Civil & Coastal Bottom Side Grouting of Engineering Drilled Shafts Prior to Tip Grouting

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Scope

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Increase Axial Capacity of Drilled Shafts in Florida's Sands and Silts (i.e., Cohesionless Soils) through Side and Tip Grouting

Tasks:

- Design Side Grouting System
- Small Scale Shaft Test to Evaluate Side Grout System
- Larger Scale Test Shaft (3'x25') in FDOT Test Chamber (Controlled Test)
 - Monitor Soil and Shaft Stresses and Load Transfer
 - Excavate and Evaluate Side and Tip Grouting Process
- Full Scale Test Shaft at Keystone Heights Florida (3.5'x25') (Field Conditions)
- Develop Design Approach for Side and Tip Grouted Drilled Shafts in Cohesionless Soils

Why Grout a Drilled Shaft in Civil & Coastal Cohesionless Soils?

Out of the Various Deep Foundation Types, Drilled Shafts have one of the Lowest Unit Side Resistance and Unit End Bearing in Cohesionless Soils.

For Example

Driven Concrete Pile Perimeter = 40' N=30 $f_s = 1,150 \text{ (psf)}$ $q_t = 96 \text{ (tsf)}$ VS. Drilled Shaft

Perimeter = 40'N = 30 $f_s = 850 \text{ (psf)}$ $q_t = 18 \text{ (tsf)}$



Introduction of Tip Grouting Drilled Shaft Tip Resistance – FHWA

Un-Grouted Shaft

Conventional Base Grouted Shaft

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Reese and O'Neill, 1988 (Left); Thiyyakkandi et. al., 2013b (Right)

Tip Grout Flow Conventional Tip Grouting

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No Tip Grout Bulb

Mullins and Winters, 2004

Skin Resistance After Side Grouting

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Thiyyakkandi et. al., 2013b (Right)

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Soil Stresses Side & Tip Grouting



Design of Side & Tip Grouting System

Internal Grout Delivery System for Side Grouting

Impermeable Side Membrane

Membrane Seals

Tube-a-Manchette



Internal Grout Delivery System for Tip Grouting



Membrane Seal Design

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Testing Design of Seals using Water Over 100 psi in Ground with No Leaks







Short Shaft (3' x 6') Construction of Side & Tip Grout

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Membrane Seal

Side Grout Tubes

RHDPP Membrane



Short Shaft (3' x 6') Shaft Construction – FDOT Test Chamber

Membrane Seal







No Upward Grout Flow

Volume of Grout (Gallons)



Short Shaft (3' x 6') Summary & Conclusion

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Membrane Seal Prevented Concrete Flow to the Outside of Side Membrane

Side Grouting Prior to Tip Grouting Increases stresses in Vicinity of Shaft Tip



Grouted Membrane Seal & Side Membrane Prevented Grout Flow in the Upwards Direction during Side Grouting

Increased Stresses due Side Grouting Leads to Cavity Expansion 14 during Tip Grouting

Long Shaft (3' x 25') FDOT Test Chamber – Soil Placement Civil & Coastal Engineering

Test Soil: A-2-4 (Silty Sand – from FDOT Borrow Pit in Lake City, FL)

18 Inch Soil Lifts
8% Moisture Content
50% Relative Density
γ ≈ 110 Ib/ft³ & Φ' ≈ 33°

Estimated SPT Blow Counts:

3 – 5 at 8 ft Depth (Middle of Side Grout Zone) $_{15}$

15 – 20 at 25 ft Depth (Tip Grout Zone)





Long Shaft (3' x 25') FDOT Test Chamber – Pressure Cells



Long Shaft (3' x 25') FDOT Test Chamber – Casing & Soil Lifts Engineering



Monitoring Density & Moisture Content (Performed by SMO) Placement of Casing, Soil Lifts, & Pressure Cells in Test Chamber





Long Shaft (3' x 25') Pressure Cell Data during Side Grouting Civil & Coastal Engineering





Pressure Cells at Depth of 21.5' (Middle of Side Grouted Zone)







Long Shaft (3' x 25') Strain Data during Tip Grouting



(650 psi Grout Pressure & 1267 in² Tip Area)

Long Shaft (3' x 25') Top-Down Test Civil & Coastal Engineering









Long Shaft (3' x 25') Civil & Coastal Load vs. Displacement (Top-Down Test) Engineering & Exhumed Side & Tip Grouted Shaft





Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25')Civil & CoastalFDOT Test Site – Layout (Piles, Shafts,EngineeringIn Situ tests)Engineering





Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') FDOT Test Site – Stratigraphy

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SAMPLE	SAMPLE	PERCENT	Percent Passing						ORGAN	AASHTO	UNIFIED	SPT
NUMBER	DEPTH (ft)	MOISTURE	#10	#40	#60	#100	#200	LL / PI	%	CLASS	CLASS	N-Value
B11												
1	1.0 - 2.5	15.9	100	98.3	92.9	48.3	33.1	26/11		A-2-6	SC	5
2	2.5 - 4.0	17.9	100	97.8	94.4	72.6	60.3	50/34		A-7-6	СН	7
3	4.0 - 5.5	33.5	100	99.1	98.3	90.4	86.2	72/51		A-7-6	СН	5
4	5.5 - 7.0	108.2	100	00.0	02.0	E1 2	20 6	25/12	1 /	٨.6	60	6
5	7.0 - 8.5	14.9	100	99.0	95.9	51.5	50.0	23/12	1.4	A-0	50	7
6	8.5 - 10.0	19.7	100	99.5	94.8	26.7	7.8	N.P.		A-3	SP-SM	6
7	13.5 - 15.0	28.8	100	99.9	96.7	22.5	3.6	N.P.		A-3	SP	5
8	18.5 - 20.0	27.6	100	100	99.0	32.3	5.1	N.P.		A-3	SP-SM	19
9	23.5 - 25.0	28.8	100	100	97.6	21.2	4.0	N.P.	2.7	A-3	SP	13
10	28.5 - 30.0	27.1	100	99.3	95.8	29.5	3.8	N.P.	2.8	A-3	SP	27
11	33.5 - 35.0	26.2	100	99.0	90.6	23.2	5.2	N.P.	2.5	A-3	SP-SM	54
12	38.5 - 40.0	28.3	100	99.3	94.4	24.5	4.6	N.P.		A-3	SP	84



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Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') FDOT Test Site – Soil Properties





Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') FDOT Test Site – Push-In Pressure Cells



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Construction of Side & Tip Grout Systems





Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Shaft Construction – FDOT Test Site



Pressurized Membrane Seal



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Construction Timeline

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Completed Shaft Construction & All Grouting in 2 Weeks

- Grout Membrane Seals (24 hr.)
- Grout Side Membrane (4 & 6 Days)
- Grout Tip (13 Days after Shaft Construction)



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Side Grouting





Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Tip Grouting



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Strain Data during Tip Grouting



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Top-Down Test

Reaction Shafts 48" x 55'







Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Strain Data during Top-Down Test Measured Mobilized Force

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Recall during Tip Grouting ~ 713 kip Acting along Side Grouted Zone ~ 800 kip Mobilized End Bearing 61% of Applied Load Carried by Side Grouted Zone

Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25')Civil & CoastalLoad vs. Displacement & LoadEngineeringDistribution during Top-Down TestEngineering



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Statnamic Load Test – Additional Instrumentation

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Grout Delivery

Strain gages

Accelerometer





Grout Pump



Grout Instrumentation (i.e., Embedded)

Grout Cap



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Statnamic Load Test

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Set Up Catch Frame & Place Reaction Weights (Dead Load)



Perform Statnamic Load Test (2,550 kip Total Statnamic Load)







Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Unloading Point Method (Middendorp, 1992) **Civil & Coastal** Engineering

1.45" Displacement (~ 3.5% Diameter)



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') **Civil & Coastal** Load Distribution during Statnamic Load Engineering Test



Side Grout Zone ~ 1,350 kip

Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Force & Energy Method (Tran & McVay, 2012)

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Total Static Resistance: 1,300 kip + 1,400 kip \approx 2,700 kip (Tip) (Total Side) Static End Bearing (Tip) ~ 1,300 kip Balance Force & Energy

Static Side Resistance

Match Force & Velocity

- Above Side Grouted Zone
- Side Grouted Zone



Field Shaft (3-1/2' x 25') Mobilized Side Resistance along Side Engineering Grouted Zone – Statnamic Load Test

Why a Greater Mobilized Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone during Statnamic Load Test?

1,200 to 1,350 kip during Statnamic Load Test vs. 713 kip during Tip Grouting





Predicted Capacity Ungrouted Drilled Shaft (42" x 25') Civil & Coastal Engineering

Alpha Method



(1) $\alpha = 0$ (if z < 5 ft); $\alpha = 0.55$ (if z > 5 ft); $\alpha = 0$ (bottom of shaft for 1 diameter length & length of casing)

(2) Ultimated Unit Load Transfer in Side Resistance, $f_{su} = \alpha^* C_u$

Beta Method

Layer (#)	Soil Type	Depth (ft)	Depth to Mid-Point of Zone, z (ft)	Avg. Uncorrect ed Blow Count (N- Value)	Vertical Effective Stress, σ _v ' (Ib/ft ²)	(1) Beta Value (β ₀)	(2) Corrected Beta Value (β)	(3) Unit Side Resistance , f _s (kip/ft ²)	Surface Area, A _{side} (ft ²)	Side Resist., qs (kip)	
2	Sand	8 - 15	11.5	5.5	1122	1.0422	0.3821	0.43	77	33	= q
3	Sand	15 - 25	20	16	1636	0.8963	0.8963	1.47	110	161	= q _s
4	Sand	25 - 40	32.5	55	2456	0.7304	0.7304	1.79	N/A	N/A	

(1) $\beta_0 = 1.2$ (if z < 5 ft); $\beta_0 = 1.5 - 0.135V(z)$ (if 5 ft < z < 86 ft); $\beta_0 = 0.25$ (if z > 86 ft)

(2) Corrected Beta,
$$\beta = (N/15)*\beta_0$$
 (if N < 15

(3) Unit Side Resistance, $f_s = \beta^* \sigma_v'$

Predicted Capacity Ungrouted Drilled Shaft (42" x 25')

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Side Resistance above Side Grouted 2	81	$= q_{s1} + q_{s2}$				
Side Resistance along Side Grouted Z	161	= q _{s3}				
Total Side Resistance, Q _{s-Total} (kip)	243	$= q_{s1} + q_{s2} + q_{s3}$				
Tip Area, A _T (in ²)	Aleasured above Side Grouted Zor					
Tip Area, A _T (ft ²) 9.62			• 87 ki • 86 ki	p during Top-Down test		
(1) Avgerage Tip N-Value		↓ ¥				
(2) Unit Tip Resistance, q _T (ton/ft ²) 16.8			5	56 kip		
(3) Tip Resistance, Q _T (kip)		Tc	tal Axial Resistance			
(1) Average N-Value of Soil 1.5*D above Tip	Co	nventional Drilled Shaft				
(2) Unit Tip Resistance (AASHTO 2007), q _T (t	at	2.1" Settlement				
(3) Tip Resistance, Q _T (kip) = A _T (ft ²)*q _T (ton/f	(5	% of Shaft Diameter)				

Recall Mobilized Resistance of Side & Tip Grouted Shaft: Side Grouted Zone: 713 kip Mobilized during Tip Grouting vs. 161 kip End Bearing: 1,300 kip Mobilized during Statnamic Test vs. 323 kip

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(FDOT Soils & Foundations Handbook)Engineering

Tip Area, A _T (ft ²)	9.62
(1) Grouted Tip Area, A _{T-Grouted} (ft ²)	8.30
Avgerage Tip N-Value	28
(2) Unit Tip Resistance, q _{tip} (ton/ft ²)	16.8
Side Resistance, Q _s (ton)	121.5
(3) Maximum Grout Pressure, GP _{max} (ton/ft ²)	12.6
(4) Grout Pressure Index, GPI	0.75
Maximum Displacement, %D (%)	3.6
(5) Tip Capacity Multiplier, TCM	1.67
(6) Grouted Unit Tip Resist., q grouted (ton/ft ²)	27.97
(7) Grouted Tip Resistance Q _t (ton)	232.07
(8) Unitimate Resistance (ton)	353.57

464 kip Total End Bearing Conventional Base Grouted Drilled

Shaft (2x Grouted Tip Resistance)

Recall Mobilized Resistance of Side & Tip Grouted Shaft: End Bearing: 1,300 kip Mobilized during Statnamic Test vs. 464 kip Total Resistance: ~ 2,700 kip Mobilized during Statnamic Test vs. 707 kip

Predicted Capacity Civil & Coastal Engineering **Side & Tip Grouted Drilled Shaft Resistance of Side Grouted Zone - K**_a Method (Thiyyakkandi & McVay, 2013) (2) Post (3) Post Post Grout Vertical Grout Grout Unit (4) Post Depth to Effective Vertical Surface Side Grout Side Mid-Point Peak Resist., fs3. Resist., 953. Stress, ov Stress, ove Area, Ase of Soil Soil Laver Friction (ft^2) (lb/ft^2) (lb/ft^2) Layer (ft) Depth (ft) (#) Angle, ϕ_{e} (1) K. Ke (kip/ft²) Kg (kip) = q_{s3-Kg} 4.40 689 15 - 25 41.2 156.69 1636 1.85 3027 3 20 (5) Total Side Resistance (Post Side Grout), Qse-Total-Ke = = 689 + 81 kips (1) Use $\phi_c = \phi_u = 36.2^\circ$ (See Plot Below) 770 (2) Post Side Grout Vertical Effective Stress, σ_{ve}' = K_e*σ_v' Kg (3) Post Grout Unit Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone, f_{s3-ke} = σ_{ve}'*[sinφ_p/(1-sinφ_p)]*sin(90-φ_p) 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 (4) Post Grout Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone, qs3-Kg = fs3-Kg*Asg (5) Total Side Resistance after Side Grouting, Qse-Total-Kg = Qs-above + qs3-Kg 2 3 Depth (m) **Recall Mobilized Side Resistance along** 5 6 Side Grouted Zone during Tip Grouting: 7 8 713 kip Observed vs. 686 kip Predicted 0 $\Phi_{c} = 31^{\circ} 33^{\circ} 35^{\circ} 37^{\circ}$ 10 ♦ FE analysis (\$\Phi c=31°) ■ FE analysis (\$c=33°) 52 ▲ FE analysis (\$c=35°) From pressure cell data

Back calculated from pile's unit skin friction

Predicted CapacityCivil & CoastalSide & Tip Grouted Drilled ShaftEngineeringResistance of Side Grouted Zone - PMT MethodFDOT BDK-545 #31, 2009)

Residual Stress (Bar)	Residual Stress (Ib/in ²)	Peak Friction Angle, φ _p	Post Grout Surface Area, A _{sg} (ft ²)	(1) Unit Side Resist. along Side Grouted Zone, f₅3- PMT (ksf)	(2) Friction along Side Grouted Zone, q ₅₃ . _{PMT} (kip)	(3) Total Side Resist., Q _{eg-Total-PMT} (kip)	
3.5	50.76	41.2	156.69	4.74	743	824	= 743 + 81 kips

(1) Post Grout Unit Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone, $f_{s_B-PMT} = ("Residual Stress")*tan(\delta_i)$

where: Interface Friction Angle, δ_i' = $\Delta_i{}^*\varphi_p$ = 33°

(2) Post Grout Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone, qs3-PMT = fs3-PMT*Ass

(3) Total Side Resistance after Side Grouting, Qsg-Total-PMT = Qs-above + qs3-PMT

Fully Corrected Pencel Pressuremeter Curve

Recall Mobilized Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone during Tip Grouting: 713 kip Observed vs. 743 kip Predicted



Predicting skin, Tip and Total Capacity of Side and Tip Grouted Shaft



Summary & Conclusions

- Drilled Shafts Constructed in Cohesionless Soils have much Lower Side Resistance & End bearing than Driven Piles
- Side Grouting with Membrane Seals & Impermeable Side Membrane allows for the Development of Cylindrical Cavity Expansion Stresses during Side Grouting Processes
 - Increasing both Lateral and Vertical Stresses around the Side Grouted Zone as Side Membrane Expands Outwards
 - Significantly Increasing the Mobilized Side Resistance along the Side Grouted Zone
 - Increased Unit Skin Friction
 - Increased Surface Area



Summary & Conclusions

- Required Side & Tip Grout Pressures may be Easily Estimated from Cavity Expansion Charts (Salgado, 2001)
- Estimated Axial Side Resistance along the Side Grout Zone from K_g or PMT Method(s) (Thiyyakkandi & McVay, 2012)
- Maximum Tip Grout Pressure is Limited by available Shaft Resistance to Upwards Movement during Tip Grouting
 - (1) Side Resistance of the Side Grouted Shaft (FHWA Side Resistance along Un-Grouted Portion; K_g or PMT Method along Grouted Portion; Weight of Side Grouted Shaft)
 - (2) Spherical Cavity Expansion Limit Pressure (Salgado, 2001)
 *Use Smaller of (1) or (2)

Summary & Conclusions

- Design Estimated Capacity of Side & Tip Grouted Drilled Shafts in Cohesionless Soils is the Sum of:
 - FHWA Side Resistance along Un-Grouted Portion of Shaft
 - K_g or PMT Method for Side Resistance along Side Grouted Zone
 - Estimated Tip Grout Pressure x Cross-Sectional Area of Side Grouted Zone



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Thank You Questions?



