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| Project: | Project Development & Environme SR A1A Over Sebastian Inlet – Br Indian River County and Brevard | ent Study idge 8800 County | 005 Bridge Replacement |

FPID No.: 445618-1-22-02

SUBJECT: SEASONAL HIGH GROUNDWATER TABLE (SHGWT)

INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT or Department) District Four is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the replacement of the Sebastian Inlet Bridge (No. 880005) crossing the Sebastian Inlet (Inlet) located at the Indian River County and Brevard County boundary.

A geotechnical study was completed to provide shallow subsurface (soils and groundwater) information and provide geotechnical recommendations to support the project PD&E study.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Sebastian Inlet Bridge (Bridge) is a 1,548-foot long concrete structure with two-lanes carrying State Road (SR) A1A over the Inlet at the Indian River and Brevard County boundary (Figure 1). The Bridge is located within FDOT and Sebastian Inlet District (SID) Commission right-of-way (ROW) and is adjacent to the Sebastian Inlet State Park. The project limits extend approximately 0.95 miles from Mile Post 22.050 of Roadway ID 88070000 south of the Bridge in Indian River County north to Mile Post 0.300 of Roadway ID 70060000 in Brevard County.

METHODOLOGY

In order to determine the Seasonal High Groundwater Table (SHGWT) for the project limits, a field reconnaissance and geotechnical borings were completed along with a review of existing data including USDA SCS Soil Survey maps, USGS topographic maps, existing plans, and data from St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) permits.

Prior to commencing the subsurface explorations, a boring location plan (Attachment A) was generated based on project information, engineering judgment, and guidelines provided in the "Soils and Foundations Handbook" published by the FDOT. The geotechnical field exploration conducted for the bridge structure consisted of drilling four (4) Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings on land. The land borings were drilled to 100 feet below existing grade. Two (2) SPT borings will be completed in water at approximate locations close to the proposed bridge replacement.





SEASONAL HIGH GROUNDWATER

The groundwater table, when encountered, was measured at the boring locations during field exploration. In the land borings, groundwater was encountered at the depth of 5 to 9.33 feet below existing ground surface [i.e., elevation -0.07 to -2.46 feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD)]. Fluctuations in depth to groundwater should be anticipated. Groundwater levels within the project areas are likely influenced by the levels of both the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean (tidally influenced). The groundwater table levels measured are presented in Table 1 and shown on the "Report of Core Borings" sheets adjacent to the soil profiles (Attachment B). The depth to the seasonal high water table/groundwater table is measured from the surface elevation plus the depth below NAVD.

| BORING NUMBER | BORING DEPTH (FEET) | STATION | OFFSET (FEET) | SURFACE ELEVATION | SHWT/GWT* (FEET) |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| B-1 | 60 | 812+44.75 | 29 RT | 4.81 | 5.1 |
| B-2 | 100 | 812+25.50 | 28 LT | 4.62 | 5.1 |
| B-3 | 100 | 815+85.50 | 34 RT | 6.87 | 9.0 |
| B-6 | 100 | 823+06.00 | 28 LT | 3.95 | 6.0 |
| B-7 | 100 | 826+86.00 | 44 LT | 6.35 | 9.3 |
| B-8 | 60 | 831+86.00 | 29 LT | 4.43 | 7.2 |

TABLE 1. GROUNDWATER DATA

*SHWT/GWT: Seasonal High Water Table/Groundwater Table

Permits that have been issued by the SJRWMD near the project area include the concession building located north of the Sebastian Inlet and east of SR A1A, one shoreline stabilization permit following a hurricane event, and turn lane improvements on SR A1A at the Sebastian Inlet Day-Use Park.

Concession Building (Permit No. 42-009-75850-5): Data from the concession building permit indicates the groundwater levels measured during geotechnical field investigation ranged from 13 to 14.5 feet below the existing ground surface in the SPT borings. Based on the site conditions, boring logs, rainfall data, and drainage characteristics, the normal seasonal high groundwater level at the boring locations was estimated to be approximately at the groundwater levels measured at the time of the geotechnical field exploration. Fluctuations in groundwater levels should be anticipated throughout the year due to seasonal variations in rainfall and other environmental and manmade factors.

SR A1A at the Sebastian Inlet Day-Use Park Turn Lane Improvements (Permit No. 42-061-100728-2): Data from the turn lane improvements permit indicates the groundwater levels measured during geotechnical field investigation ranged from 2.6 to 5.3 feet below the existing ground surface in the borings. Borings were drilled to depths of about 6 feet below the existing ground surface to explore the shallow soil and groundwater conditions along the proposed roadway alignment. Given the well-draining characteristics of the soils and the close proximity of



the Indian River and Atlantic Ocean, the normal seasonal high groundwater level at the boring locations was estimated to be approximately at the groundwater levels measured at the time of the geotechnical field exploration. Fluctuations in groundwater levels should be anticipated throughout the year due to seasonal variations in rainfall and other environmental and manmade factors.

Sebastian Inlet Shoreline Stabilization (Permit No. 40-061-40538-6): Data from the shoreline stabilization improvements located on the south side of the Sebastian Inlet indicates the groundwater levels measured during geotechnical field investigation ranged from 3.6 to 6.5 feet below the existing ground surface in the borings. Borings were drilled in proximity to the water's edge to a depth of 15 feet below the existing ground surface to explore the shallow soil and groundwater conditions along the proposed roadway alignment. Given the well-draining characteristics of the soils and the close proximity of the Indian River and Atlantic Ocean, the normal seasonal high groundwater levels measured at the time of the geotechnical field exploration. Fluctuations in groundwater levels should be anticipated throughout the year due to seasonal variations in rainfall and other environmental and manmade factors.

SUMMARY

Based on the site conditions, boring logs, rainfall data, and drainage characteristics, the normal seasonal high groundwater level at the boring locations was estimated to be approximately at the groundwater levels measured at the time of the geotechnical field exploration. Fluctuations in groundwater levels should be anticipated throughout the year and will vary with environmental variation and seasonal condition, such as the frequency and magnitude of rainfall patterns, as well as man-made influences such as paved parking areas, drainage swales, drainage ponds, and under drains. In this project corridor, groundwater will be largely impacted by the tidal water levels of the Sebastian Inlet.

ATTACHMENT A

Sebastian Inlet Bridge Boring Location Plan



ATTACHMENT B

Sebastian Inlet Bridge Geotechnical Report of Core Borings



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