REPORT OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Aurora State Airport Septic Drain Field lmprovements for HDSE Sewer System Aurora, Oregon Project. AronFA-2-01

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Attention: Aron Faegre

Report of Geotechnical Engineering Services Aurora State Airport Septic Drain Field lmprovements for HDSE Sewer System Aurora, Oregon Project: AronFA-2-01

NVS is pleased to present this report of geotechnical engineering services for subgrade improvements atop a proposed septic drain field for the HDSE sewer system in the runway safety area at the southern end of the Aurora State Airport located in Aurora, Oregon. Our services were conducted in accordance with our proposal dated August 26,2021,

We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to you. Please call if you have questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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Brett A. Shipton, P.E., G.E. Principal Engineer

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

NV5 is pleased to submit this report of geotechnical engineering services for improving the subgrade atop a future drain field located at the southern end of the runway at the Aurora State Airport located in Aurora, Oregon. The same solution could be used for the existing drain fields if needed. Figure 1 shows the site relative to existing physical features.

The proposed drain fields are located in the runway safety area (RSA). The FAA Advisory Circular AC No. 150/5300-134 states that RSA be should be capable, "under dry conditions, of supporting snow removal equipment, aircraft rescue and fire fighting . . . equipment, and the occasional passage of aircraft without causing damage to the aircraft." lt also states, "Compaction of RSAs must comply with Specification P-152, Excavation, Subgrade and Embankment, found in AC 150/5370-10."

According to the FAA Airport Construction Standards (AC150/5370-10) ltem P-152, the subgrade outside of paved areas must be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D698. No compaction is required in the top 4 inches of the subgrade, and any soil that has become compacted from construction or other traffic in the upper 4 inches must be scarified to a loose state.

From ltem PL52-2.7:

Areas outside the limits of the pavement areas where the top layer of soil has become compacted by hauling or other Contractor activities shall be scarified and disked to a depth of 4 inches (100 mm), to loosen and pulverize the soil. Stones or rock fragments larger than 4 inches (100 mm) in their greatest dimension will not be permitted in the top 6 inches (150 mm) of the subgrade.

From ltem Pt52-2.6:

"On all areas outside of the pavement areas, no compaction will be required on the top 4 inches (100 mm), which shall be prepared for a seedbed in accordance with ltem T-901, T-906."

From ltem PL52-2.7O:

The subgrade in areas outside the limits of the pavement areas shall be compacted to a depth of 12 inches (300 mm) and to a density of not less than 95 percent of the maximum density as determined by ASTM D698.

Such stringent compaction is not permitted in the soil cover of drain fields, and this study provides recommendations for preparing a subgrade in the RSA over the drain fields that is capable, under dry conditions, of supporting snow removal equipment, aircraft rescue and fire fighting equipment, and the occasional passage of aircraft without causing damage to the aircraft.

2.O PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of our scope was to provide recommendations for improving the soil cover over the drain fields such that it is capable, under dry conditions and without rigorous compaction, of

supporting snow removal equipment, aircraft rescue and fire fighting equipment, and the occasional passage of aircraft without causing damage to the aircraft. Specifically, we have conducted the following tasks:

- a Reviewed information provided to us by Aron Faegre and Associates and other available information in our files.
- a Visited the site to observe the subgrade and conduct the following:
	- r Collected bulk soil samples in order to establish moisture density relationships in accordance with ASTM D698
	- ***** Measured the in situ density at the location of the proposed drain fields in general accordance with ASTM D6938, Procedure A, using a Troxler 3430 nuclear density gauge
	- . Conducted DCP testing in general accordance with ASTM D6951 at the locations shown on Figure 2
- Conducted a laboratory testing program including proctor analyses in accordance with ASTM D698. a
- Provided recommendations for subgrade stabilization that do not require significant compaction of the subgrade soil. a
- Provided calculations showing that the subgrade atop the proposed drain fields can support emergency vehicles and occasional aircraft.
- Documented our findings, conclusions, and recommendations in this report. \bullet

3.0 SITE RECONNAISSANCE

Our site reconnaissance included collecting bulk samples to determine the moisture density relationship of the subgrade soil, conducting DCPs in order to estimate the resilient modulus of the subgrade, and measuring the in situ density of the subgrade soil. Figure 2 shows the locations of sampling and tcsts.

3.1 SOIL SAMPLING

Bulk soil samples were collected from the near-surface soil in the areas of the future drain fields. A moisture density relationship was determined on a combined bulk sample collected from the surface soil in the area of the proposed drain field. Groundcover at the sampling locations consisted of short grass. The vegetation was removed before sampling, and soil below a depth of 4 inches was placed in a sample bucket and transported to NVS's geotechnical laboratory in Wilsonville, Oregon, for testing. The soil was visually classified as silt in accordance with the soil classification system presented in Figure 3. A moisture density test was performed on the bulk sample in general accordance with ASTM D698. The test results are presented in Appendix A.

3.2 DCP TESTING

We performed DCP testing in general accordance with ASTM D6951 to estimate subgrade resilient modulus (M_r) at the locations shown on Figure 2. The DCP test results are presented on Appendix B. Since it is required that the upper 4 inches of the subgrade be loose, the upper 4 inches of soil was removed before testing was performed. We plotted the depth of penetration versus blow count and used the slope of the data to estimate the resilient modulus of the

subgrade. We correlated the DCP test results to resilient modulus using the methods presented in The Structural Design of Bituminous Roads. The computed resilient modulus was converted to CBR using the following relationship:

$CBR = M_r/1500$

Table 1 summarizes the estimated resilient moduli and corresponding CBR for the subgrade.

Table 1. DCP Test Results and Corresponding CBR

Some of the DCP tests were performed at a depth of 12 inches in order to avoid damaging the drain pipe in the existing drain field.

3.3 **IN SITU DENSITY**

The in situ density was measured at the locations shown on Figure 2. The density measurements were conducted in accordance with ASTM D6938, Procedure A. Since it is required that the upper 4 inches of the subgrade be loose, the tests were performed deeper than than 4 inches below ground surface. The tests were compared to the maximum dry density determined in the laboratory. Table 2 presents a summary of the in situ density measurements.

Table 2. Measured In Situ Density

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1. Based on a maximum dry density of 105.4 pcf and an optimum moisture content of 18.4 percent 2. Based on maximum dry density of 99.5 pcf and an optimum moisture content of 20.5 percent

We tested the compaction at the existing drain field at locations D-4 and D-8. The other locations were taken randomly throughout the site. The varying degrees of compaction found to exist in the RSA are summarized in Table 1.

Because the FAA's intent is that fire trucks and other vehicles may operate in the RSA, it brings up the question of whether relative compaction definitively relates to the depth of a vehicle rut in the RSA. Although the compaction does not meet the FAA requirement at some locations, the estimated resilient modulus indicates that the subgrade in these areas is capable of supporting similar wheel loads as the areas in which the compaction requirement is met.

4.0 **PROPOSED DRAIN FIELD**

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The proposed drain field consists of a series of subsurface drainage trenches that are approximately 24 inches wide and approximately 3.5 to 4 feet on center. The base of each trench is to have a minimum depth of 18 inches below the capping fill. Twelve inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ -to 2½-inch washed gravel will be placed in the trench. A perforated pipe will be placed in the washed gravel through which the effluent will be drained. A maximum of 10 inches of capping fill will be placed over the trench.

5.0 **SUBGRADE IMPROVEMENT**

The drain fields are located in the RSA of Aurora State Airport. The FAA Advisory Circular AC No. 150/5300-13A states that the RSA should be capable, "... under dry conditions, of supporting snow removal equipment, aircraft rescue and fire fighting . . . equipment, and the occasional passage of aircraft without causing damage to the aircraft." It also states, "Compaction of RSAs must comply with Specification P-152, Excavation, Subgrade and Embankment, found in AC 150/5370-10, which requires that upper 4 inches of the subgrade be uncompacted and scarified to be in a loose state." The underlying 12 inches of subgrade soil should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined by

ASTM D698. Because a drain field will be beneath the subgrade in the RSA, it cannot be compacted to the standard required by AC 150/5370-10. lt must also be capable of growing vegetation.

We have considered the following design vehicles to model emergency equipment and aircraft that may traffic the RSA:

- . Emergency Vehicle: AASHTO H20 or a 16,000-pound wheel load
- Aircraft: GulfStream G550 with a gross weight of 91,000 pounds or a 30,300-pound ESWL

To accommodate design traffic, the subgrade located over the drainage trenches should be stabilized using a product such as the Presto GeoSystems Geoweb. We have determined that the GW3OV Geocells will create a subgrade that can support both the AASHTO H20 and Gulfstream 550 ESWL with an adequate margin of safety. Our supporting calculations are presented in Appendix C. Table 3 summarizes the input parameters and results of our analysis.

A 6-inch-deep cell may be sufficient if the RSA is only subject to ESWLs of 16,000 pounds, such as those of the MSHTO H2O axle load. The geoweb cells should be filled with a blend of twothirds crushed aggregate and one-third topsoil mix. The crushed aggregate should be 3/8 to 1 inch in nominal diameter and have a D50 of 0.5 inch and a void space of 30 percent. The geoweb should extend beyond each drainage trench by a distance of at least 18 inches. The geoweb should be overfilled by at least 1 inch with the selected fill. ln addition, the geoweb should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. A 4-inch layer of loose, uncompacted material can be placed on the improved subgrade to meet the requirement of ltem Pt52-2.6

6.0 LIMITATIONS

We have prepared this report for use by Aron Faegre and Associates and members of the design team for the proposed project. The data and report can be used for bidding or estimating purposes, but our report, conclusions, and interpretations should not be construed as warranty of the subsurface conditions and are not applicable to other sites.

Exploration observations indicate soil conditions only at specific locations and only to the depths penetrated. They do not necessarily reflect soil strata or water level variations that may exist

between exploration locations. [f subsurface conditions differing from those described are noted during the course of excavation and construction, re-evaluation will be necessary.

The scope of our services does not include services related to construction safety precautions, and our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractor's methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design.

Within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been executed in accordance with generally accepted practices in this area at the time our report was prepared. No warranty, express or implied, should be understood.

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to you. Please call if you have questions concerning this report or if we can provide additional services.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX A

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MOISTURE DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

We determined the moisture density relationship of samples collected from the near-surface soil at the location of the proposed drain field in general accordance with ASTM D698. The compaction curves for each sample are presented in this appendix.

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APPENDIX B

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DCP TESTING

We performed DCP testing at the locations shown in Figure 2. The tests were performed in general accordance with ASTM D6951. We correlated the DCP test results to resilient modulus using the methods presented in The Structural Design of Bituminous Roads. The results of each test are presented in this appendix.

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APPENDIX C

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DESIGN CALCULATIONS

This appendix presents our deign calculations for the use of Presto GeoSystems Geoweb for subgrade improvement.

AASHTO H20

Cu (psi) from table 4.

Nc (low traffic, high rutting)

 r - see GW30V spec sheet
 δ (deg)

H (in:)geoweb depth

D (in.)effective cell diam.

CBR (%)

 $P(\vert b)$

p (psi)

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Zb

Variable Names

 $\mathbf r$

 δ

 Φ

 \mathbb{Z}_l

 \bar{z}_h

 $\mathsf{q}_{\pmb{\theta}} = \mathsf{N}_{\pmb{\mathsf{C}}} \mathsf{c}_{\pmb{\mathsf{U}}}$

- \mathbf{c}_u Subgrade shear strength
- Bearing capacity coefficient based on design traffic see below N_c
- P Design wheel load
- Contact pressure \mathbf{p}
	- Geoweb cell wall/infill peak friction angle ratio
	- Angle of shear resistance between the granular infill and Geoweb cell wall
	- Angle of Internal friction of the Geoweb Infill material
	- Depth from surface to top of Geoweb cell walls
	- Depth from surface to bottom of Geoweb cell walls

Table 4 Correlation of Subgrade Soil Strength Parameters for Cohesive (Fine-Grained) Soils

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99.7

65.7

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36.0

23.7

29.9

18.9

71.61

46.8

N_C = 3.3 Low Traffic, High Rutting - from U.S. Forest Service guidelines)

N_C = 2.8 (High Traffic, Low Rutting - from U.S. Forest Service guidelines)

where R = Radius of loaded area (i.e. effective radius of single $R = \sqrt{\frac{P}{n\epsilon}}$ $\sigma_{\rm vt} = p \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{R}{z_{\rm t}} \right)^2} \right)^{3/2} \right] \hspace{1cm} \sigma_{\rm vb} = p \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{R}{z_{\rm b}} \right)^2} \right) \right]$

Allowable Stress on Subgrade Stress on Subgrade

average horizontal stress

vertical stress top of geoweb

vertical stress bottom of geoweb

Active earth pressure coefficient

horizontal stress top of geoweb

horizontal stress bottom of geoweb

stress reduction beneath loaded area

Factor of Safety

1.5 acceptable

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Gulfstream 550

Variable Names

Table 4 Correlation of Subgrade Soil Strength Parameters for Cohesive (Fine-Ortined) Soils

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Factor of Safety

Gulfstream G550 Performance Handbook

Equivalent Single Wheel Loading (ESWL) GV-GER-1212

1. Introduction:

One consideration in operating Gulfstream aircraft is the strength of runway and taxiway pavements in relation to aircraft operating weight. This can limit operational weights in some airports. One common method of evaluating an alteraft for a given runway is
the Equivalent Single Wheel Loading (ESWL). ESWL accounts
for the extra tire flotation for multi-wheel landing gear struts such
as the dual wheel struts used on section provides information on how to compute ESWL for the G550 and G500 aimlanes.

2. G550 and G500 Main Landing Gear Parameters:

The reduction factor in the table above assumes a rigid pavement with a radius of equivalent stiffness of 40 inches, roughly
equivalent to a 13.5 Inch thick concrete slab. Thinner payements would give higher reduction factors, so the factors presented are conservative.

3. ESWL Computation for Lower Operating Weights:

ESWL can be computed for lower operating weights as follows: ESWL = (Gross Weight) x (0.9) x (0.5) / (Reduction Factor)

Aircraft Gulfstream G550 Gross Weight (lb) 91000 **Reduction Factor** 1.35 assume 1.35, since rutting is allowed ESWL (lb) 30333.33 tire presure (psi) 200

Product Specification - GEOWEB® GW30V Geocells

GENERAL

GEOWEB® product is manufactured from textured, perforated strips of high density polyethylene that are bonded together to create a network of interconnected cells. The GEOWEB® cells can be filled with soil, aggregate, concrete, pulveriend debris, recycled asphalt pavement, or other infall material for geotechnical applications such as: 1) load support for unpaved and paved roads, rallways, ports, heavy-duty pavements, container yard, and basal embankments stabilization, 2) retaining structures, free-standing structures, and fascia walls; and, 3) slope, channel, and geomembrane protection.

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