{(0.3\mu_{N_{1,60-CS}})^2}{158}\right]$$

$$\sigma_{\frac{S_{UR}}{\sigma'_{vc}}} \approx 0.4\mu_{\frac{S_{UR}}{\sigma'_{vc}}}$$

Geologic Unit	Liquefaction/Compressibility Potential
Artificial Fill (af)	Not liquefiable above the groundwater table. Compressible undocumented fills throughout alignment..
Recent Alluvial Deposits (Qa)	Generally liquefiable when below groundwater. Low to moderately compressible.
Young Estuarine Deposits (Qyes)	Non- to Low-plasticity zones are marginally liquefiable. Moderate to highly compressible plastic zones.
Young Alluvial Deposits (Qya) Old Alluvium Deposits (Qoa) Old Estuarine Deposits (Qoes)	Too dense to liquefy. Low to very low compressibility.

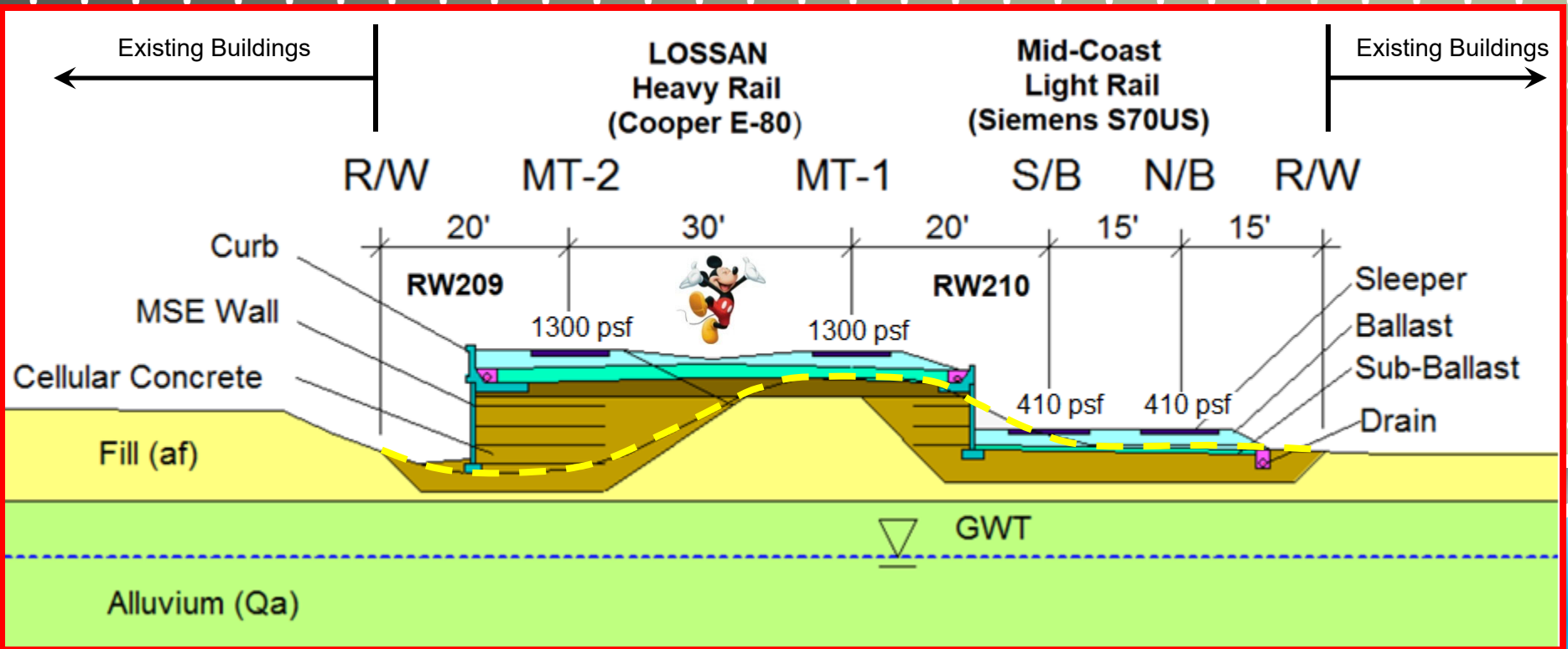


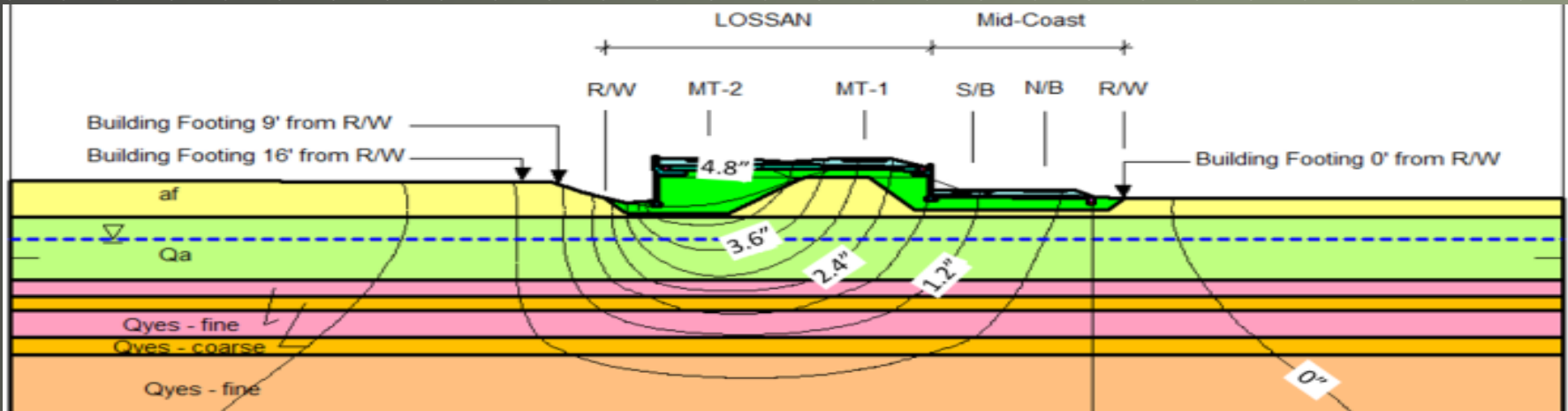
SUMMARY OF GEOTECHNICAL PARAMETERS

Material	Approx. Elev. (ft)	γ_t (pcf)	ϕ' (deg)	Su or c' (psf)	$S_{u,r}$ (psf)	OCR / Void Ratio	Drained Poisson Ratio (ν)	Elastic Modulus (ksf)
Qaf	15 to 7	120	33°	$c' = 100$	-	-	0.33	200
Qa	7 to -9	119	32°	$c' = 0$	440	-	0.33	100
Qyes (sandy)	-9 to -41	118	32°	$c' = 50$	170	-	0.33	100
Qyes (silt/clay)	-9 to -20	114	-	$S_u = 800$	-	1.2 / 1.1	-	Note (1)
	-20 to -30	115		$S_u = 1,000$		1.3 / 1.0		
	-30 to -41	116		$S_u = 1,200$		1.4 / 0.9		
Qya ₁ (upper)	-41 to -63	129	35°	0	1,040	-	0.33	400
Qya ₂ (lower)	-63 to -81	132	37°	0	1,040	-	0.33	800
Qoa (gravelly)	<-81	141	42°	0	-	-	0.33	3,000
Qoa (sandy)	<-81	135	38°	0	-	-	0.33	2,000
Qoes	<-81	141	42°	0	-	-	0.33	3,000
Ballast	Embank.	120	40°	0	-	-	0.33	1,000
Sub-Ballast	Embank.	120	40°	0	-	-	0.33	1,000
Class II LCCF	Embank.	30	38°	0	-	-	0.22	68,000
Class IV LCCF	Embank.	42	38°	0	-	-	0.22	120,000
Stone Column	Grd. Imp.	110	40°	0	-	-	0.33	1,300
Compac. Grout	Grd. Imp.	120	-	36,000	-	-	0.25	180,000
Rigid Inclusion	Grd. Imp.	130	-	100,000	-	-	0.20	300,000
Concrete	Grd. Imp.	150	-	300,000	-	-	0.15	500,000

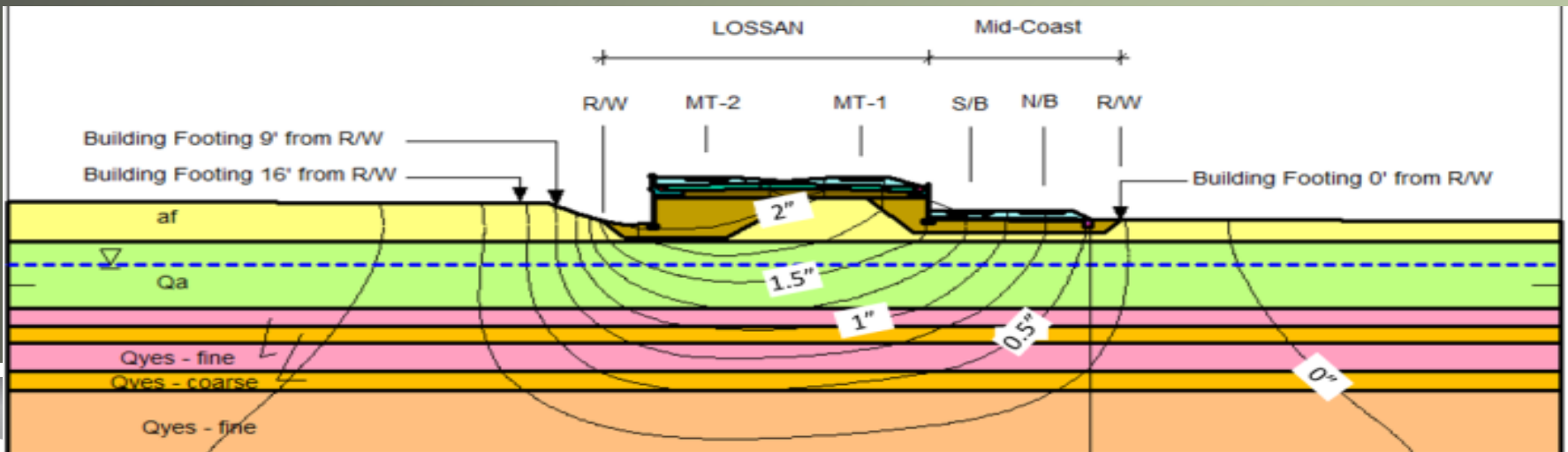
Note (1): Modified Cam-Clay Consolidation Parameters

$$\lambda = 0.13 \text{ (virgin) and } \kappa = 0.033 \text{ (unload/reload)}$$





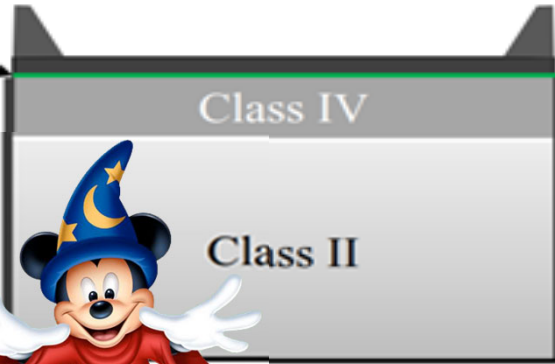
Vertical Settlement with Normal Weight Soil Backfill and No Ground Improvement. Maximum Settlement 4.8" @ MT-2



Vertical Settlement with LCCF Backfill and No Ground Improvement. Maximum Settlement 2" @ MT-2

Waterproofing layer

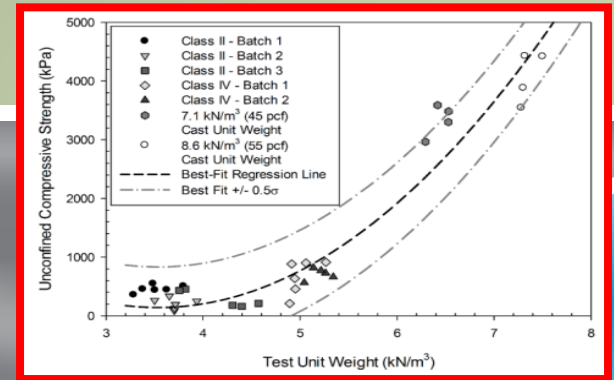
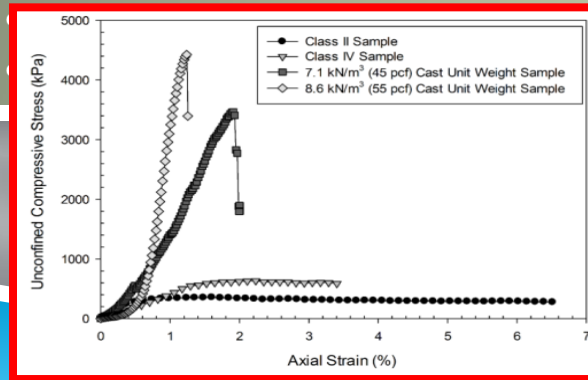
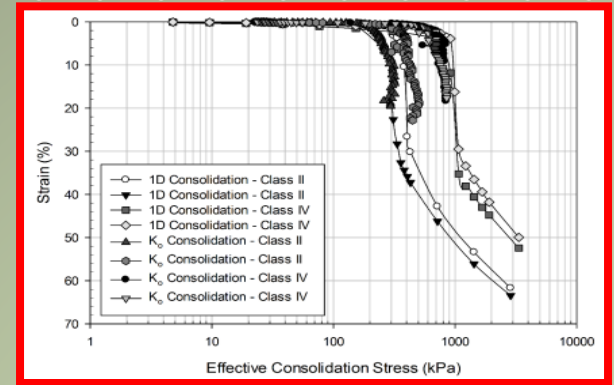
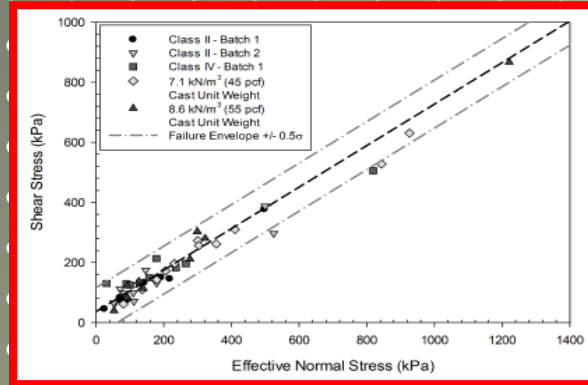
Schematic cross-section using LWCC:



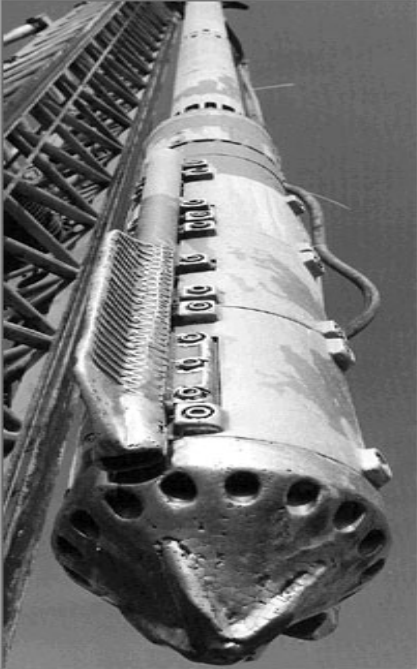
Approach Slab/Pavement Structure and Concrete Barrier

Min. 3 feet thickness – Class IV

Main body of embankment – Class II



Stone column 2.1 (calculations according to Priebe)



Grid & Foundation properties

Foundation pressure: kPa Grid type:

Foundation type: X column distance: m

Foundation length (L): m Y column distance: m

Foundation width (B): m Automatic calc. No of columns ?

Calculate as infinite **No of columns:**

Settlements calculation according to:

Effective overburden pressure q: kPa

Column material

Unit weight: kN/m³

G.W.T. m

Unit weight: kN/m³

Constrained modulus: MPa

Friction angle: Degrees

Project title:

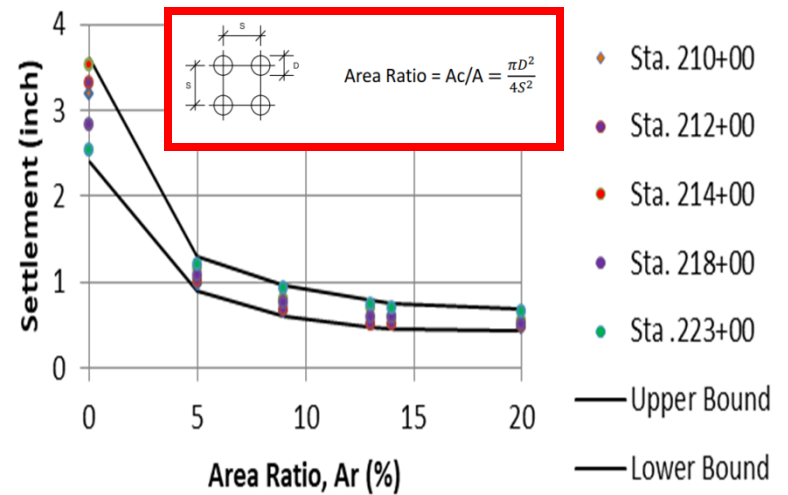
Soil data input

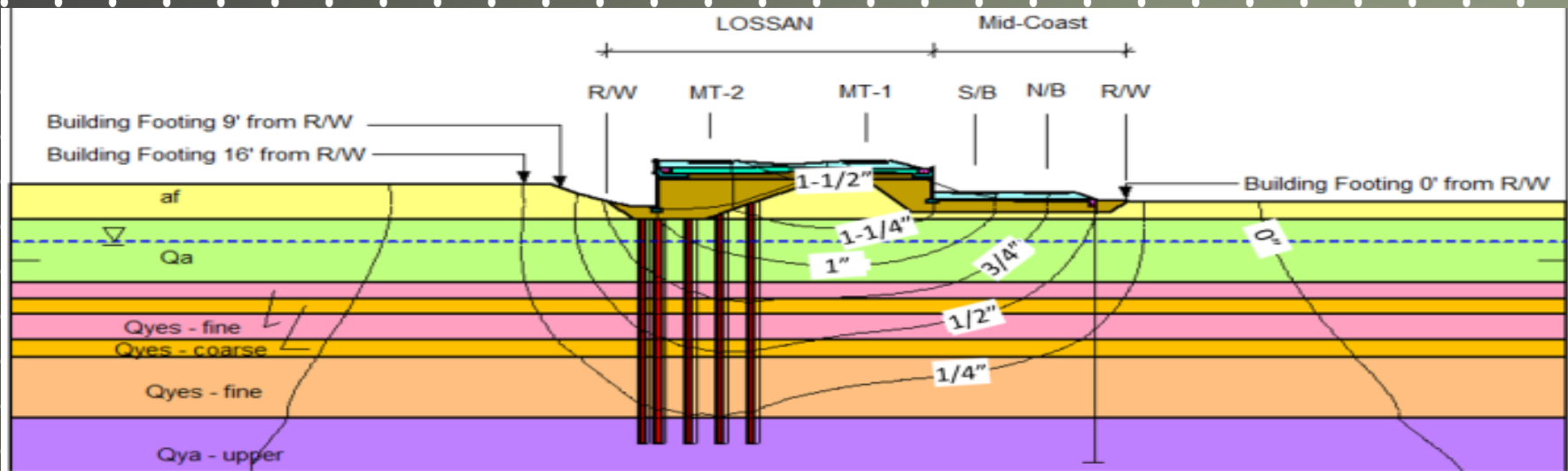
No	Bottom Level (m)	Diameter (m)	A/Ac	Ds (Mpa)	Dc/Ds	Gamma (kPa)	Poisson ratio	Phi (degrees)	Coh. (kPa)
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2	7.5	.6	8.50	7.5	13.33	18.7	.33	32	0
3	8.1	.6	8.50	2	50.00	17.9	.33	25	0
4	8.4	.6	8.50	7.5	13.33	18.6	.33	32	0
5	8.8	.6	8.50	2	50.00	17.9	.33	25	0
6	9.9	.6	8.50	7.5	13.33	18.6	.33	32	0
7	10.5	.6	8.50	2	50.00	17.9	.33	25	0
8	10.8	.6	8.50	7.5	13.33	18.6	.33	32	0
9	11	.6	8.50	2	50.00	17.9	.33	25	0
10	11.7	.6	8.50	7.5	13.33	18.6	.33	32	0

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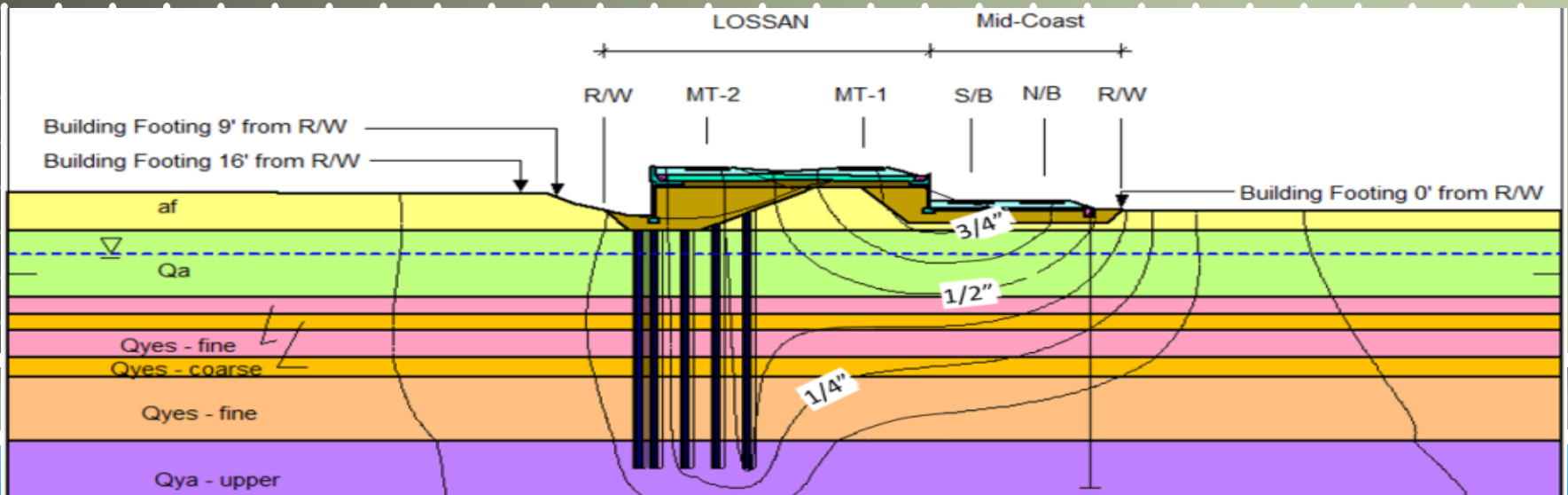
Ground Improvement using Stone Columns with Square Spacing
 Length = 1500 feet, Width = 24 feet, Loading = 1000 psf
 Estimated Settlement (inches)

	Spacing 8'		6'		5'	
	Diameter		24"	30"	24"	30"
Area Ratio	0%	5%	9%	14%	13%	20%
Sta. 210+00	3.19"	0.96"	0.65"	0.54"	0.59"	0.47"
Sta. 212+00	3.31"	1.01"	0.68"	0.56"	0.61"	0.49"
Sta. 214+00	3.52"	1.16"	0.81"	0.65"	0.72"	0.56"
Sta. 218+00	2.84"	1.07"	0.76"	0.59"	0.68"	0.51"
Sta. 223+00	2.53"	1.20"	0.93"	0.76"	0.85"	0.66"





Vertical Settlement with LCCF and Stone Columns. Maximum Settlement 1.2" @ MT-2 and 1.5" @ MT-1



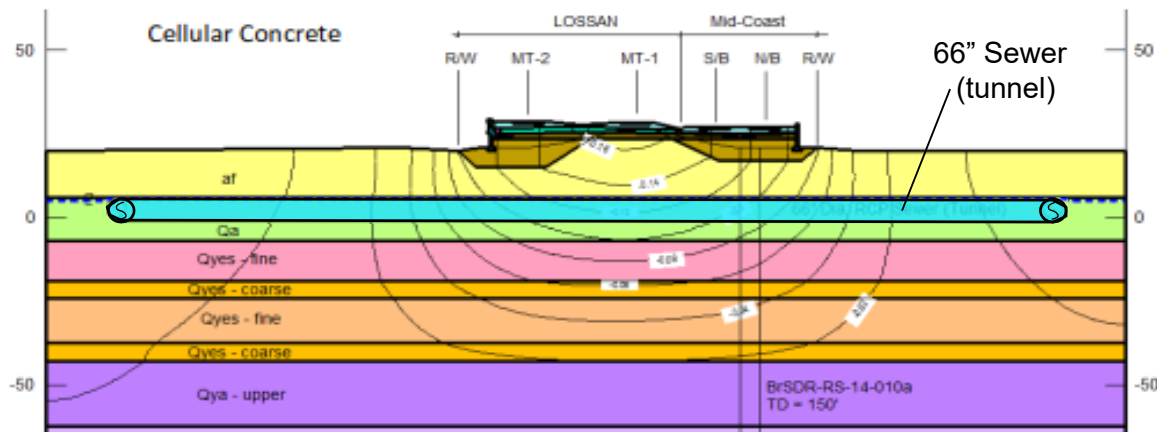
Vertical Settlement with LCCF and Rigid Inclusions. Maximum Settlement 1/2" @ MT-2 and 3/4" @ MT-1

Settlement Analyses Results for Station 214+00

MSE Wall Backfill	Ground Improvement	Maximum Settlement (inch)	Settlement along West R.O.W. (inch)	Differential Settlement between MT-1 Rails (inch)	Settlement by parked Locomotive (inch)	Yield Acceleration (g)
Structure Backfill	None	4.8	1.3	0.5	1.6	0.40
LCCF	None	2.0	0.7	0.2	1.2	0.45
LCCF	Stone Columns	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.47
LCCF	Rigid Inclusions	0.5	0.2	< 0.1	0.1	0.87

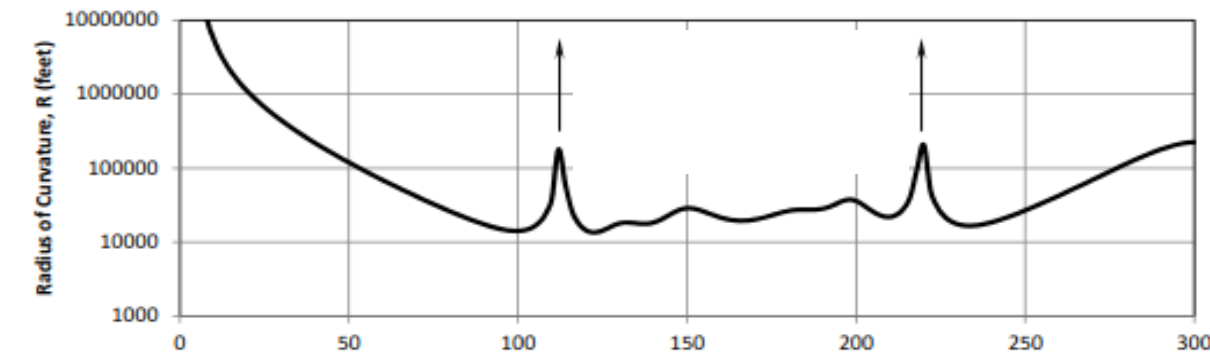
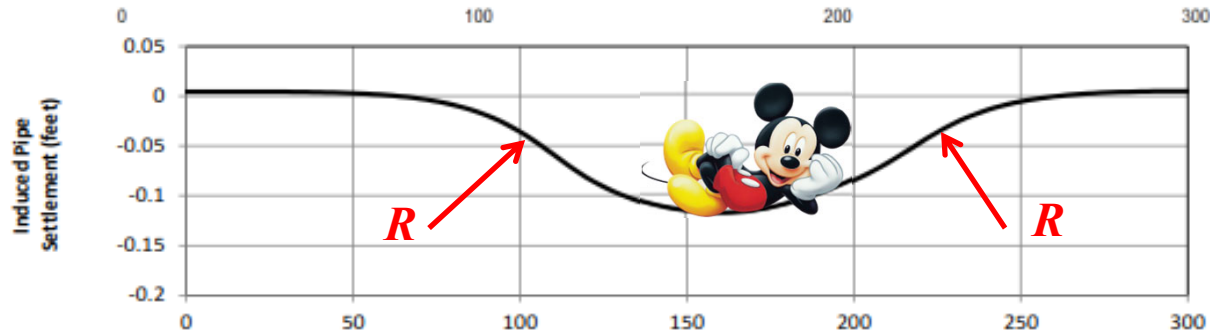
Rigid Inclusion Geometry and Properties

18" diameter
 $f'_c = 2500$ psi
 $E = 2.8 \times 10^6$ psi
 Area Ratio = 4.2%
 7' equilateral triangular pattern



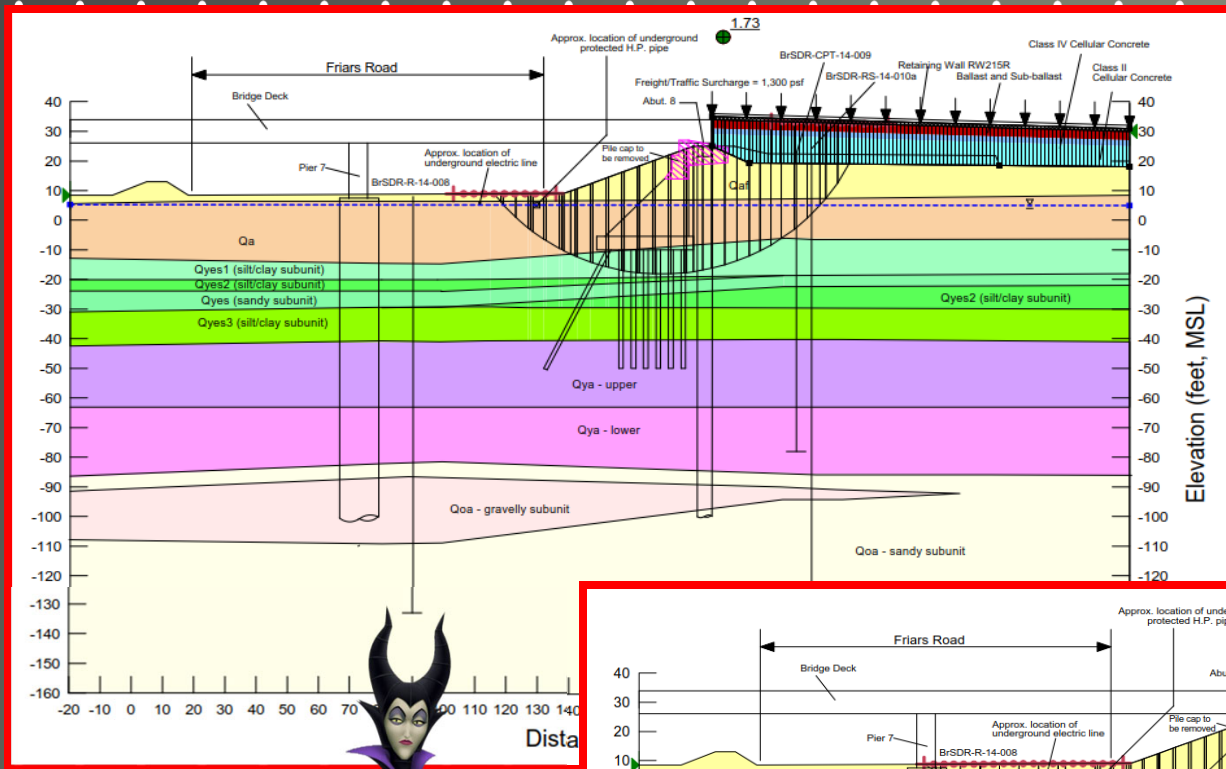
Potential Settlement of Existing 66" Diameter Sewer (Tunnel) with Invert @ +0' msl

Radius of Curvature from Induced Settlement >13,600'

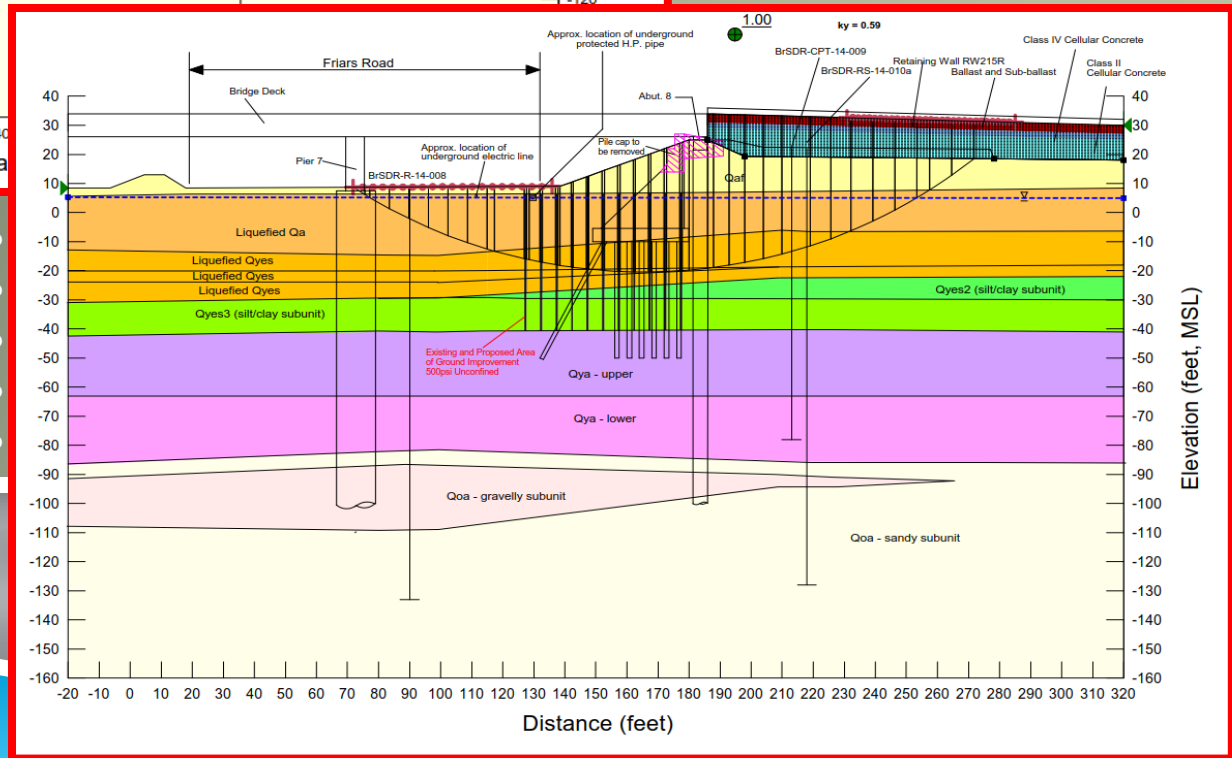
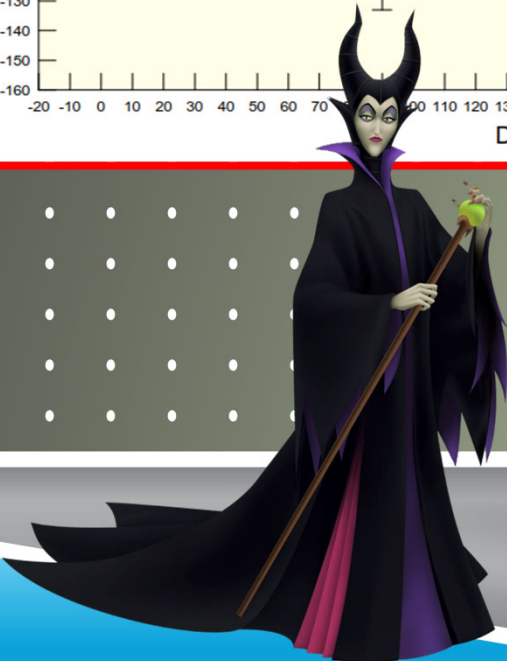


1. Over-excavation to +15' MSL below MT-2 and +17' MSL below Mid-Coast track alignments.
2. Embankment mainly consists of cellular concrete, sub-ballast and ballast.
3. Maximum induced settlement along pipe invert at elevation +0' MSL = 0.12' (1.4")
4. Minimum radius of curvature along pipe invert at elevation +0' MSL = 13,600'

$$R = \left| \frac{\left(1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}} \right|$$



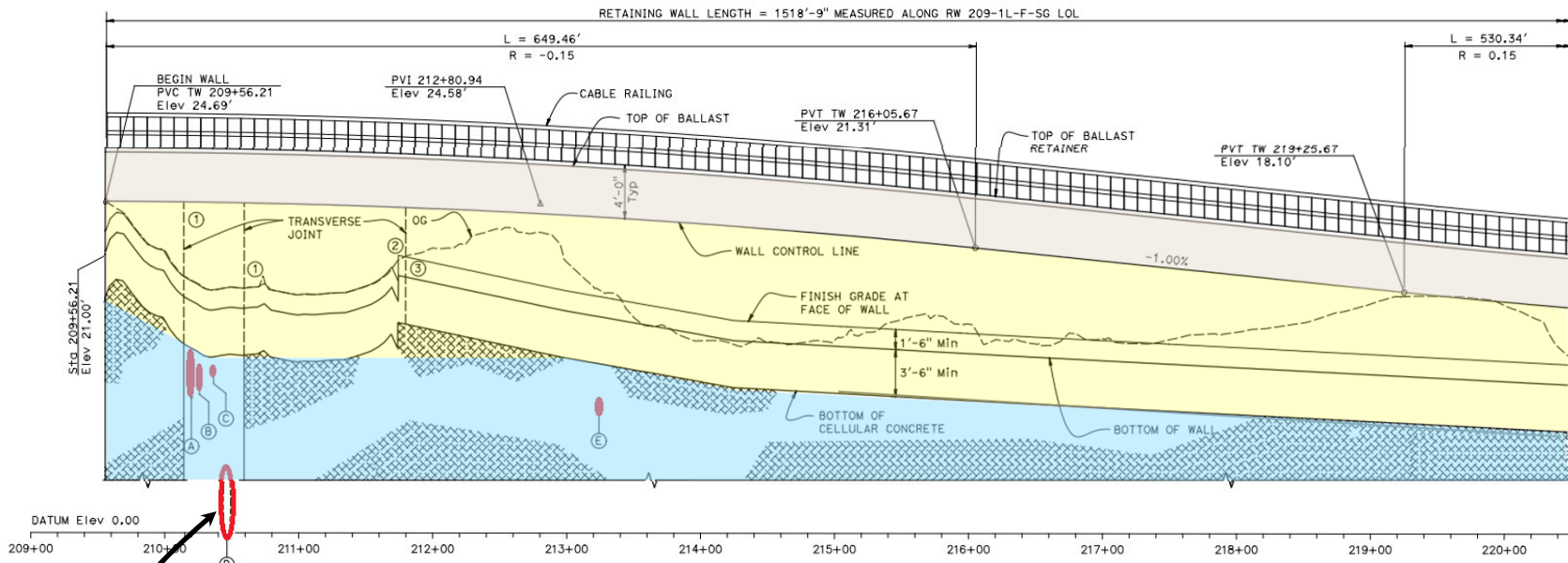
- ## Abutment 8 Stability Analyses
- Static Stability
 - Seismic Stability
 - Seismic Settlement
 - Post-Liq. Settlement
 - Yield Acceleration
 - Lateral Spreading





Abutment 8
Compaction Grouting

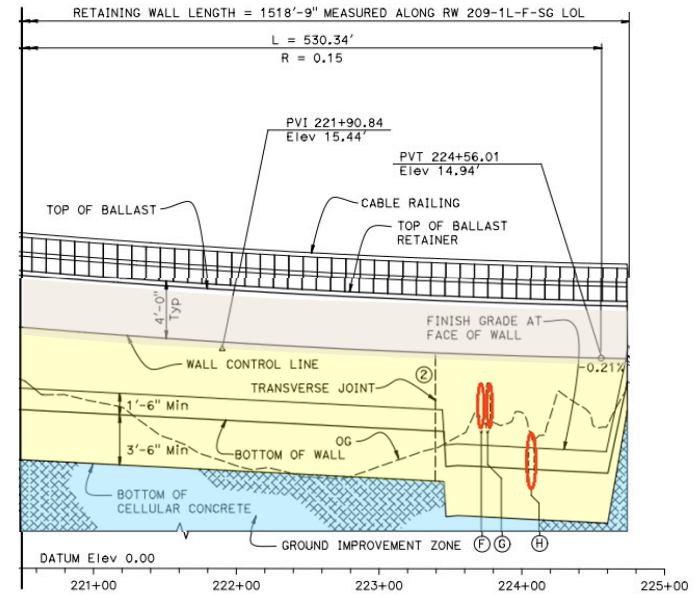
Final Conditions
along Friars Road



Existing Buried Utilities

- (A)** 230 kV ELECTRIC LINE - TP Elev 13.00'±
- (B)** 20" GAS LINE WITH 30" CASING - TP Elev 12.50'±
- (C)** 8" CIP WATER LINE - TP Elev 12.50'±
- (D)** 66" RCP SEWER LINE - TP Elev 5.00'±
- (E)** 16" CIP SEWER LINE - TP Elev 10.00'±
- (F)** 42" CMP STORM DRAIN - TP Elev 13.00'±
- (G)** 42" CMP STORM DRAIN - TP Elev 13.00'±
- (H)** 42" RCP STORM DRAIN - TP Elev 9.50'±

MIRRORED ELEVATION



Load Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) per
AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (4th Edition)
as modified by the CALTRANS California Amendments

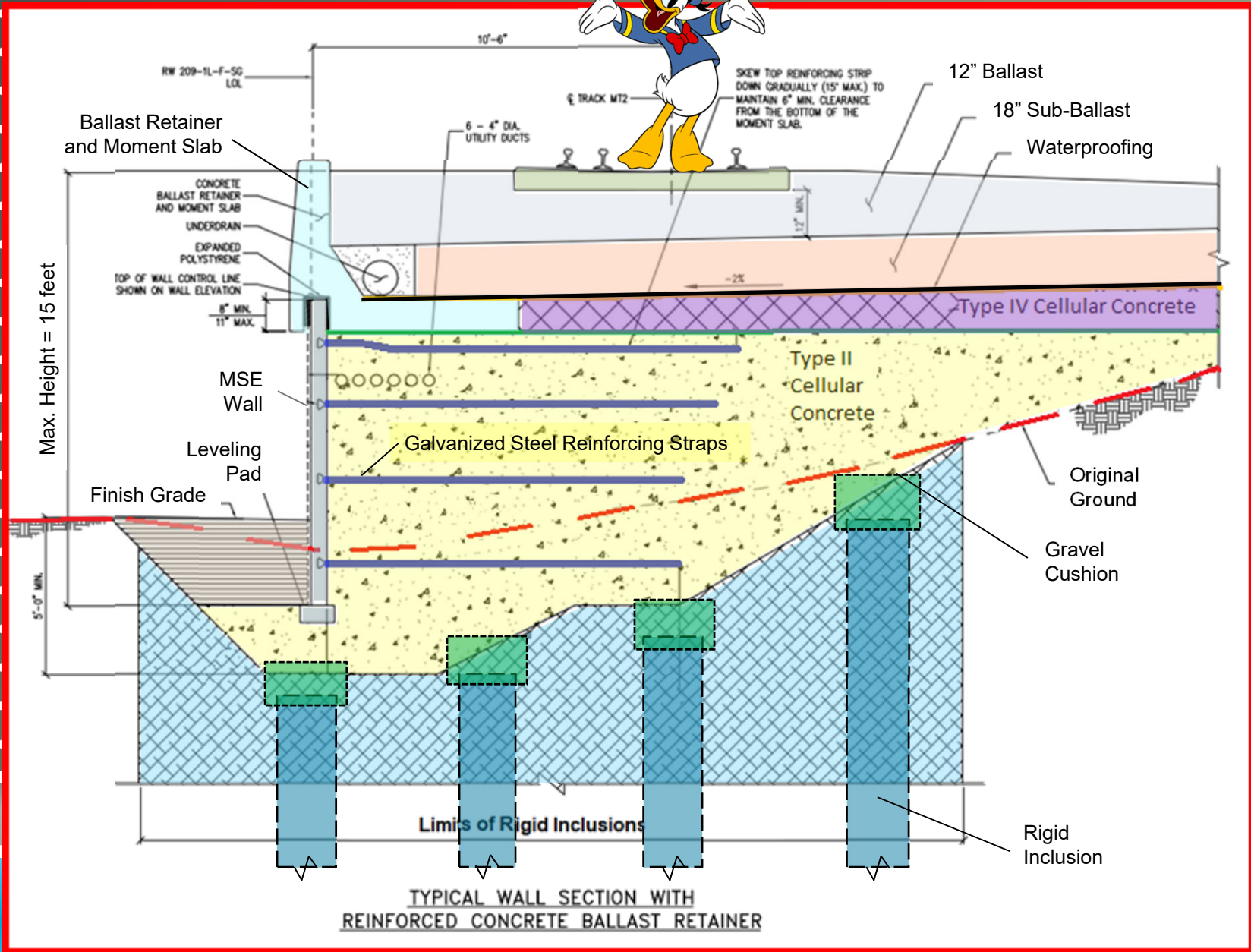
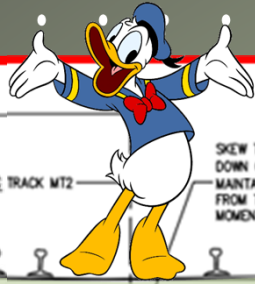
Load and Resistance Factors

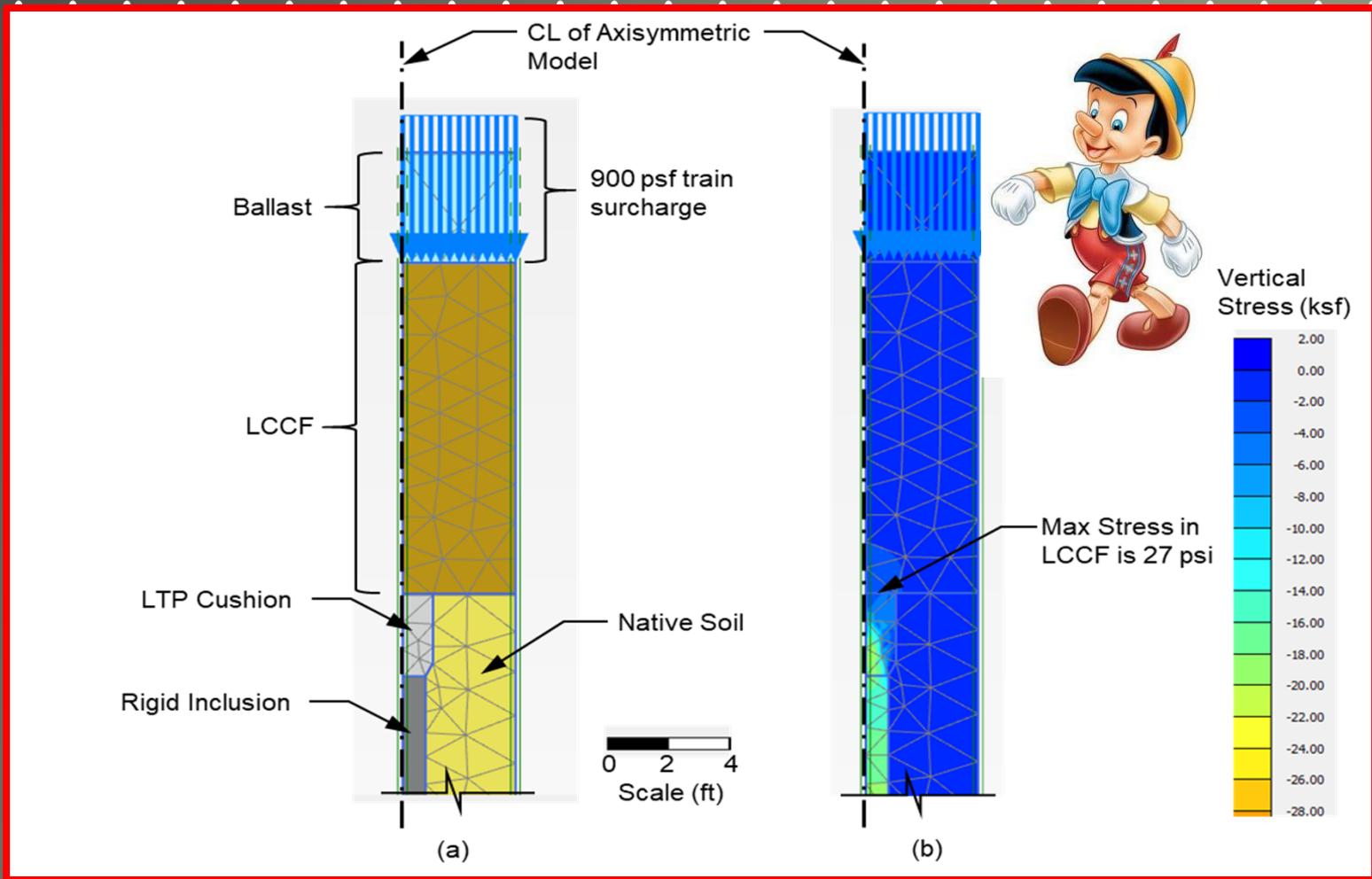
	<u>Strength I(Static)</u>	<u>Extreme Event I (Seismic)</u>
<u>BEARING PRESSURE & REINFORCEMENT TENSION & PULL-OUT</u>		
Vertical Dead Load (MSE Backfil-) -Tension & Pull-Out force in Internal Stability	1.35	1.00
Vertical Dead Load, Pull-Out Resisting force.	1.00	1.00
Horizontal Earthpressure due to Random Backfill	1.75	1.00
Horizontal Earthpressure due to Live Load surcharge	1.75	0.50
Live Load Weight	1.75	0.50
Dynamic Earthpressure and RE mass Dynamic Inertia Force (Extreme Event I)	----	1.00
Tensile Resistance of soil reinforcements	0.75	1.00
Resistance Factor for Pull Out of Strips (Internal Stability).	0.77	1.20
<u>SLIDING & OVERTURNING</u>		
Vertical Dead Load	1.00	1.00
Horizontal Earthpressure due to Random Backfill	1.75	1.00
Horizontal Earthpressure due to Live Load surcharge	1.75	0.50
Dynamic Earthpressure and RE mass Dynamic Inertia Force (Extreme Event I)	----	1.00
Resistance Factor for Base Sliding (Mass Stability)	1.00	1.00



Design Earthquake
 $A_s = PGA \times \text{Site Coefficient} = 0.54 \times 1.0$
 $A_s = k_h$ for non-yielding walls

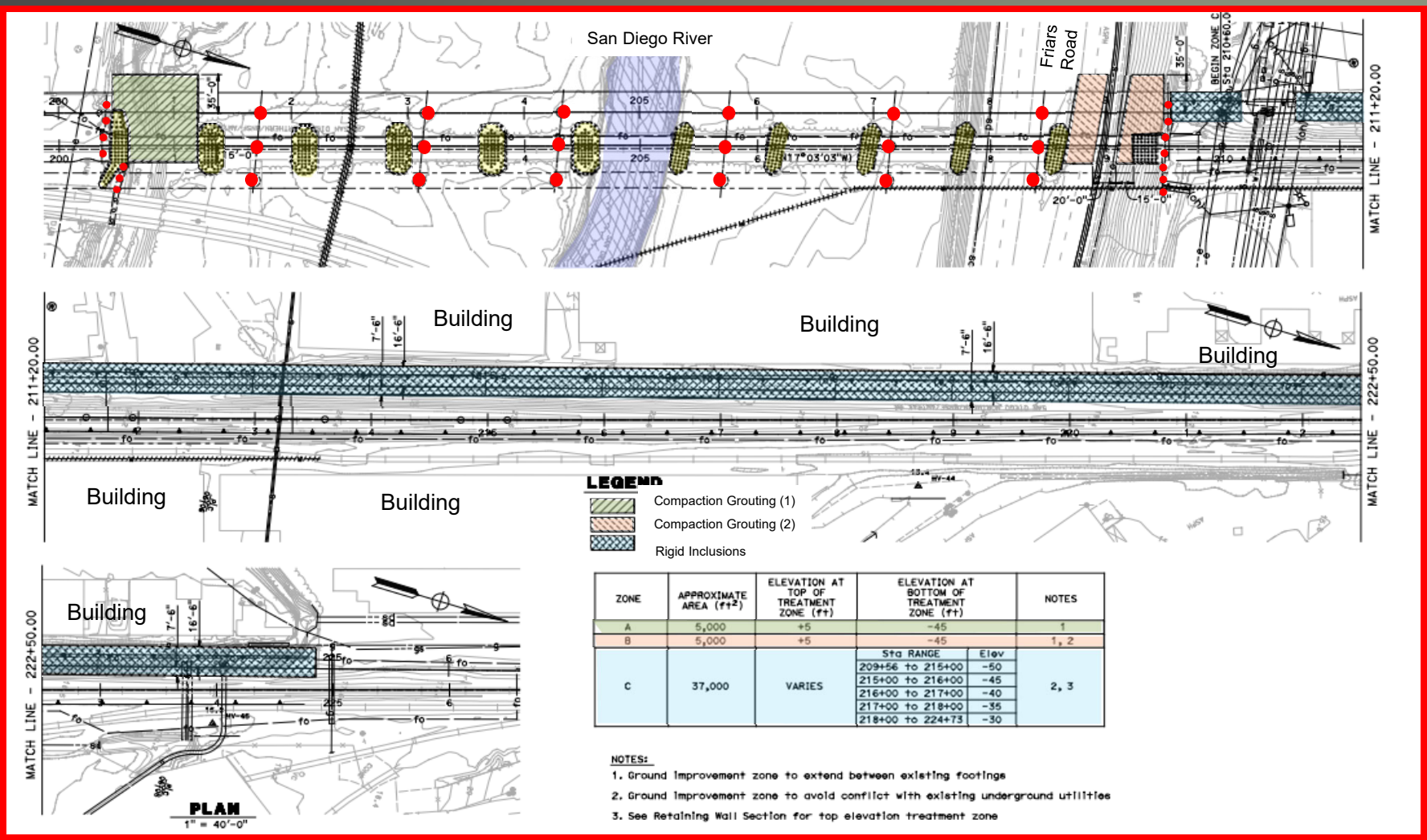






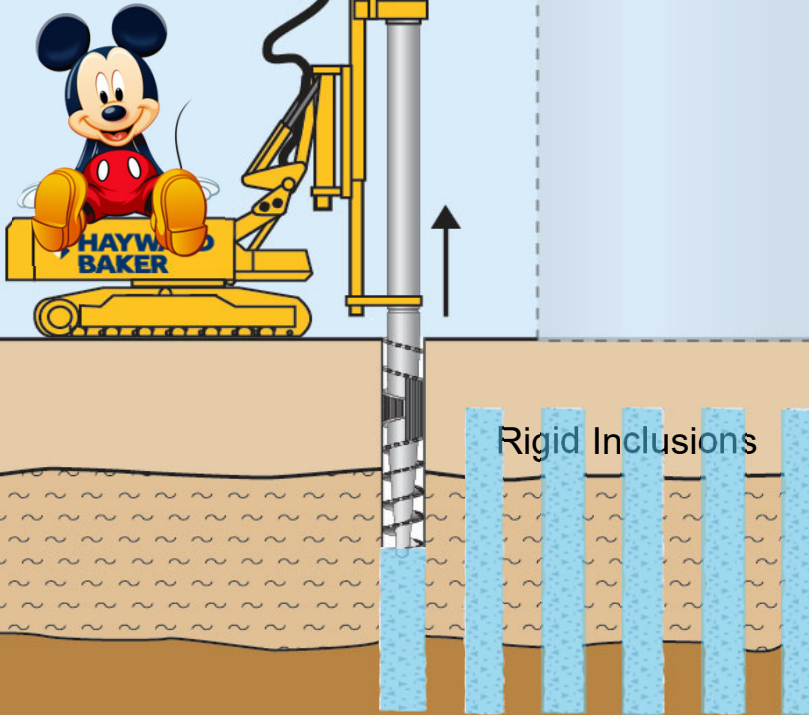
(a) Axisymmetric Finite Element Model of Ground with Rigid Inclusion

(b) Vertical Stress Distribution near Gravel Cushion

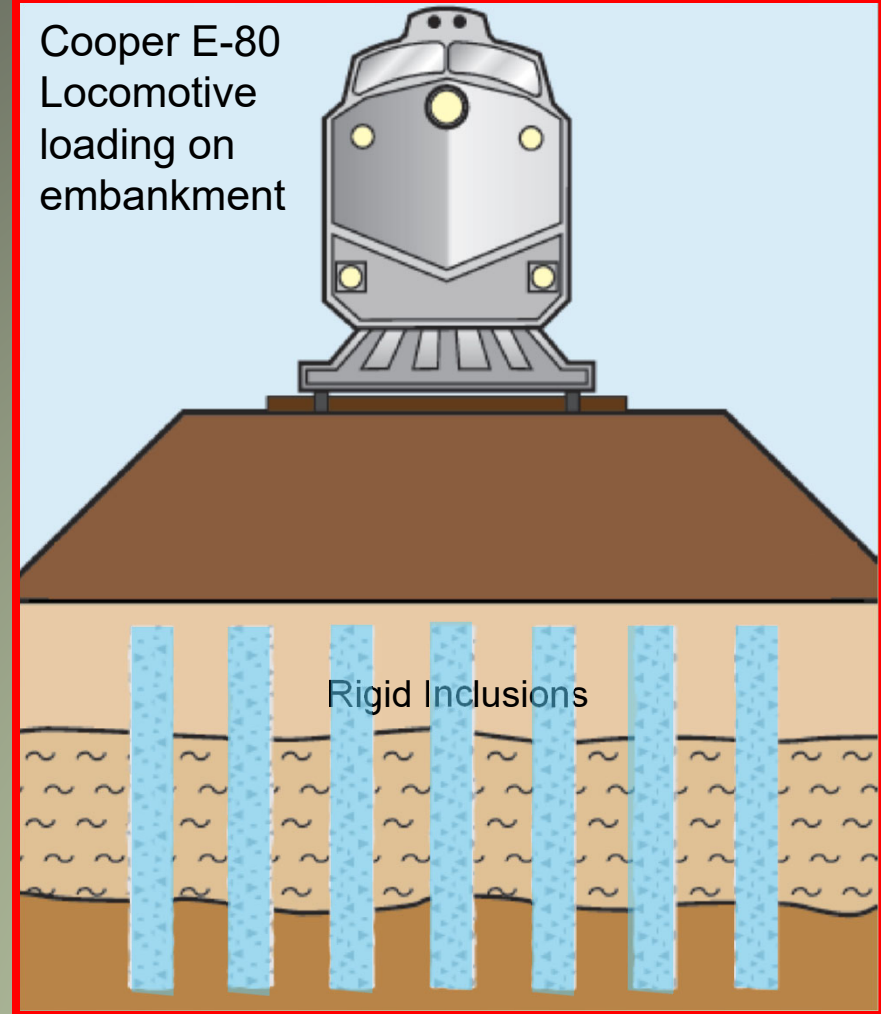


Ground Improvement Layout for Entire Project (Compaction Grouting and Rigid Inclusions)

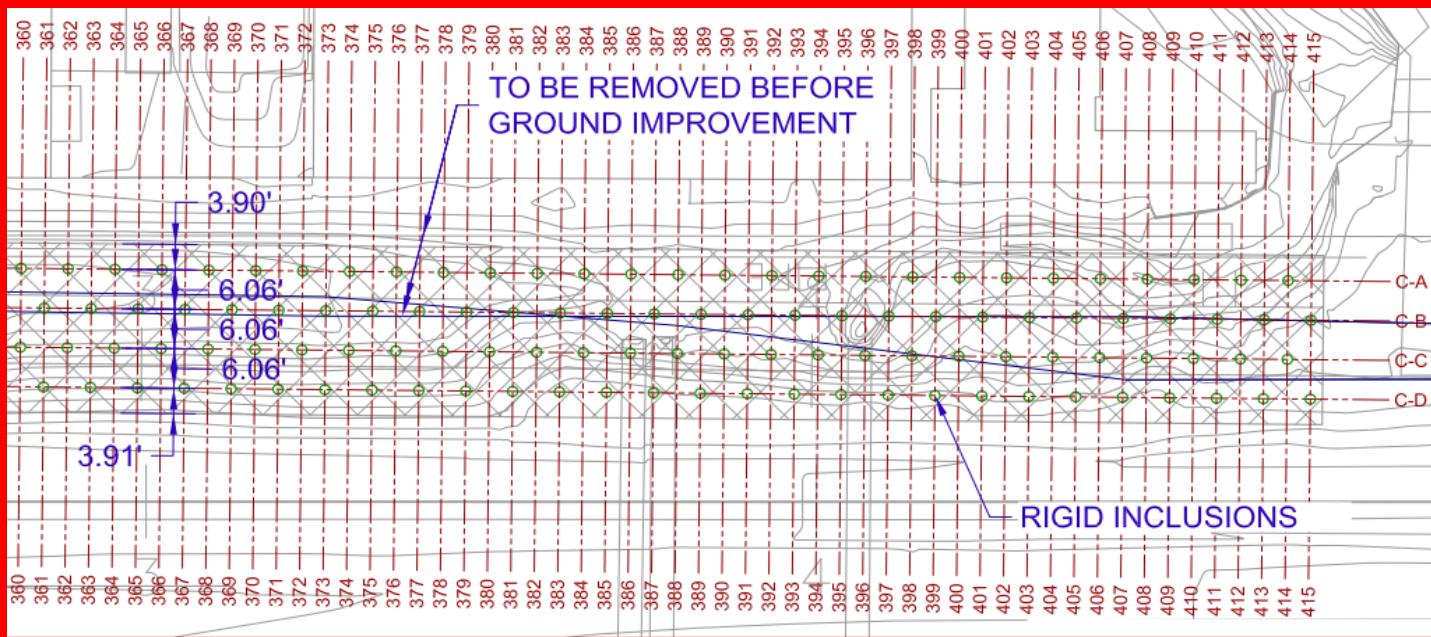
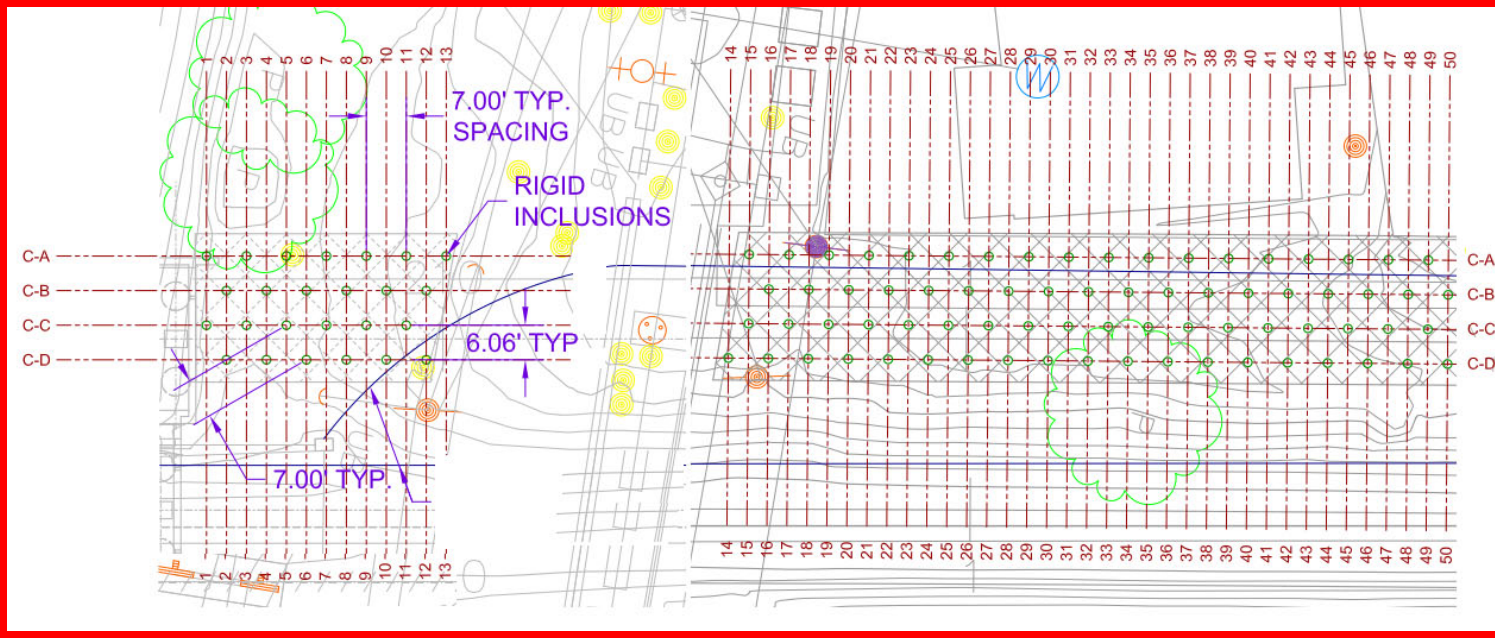
Rigid Inclusion
rig with auger
displacement
tool



Cooper E-80
Locomotive
loading on
embankment



Schematics of Rigid Inclusion Installation
and Ultimate Embankment Loading

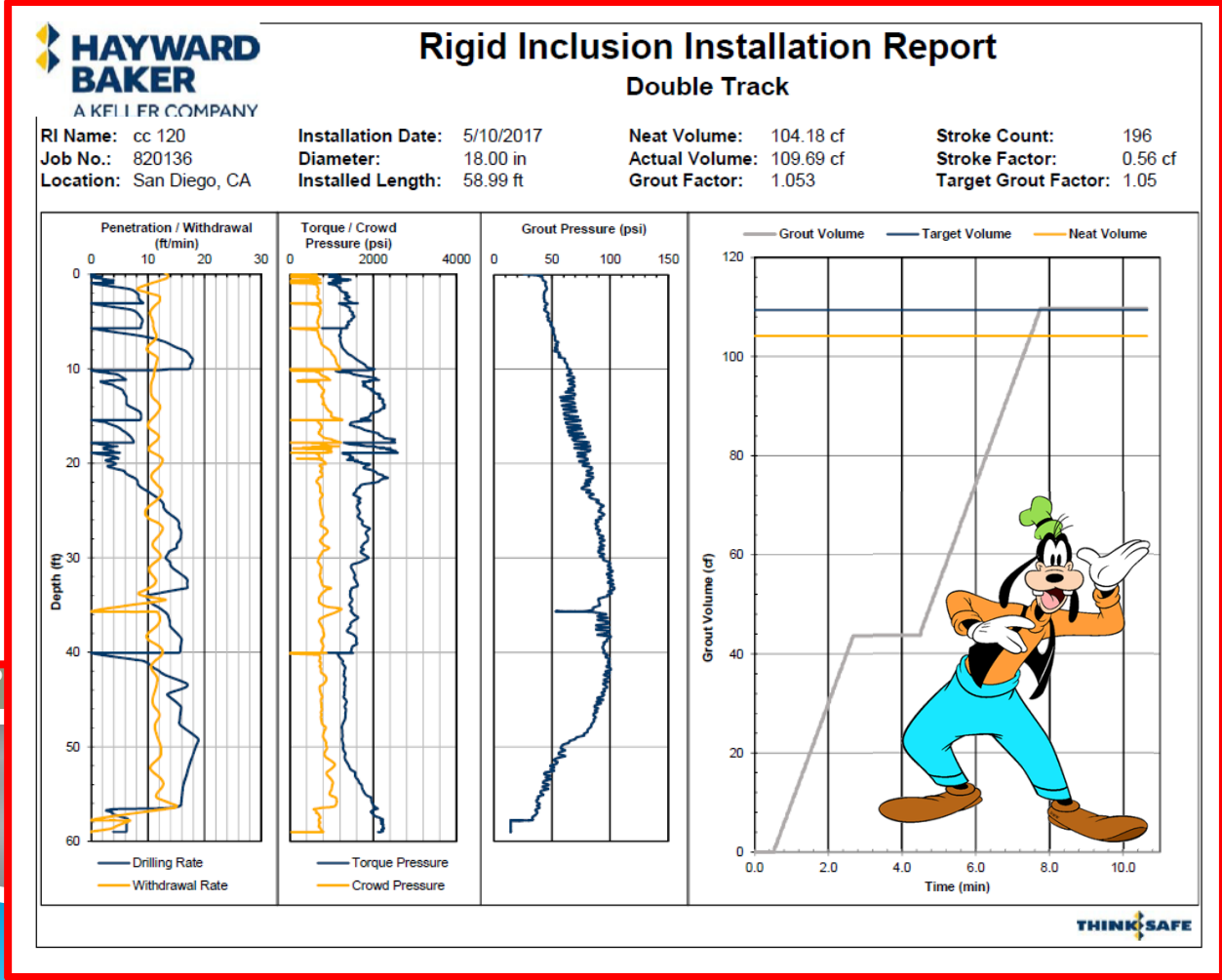


- ### Rigid Inclusion Layout Plan
- 18" diameter
 - 7' equi. triangle
 - 415 rows
 - 40' to 60' deep
 - 3,000 cy concrete



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Drilling and Foundation Equipment
Hydraulic Rotary Rig
SR-75
ADV

Rigid Inclusion Installation Data Acquisition Graphics





Frequent live rail activity with Bombardier certified watchman always present

Working platform only a couple of feet above GWT

Ground Clearing and Grubbing

Rigid Inclusion Location Markers



Rigid Inclusion Installation Drilling and Grout Injection





Giant steps are what you
take walking on the
moon...

Safety First !



16" Gas Pipeline Relocated

Timber Piles Cutoff at Ground Level

Rigid Inclusions Installed between Piles



Rigid Inclusions
marching onward
one after another...
after another...
after another...

Special ground prep
in very soft ground
areas after RI
installation

Geotextile
installation
team at work...



...after another...
after another...
after another...





Placement 2' dia. x 3'
deep compacted plug of
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " gravel cushion
between RI and LCCF



Settlement monitoring of existing buildings, adjacent MT-1 rails and other surface features

Total Station survey of positioned mirrors, reflectors and placards during and after construction



Delivery of the
miracle elixir...
lightweight
cellular
concrete
(LCCF)





Begin placement of
LCCF foundations level
adjacent to gas pipeline

Simple 2' lift formwork
panels every 200'



Placement of leveling
pad and MSE wall
precast panels





Placement of
galvanized steel
reinforcement
straps...and more
LCCF pumping

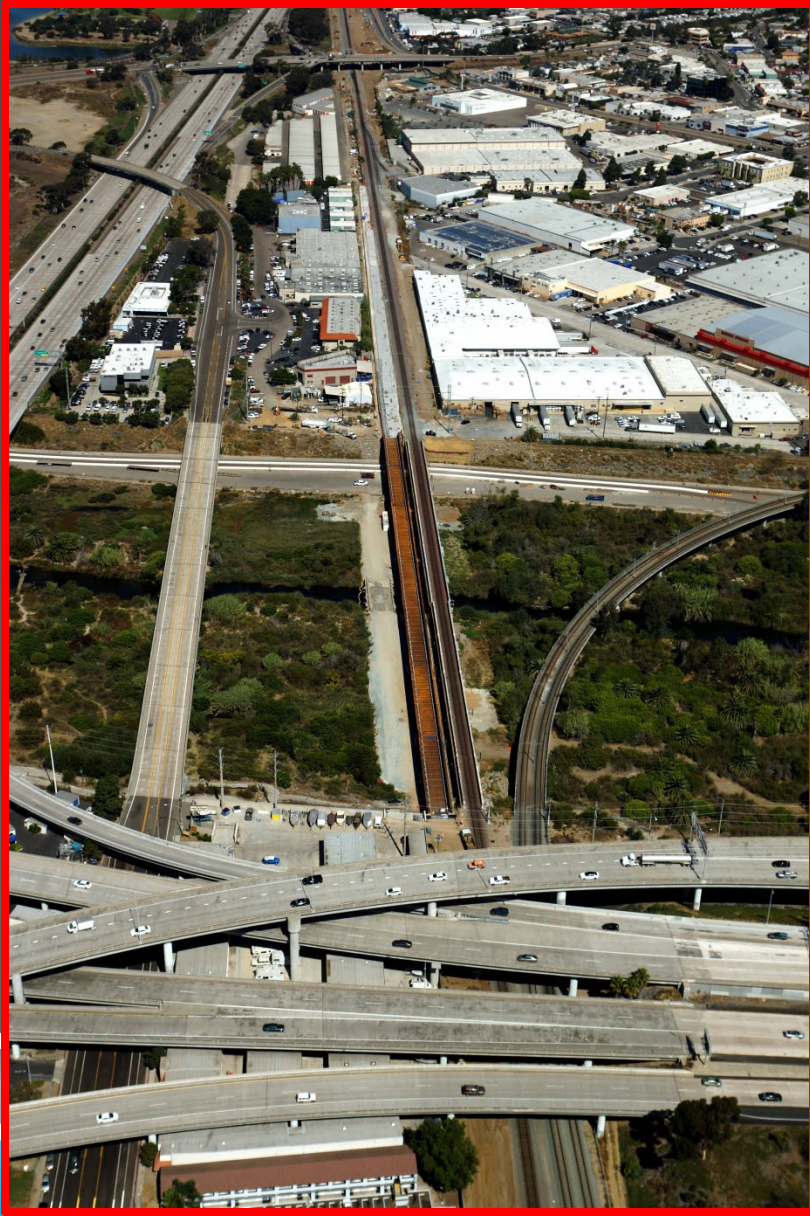


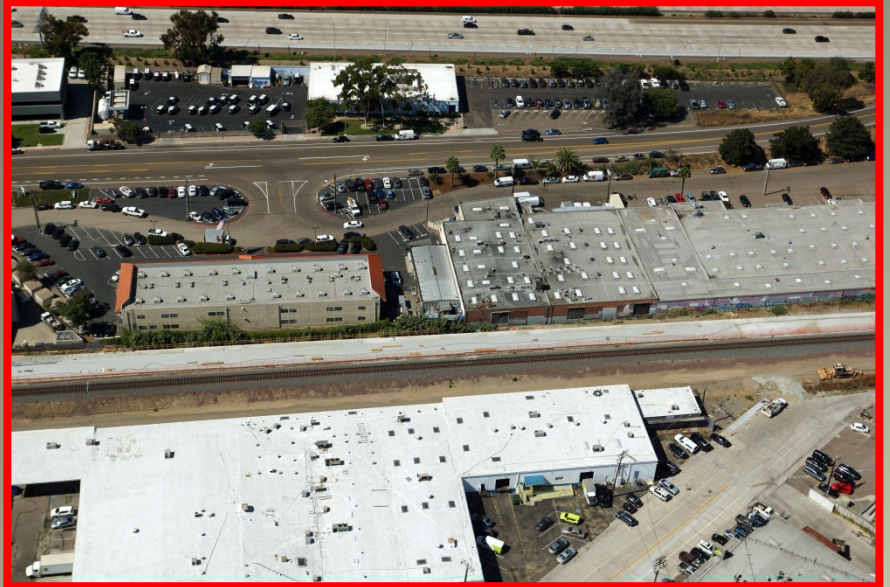
Reinforcement straps supported on highchair stirrups which are enveloped by the low density fluid LCCF

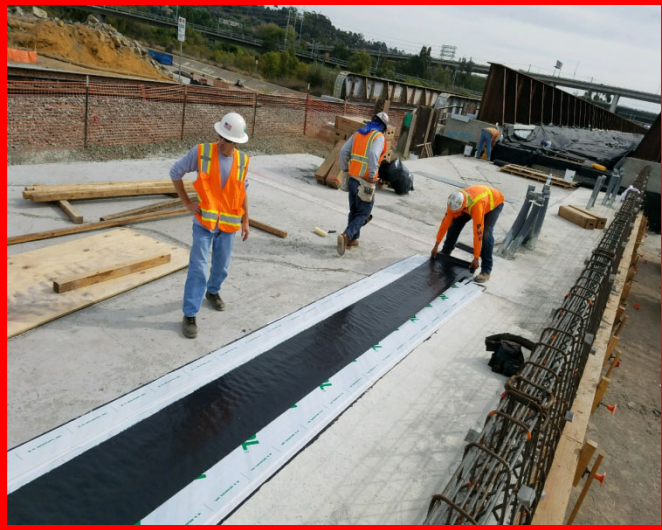


Plenty of work left to do...









Install
waterproofing,
ballast retainer and
moment slab



Place asphalt
sealing layer and
subballast
(Class 2 AB)



Finishing touches and
post-construction
settlement monitoring



SETTLEMENT MONITORING

(buried pipes and conduits not instrumented)

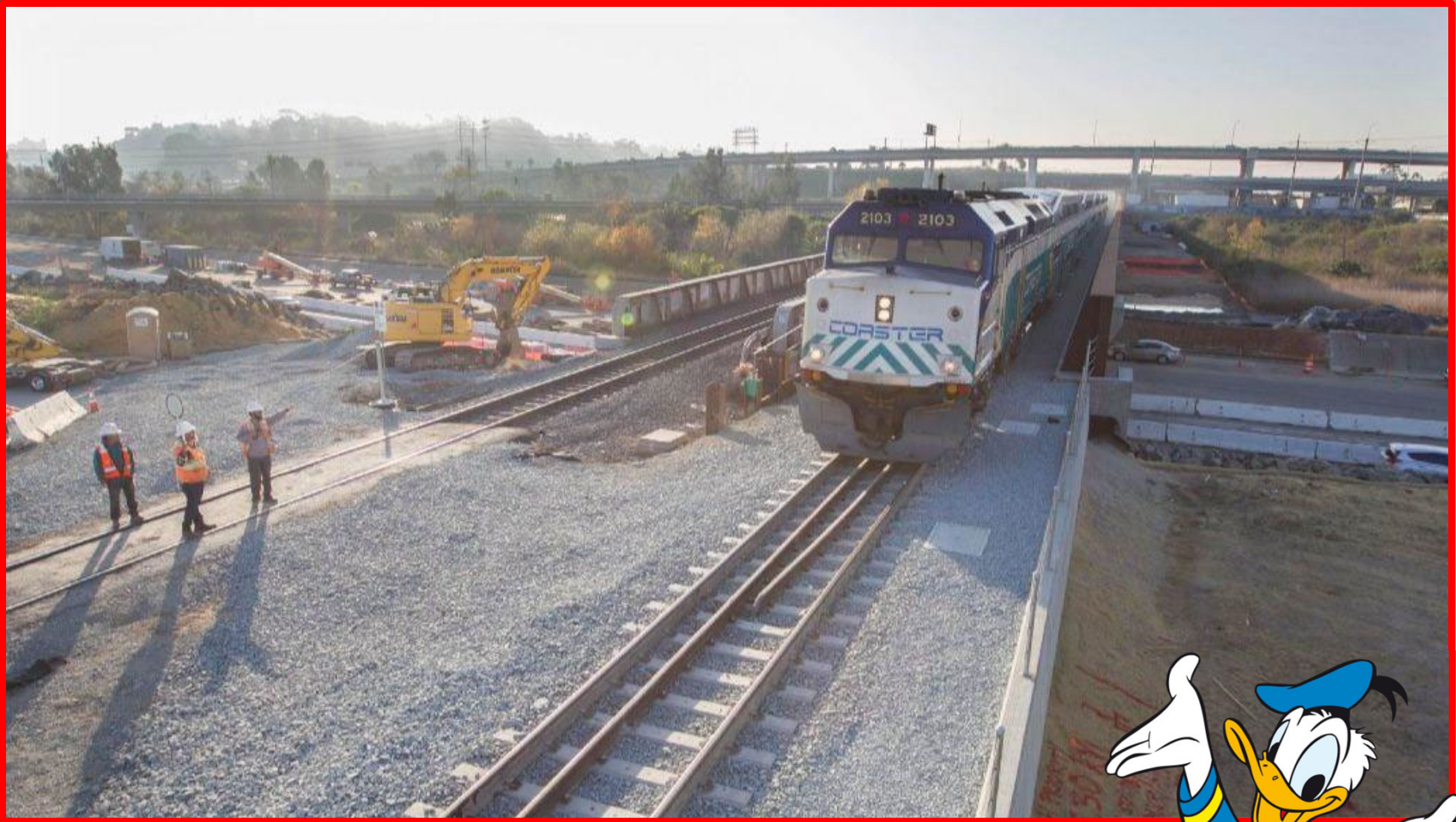
New MT-2 $< \frac{1}{2}$ "

Existing MT-1 $< \frac{1}{4}$ "

Existing MT-1 Cross Tilt $< 0.5^\circ$

Adjacent Buildings $< \frac{1}{4}$ "







Thanks to ALL!

