Appendix D Geotechnical Borehole Logs



Memorandum

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From:	Bert Pschunder, PE and Debra Overbay, PE
Date:	January 9, 2017
File:	0231-090-00, Task 0200
Subject:	Exploration Plan, Totem Lake Non-Motorized Bridge Project, Kirkland, Washington

This memorandum summarizes our geotechnical exploration plan for Phase 1 of the City of Kirkland's Totem Lake Non-Motorized Bridge project in Kirkland, Washington. The bridge will be located at the intersection of NE 124th Street and 124th Avenue NE, and will provide an elevated connection between segments of the existing Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) trail.

The initial concept for the bridge project includes:

- an embankment for the south approach ramp flanked by retaining walls;
- the bridge spanning over NE 124th Street and Totem Lake Boulevard with a "touchdown" support in the triangular property ("traffic island") bounded by these roadways and a Rite Aid store on the west; and
- a spiral ramp located just northeast of Totem Lake Boulevard extending over a portion of a park and wetland associated with Totem Lake, transitioning back to the trail alignment.

The purpose of our exploration program is to evaluate subsurface soil and groundwater conditions along the project alignment as a basis for developing preliminary geotechnical recommendations during predesign and 30 percent design development.

Specifics of our exploration program are:

Right-of-Way Use Permit: We understand a formal permit to drill the borings in the trail right-of-way will not be required by the City of Kirkland (City). We also understand the City has obtained right-of-entry from King County for drilling borings in the wetland/park area near the north end of the project alignment.

Activities and Schedule: Our preferred driller has a current backlog into late January. We have scheduled the explorations to begin the week of January 30, 2017. This will allow sufficient time to complete all the utility locates and GPR scanning of the bore sites, the trench excavation with a vacuum truck to identify if an unknown fiber optic line is at the boring site within the triangular property, and minor clearing and placement of an access road to the north borings.

We will mark all proposed exploration locations and notify the One Call Center for underground utility locates. We will also arrange for a private utility locating service to clear each of our proposed explorations including using GPR equipment to scan three of the boring sites as described below. We will make follow up site visits to check that all notified utilities have marked their lines in the vicinity of the exploration locations. We understand a fiber optic line is present within the corridor that does not get marked or a response with the one-call service. The line appears to be marked on the east side of the corridor in the south and north portions of the bridge alignment. Based on our discussions with the design team, we plan to subcontract a vacuum truck and ground penetrating radar (GPR) equipment to assist in the effort to clear underground utilities. GPR equipment will be used at Borings 3, 4 and 5 shown on the attached site plan, and a vacuum truck will also be used at the location of Boring 4. The vacuum truck will excavate a shallow trench (up to 5 feet deep or to very dense native soils) across the proposed trail alignment in the traffic island near proposed Boring 4. If a duct bank is not detected within the upper 5 feet, we will proceed with drilling adjacent to the trench. Please notify us if this proposed method is not deemed suitable to reduce the risk of encountering the fiber optic utility.

Exploration Type and Locations: We plan to complete a total of seven borings along the project alignment using subcontracted truck- and track-mounted drilling equipment. The borings will typically be 8 inches in diameter, and will be drilled in two groups as follows:

- a. Three borings (Borings 1 through 3) will be drilled within the adjacent Totem Lake park area where the spiral ramp will be located. These borings will be drilled with a track-mounted rig. We anticipate these boring depths will range from about 60 to 70 feet. A piezometer will be installed in one of the park area borings for the purpose of long-term groundwater level measurements.
- Four borings (Borings 4, 5, 6 and 7) will be drilled along the west side of the existing trail alignment with a track-mounted rig. We anticipate these borings will be drilled to depths ranging from 20 to 50 feet. Depending on subsurface soil and groundwater conditions encountered, a piezometer may be installed in one or two of the borings. Proposed boring locations are shown on the attached site plan.

Access Considerations and Pedestrian Traffic Control: We plan to access Borings 5 through 7 for the south segment of the alignment from the point where the CKC trail crosses 120th Avenue NE. The drill crew will travel north along the gravel-surfaced trail to access the three boring locations planned for this segment of the alignment. Plywood sheets will be placed at the boring locations to reduce the potential for disturbing the trail surfacing.

The boring planned within the traffic island bounded by NE 124th Street and Totem Lake Boulevard NE will be accessed directly from the southbound Totem Lake Boulevard turn lane to westbound NE 124th Street. An existing curb cut on the west edge of the ramp will allow for direct drill rig and service truck access to the traffic island.

The three borings (Borings 1 through 3) planned for the spiral ramp in the Totem Lake park area will be accessed from the point where the CKC trail crosses 128th Lane NE. The drill crew will travel southwest along the gravel-surfaced trail to access these boring locations. Plywood sheets will be placed at the boring location on the trail edge (Boring 3) to reduce the potential for disturbing the trail surfacing. We plan to subcontract a small dozer and use hog fuel to access the lower site area. The material will be removed and the surface restored as described in the following section.

The borings will require closure of segments of the CKC trail for periods of up to 2 to 3 hours at each location. During the time of drilling, we will place pedestrian traffic control signs that indicate the trail is closed and cones for exploration activities that will take place within the trail. Trail closed signs will be set up in accordance with the attached Trail Closure Figure. We understand the City will prepare trail closure notification signs and advertise the trail closure at least one week prior to drilling.

Erosion Control and Restoration: Removal of vegetation (brush and small trees) and minor grading will be required to access two of the boring locations for the spiral ramp in the Totem Lake park area. Our boring locations will be selected to minimize the impact on trees to the extent practical. We expect a few small-diameter trees (less than 6-inch diameter) may need to be cleared to access the area. We will arrange for a temporary fill ramp to be constructed so that the drill rig can descend from the trail down to the lower lying park area. We plan to use "hog fuel" for the ramp fill. Some hog fuel or brush cuttings may need to be placed around the two boring locations for equipment support as these areas are currently in a wet and soft condition.

During drilling, we will limit work activities to the immediate area around each boring. We will haul the cuttings off site from the vacuum truck exploration and borings. The vacuum holes will be backfilled with sand and gravel. The driller will backfill the borings in accordance with Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) regulations. The piezometers will be installed in accordance with Ecology regulations, and will be protected with 8-inch-diameter, steel flush-grade monuments. The piezometers will eventually need to be abandoned as required by Ecology prior to or during project construction.

We will separate the surficial trail gravel and replace this material on the trail following drilling. We also plan to backfill the upper 2 feet of the borings within the trail with crushed rock. In the vicinity of the park area borings, we will remove the temporary fill ramp, smooth the ground surface at the exploration locations, and cover disturbed areas with straw.

If you have any questions, please contact Bert Pschunder at 425-861-6008 or Debra Overbay at 425-861-6024.

Attachments: Site Plan

Trail Closure Figure





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