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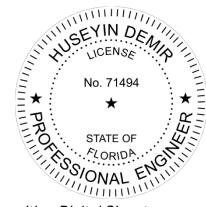
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# ACRONYMS

- AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic
- AASHTO American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- BDR Bridge Design Report
- BFE Base Flood Elevation
- BHR Bridge Hydraulics Report
- EB Eastbound
- FDEP Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- FDM FDOT Design Manual
- FDOT Florida Department of Transportation
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FHWA Federal Highway Administration
- FPID Financial Project Identification Number
- FWC Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- LME Low Member Elevation
- MP Milepost
- mph Miles Per Hour
- MHW Mean High Water
- MLW Mean Low Water
- MSE Mechanically Stabilized Earth
- MSL Mean Sea Level
- NB Northbound
- PD&E Project Development & Environment
- PE Professional Engineer
- SB Southbound
- SLR Sea Level Rise
- USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- WB Westbound
- WSE Water Surface Elevation

#### 1.0 Introduction

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 has tasked Parsons Corporation (Parsons) to design the replacement for the Lem Turner Road over Trout River replacement bridge (Figure 1-1). In turn, Parsons contracted INTERA, Inc. (INTERA) to determine the design hydraulic and scour conditions for the study. This report documents INTERA's data collection, methodology, results, and recommendations. Chapter 2 summarizes the site observations, proposed structure geometry, and data collection efforts supporting hydraulic model construction. Chapter 3 discusses hydraulic model mesh development, input, and results. Chapter 4 details the 100- and 500-year scour conditions. Finally, Chapter 5 includes other design considerations.

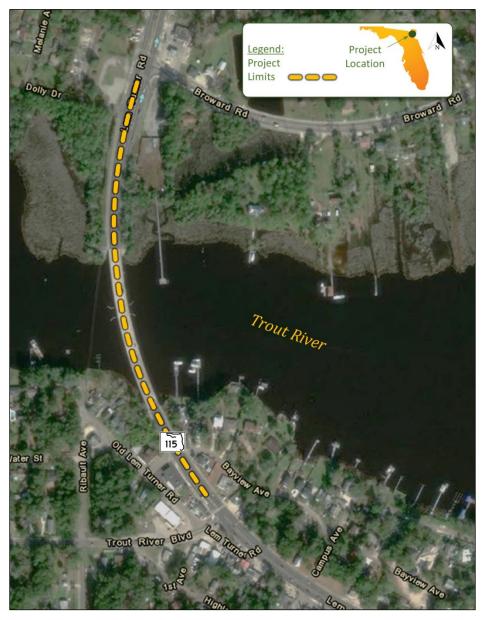


Figure 1-1 Location Map for Lem Turner Road Over Trout River

# 2.0 Study Area

Calculation of a bridge's hydraulic characteristics and associated scour requires detailed knowledge of the study area and bridge substructure characteristics. The Lem Turner Road bridge crossing lies approximately 5.2 river miles (mi) upstream of the Trout River and St. Johns River confluence (). The Trout River is tidally influenced at the bridge crossing; thus, this study considered hurricane storm surge and riverine runoff events to determine the design hydraulic and scour conditions. The following sections summarize the data collection results, site observations, and proposed structure geometry applicable to hydraulic model development.

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Figure 2-1 Waterways Map for Lem Turner Road Over Trout River

#### 2.1 Tidal Benchmarks

The nearest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tidal benchmark stations are Station 8720213 located 2.0 river miles upstream of the Lem Turner Road bridge (Figure 2-1) and Station 8720217 (Figure 2-2) located 3.5 river miles downstream of the bridge. Table 2-1 contains the tidal datum information for both stations from NOAA's Tides & Currents website (<u>https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov</u>) as well as elevations interpolated to the bridge location with NOAA VDatum software. The elevations reference the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD). This study uses the VDatum elevations for the bridge.

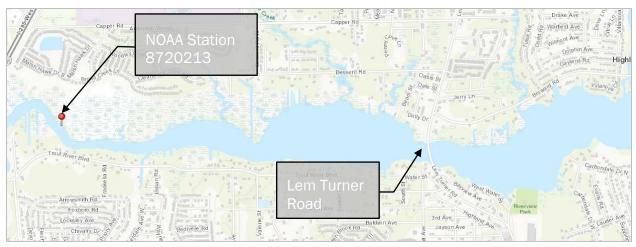


Figure 2-2 Location Map for NOAA Station 8720213 Trout R., Sherwood Forest, FL (Source: NOAA)

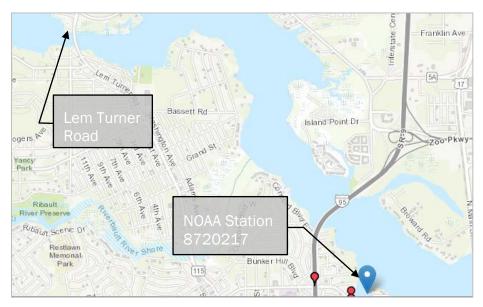


Figure 2-3 Location Map for NOAA Station 8720217 Moncrief Creek Entrance, FL (Source: NOAA)

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Table 2-1 Tidal Datums at NOAA Stations and Predicted by VDatum Software				
Tidal Datum	Elevation (ft-NAVD)			
	8720213	8720217	VDatum	
Mean Higher High Water (MHHW)	1.25	1.04	1.18	
Mean High Water (MHW)	1.11	0.91	1.06	
Mean Tide Level (MTL)	-0.20	-0.34	-0.23	
Mean Sea Level (MSL)	-0.22	-0.36	-0.25	
Mean Low Water (MLW)	-1.51	-1.60	-1.52	
Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW)	-1.60	-1.68	-1.60	

# 2.2 Storm Surge Hydrographs

Given the bridge's location crossing the Trout River, a tidally influenced waterway with a significant contributing drainage area, analysis of both storm surge and riverine runoff events proves imperative in determining the appropriate design conditions. The FDOT storm surge hydrographs (Sheppard and Miller, 2003) at Manhattan Beach were selected due to their close proximity to the St. Johns River Entrance. Figure 2-3 illustrates these hydrographs, which serve as Atlantic Ocean boundary conditions for an existing calibrated ADCIRC model.

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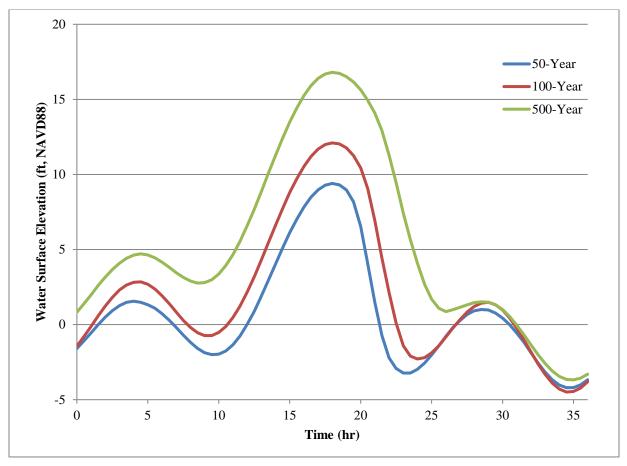


Figure 2-4 FDOT Storm Surge Hydrographs at Manhattan Beach

# 2.3 Sea Level Rise Analysis

FDOT Drainage Manual Section 3.4.1 requires sea level rise (SLR) to be included in new designs and describes a methodology based on historical analysis of long-term NOAA tidal stations. The nearest tidal station for analyzing sea-level rise is the NOAA station at Mayport, FL (Station ID:8720218). FDOT requires using the straight-line regression extrapolation for this gage to develop sea-level rise. At Mayport, this rate is 2.83 mm/yr. MSL for NOAA tidal benchmarks is reported for the 1983-2001 tidal epoch. Sea-level rise will be calculated from the midpoint of this period (1992) and projected to the end of service date for the new bridge (assuming 75-year design life and construction completion in 2025). This results in a sea-level rise of 1.00 ft at the structure's end of design life (Table 2-2). This value was included in the model simulations.

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Table 2-2 Sea Level Rise Calculations				
Beginning of Epoch	1983			
End of Epoch	2001			
Midpoint of Epoch	1992			
Construction Year	2025			
Bridge Life (years)	75			
Total SLR duration (years)	108			
Annual SLR (mm/year)	2.83			
Total SLR (mm)	306			
Total SLR (feet)	1.00			

# 2.4 FEMA Flood Zones and Elevations

Lem Turner Bridge is not in a regulatory FEMA floodway. It is in FEMA Zone AE with a base flood elevation (BFE) of +5 ft NAVD (Figure 2-4) (FEMA, 2018). The AE designation shows that the area is subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event and wave heights are less than 1.5 ft if any. FEMA maps show the 100-yr still water elevation (SWE) is between 4.5 and 5.5 ft-NAVD. Given the BFE is +5 ft-NAVD, the wave heights are limited to below one foot.

The closest coastal transect which provides still water elevations for different return periods is Transect 52. This transect is at the confluence of St. Johns River and Trout River and is not very close to the bridge but has similar 100-yr still water elevations to the bridge location. The SWEs for Transect 52 are summarized in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3 FEMA Transect 52 Still Water Elevations (ft-NAVD)				
50-yr	+4.2			
100-yr	+5.0			
500-yr	+6.6			

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Figure 2-5 FEMA Flood Map

# 2.5 Hydrology

FEMA (2018) developed flow rates for all the riverine sources in the study area for different return periods. Sources upstream of the bridge are summarized in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4 FEMA Discharges					
	Peak Discharge (cfs)				
Flooding Source /Return Period	10-year 50-year 100-year 500-year				
Trout River	1430	2395	2620	2919	
Gulley Branch	308	542	629	934	
Half Creek	660	1245	1474	2188	
Ninemile Creek	1055	1715	1958	2805	
West Branch	631	1016	1143	1581	
East Branch	283	369	390	470	
SUM	4367	7282	8214	10897	

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#### 2.6 Geotechnical Information

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Wood) completed a geotechnical study at the project location on May 2019 for FDOT. Wood conducted 26 borings and sieve analysis on 22 samples from these borings. The median grain size varied between 0.11 mm and 1.7 mm. However, most of these samples are from depths much deeper than the possible scour ranges. The three samples within the scour depth ranges are summarized in Table 2-5. Median sediment sizes for these samples are 0.11, 0.18, and 0.21 mm. Larger grain sizes create larger local scour in this range, so the median diameter is assumed 0.20 mm for scour calculation purposes. Excerpts from the Geotechnical Report are in Appendix A.

Table 2-5 Summary of Geotechnical Data Obtained from Waterway Cores					
Core BoringSample Depth (ft)D50 Diameter 					
B-16R	11-12.5	0.18	SP-SM		
B-18L	13.5-15	0.21	SP-SC		
B-18R	8.5-10	0.11	SM		

# 2.7 Site Observation

INTERA engineers visited the project site on August 24, 2021. FDOT road maintenance crews were working at the site during the visit. The existing structure is supported by inline pile bents with eight piles at each bent. Some of the piles were repaired with pile jackets. Beneath the bridge the waterway is generally clear except low density grass towards the bridge ends. The abutments are protected by sand cement bags under the bridge and grout on the sides. There is vegetation growth on sand cement and various cracks. There have been numerous repairs of the sand cement with grout. There was fresh repair on the south side. The sand cement bags at the toe of the south side abutment are scattered below the water level. Figure 2-5 shows the east face of the existing bridge. Additional photos are contained in Appendix B.

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Figure 2-6 Downstream Face of Existing Bridge

# 2.8 Proposed and Existing Bridge Design

The existing bridge consists of nineteen 36' spans and one 48' navigational span with a total length of 732' (Appendix C). The eighteen interior inline bents have eight 20" square concrete piles. As a part of a repair project some of the piles have pile jacket increasing the width to 32" and some pile bents have brackets and cross-braces.

The proposed Lem Turner Bridge Replacement Alt E Mod 1 will move the bridge alignment slightly east, switching from a curved to straight alignment. It will consist of eight 96' spans with a total bridge length of 768' (Figure 2-6). The seven interior inline pile bents consist of eight 24" square concrete piles spaced at 12'. The inline bents are not skewed from the roadway centerline.

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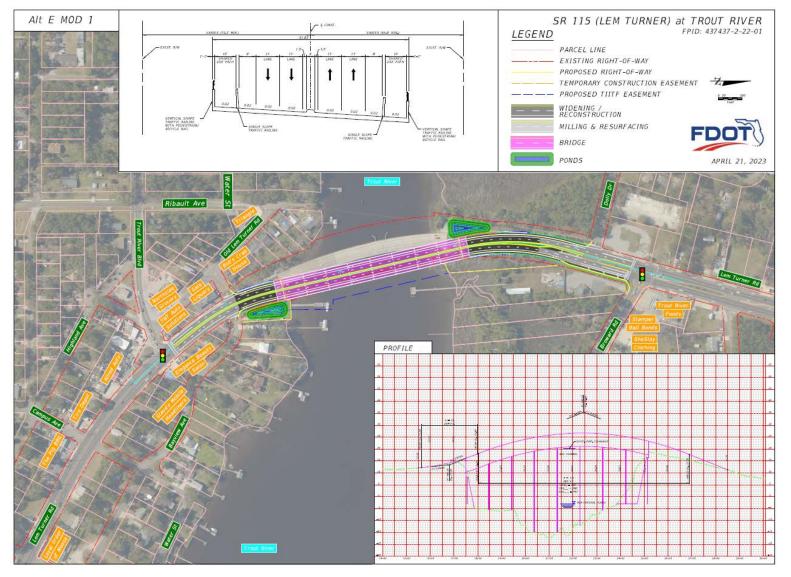


Figure 2-7 Proposed Bridge (Alt E-Mod1) Plan and Elevation (Source: Parsons)

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# 2.9 Bathymetric/Topographic Data Collection

An accurate representation of bathymetry and topography within the hydraulic model is critical to achieve realistic design hydraulic parameters at the bridge location. In support of this study, a bathymetric survey was conducted on 3/8/21 by DRMP. The survey points are shown in Figure 2-7. The modified section of the model outside the survey area used NOAA's Continuously Updated Digital Elevation Model (CUDEM) with a resolution of 1/9 Arc-Second.

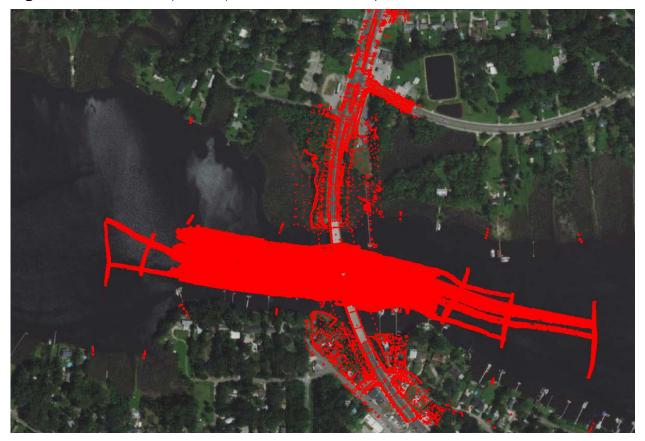


Figure 2-8 Bathymetric Survey Extents

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# 3.0 Hydraulic Modeling

According to FHWA and FDOT guidelines, computation of scour and design of abutment protection requires knowledge of specific hydraulic parameters. This study employed the circulation model ADCIRC to hindcast design conditions. This chapter explains the employed methodology. The design conditions at the Lem Turner Bridge over Trout River are controlled both by hurricane storm surge events and riverine runoff. Both cases are simulated, and the design conditions use the worst-case scenario for all parameters.

#### 3.1 Model Mesh

INTERA developed a calibrated ADCIRC model of the St. Johns River and its tributaries including Trout River (INTERA, 2018). This model was modified to increase resolution at the bridge site and along the Trout River. The mesh extends 100 miles to the north and south of the mouth of St. Johns River and 130 miles offshore into the Atlantic Ocean (Figure 3-1). St Johns River is included down to Lake George. The model mesh resolution changes from 4.5 miles at the offshore boundary to 50 ft at the bridge location (Figure 3-2 - Figure 3-4). This unstructured mesh provides high resolution along the important waterways, while keeping the total number of nodes and runtime manageable.

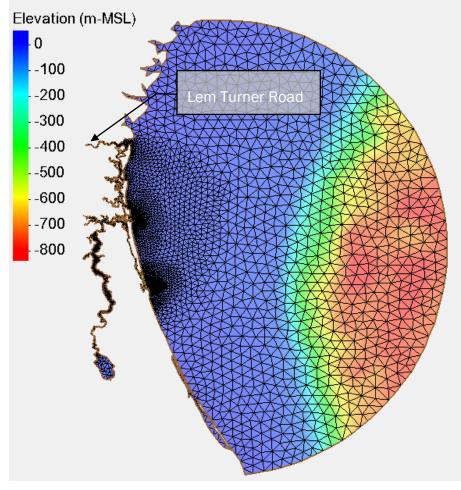


Figure 3-1 ADCIRC Mesh Full Extent

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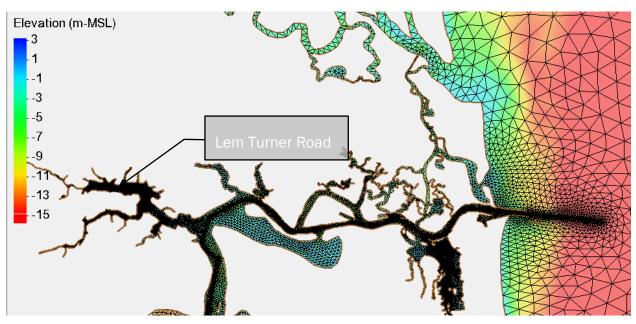


Figure 3-2 ADCIRC Mesh St. Johns River and Trout River

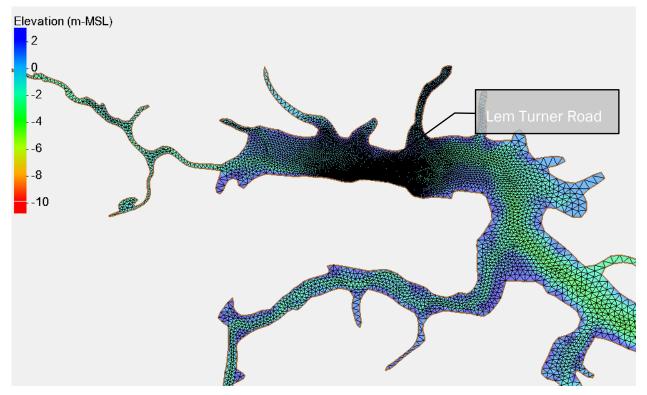


Figure 3-3 ADCIRC Mesh Trout River and Ribault River

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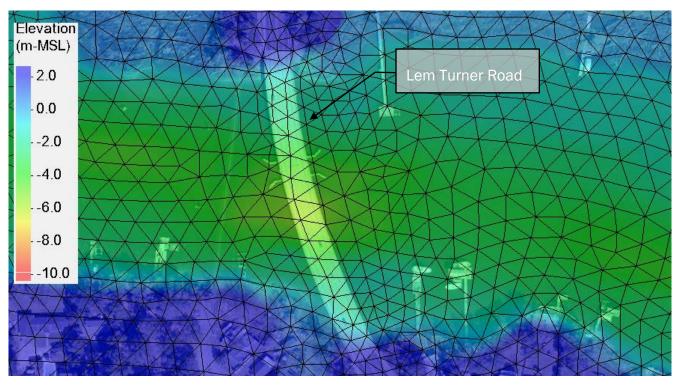


Figure 3-4 ADCIRC Mesh Lem Turner Bridge

# 3.2 Existing Model Calibration

Tidal calibration of the existing ADCIRC model was performed with NOAA tide gage data collected in August 2007. The calibration period extended for 31 days, such that a full tidal cycle is included in the data. The calibration was performed with data collected from the nearest NOAA tidal station (8720226) located at Main St. Bridge, in Jacksonville. Tidal signal from the same period at the NOAA Mayport Tidal station (8720218) was applied to the eastern ADCIRC model boundary as a water surface elevation hydrograph. Table 3-1 summarizes the model calibration results.

Table 3-1 Summary of Model Calibration at the NOAA Main St Bridge Gage (8720226)				
Parameter	Value			
Tidal Range (ft)	3.2			
Average Error (ft)	-0.24			
RMS Error (ft)	0.33			
Percent Error (%)	10.2			

Where:

Average error is calculated as:

Average Error = 
$$\frac{\sum_{0}^{n} (Elev_{gage} - Elev_{model})_{i}}{n}$$

RMS error is calculated as:

$$RMS \ Error = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{0}^{n} (Elev_{gage} - Elev_{model})_{i}^{2}}{n}}$$

Percent error is calculated as:

$$Percent \ Error = \frac{RMS \ Error}{Tidal \ Range} * 100$$

#### 3.3 Riverine Runoff Results

Runoff conditions are simulated using the total flow rates upstream of the bridge as the upstream boundary condition and the mean low water (MLW) as the downstream boundary condition. This creates the largest elevation gradients and velocities. Higher water elevations at the downstream boundary would create higher surge elevations, but these would still be much lower than the storm surge elevations, so they were not modeled.

Results of the riverine simulations are summarized in Table 3-2. Riverine runoff with MLW downstream boundary condition causes no increase in stage but leads to high velocities. Figure 3-5 shows the 500-year flow velocities at the bridge location.

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Table 3-2 Riverine Runoff Results				
Parameter	Design (50-Year) Flood	Base (100-Year) Flood	Greatest (500-Year) Flood	
Stage Elevation (ft-NAVD)	-0.1	0.0	+0.1	
Discharge (cfs)	8,014	9,047	12,132	
Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	1.74	1.93	2.59	
Average Velocity (ft/s)	1.39	1.54	2.03	

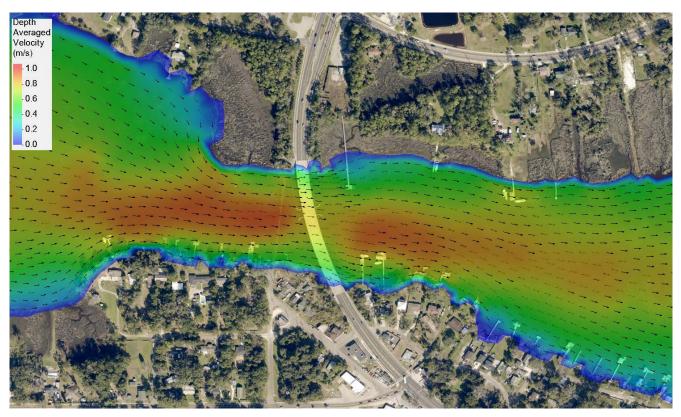


Figure 3-5 500-Year Runoff Velocity Magnitude Contour Plot

# 3.4 Storm Surge Results

Storm surge hydrographs presented in Section 2.2 provide the surge model boundary conditions. However, applying these hydrographs across the long offshore boundary is unrealistic and leads to excessive surge conditions. Hydrographs were applied at the center of the offshore boundary creating more realistic conditions. The extent of the boundary condition was adjusted to match the surge conditions predicted by FEMA models. After matching the FEMA surge elevations, sea level

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rise (Section 2.3) was included in the simulations to produce the design conditions. Hurricanes produce rainfall in addition to storm surge. For bridges with relatively small drainage basins and a small time of concentration, it is recommended a combination of storm surge and rainfall runoff is considered. Phasing of peak storm surge and rainfall runoff is highly variable, so a steady rainfall runoff discharge was applied at the upstream model boundary to account for phasing variability. Per Section 4.7.2 of the FDOT Drainage Manual, a steady 10-year discharge (Section 2.5) was applied at the upstream model boundary for the combined flow simulations.

Results of the storm surge simulations are summarized in Table 3-3. Velocities decrease for larger return period events. This counterintuitive condition occurs frequently in storm surge simulations since water surface gradients are not a linear function of the maximum surge. Furthermore, discharges also decrease with increasing return period. Total amount of flux is larger for larger events, but due to the change in the shape of the hydrograph lower maximum flows may be observed. Figure 3-6 shows the 50-year flow velocities at the bridge location at the time of maximum velocities. Velocities peak before and after the maximum surge. The ebb flow creates the largest velocities.

Table 3-3 Storm Surge Results			
Parameter	Design (50-Year) Flood	Base (100-Year) Flood	Greatest (500-Year) Flood
Stage Elevation* (ft-NAVD)	+5.5	+6.3	+8.6
Discharge (cfs)	15,641	15,602	16,623
Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	2.45	2.44	2.30
Average Velocity (ft/s)	1.83	1.80	1.69

\* including SLR

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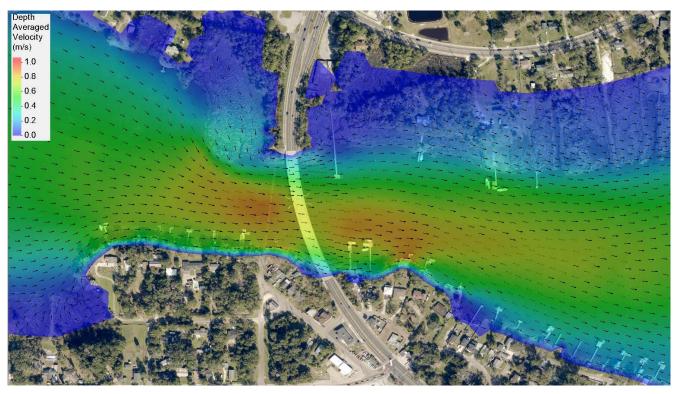


Figure 3-6 50-Year Storm Surge Velocity Magnitude Contour Plot

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#### 3.5 Design Conditions

The worst-case conditions from the riverine runoff and storm surge simulations create the hydraulic design conditions. Additionally, the 50-year simulation results larger than the 100-year results replaced the 100-year results as the base flood. The final hydraulic design data is summarized in Table 3-4.

Table 3-4 Hydraulic Design Data				
Parameter	Design (50-Year) Flood	Base (100-Year) Flood	Greatest (500-Year) Flood	
Stage Elevation (ft-NAVD)	+5.5	+6.3	+8.6	
Discharge (cfs)	15,641	15,641	16,623	
Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	2.45	2.45	2.59	
Average Velocity (ft/s)	1.83	1.83	2.03	
Exceedance Probability (%)	2	1	0.2	
Frequency (year)	50	100	500	

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#### 4.0 Scour Analysis

Total scour consists of three components: (1) long-term scour (aggradation/degradation and channel migration), (2) contraction scour, and (3) local scour. Unlike long-term scour, the contributions of local and contraction scour are derived from the results of the hydraulic analysis presented in Chapter 3. Their corresponding scour computations apply empirical equations developed by FDOT in conjunction with the University of Florida (Sheppard & Renna, 2013). The formulation of the complex pier scour calculation methodology follows techniques described in the Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 18 (HEC-18) (Federal Highway Administration, 2009). These equations require inputs such as stream flow rate, local velocities (magnitude and direction) at the piers, and depth of flow. The model simulations presented in Chapter 3 provide the values for these parameters. This chapter discusses scour components and the results of these scour calculations for the proposed replacement bridge.

Scour depth computations require values for the depth-averaged critical velocity of the waterway necessary to initiate sediment motion on the bed. Calculating the onset of sediment transport, requires a representative median sediment size ( $D_{50} = 0.20$  mm). In Chapter 3, hydraulic results from two types of simulations were assessed: riverine runoff, and storm surge. Scour calculations are highly sensitive to flow velocity, and conditions produced in the storm surge simulations create higher velocities, and as such, contraction scour, and local scour are computed with hydraulic inputs from the simulations with higher velocities.

#### 4.1 General Scour

Most of the bridges in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) that cross alluvial streams continually adjust their beds and banks (Legasse, et al. 2012). Channel stability at the bridge crossing depends on the stream system. Changes upstream and downstream affect stability at the bridge crossing. Natural and man-made disturbances may result in changes in sediment load and flow dynamics resulting in adverse changes in the stream channel at the bridge crossing. These changes may include channel bank migration, aggradation, or degradation of the channel bed. During channel migration, one bank tends to erode laterally while the opposite bank tends to accrete. During aggradation or degradation of a channel, the channel bed and thalweg tend to accrete or erode.

Channel stability, as characterized by channel migration and aggradation/degradation of the channel bed, is an important consideration in evaluating the potential scour at a bridge for two reasons. First, because aggradation and degradation influence the channel's hydraulic properties, any hydraulic modeling must consider their effects when determining design scour conditions. Second, bank migration, thalweg shifting, and degradation may cause foundation undermining regardless of whether the bridge experiences the design storm event. This section presents an analysis of channel migration and aggradation/degradation of the channel bed at the Lem Turner Road over Trout River. This analysis forecasts channel stability based on historic observations near the bridge. The analysis incorporates a review of available historic aerial imagery and historic bed cross sections in the vicinity of the bridge. These help to evaluate channel migration and thalweg position within the channel banks and aggradation or degradation of the bed.

# 4.1.1 Aggradation/Degradation

Aggradation and degradation refer to the long-term raising or lowering of the stream bed. Aggradation and degradation are the result of excess or insufficient sediment transport in a stream

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to maintain its bed elevation. Aggradation and degradation are typically long-term processes, but significant changes in an upstream drainage basin, such as the installation of a dam or construction of a large development resulting in a drastic change in land-use, may result in accelerations in aggradation or degradation. The most reliable method for assessing aggradation and degradation is through inspection of historic bed profiles at the bridge crossing. These are often cataloged within bridge inspection reports.

For this bridge, the FDOT provided channel cross-sections from Mar-1956, Oct-2014, 2Apr-2018, Sep-2018, and Apr-2019. Figure 4-1 presents the left and right profiles, and Figure 4-2 presents the left and right average change across bents 2-20 since 1956. Bent 1 was not included in the average change, because it was not measured some years. The waterway experienced 2.5 ft degradation from 1956 to 2014, but it is relatively stable from 2014 to 2019 with fluctuations around 0.5 ft. It is not clear if the waterway became stable after an initial adjustment after the bridge construction or still going through a slow degradation. There is no survey between 1956 to 2019 to confirm the long-term stability of the waterway, so a linear degradation pattern is assumed. The waterway degraded 2.5 ft in 63 years, so 3.0 ft degradation will be assumed for the 75-year planned lifetime of the bridge.

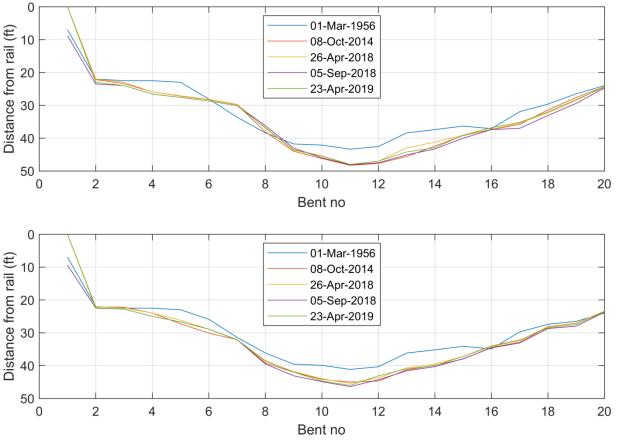


Figure 4-1 Left (Top) and Right (Bottom) Profiles (Source: FDOT Bridge Inspection Reports)

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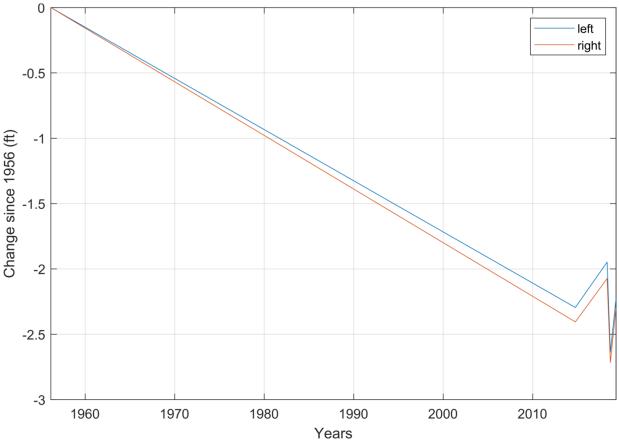


Figure 4-2 Average Change in Bed Elevation since 1956

# 4.1.2 Channel Lateral Migration

Lateral channel migration is an important factor to consider when deciding on a bridge's location. Rivers and streams, dynamic entities, can continually shift banklines and move both laterally and downstream. Bridges, on the other hand, are static entities that fix the river/stream at a specific location. This juxtaposition of a bridge's immobility and a river's instability can lead to erosion of the approach embankment, changes in the contraction or local scour due to changes in flow direction or increases in abutment scour. Factors affecting lateral channel migration include stream geomorphology, bridge crossing location, flood characteristics, characteristics of the bed and bank material, and wash load (Arneson et al., 2012).

Identification of lateral channel migration occurs through examination of historic aerial photographs, historic shoreline locations, historic bathymetries, bridge inspection reports, and current condition of the upstream and downstream banks.

Figure 4-3 through Figure 4-12 present historic aerial images of the project location spanning from 1959 to 2021. During this period, the area surrounding the bridge was lightly developed, but the riverbank lines appear stable in the imagery record. Lateral migration is not a likely source of long-term scour for this bridge.

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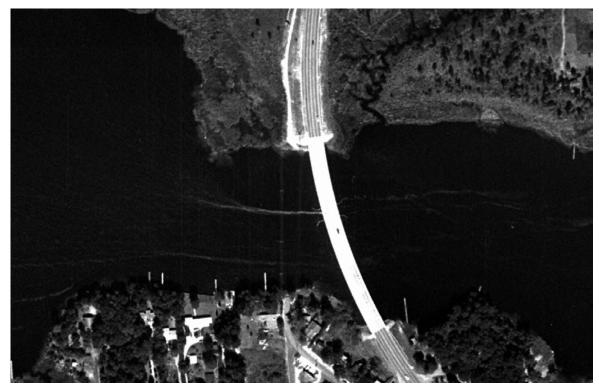


Figure 4-3 1959 FDOT Aerial Image



Figure 4-4 1969 FDOT Aerial Image

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Figure 4-5 1975 FDOT Aerial Image



Figure 4-6 1982 FDOT Aerial Image

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Figure 4-7 1994 Google Earth Aerial Image



Figure 4-8 1999 Google Earth Aerial Image

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Figure 4-9 2002 Google Earth Aerial Image



Figure 4-10 2008 Google Earth Aerial Image

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Figure 4-11 2013 Google Earth Aerial Image



Figure 4-12 2021 Google Earth Aerial Image

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# 4.2 Contraction Scour

An abrupt decrease in cross-sectional area at a bridge induces an increase in velocity, which causes contraction scour (a lowering of the channel bottom over the entire width of the cross section). Changes in cross-sectional area can result from natural channel constriction and encroachment of a bridge structure by both the abutments and the piles. HEC-18 presents equations and procedures for computing contraction scour under various encroachment conditions (cases). Case 1B (Figure 4-13) — abutments at edge of channel — best approximates the conditions at the bridge.

Computing contraction scour for the bridge requires determining whether the scour occurs as livebed or clear-water. That is, scour depth computations require values for the depth-averaged critical velocity in the channel necessary to begin sediment motion on the bed. Calculating these values requires representative sediment sizes (generally the median grain size, *D50*). This analysis applied a median grain size of 0.20 mm (Section 2.6).

For clear-water conditions, contraction scour computations follow Laursen (1963)'s clear-water contraction scour equation contained in HEC-18 (Section 6.4):

$$y_{2} = \left[\frac{K_{u}Q^{2}}{D_{m}^{2/3}W^{2}}\right]^{3/7}$$
(4.1)

where  $y_2$  is the average depth in the contracted section after contraction scour,  $K_u$  is a constant (0.0077), Q is the flow rate through the cross section,  $D_m$  equals 1.25 times D50 (median diameter of the bed material), and W is the bottom width of the cross section (less the pier widths). The average contraction scour depth ( $y_s$ ) then equals

$$y_{\rm s} = y_2 - y_0$$
 (4.2)

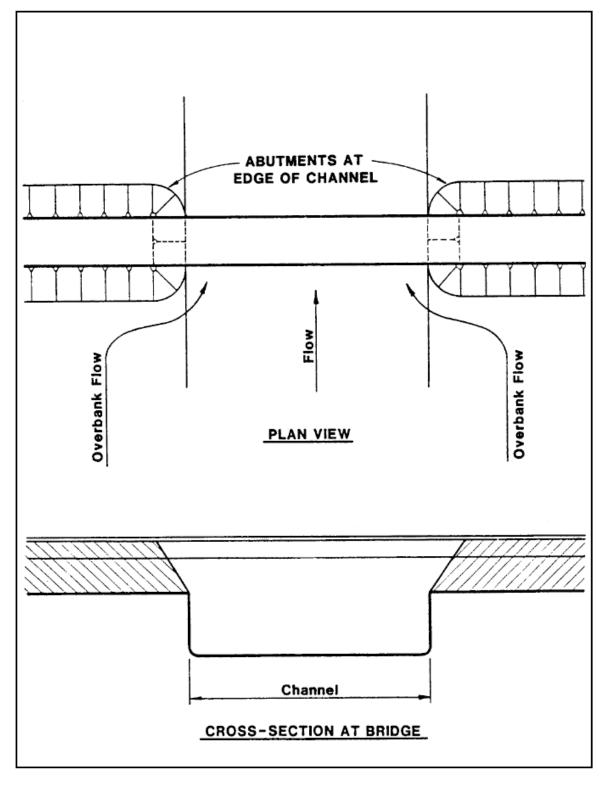
where  $y_0$  is the average existing depth in the contracted section.

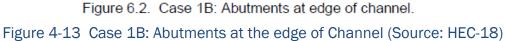
Live bed contraction scour computation follows the Modified Laursen Live Bed Contraction Scour Equation found in HEC-18 (Section 6.3):

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \left(\frac{Q_2}{Q_1}\right)^{6/7} \left(\frac{W_1}{W_2}\right)^{k_1}$$
(4.3)

where *y* is the average depth of the cross section, *Q* is the flow rate through the cross section, and *W* is the width of the cross section. The subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the locations upstream of the bridge and at the bridge. For live bed conditions, sediment transport primarily occurs as suspended load. As such,  $k_1$  ranges from 0.64 to 0.69. If primarily bed load sediment transport, then  $k_1$  equals 0.59. One then applies Equation 4.2 to determine scour depth. Figure 4-14 shows the locations of the upstream and bridge cross sections employed in the analysis. Selection of the appropriate upstream cross section (located either east or west of the bridge) pivoted based on the direction of the flow at the time of maximum flow at the bridge.

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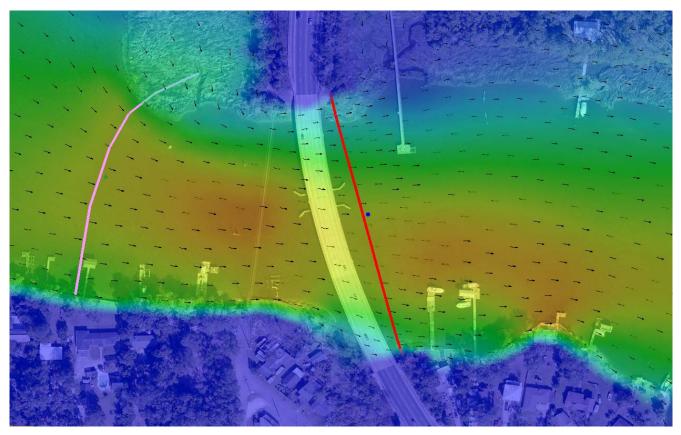


Figure 4-14 Contraction Scour Upstream and Bridge Cross Section Locations

Table 4.1 presents the contraction scour results for the base flood and greatest flood events. Surge conditions create larger flow rates and were used for contraction scour. As discussed in section 3.5 50-year surge created larger flow rates than 100-year surge and was used as the base flood. Based on their average flows, water depths, velocities, and replacement bridge geometry, both the base flood and the greatest flood produce zero contraction scour (Table 4.1). This is mainly due to the depths at the bridge cross-section already being larger than the approach cross-section.

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Table 4-1 Contraction Scour					
Variable	Units	Definition	Base (100-Year) Flood	Greatest (500-Year) Flood	
У1	ft	Average depth in the upstream main channel	10.3	12.2	
V1	ft/s	Average velocity in the upstream main channel	2.2	1.9	
D <sub>50</sub>	mm	Median diameter of bed material	0.20	0.20	
Ku		Vc Coefficient	6.1900	6.2	
Vc	ft/s	Critical velocity	1.44	1.48	
V <sub>1</sub> >V <sub>c</sub> ?		Scour Mode	livebed	livebed	
У1	ft	Average depth in the upstream main channel	10.3	12.2	
<b>y</b> 2	ft	Average depth in the contracted section	10.4	12.5	
уо	ft	Existing depth in the contracted section before scour	12.3	14.3	
Q1	ft³/s	Flow in the upstream channel transporting sediment	15,277	15,932	
Q2	ft³/s	Flow in the contracted channel	15,641	16,623	
W1	ft	Bottom width of the upstream main channel that is transporting bed material	668	668	
W <sub>2</sub>	ft	Bottom width of main channel in contracted section less pier width(s)	684	684	
K1		Exponent	0.64	0.69	
Уs	ft	Contraction scour	0	0	

# 4.3 Local Scour

Local scour refers to bed erosion around obstacles in the path of flow such as bridge piers and abutments. Local scour results from increased shear and normal stresses applied to the bed near the structure due to the presence of the structure. Local pier scour depends on structure geometry, current velocity, angle of attack (the angle between the flow direction and the major axis of the pier/pile group), flow depth, and soil characteristics. Local scour may occur at bridge piers and abutments, but this report only addresses local pier scour since the abutments will have scour protection. This section provides local scour for two hydraulic conditions — the 100-year (base event) and the 500-year (check event).

The local pier scour calculation involved application of the Florida DOT methodology. The Florida DOT guidelines for calculating local pier scour require application of the scour equations developed by the FDOT and based on the latest research from the University of Florida for the analysis of complex pier geometries, which includes the equations developed for NCHRP for scour at wide piers (Sheppard et al 2011). This methodology combines the individual scour depths produced by the column, pile cap, and pile group. The local scour is then added to the general and contraction to produce the final bed elevation. The FDOT equations predict the scour hole depth based on

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sediment characteristics, flow parameters, and bent geometry. The flow parameters include depth, velocity, and angle of attack. The bent geometry includes the dimensions of the pier column, pile cap, and pile group. The inline bents are oriented 90-degrees from the roadway centerline.

As discussed in Section 3.5, 50-year surge conditions were used as the 100-year event and the 500-year runoff conditions as the 500-year event. Table 4-2 and Table 4-3 list the 100-year and 500-year results, respectively. Scour is a function of depth, velocity, and angle of attack. Conditions that create the largest scour coincided with large skew angles with lower velocities. Design elevations are calculated by rounding down to the nearest foot and taking the minimum of the neighboring piles to account for lateral movements. Any 500-year scour design elevation more than the 100-year was decreased to match the 100-year elevation. Scour calculations including all the inputs and outputs are in Appendix C.

Table 4-2 100-Year Scour Calculation Summary							
Bent	Initial Bed Elevation (ft-NAVD)	Degradation (ft)	Contraction Scour (ft)	Local Scour (ft)	Total Scour (ft)	Final Bed Elevation (ft-NAVD)	Design Elevation (ft-NAVD)
2	-5.9	3.0	0.0	7.8	10.8	-17	-19
3	-6.3	3.0	0.0	9.0	12.0	-19	-28
4	-14.9	3.0	0.0	9.5	12.5	-28	-30
5	-16.8	3.0	0.0	9.2	12.2	-30	-30
6	-13.3	3.0	0.0	8.7	11.7	-25	-30
7	-7.8	3.0	0.0	7.4	10.4	-19	-25
8	-3.9	3.0	0.0	4.4	7.4	-12	-19

Table 4-3 500-Year Scour Calculation Summary							
Bent	Initial Bed Elevation (ft-NAVD)	Degradation (ft)	Contraction Scour (ft)	Local Scour (ft)	Total Scour (ft)	Final Bed Elevation (ft-NAVD)	Design Elevation (ft-NAVD)
2	-5.9	3.0	0.0	7.9	10.9	-17	-19
3	-6.3	3.0	0.0	9.0	12.0	-19	-28
4	-14.9	3.0	0.0	9.5	12.5	-28	-30
5	-16.8	3.0	0.0	9.3	12.3	-30	-30
6	-13.3	3.0	0.0	8.8	11.8	-26	-30
7	-7.8	3.0	0.0	7.7	10.7	-19	-26
8	-3.9	3.0	0.0	2.7	5.7	-10	-19

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# 4.4 Long Term Scour

Long term scour is the scour that is expected at the bridge piles on a regular day, employed when evaluating vessel impacts. Daily scour conditions occur in the clear water mode for all intermediate bents at this bridge. FDOT Drainage Manual Section 4.9.3.2 recommends the total design scour to be used as the long- term scour for clear water conditions.

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# 5.0 Other Design Considerations

In addition to flow parameters and scour, the bridge hydraulics report includes design guidance for sizing abutment protection, summary of deck drainage and spread calculations, an assessment of bridge length, and an evaluation of the clearances.

# 5.1 Abutment Protection

Design flow velocities through the bridge opening lie below the allowable limit for FDOT Standard Bank and Shore Rubble Riprap (530-2.2.1). The riprap mattress shall be at least two stone diameters (2.5 ft) thick and underlain by bedding stone (1.0 ft thick) and an FDOT approved geotextile filter fabric. According to FDOT Drainage manual Section 4.9.1, abutment protection must have a horizontal toe berm extending 10-ft beyond the toe of the abutment slope.

# 5.2 Deck Drainage

The bridge will drain directly into the waterway following the cross-slope.

# 5.3 Bridge Length

The overall bridge length of 768-ft is slightly longer than the length of the existing bridge which is 732-ft. The replacement bridge will have 96-ft spans versus the 36-ft spans of the existing bridge. The effective flow area will increase compared to the existing structure. With the specified bridge length, the abutments are setback more decreasing the velocities and scour potential at the abutments.

### 5.4 Clearances

The proposed bridge low member elevation (LME) will be  $\pm 10.52$  ft-NAVD providing 5.02 ft clearance over the  $\pm 5.5$  ft-NAVD design water elevation (including SLR), satisfying the 2 feet drift clearance requirement.

The LME at the navigational span will be 20.57 ft-NAVD providing 18.51 ft clearance over the +2.06 ft-NAVD MHW with SLR, satisfying the 6 ft clearance requirement. The horizontal clearance of 96 ft satisfies navigational clearance requirement of 10 ft.

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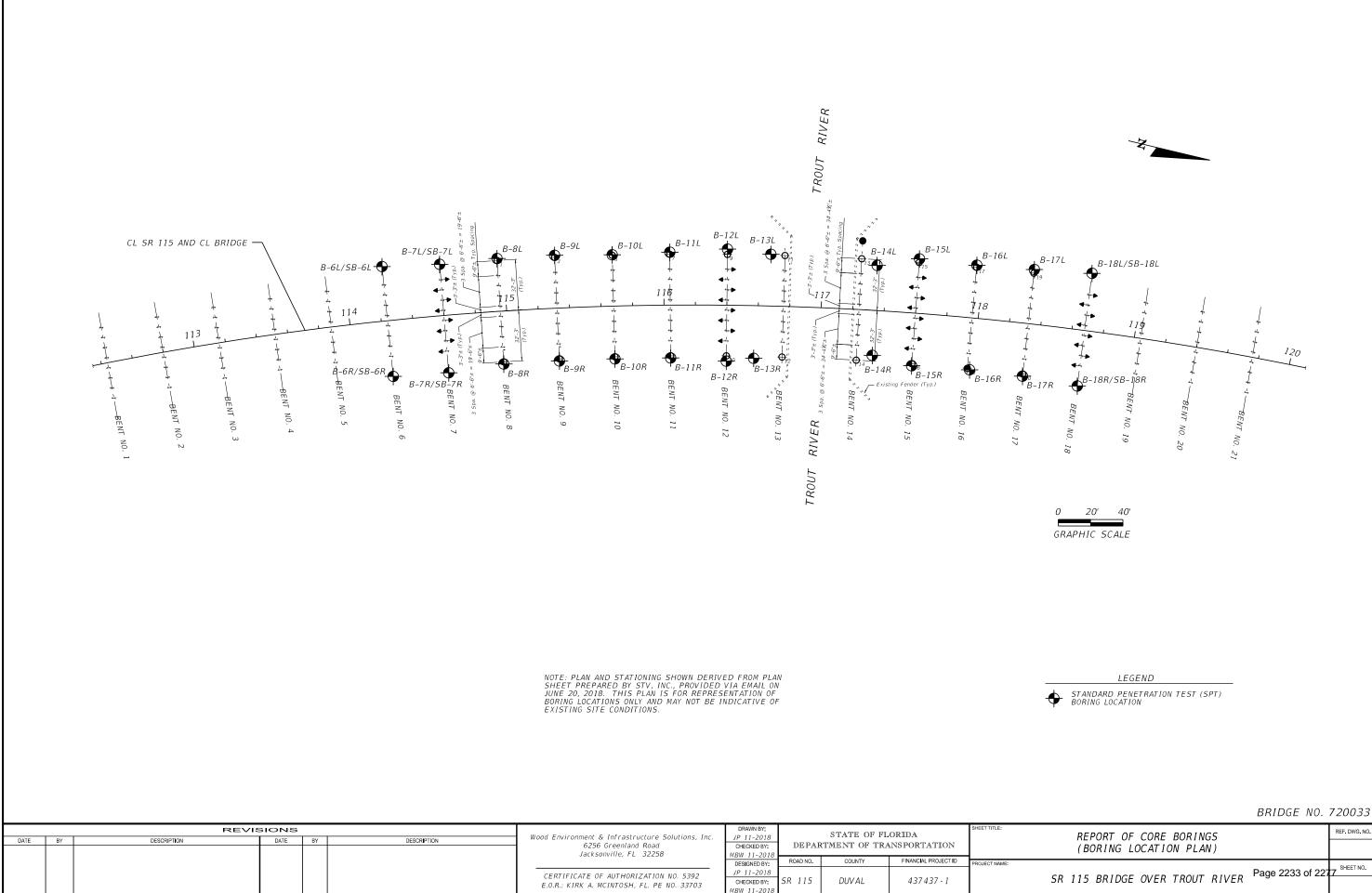
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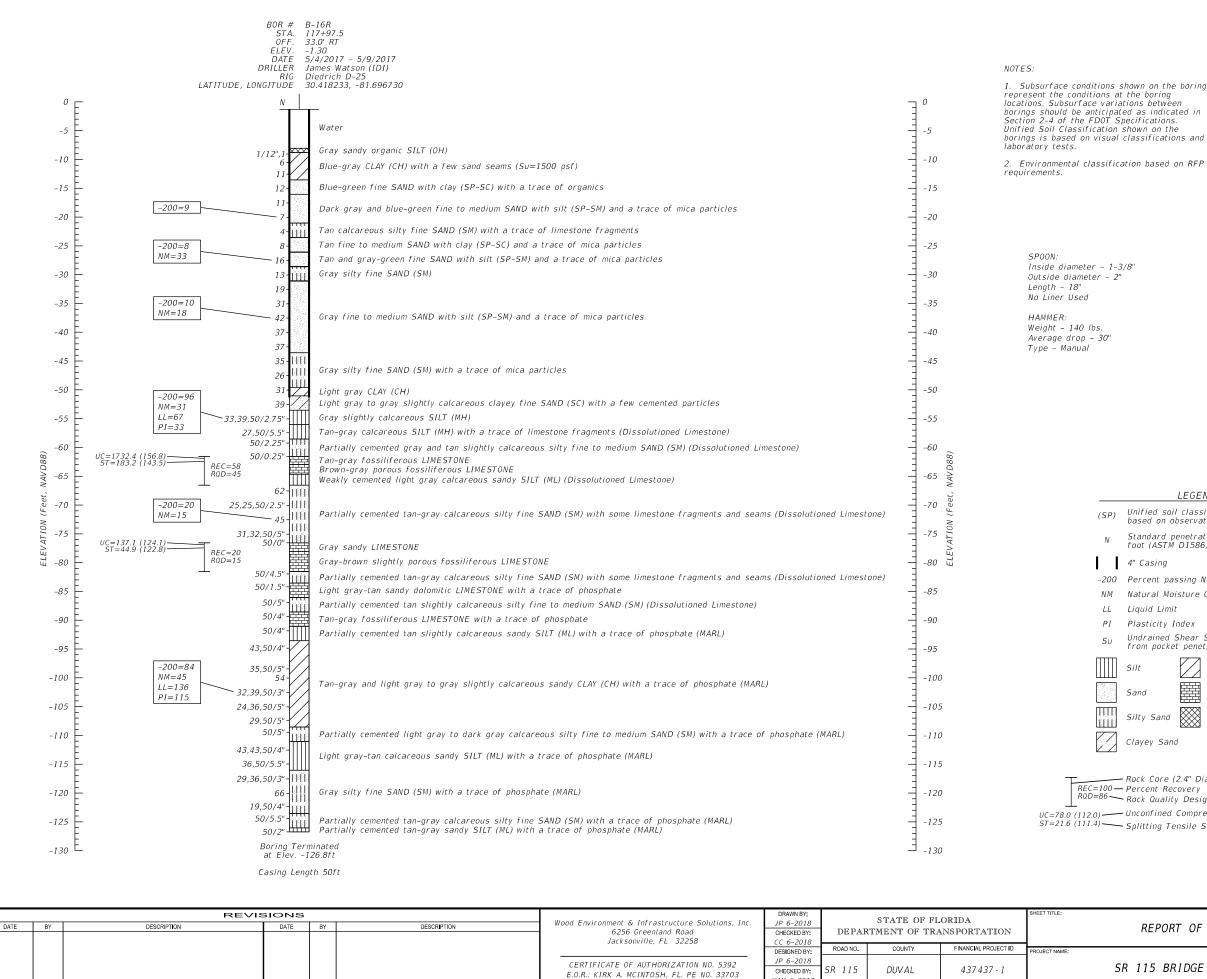
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> Appendix A: Geotechnical Information





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ŋs	Relative Density	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)
	VERY LOOSE LOOSE MEDIUM DENSE DENSE VERY DENSE	Less than 4 4 - 10 10 - 30 30 - 50 Greater than 50	Less than 3 3 - 8 8 - 24 24 - 40 Greater than 40
		SILTS AND CLAYS	
	Consistency	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)
	VERY SOFT SOFT FIRM STIFF VERY STIFF HARD	Less than 2 2 - 4 4 - 8 8 - 15 15 - 30 Greater than 30	Less than 1 1 - 3 3 - 6 6 - 12 12 - 24 Greater than 24

ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSIFICATION

SUBSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive (Based on Water Sample) - Electrical Resistivity = 46 ohm-cm

- Chloride Content = 3,000 ppm

SUPERSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive

LEGEND

Unified soil classification system group based on observation and laboratory tests Standard penetration resistance in blows per foot (ASTM D1586), unless noted otherwise

4" Casing

-200 Percent passing No. 200 Sieve

Natural Moisture Content (%)

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Plasticity Index

Undrained Shear Strength (psf) estimated from pocket penetrometer

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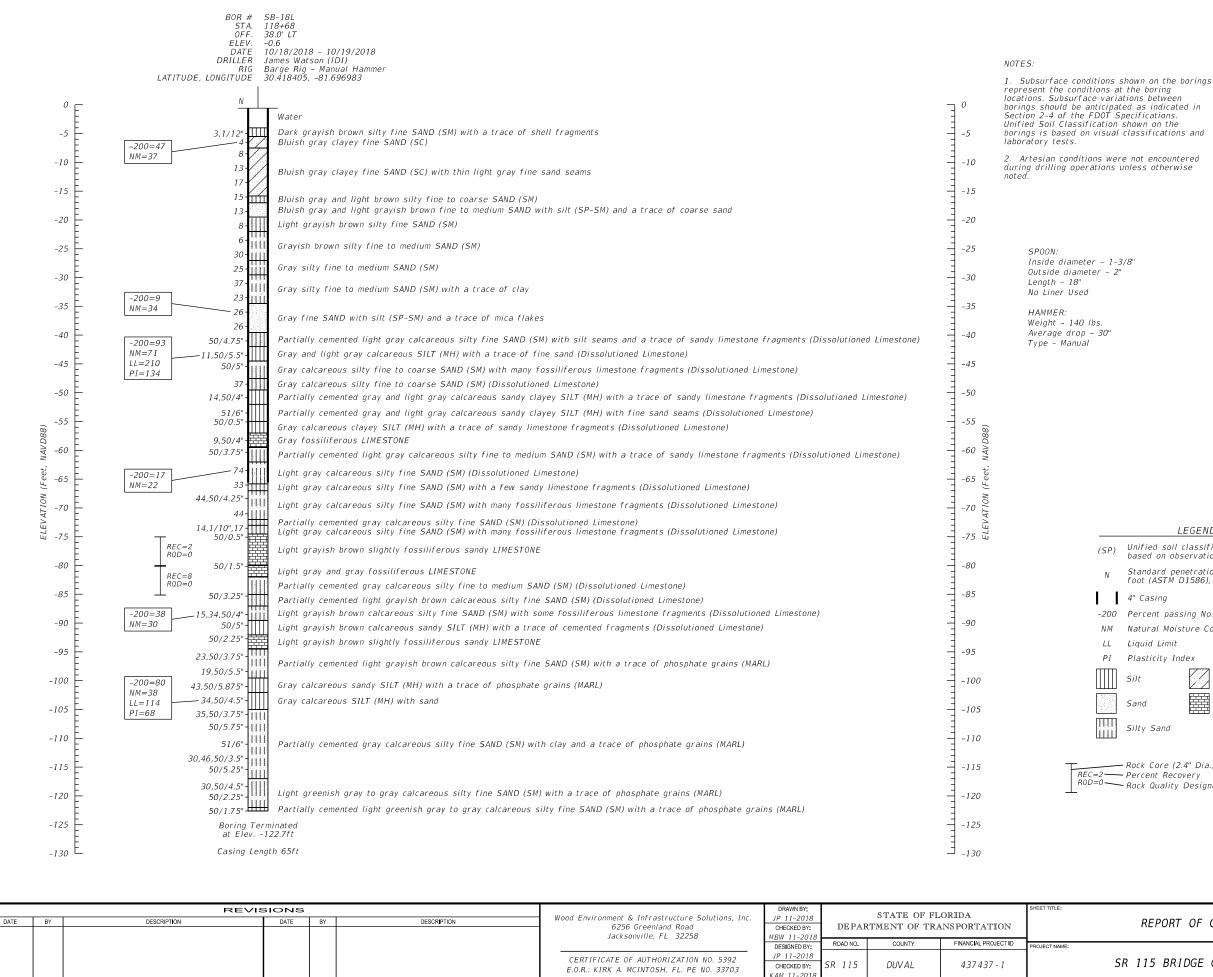
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#### ENGINEERING CLASSIFICATION GRANULAR MATERIALS

Relative Density	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)		
VERY LOOSE LOOSE MEDIUM DENSE DENSE VERY DENSE	Less than 4 4 - 10 10 - 30 30 - 50 Greater than 50	Less than 3 3 - 8 8 - 24 24 - 40 Greater than 40		
SILTS AND CLAYS				
Consistency	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)		
VERY SOFT SOFT FIRM STIFF VERY STIFF HARD	Less than 2 2 - 4 4 - 8 8 - 15 15 - 30 Greater than 30	Less than 1 1 - 3 3 - 6 6 - 12 12 - 24 Greater than 24		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSIFICATION

SUBSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive (Based on Water Sample)

- Electrical Resistivity = 46 ohm-cm - Chloride Content = 3,000 ppm

SUPERSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive

LEGEND

Unified soil classification system group based on observation and laboratory tests Standard penetration resistance in blows per foot (ASTM D1586), unless noted otherwise

4" Casing

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NM Natural Moisture Content (%)

Liquid Limit

Plasticity Index

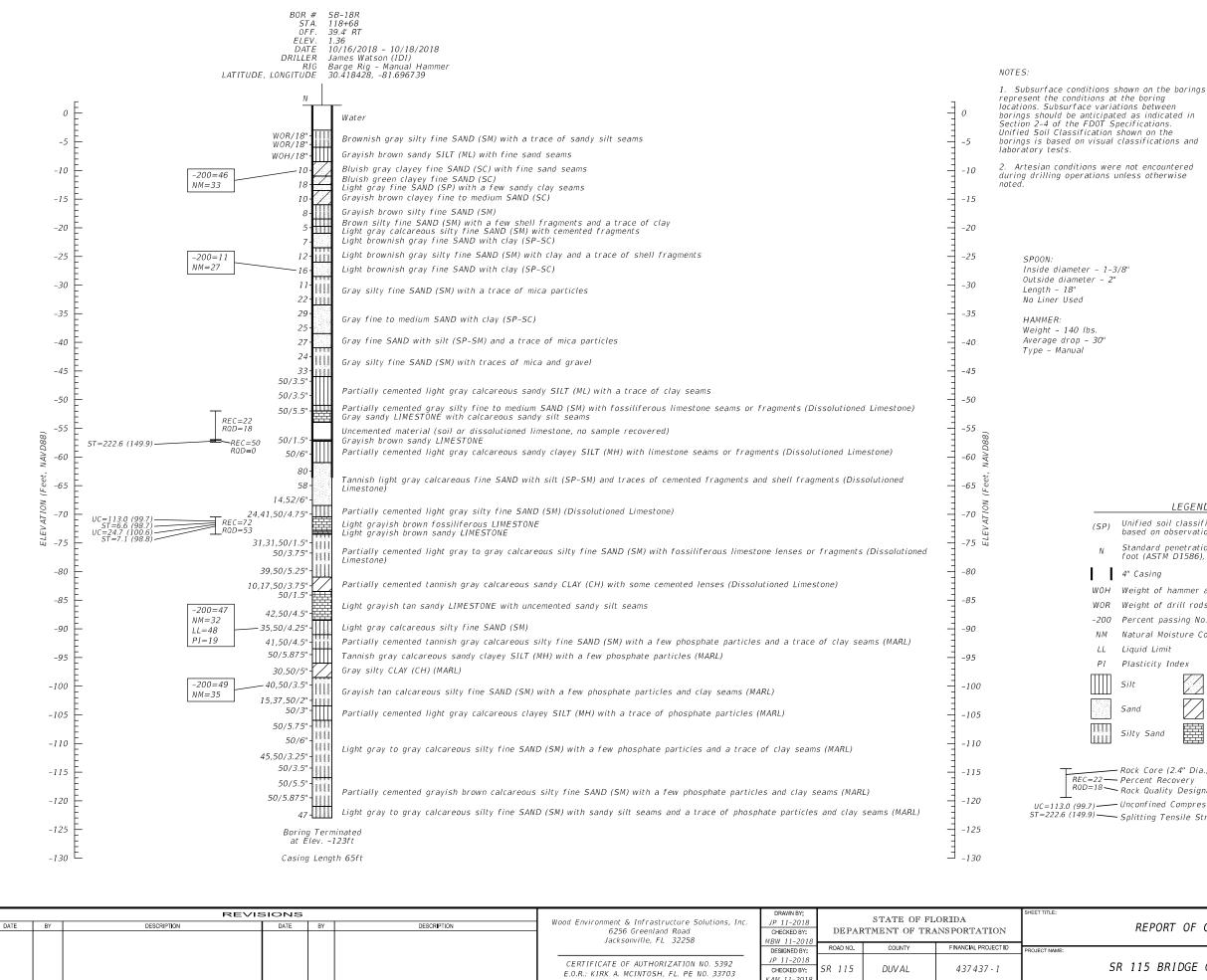
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Limestone

Silty Sand

- Rock Core (2.4" Dia.) RQD=0 — Rock Quality Designation

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ENGINEERING CLASSIFICATION				
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Relative Density	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)		
VERY LOOSE LOOSE MEDIUM DENSE DENSE VERY DENSE	Less than 4 4 - 10 10 - 30 30 - 50 Greater than 50	Less than 3 3 - 8 8 - 24 24 - 40 Greater than 40		
	SILTS AND CLAYS			
Consistency	Safety Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)	Automatic Hammer SPT N-Value (Blows/Foot)		
VERY SOFT SOFT FIRM STIFF VERY STIFF HARD	Less than 2 2 - 4 4 - 8 8 - 15 15 - 30 Greater than 30	Less than 1 1 - 3 3 - 6 6 - 12 12 - 24 Greater than 24		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSIFICATION

SUBSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive (Based on Water Sample) - Electrical Resistivity = 46 ohm-cm

- Chloride Content = 3,000 ppm

SUPERSTRUCTURE: Extremely Aggressive

#### LEGEND

Unified soil classification system group based on observation and laboratory tests

Standard penetration resistance in blows per foot (ASTM D1586), unless noted otherwise

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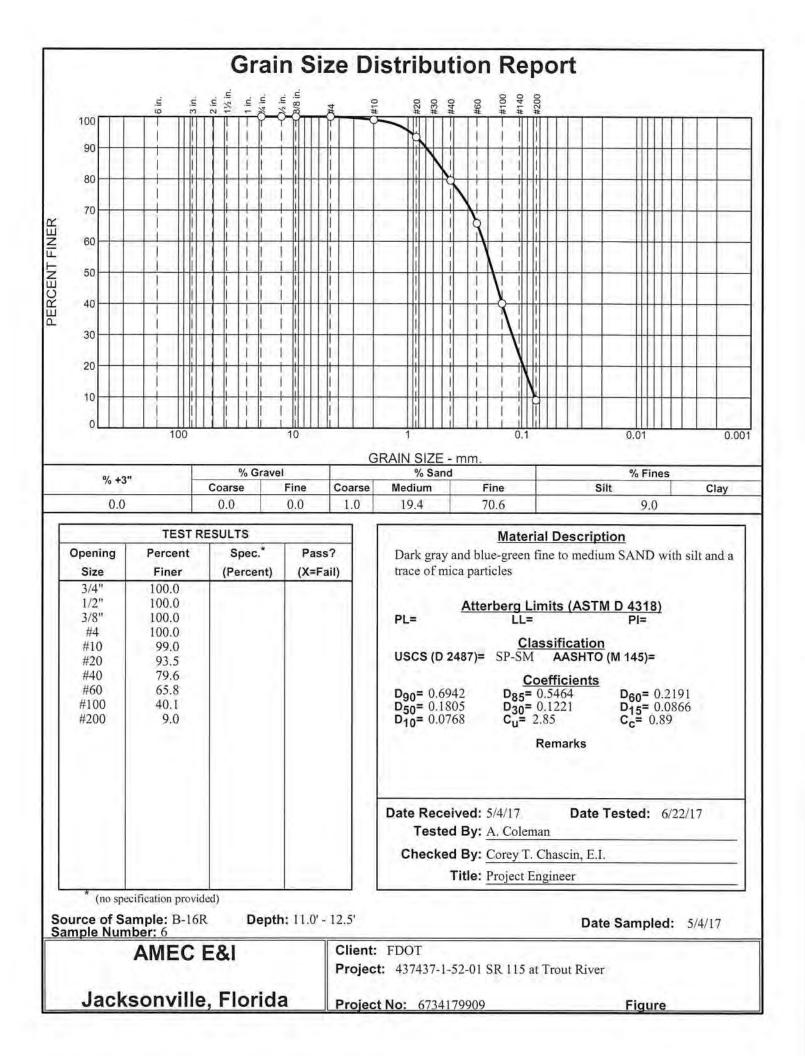
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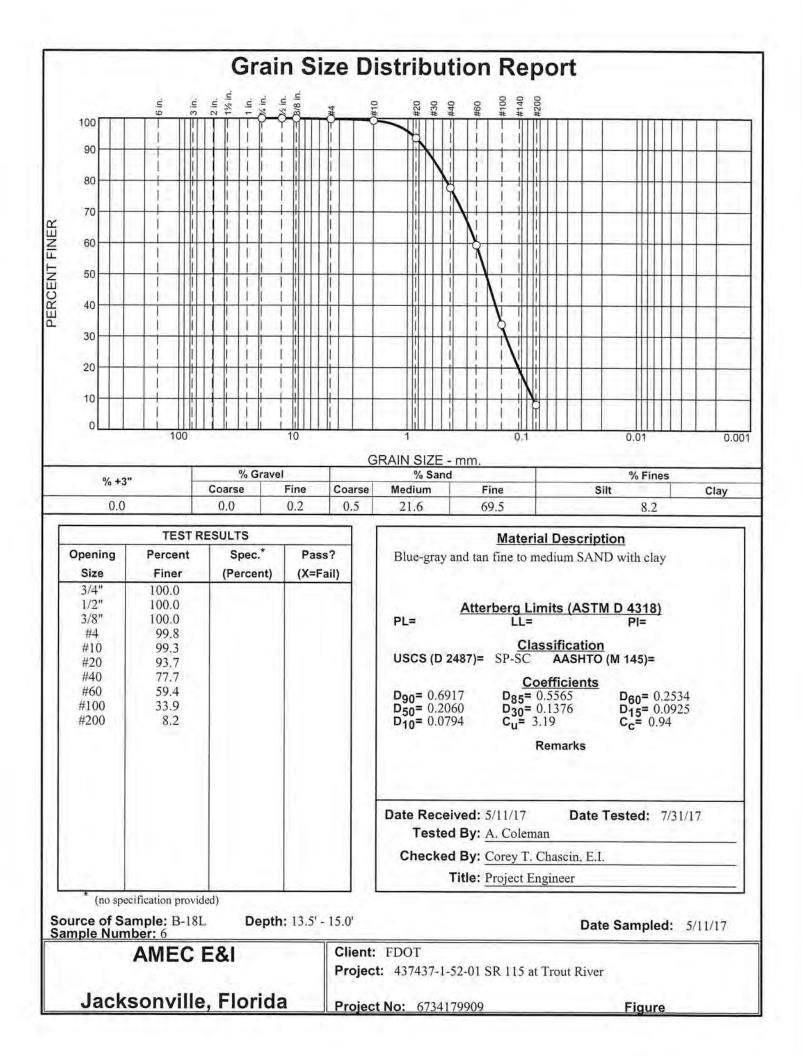
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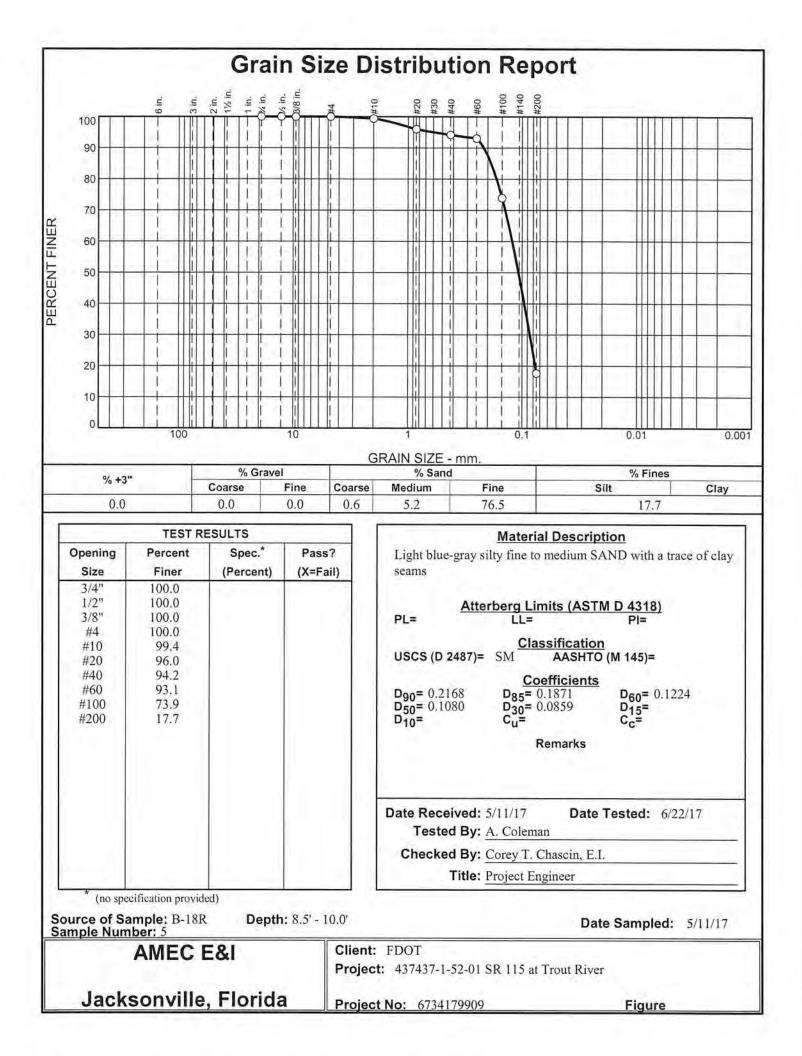
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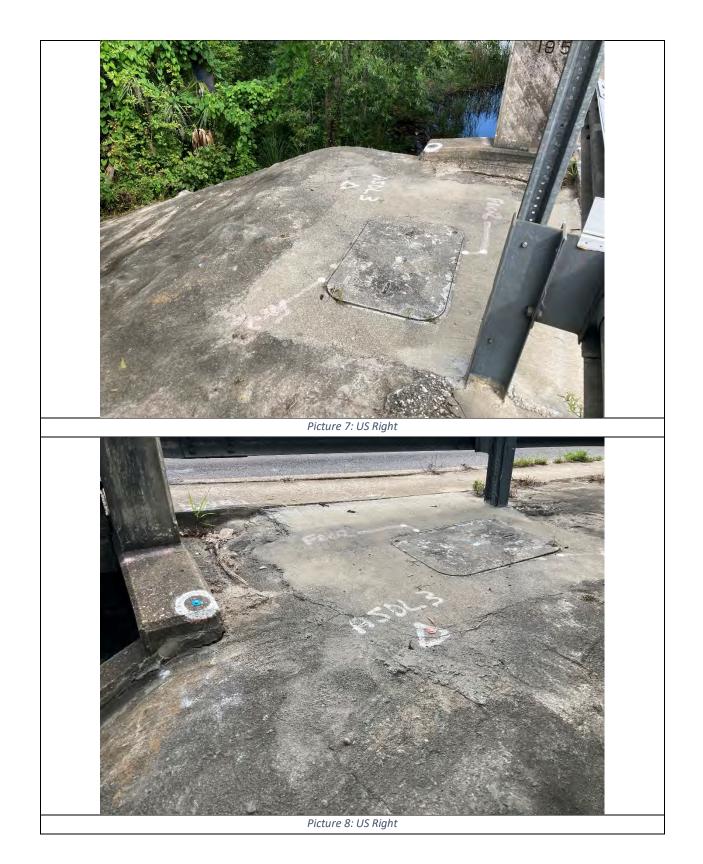
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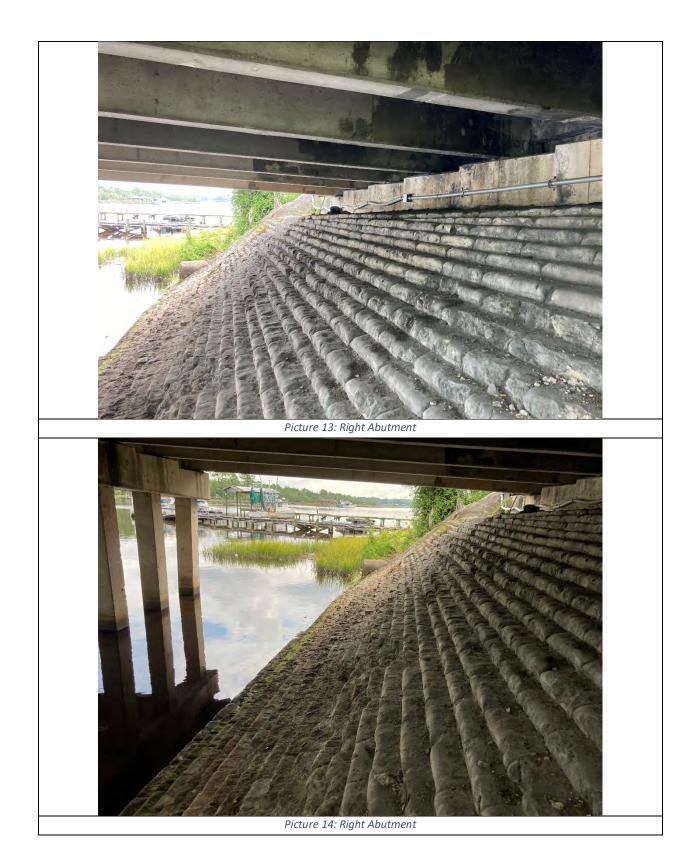
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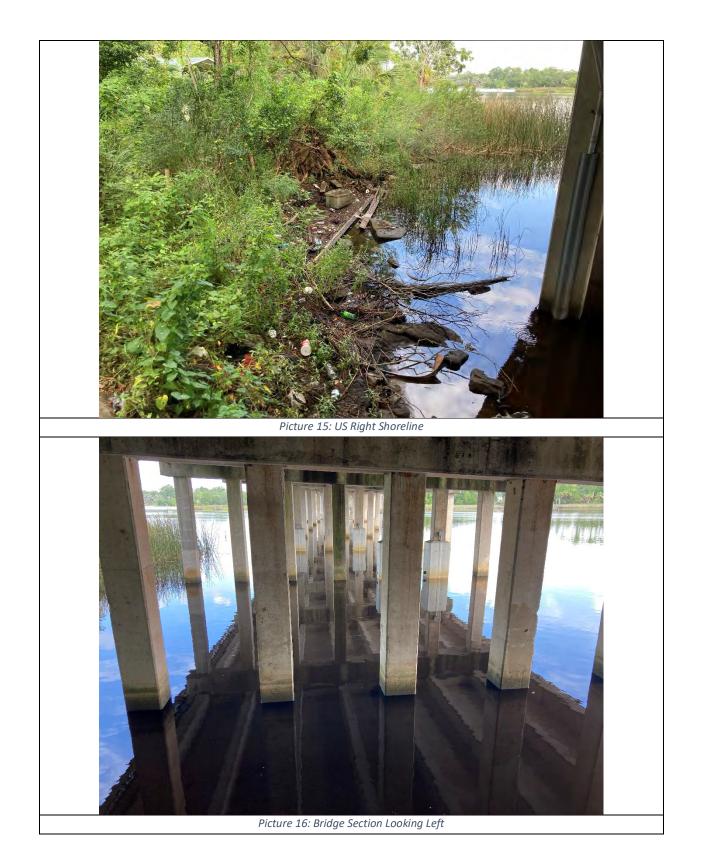


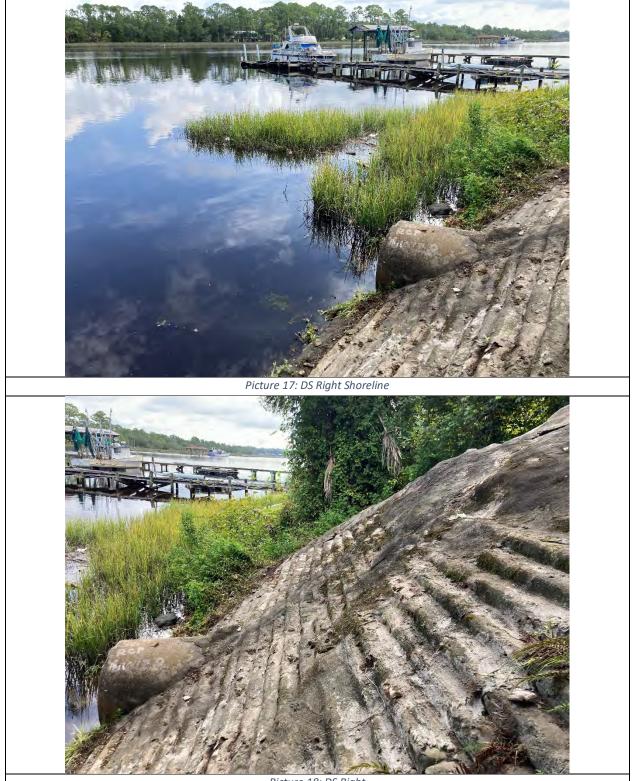




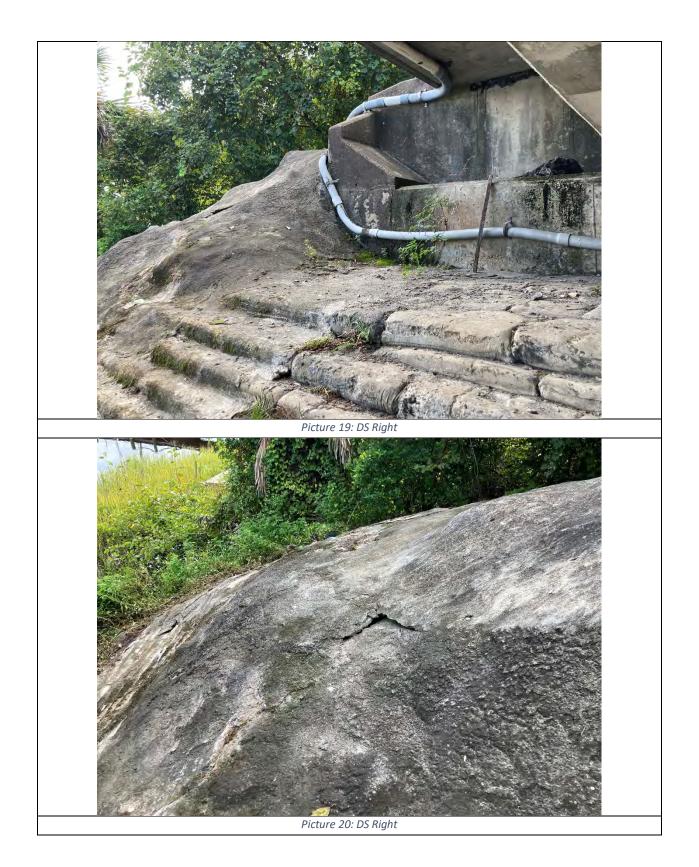


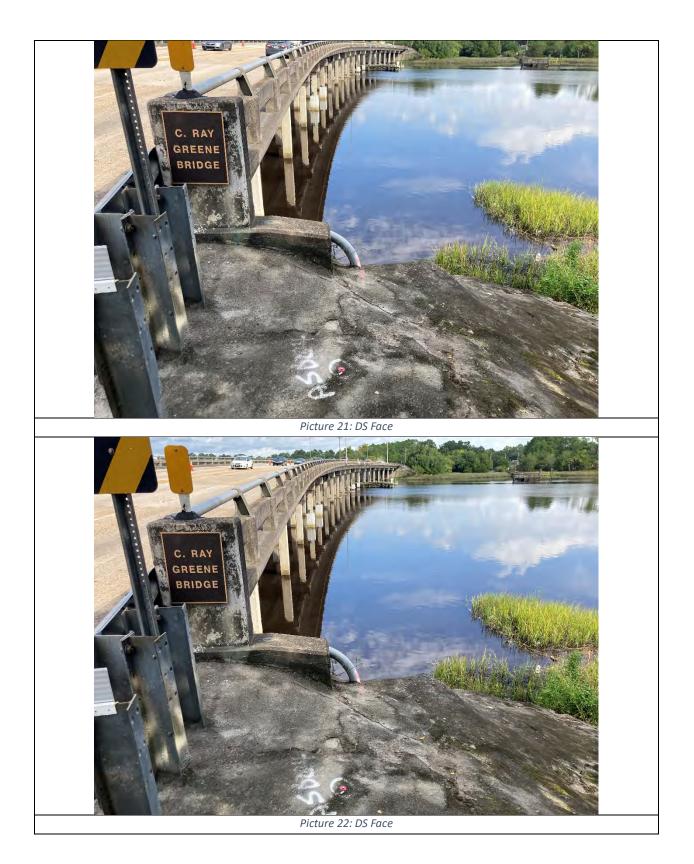




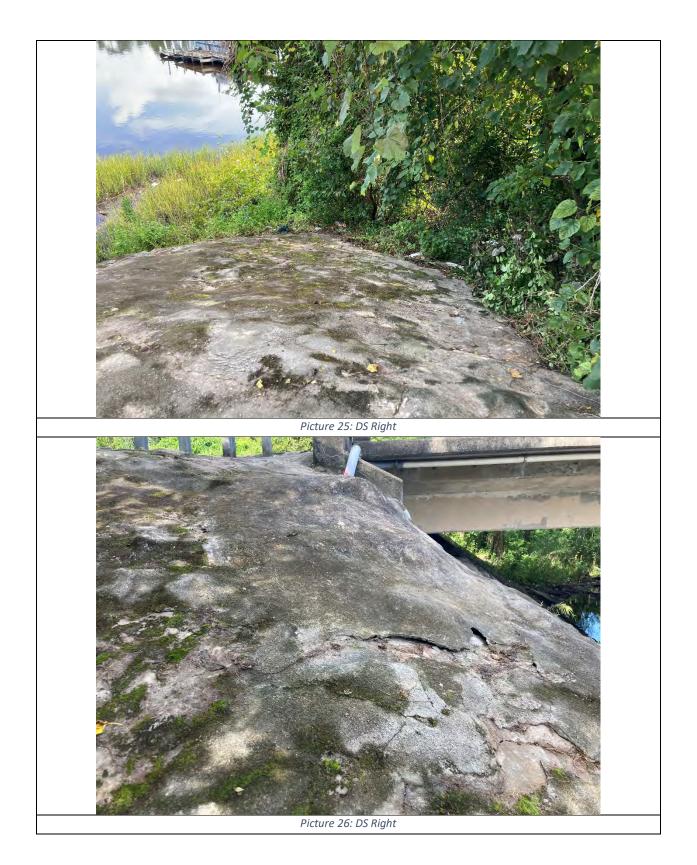


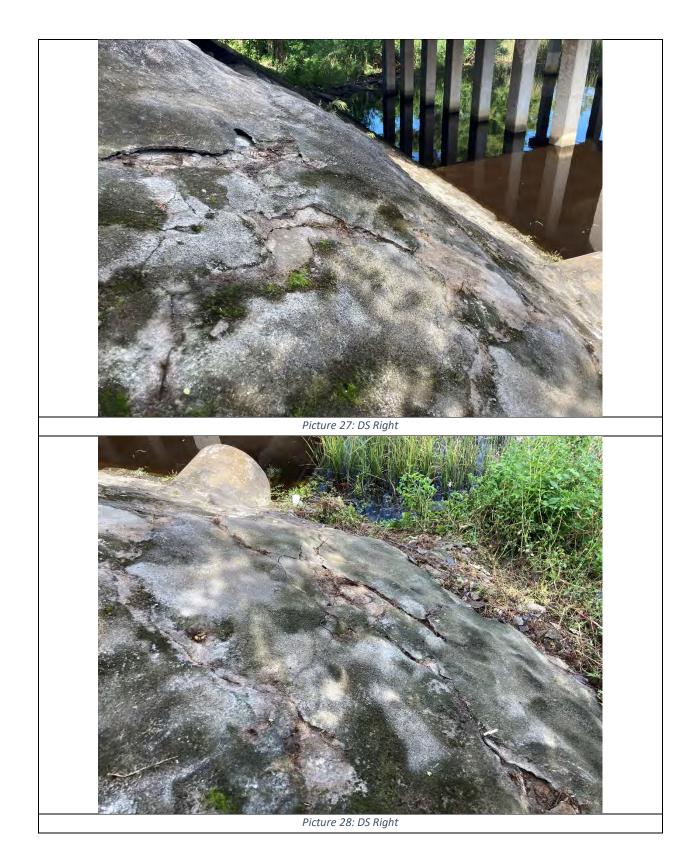
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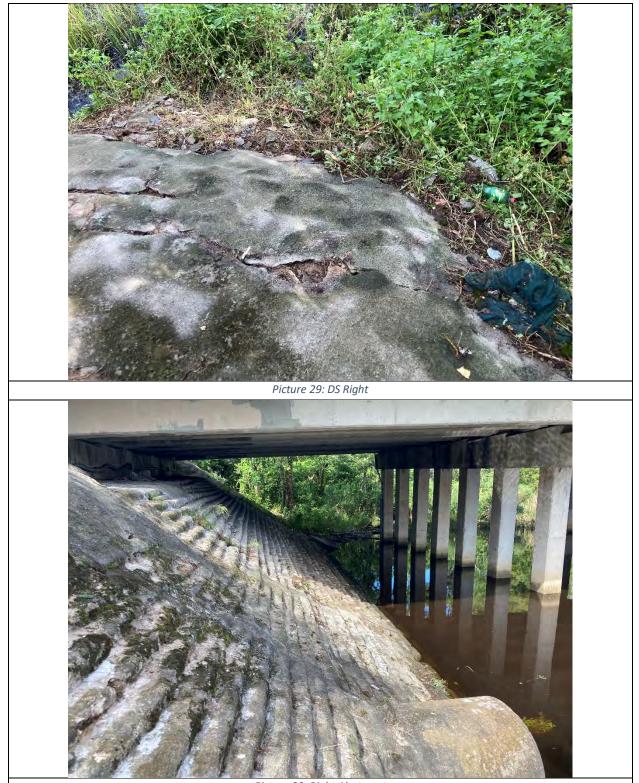




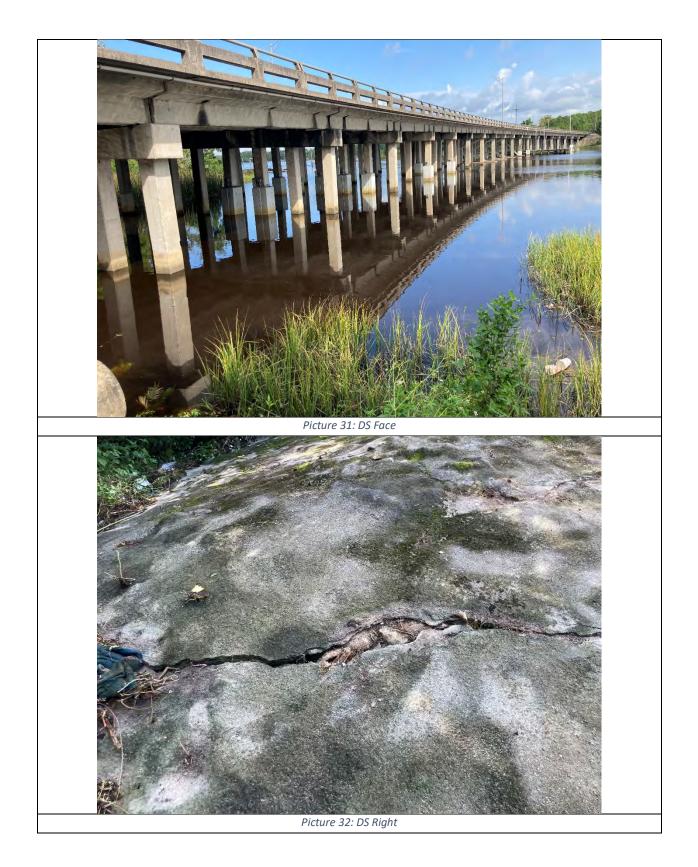


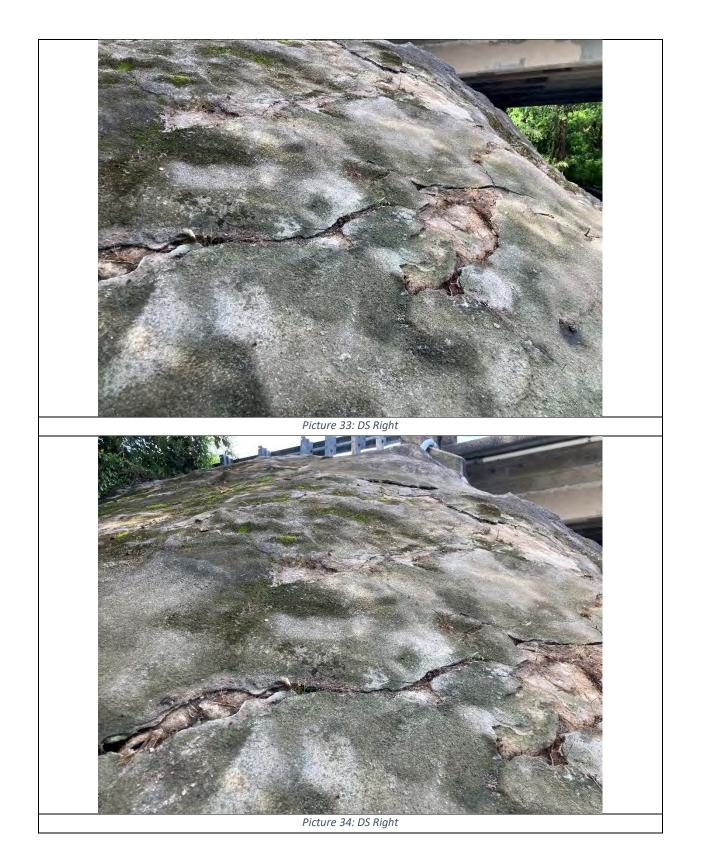






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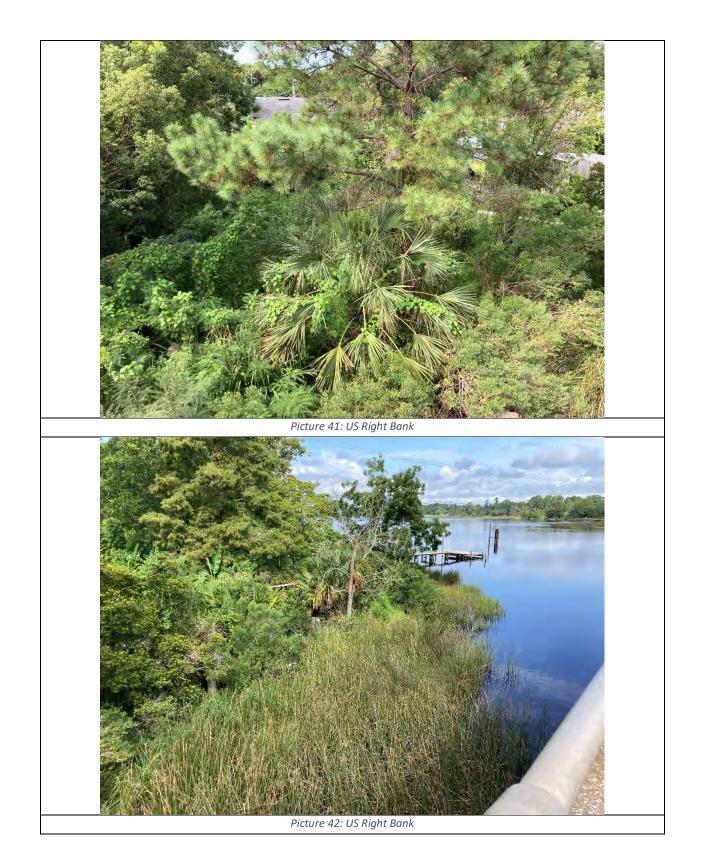


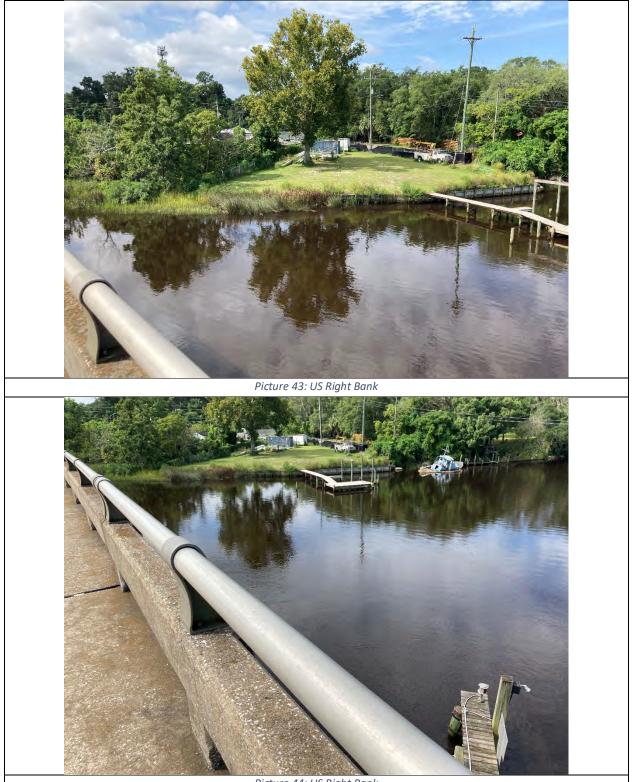


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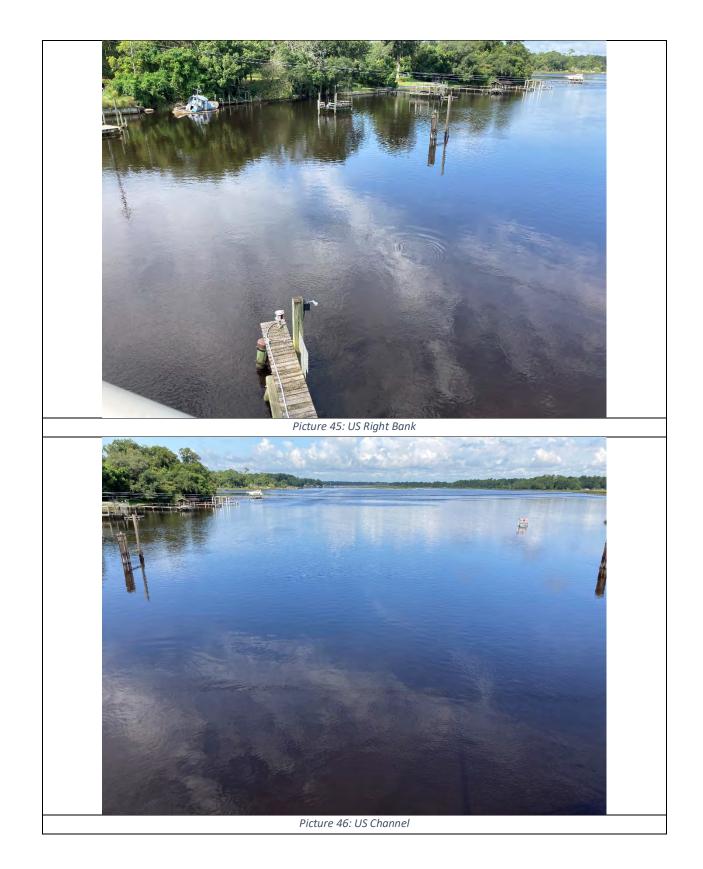


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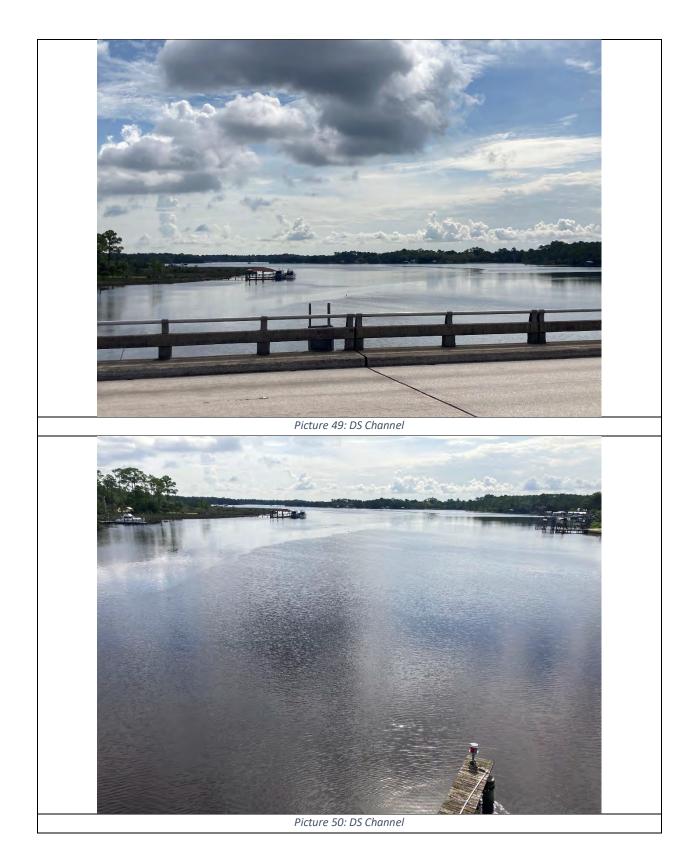


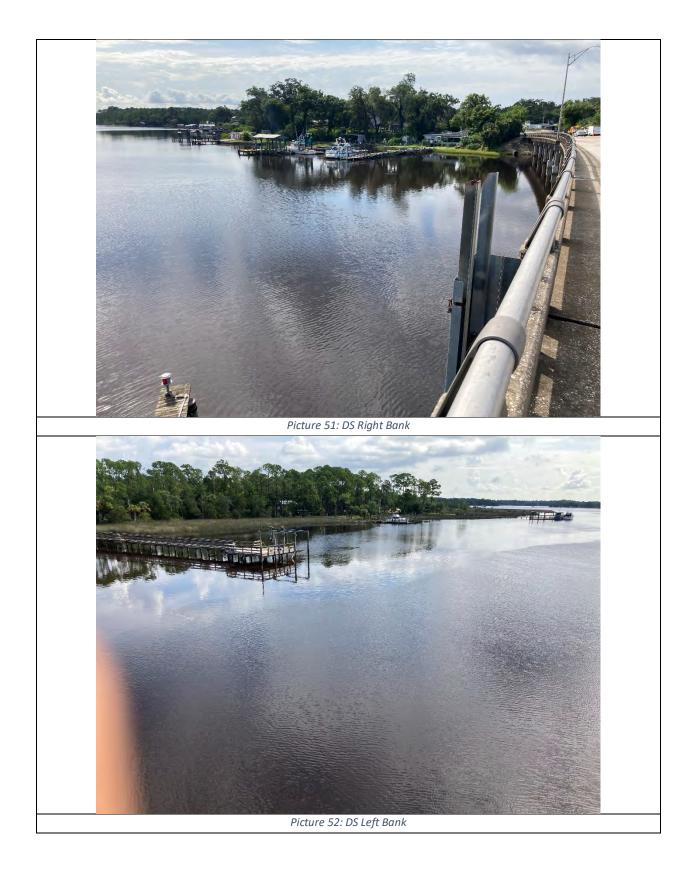
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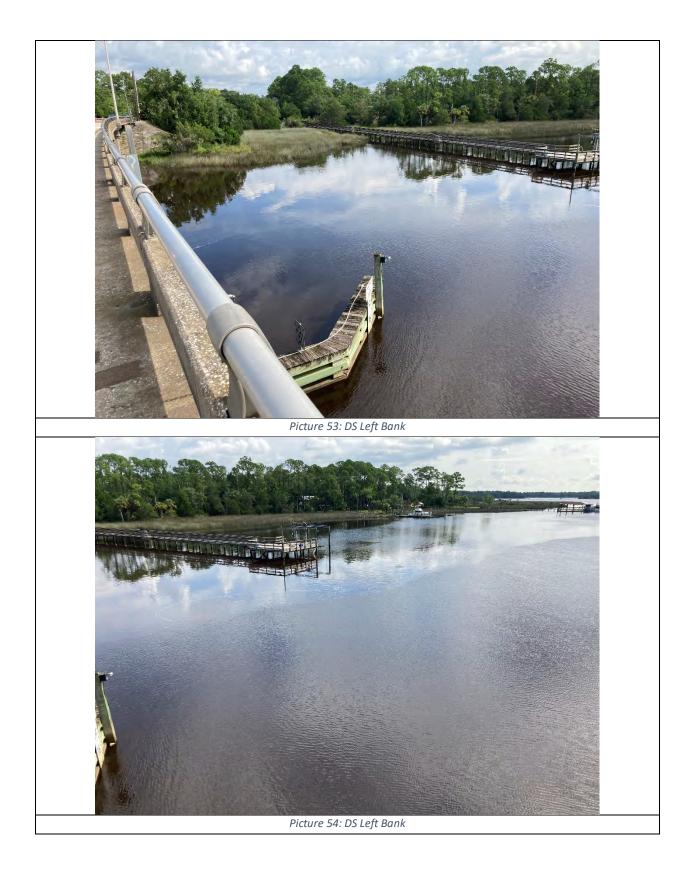




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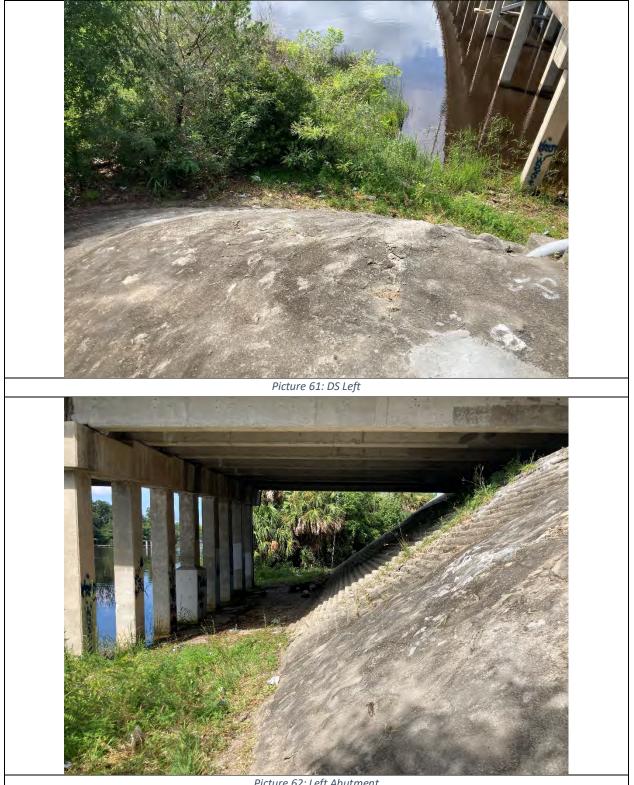






Picture 58: DS Left Slope





Picture 62: Left Abutment





Picture 66: US Face





Picture 70: Bridge Section Looking Right





Picture 74: Bridge Section Looking Right

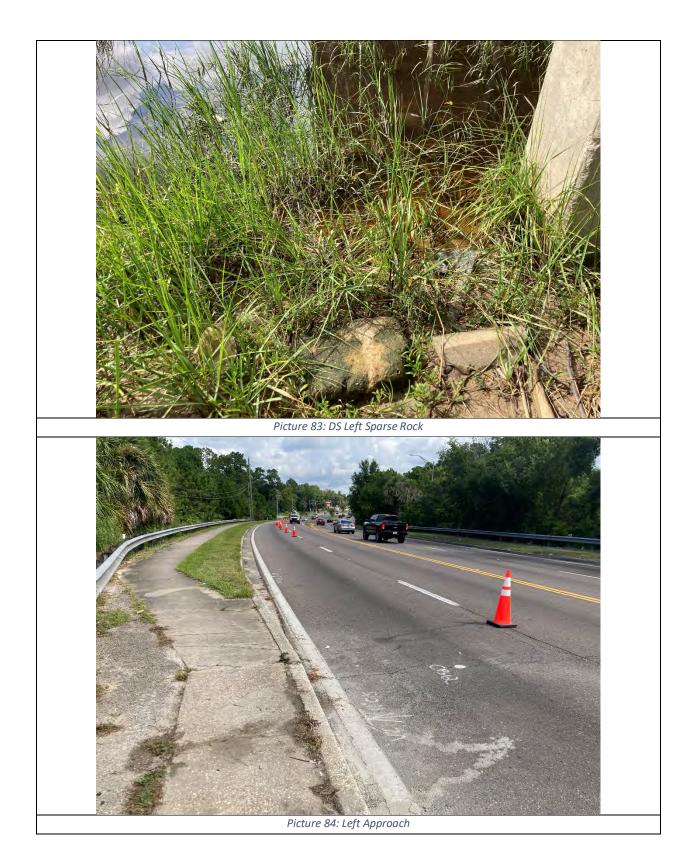






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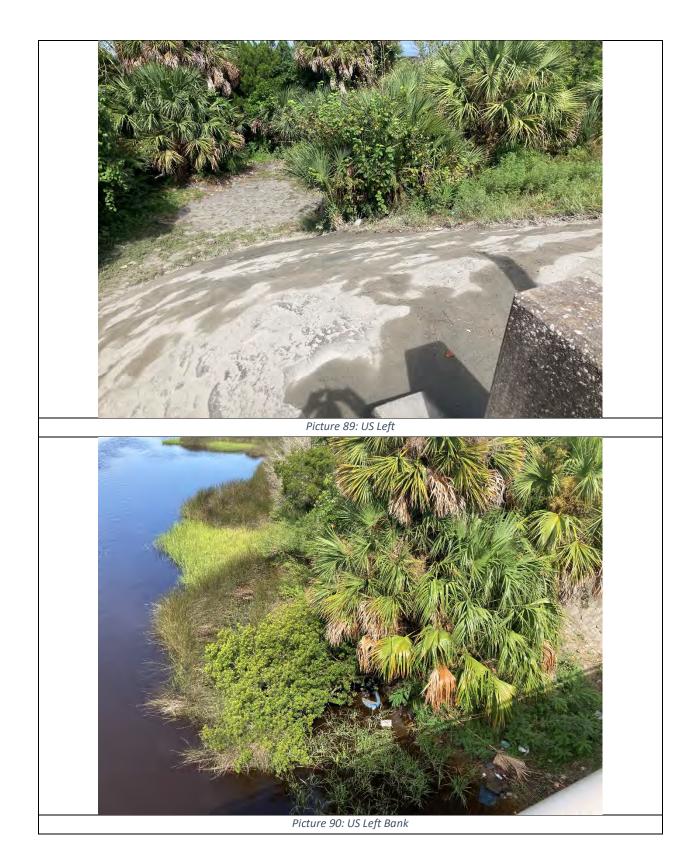


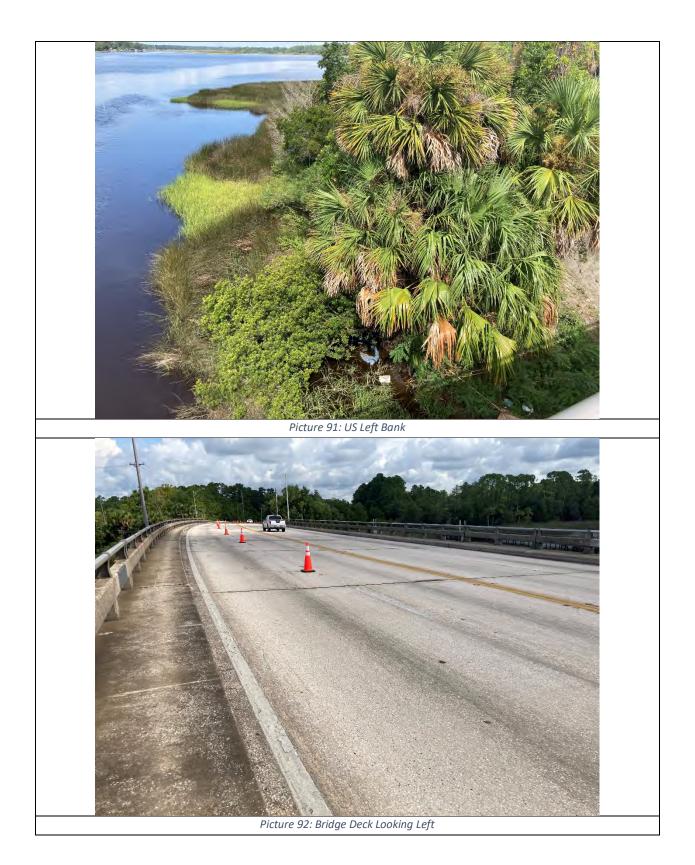


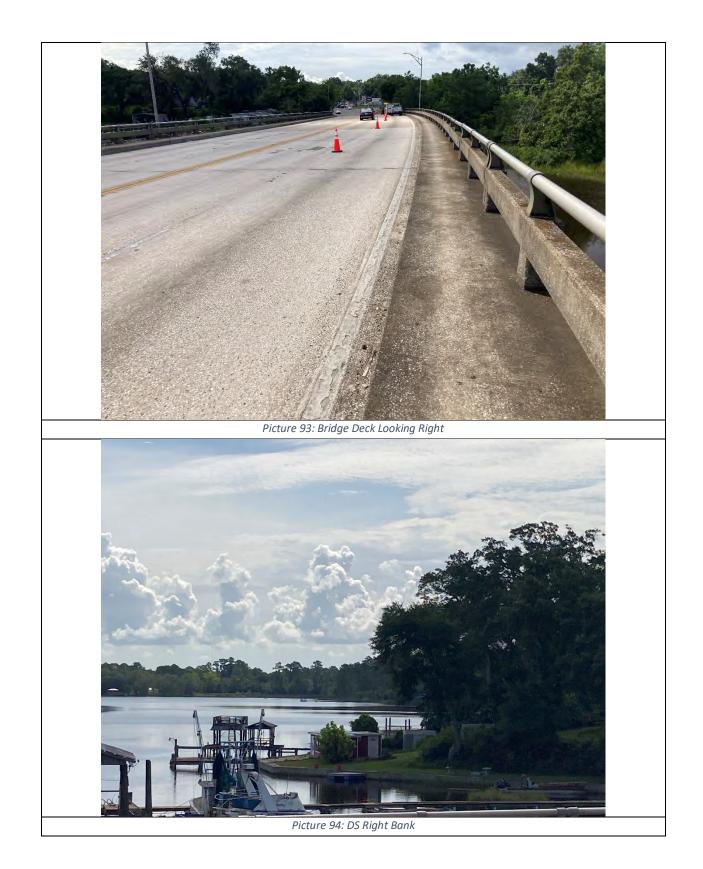


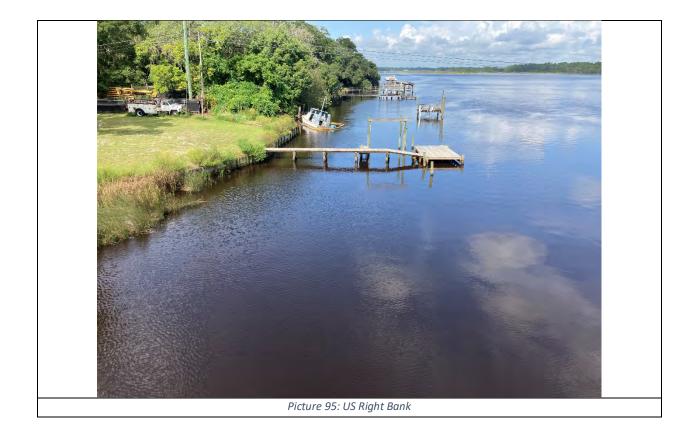
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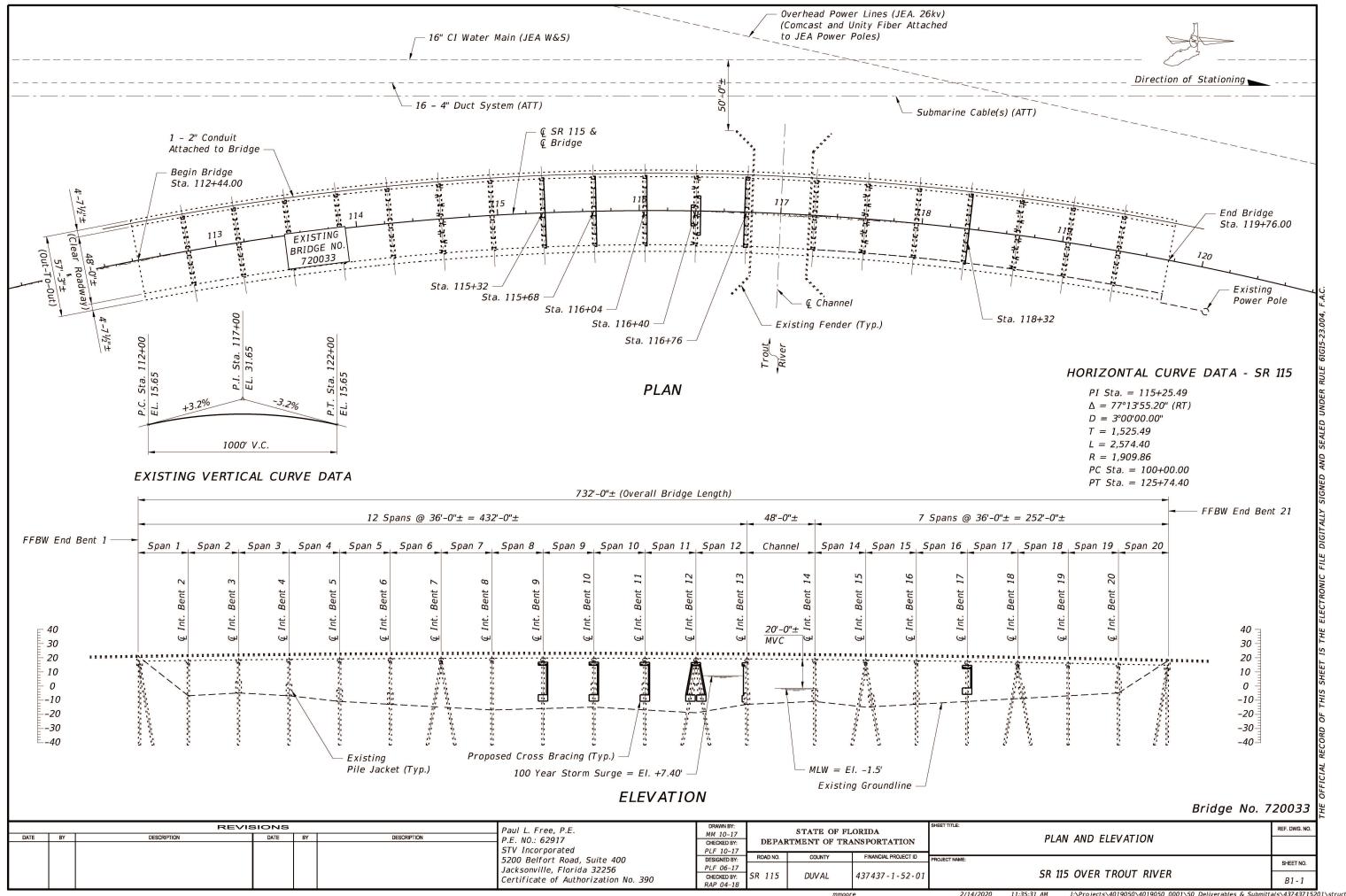




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> Appendix C: Existing Bridge Plan and Profile



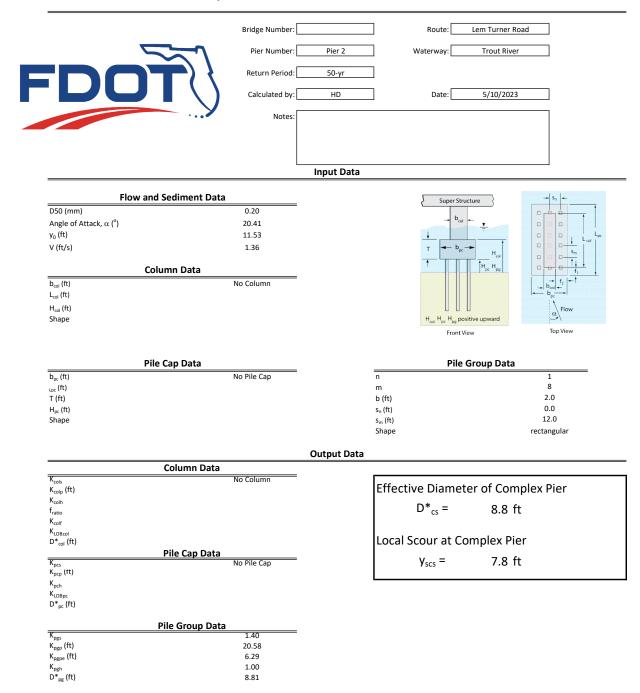
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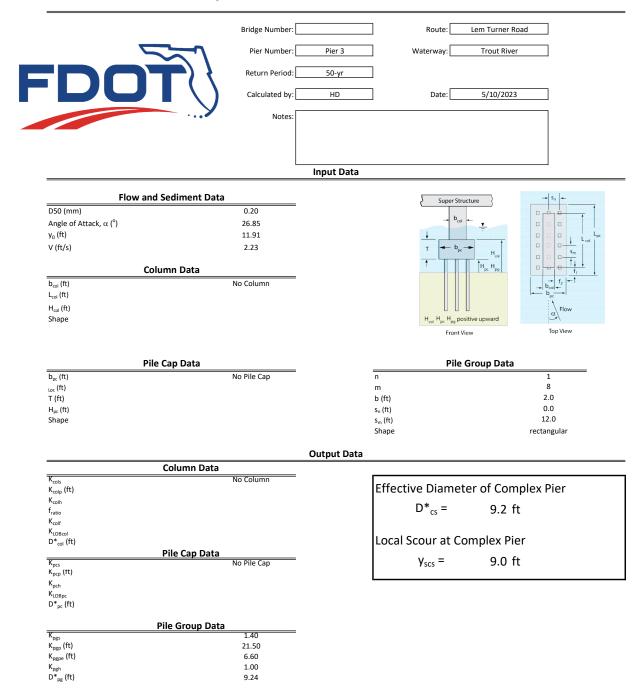
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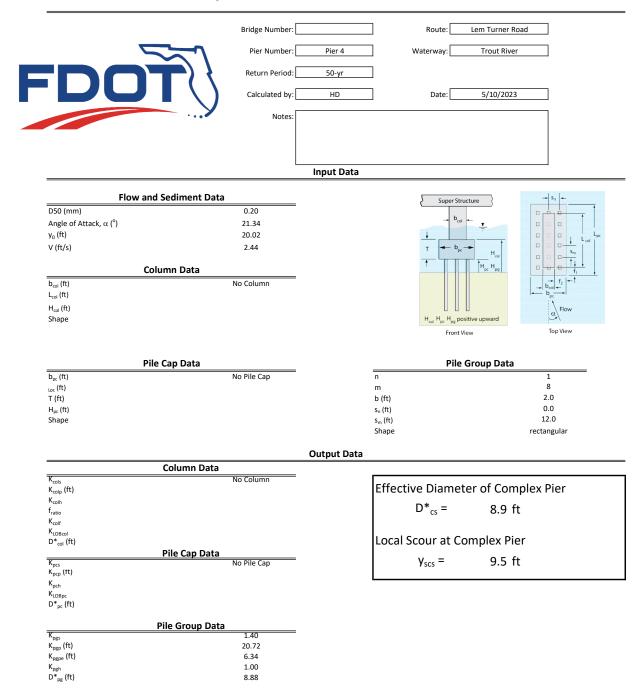
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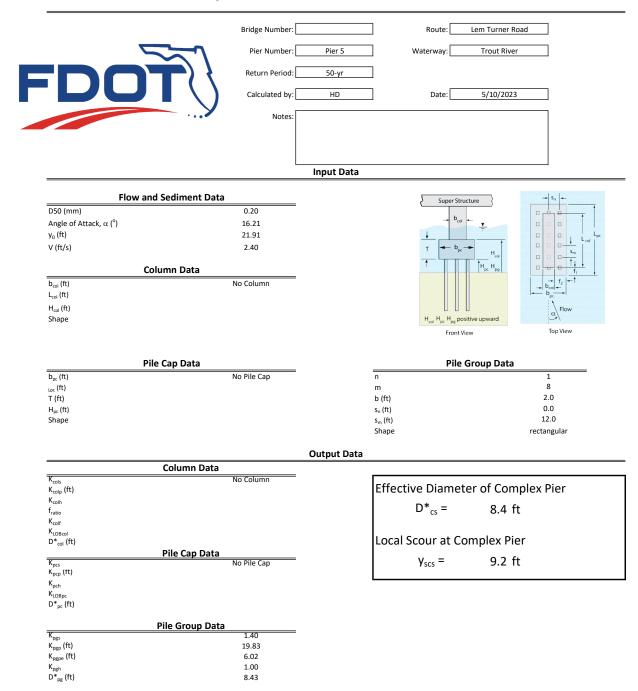
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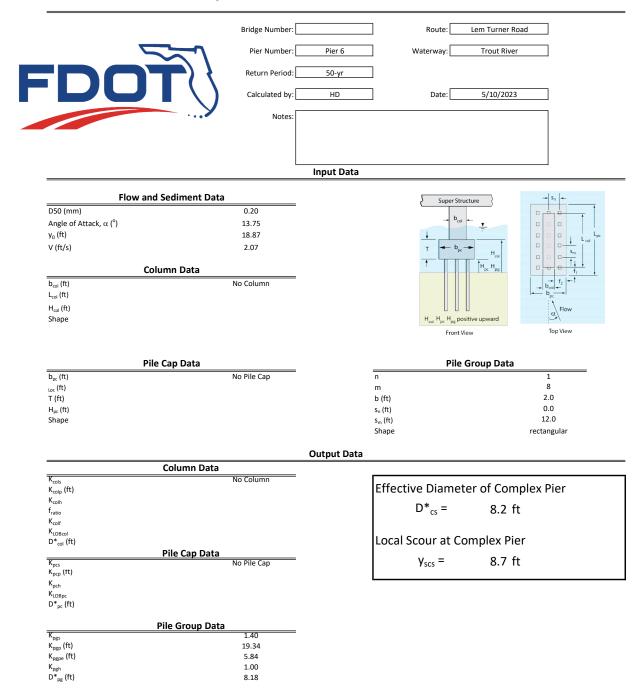
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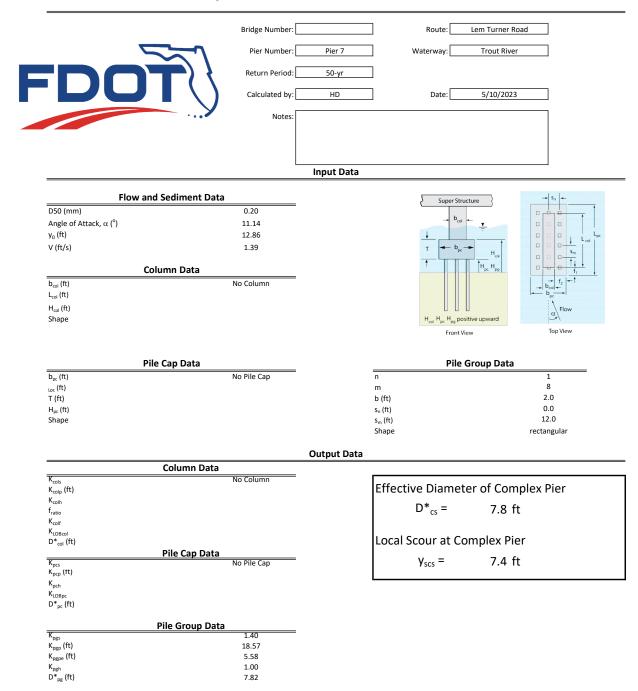


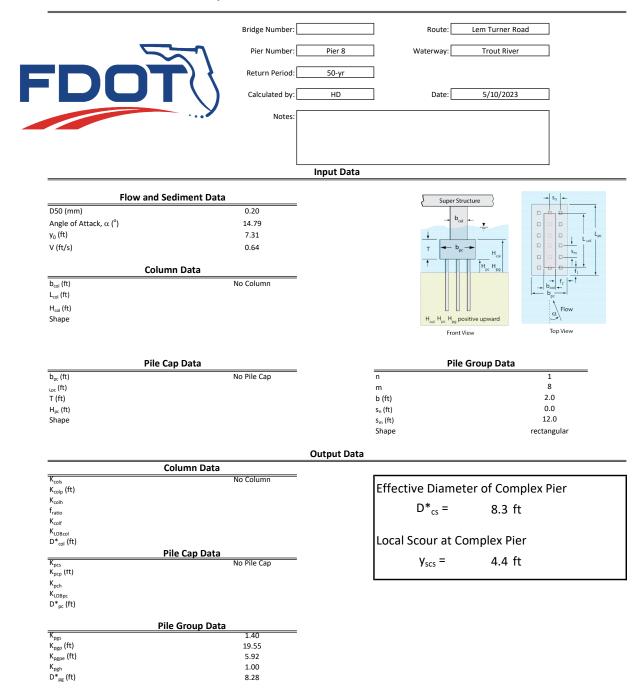


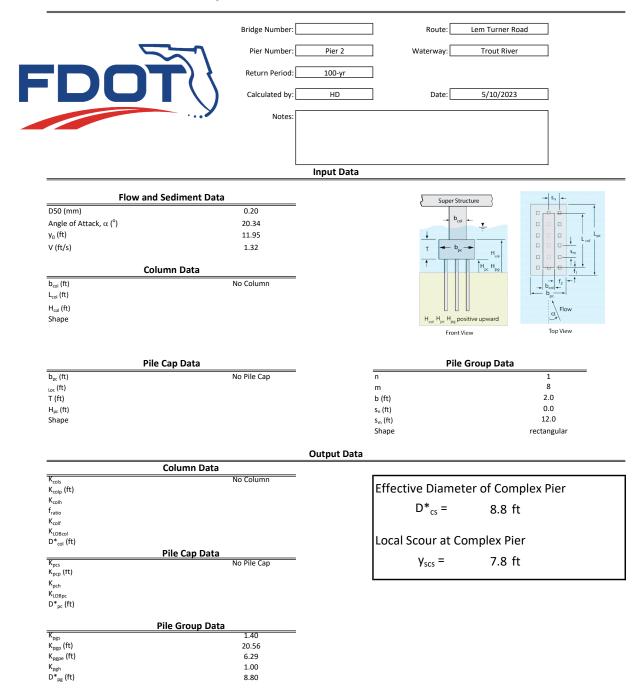


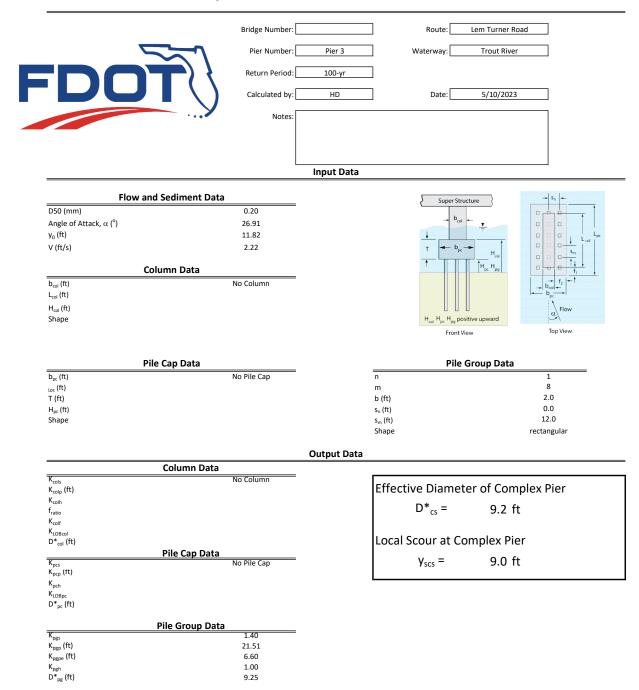


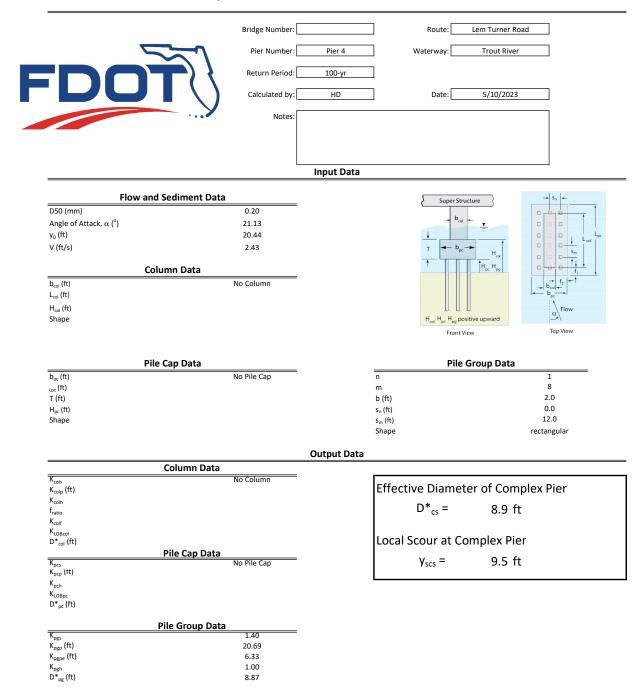


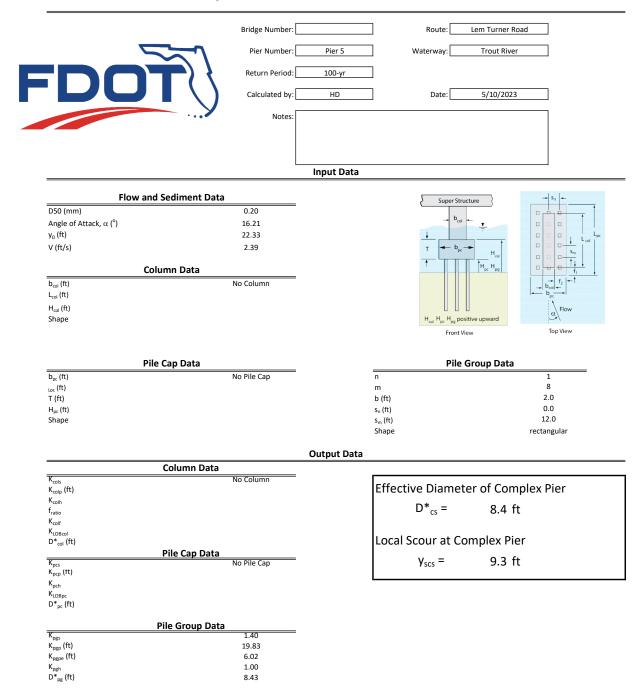


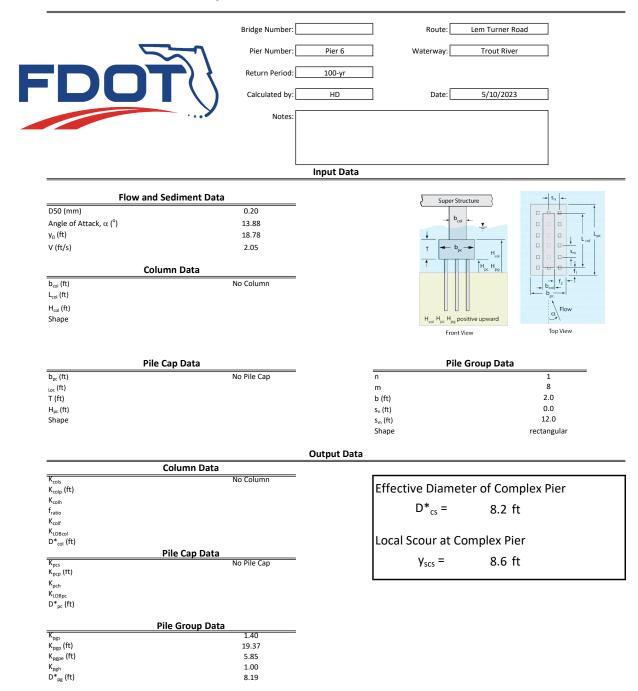


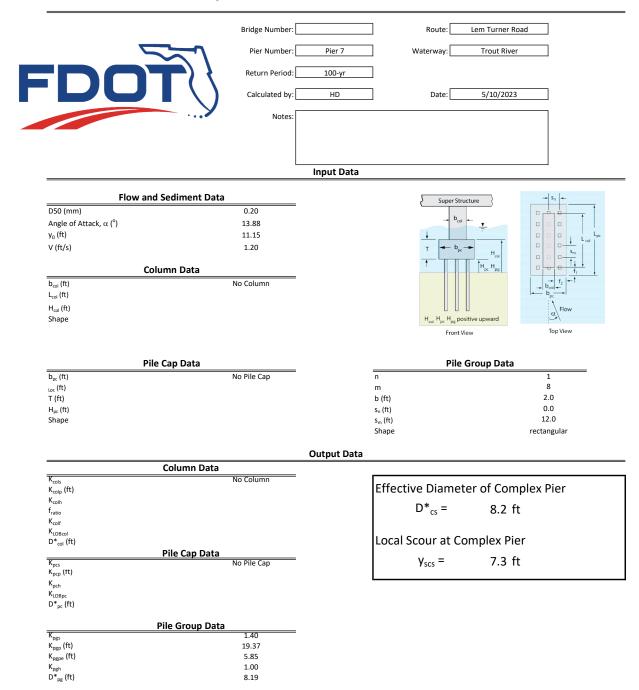


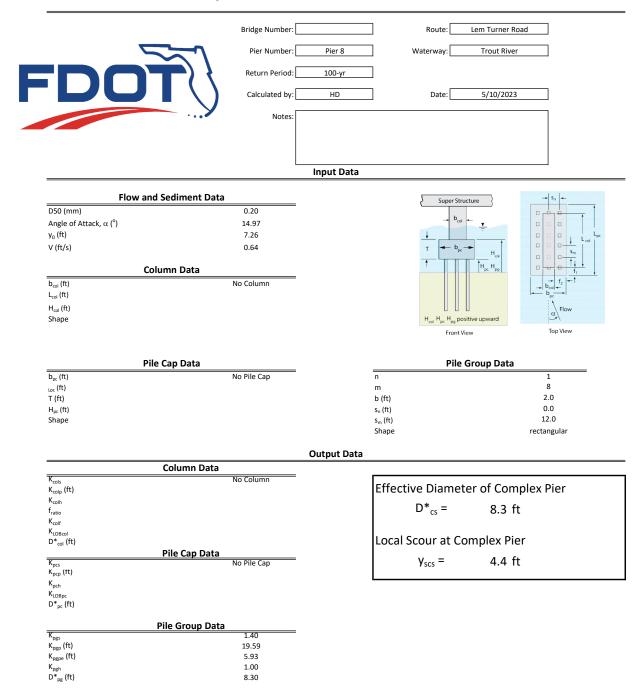


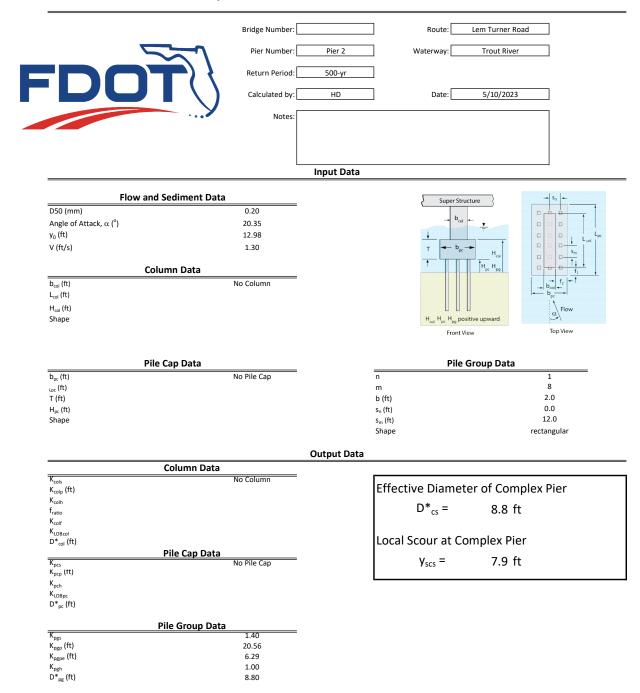


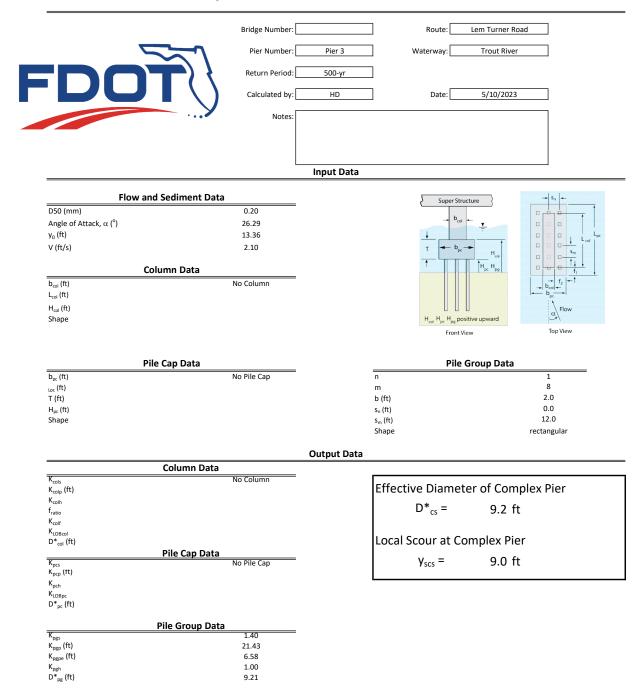


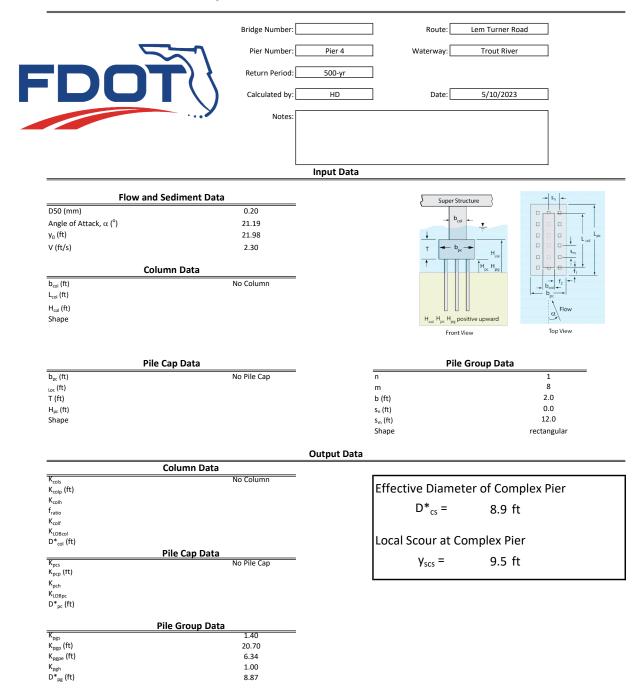


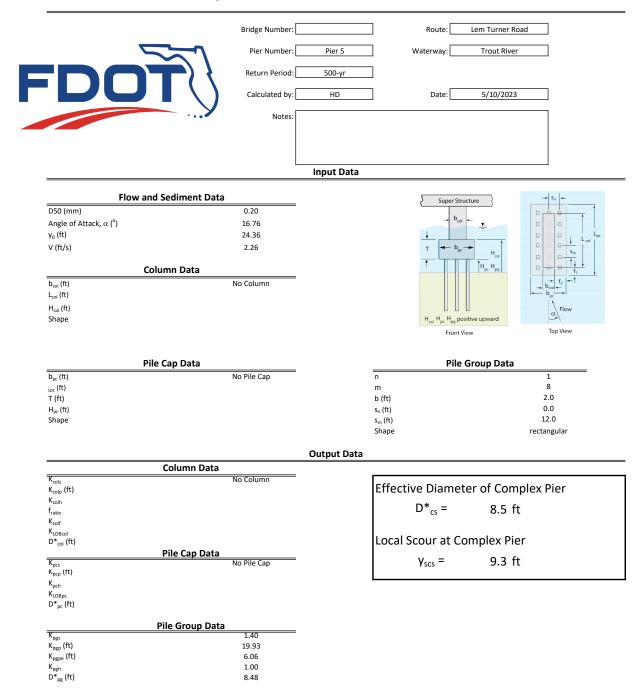


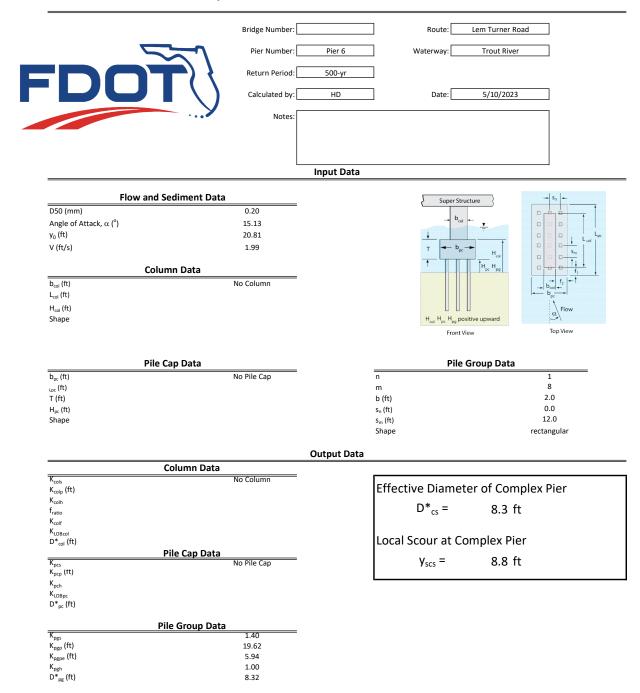


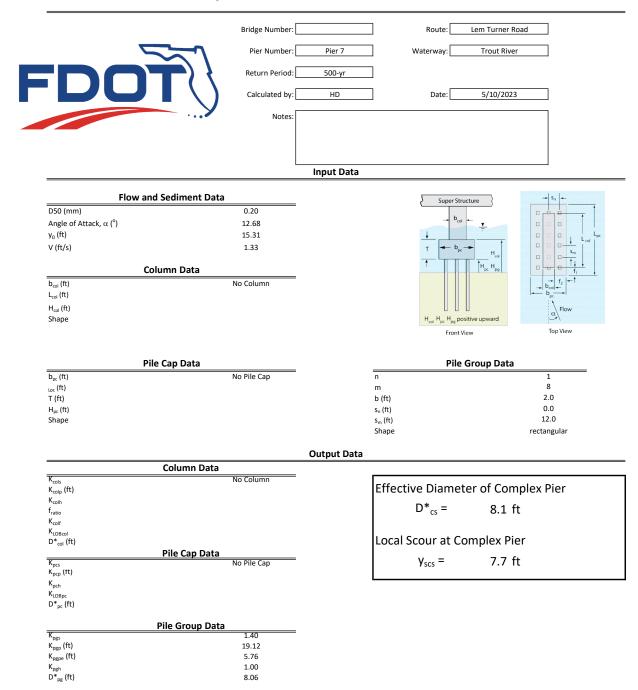


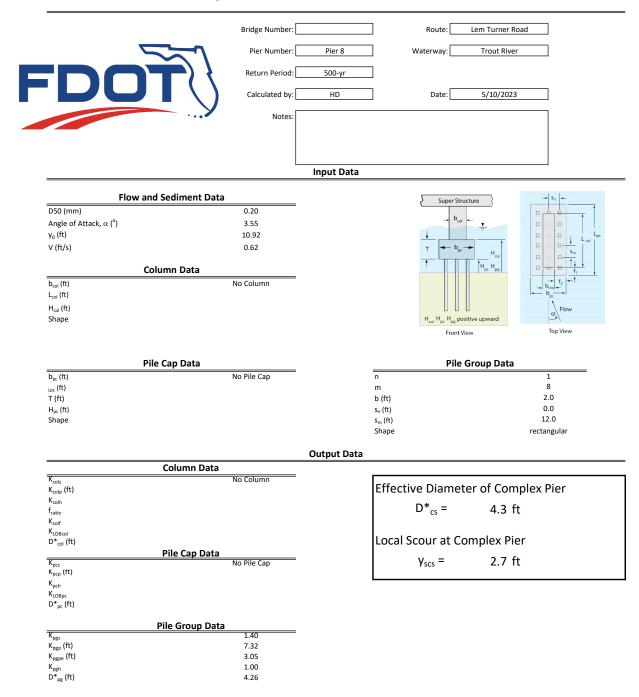












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> Appendix E: Bridge Hydraulics Recommendation Sheet

		PROPOSED STRUCTURE		
(Reference)	(1)	(2) (3)	(4)	
Foundation	Concrete Piles		( )	Concrete Piles
Overall Length	732'			768'
Span Length	36',48'			96'
Type Construction	CONCRETE			CONCRETE
Area of Opening @ D.F.	9084 sq-ft			
Bridge Width	57'-3"			91.83'
Elev. Low Member	+16.2			+10.52
Liev. Low Member				
		HYDRAULIC DESIGN	DATA	
Note:				
generated using highly vari	iable factors determined by a study of th	e watershed. Many judgments and a	assumptions are required to est	be anticipated in any given year. This data was ablish these factors. The resultant hydraulic data is gainst the assumption of precision which cannot be
Terms:				
Overtopping Flood: Causes	ance of being exceeded in any given yea s flow over the highway, over a watershe severe that can be predicted where ove N.H.W. (Non-Tidal)	ed divide, or thru emergency relief st rtopping is not practicable. NA	M.H.W. (Tidal)	+1.06 ft-NAVD88
	Control (Non-Tidal	NA	M.L.W. (Tidal)	-1.52 ft-NAVD88
Flood Data:	Max Event of Record	Design Flood	Base Flood	<ul> <li>Overtopping or</li> <li>Greatest Flood</li> </ul>
Stage Elev. NAVD88 (ft)	UNKNOWN	+5.5	+6.3	+8.6
Discharge (cfs)	NA	15,641	15,641	16,623
Average Velocity (ft/s)	NA	1.8	1.8	2.0
Exceedance Prob. (%)	NA	2	1	0.2
Frequency (yr)	NA	50	100	500
Scour Predictions for propo	osed structure described above:			
Pie	er Information		Total Scour Ele	vation
Numbers	Size and Type	Long Term Scour Elev.	Worst Case < 100 yr.	
TAULIDOIS			Freq. (yr) 100	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
2	24" SQUARE PILES	-19	-19	-19
3	24" SQUARE PILES	-28	-13	-28
4-6	24" SQUARE PILES	-30	-30	
7	24" SQUARE PILES	-25	-25	-26
8	24" SQUARE PILES	-19	-19	
0		15	-15	15

I. Begin Bridge Station	Station 17+49.75				HYDRAULIC RECOMMENDATIC End Bridge Station				25+17.75			Skew Angle0	
2. Clearance Provided: N	Nav: Horiz.	96	Vert.	18.51	Above El.	+2.06	Drift:	Horiz.	96	Vert.	5.02	Above El.	+5.5
3. Minimum Clearance: N 4. Abutments:	Nav: Horiz.	10	Vert.	6	Above El.	+2.06	Drift:	Horiz.	-	Vert.	2.0'	Above El.	+5.5
Begin Bridge							End Bridge						
Rubble Grade:			BANK AND SHORE						BANK AND SHORE				
Slope:			2H:1V				2H:1V						
Buried or Non-Buried Horiz. Toe:			HORIZONTAL Non-Buried				-	. <u> </u>	HORIZONTAL Non-Buried				
Toe Horiz. Distance:			10'-0" MIN					-	10'-0" MIN				
Limit of Protection			15'-0" MIN TO STA: 17+34.75				15'-0" MIN TO STA: 25+32.75						
5. Deck Drainage: <u>The bridg</u>	je will drain dire	ctly into th	e waterw	ay followir	ng the cross-slo	ope.							
Remarks: Navigational clea	arance is calcula	ted above	e MHW +	Sea Leve	l Rise								