

**Temporary Slope Repair for Highway Expansion
Project ID: CEEEn_2017CPST_006**

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Executive Summary

PROJECT TITLE: Temporary Slope Repair for Highway Expansion
PROJECT ID: CEEEn-2016CPST-006
PROJECT SPONSOR: Kiewit
TEAM NAME: SAMM Engineering

This project included the design of a slope repair in Irving, TX. During a highway expansion project, the slope which had been cut into began to fail. The scope of this project was to discover the cause of failure and propose a solution that would be cost effective and will have a design life of two years. The deliverables of this project include: CAD drawings of the final proposed design, a cost estimate, and a construction schedule and relevant calculations. Kiewit provided SAMM engineering with relevant CAD drawings and boring logs of the failed slope.

SAMM Engineering analyzed the data provided in UTexas and discovered the failure plane to be the worst at station 489+50 which had a safety factor of 0.87. A simple cost analysis was performed comparing three different methods of slope stability: drill shafts, driven piles and soil nails with a shotcrete façade. Different characteristics were weighted such as cost, ease of construction, capacity design load, design life and aesthetics. Shotcrete with steel nails had the highest weighted score so design continued. Further analysis of feasible soil nail design was conducted using UTexas as well as design equations from FHWA. Using UTexas, the proposed layout of soil nails increased the Factor of Safety to 1.36 at our target station. Supporting calculations were made using Mathcad to ensure that all the limit states were considered.

Our proposed design includes drilling and grouting 952 soil nails 4 ft. o-c. horizontally and 5ft o-c. vertically. These nails are 20 ft. long with 1 in diameter and grade 60 steel, inserted at 15° from the horizontal. Each will be grouted with 6 in of grout and topped with an 8x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$ steel plate. Initial shotcrete covering will be 4 in and final covering will be 6 in which corresponds with the required minimums in FHWA.

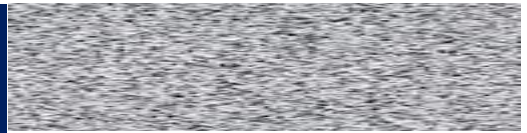
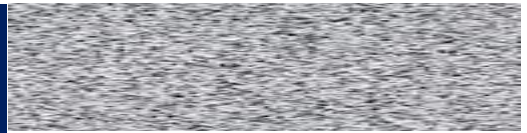


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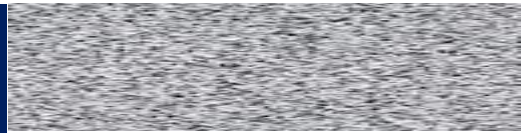


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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to submit the design for the temporary slope repair for highway expansion in Irving, TX. The slope in question failed during a temporary road widening in order to make room for a detour lane. Due to the temporary nature of this project, the design life is two years. This slope consists of alternating layers of clay and sand, with the failure plane located in the steepest portion of the slope in the clay layer. The proposed design includes CAD drawings, calculations, cost estimates and a construction schedule. Calculations were completed using UTexas, FHWA and Mathcad. The resumes of each team member is located in Appendix A. The CAD drawings are shown in Appendix B.

Schedule

Figure 1 shows the schedule SAMM Engineering followed during the semester. The UTexas analysis took longer than expected to complete and therefore, our schedule was different than estimated, but everything else was completed on schedule.

	January					February				March				April				
	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Utexas analysis																		
Design Calculations																		
Cost Estimates																		
Report																		
Poster/ Presentation																		

Figure 1. Design Schedule

Assumptions & Limitations

The boring logs provided were from three stations along the location of the slope. Although these stations were far apart, a linear profile was interpolated and these values were used to calculate the cohesion and friction angles for each estimated layer of soil. It must also be noted that correlations were used to obtain the soil properties from the boring logs. This is not as accurate as conducting laboratory tests, so further soil testing is recommended before proceeding with the design.

Design, Analysis & Results

Approach

The team was given boring logs and slope CAD drawings to analyze the failure planes. To investigate the possible causes of failure the team proceeded as follows:

- Researched slope failures and probable causes
- Analyzed boring logs
- Researched soil properties
- Researched Texas Cone Penetrometer and SPT conversions
- Added soil layering to slope CAD drawings via boring logs and interpolation
- Studied UTexas manual
- Entered soil layering into UTexas along with soil properties
- Investigated failure planes by using UTexas
- Iterated all stations to understand how the different variables affected the soil failure plane
- Contacted professors to clarify UTexas concepts and properties
- Researched several slope stability methods as well as most cost effective options
- Created a spreadsheet to compare costs
- Finalized slope stability method option

Failure Findings

The failure plane is on the top clay layer of the slope; it daylight on the interface between the sand and clay layer, in the same area of the water level. Figure 2 below illustrates the failure plane, along with the factor of safety. The lowest factor of safety found was 0.874. The UTexas analysis at each station is shown in Figures C.1-C.10 in Appendix C.



Three different possible solutions were investigated as part of this project:

- These possible solutions were briefly analyzed according to several criteria in order to determine their feasibility. This analysis also assisted in determining which solution to move forward with for the stability design. The criteria used in the preliminary comparison are as follows:

- Each solution was given a rating based on its performance in the above criteria, with cost being the criteria with the highest weight.

Table 1. Cost Comparison Analysis

Ratings Table: 1 = lowest (worst), 4 = highest (best)	Drill Shafts	Driven Piles	Shotcrete	Steel Mesh
Cost (Weighting = 0.85)	1	2	3	4
Ease of Construction (Weighting = 0.3)	1	4	3	2
Capacity Design Load (Weighting = 0.5)	4	2	3	1
Meets Design Life (Weighting = (0.25)	1	2	3	4
Aesthetic/Environment (Weighting = 0.15)	1	3	2	4
Sum of (Rating Times Weighting)	3.55	4.85	6	6.1

Steel Mesh was given the highest overall rating at 6.1 for our design criteria weights. (See explanation and analysis below for more details.)

EXPLANATION OF KEY ITEMS ON THE TABLE:

The cost determination was very simple. We made some brief preliminary cost estimates based on similar job sites total project cost, and experience of our engineering advisors. The costliest method received a rating of 1, with the least costly a rating of 4.

Ease of construction was determined considering standard procedures used for each method. Since our failure is on a moderately steep slope, accessibility and the feasibility of construction were taken into consideration. Drilled shafts require heavy equipment, a large amount of work, and might be difficult to access on a slope. Wire mesh also requires a lot of work and more precision and consideration of the terrain than other methods. Shotcrete requires almost the same amount of work, but less precision is needed, as long as the thickness of the concrete slab meets the minimum requirement. Finally driven piles requires minimal effort providing access is easily obtainable on site.

Capacity to carry design loads. This parameter varies with time. Steel mesh is considered a passive solution and may need extra structural consideration depending on the abnormalities in the site. It may fail at a later date when initially secure, thus lowering the rating. Driven piles require very high soil cohesive values. This project has median soil values and would require extra tying to the slope and other structural considerations. Shotcrete has been proven to perform very well on most types of similar slope projects. Driven Piles are immovable and very structurally sound. The higher diameter increases the force it can resist.

The design life is 2 years. We want our project to exceed this parameter, but not become a burden to remove in the future. Drilled shafts, driven piles, and shotcrete all meet the requirements but may be difficult to remove in the future. Methods of corrosion may help speed the process, but ultimately Steel Wire Mesh meets the design life the most efficiently.

Aesthetic / Environmentally Friendly. Drilled shafts disturb the environment the most, by heaving up great amounts of dirt, and permanently adding multiple concrete structures. Shotcrete also adds a more permanent structure and can be aesthetically displeasing unless properly treated for corrosion resistance. Driven Piles are much less visible (if at all) than Drilled Shafts but would still disturb the surrounding soils. Wire mesh is removable and compatible with surrounding foliage if a corrosive retardant is applied at installment.

Selected Design

The preferred slope stability design will use soil nails and steel mesh over the slope. This method has the greatest design score based on the criteria above, and is the most viable solution for the problem at hand. It is a cheap, but effective solution to slope failure and is widely used around the world.

Soil nails are placed into slopes to prevent and remediate slope failure. They are a passive design, meaning that resistance along the nails is developed through movement of the soil around the nail. These nails serve to anchor the slope and prevent deep-seated slides. The mesh is anchored to the surface of the slope by the nails, and provides a retaining force to the surface of the soil, preventing shallow sloughing of the soil at the surface. Often, a layer of shotcrete is also applied over the surface as an aesthetic cover, but there are organic mats which may be placed under the mesh which promote plant growth and may be used as an alternative aesthetic element of design.

Design Parameters

The results from the UTEXAS modeling program indicated that 952 soil nails spaced at four feet by five feet and at a length of 20 feet deep would give an acceptable factor of safety for our design.

The final design parameters of the shotcrete layer are calculated per “Soil Nail Walls Reference Manual - AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 7th Edition” as shown in the appendix. The overall thickness of the shotcrete is ten inches. It has a four-inch initial sub layer to resist bearing pressure of the soil, and provide a barrier between the soil and the wire mesh reinforcement. The wire mesh reinforcement was chosen from table A.5 and from “Design Guidelines for Wire Mesh Net Slope Protection” to distribute the load from each soil nail to the shotcrete facing, and the final facing of six inches to protect the wire-mesh reinforcement from environmental corrosion and add significant weight to reduce punching shear of the soil nails. The facing calculations are located in Appendix D.

Cost Estimate

Table 2 contains the estimated cost of the proposed design. The calculations and sources of the material costs are located in Figure D.1 in Appendix D.

Table 2. Cost Estimation

Cost Estimation	
6x6x.105 Wire Mesh:	\$1,675
Grade 60 Rebar (#6):	\$20,000
8x8x3/4 Steel Plates:	\$10,710
Shotcrete:	\$3,031
Material Subtotal:	\$35,416
Installation:	\$121,584
Contingency:	\$10,000
Project Total:	\$167,000

Cost Estimate Summary

An initial preliminary cost analysis estimate was determined for each possible solution. Shotcrete / Wire Mesh was selected for design and a more detailed cost analysis was made. Total material costs and labor were estimated to be approximately \$35,500.00 and \$124,500.00, respectively. Material costs were referenced in the calculations and are accurate as of 04-05-18 and were considered dependent upon availability costs near current site in Texas. Labor costs may vary and were determined based upon a time constituent estimate from similar projects.

Lessons Learned

A huge challenge was to find time where the group could meet as well as meeting with our sponsor and Project Manager. Each of us had very different schedules which made it difficult to plan the ideal time to meet together. Another challenge that relates to this was making sure each person knew what was expected of them making sure we were able to use our time efficiently and not overlap on any of our responsibilities. Technology has been a huge help with this, through text, email, google docs and a group folder on through CAEDM, we have been able to collaborate and share even though we can only meet once a week.

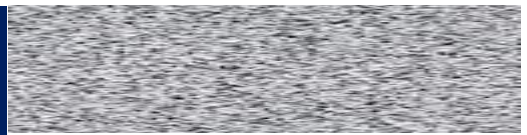
Other challenges have included learning how to use new programs such as UTexas and knowing which equations to use for our analysis. There are many resources available, but with each of us being new to this process, we often weren't sure we were choosing the best options

Conclusions

This report covers the analysis and solution of the temporary slope repair for a highway expansion in Irving, TX. With the boring logs from a Texas Cone Penetrometer Test, we performed interpolations to achieve a soil profile for the repair area. UTexas and AutoCAD were the main software used to perform several iterations to define the slope failure, where it was found to be on the upper clay layer, due to low cohesion factor. Once that was determined, possible solutions were analyzed until the combination of soil nails with shotcrete facing was chosen to be the most effective and feasible option. The soil nail length was determined to be 20 feet long, using a #6 bar. The nails were spaced 5 ft. from vertical and 4 ft. from horizontal, with a total of 952 nails over the project area. The nails are covered with an initial (4") and final (6") shotcrete facings. The cost was estimated at \$167,000 with a completion time of 4 weeks. The final factor of safety is 1.308.

Recommendations

It is recommended that further testing on the soils be completed before implementing the design in order to confirm the results obtained within this study. Drainage was also not considered in the study, so further design should consider drainage the drainage needs of the soil nail wall.



Appendix A



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Achievements

- February 16, 2013, I married my sweetheart, Kaisha Marie Beatty, for time and all eternity in the Mt. Timpanogos Temple.
- June 17, 2014, My Son, Nathanael James Isaacson, was born into our family.
- March 2009 to March 2011, I served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the California Santa Rosa Mission.

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I will graduate from BYU spring of 2018 in the Civil Engineering program, with a focus on Structures, and go on to the University of Utah to obtain a Master's degree in Architecture. My ultimate career goal is to build churches and temples for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Education

Brigham Young University | BS Civil Engineering 2018
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Efficient AutoCAD and Revit drawings, renderings, presentations, helps designer with installs and site visits, quality aid in every step of the design process
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Detail work in commercial design, space planning, met with clients, presented ideas and products
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- Analyzed data and created graphs and tables to present to clients
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- Compiled quotes to help estimate the total project cost
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- Assist students in learning principles of structural analysis
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AUGUST 2015 - JUNE 2017

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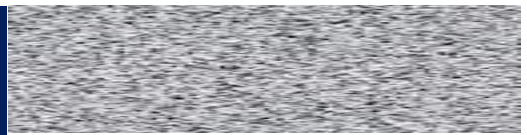
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RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

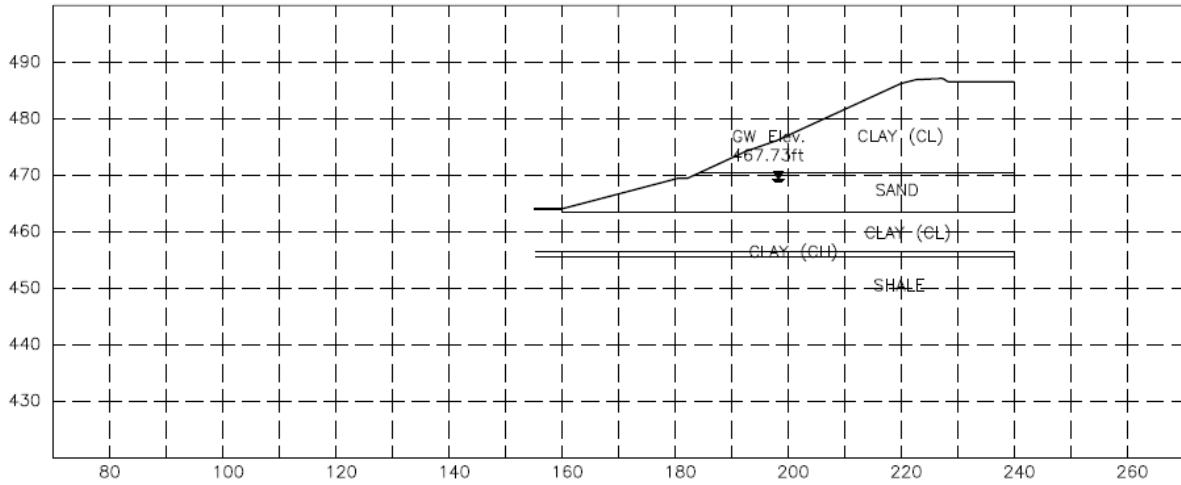
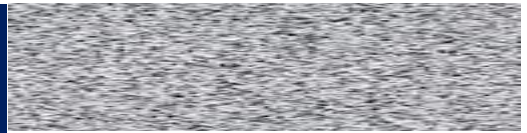
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Civil Engineering Structural Intern <i>Engineering Systems Solutions (ES²)</i>	Apr – Aug 2016 Idaho Falls, ID
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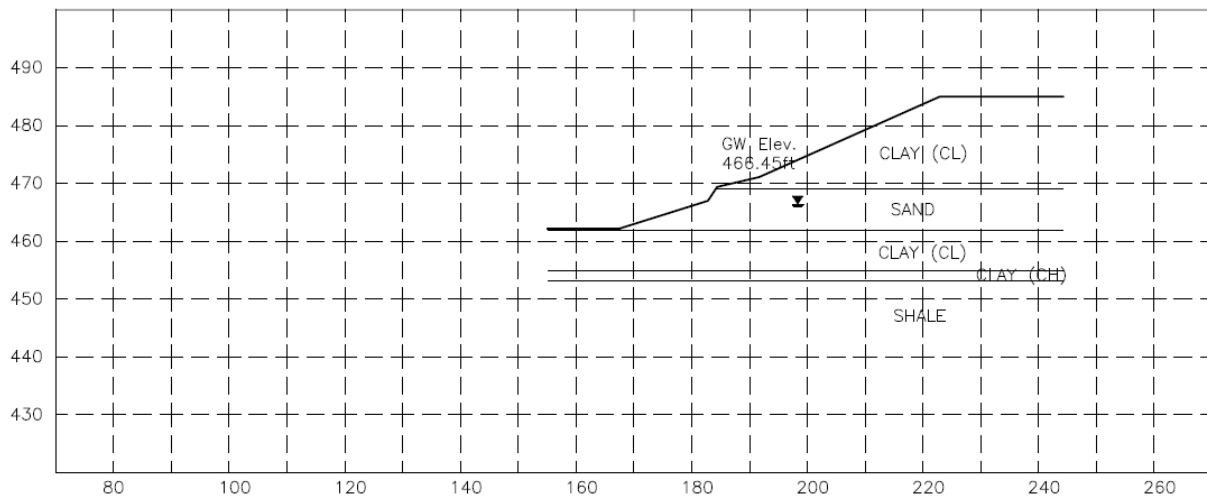
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Leadership Study <i>Brigham Young University</i>	May – June 2015 Guangzhou, China
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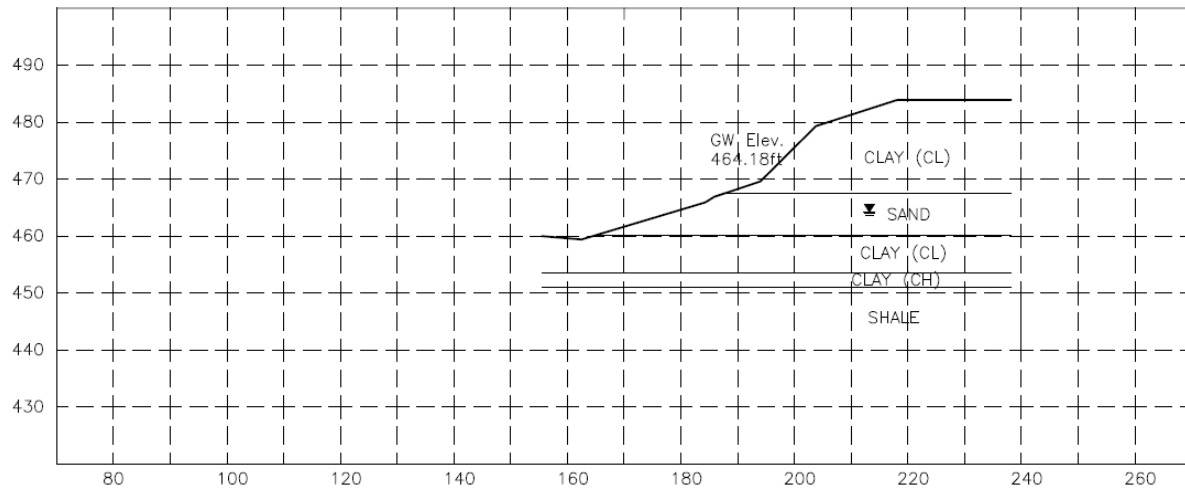
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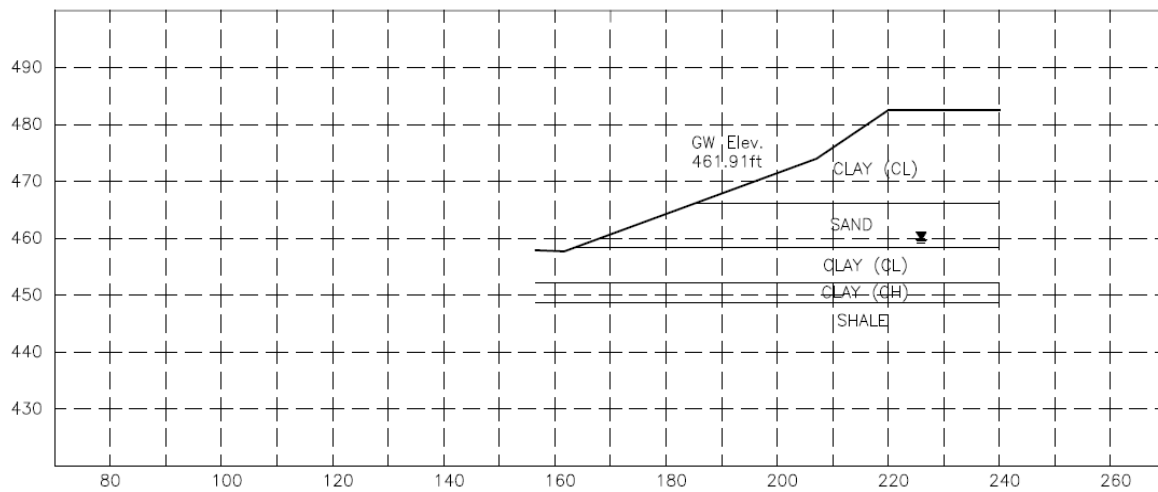
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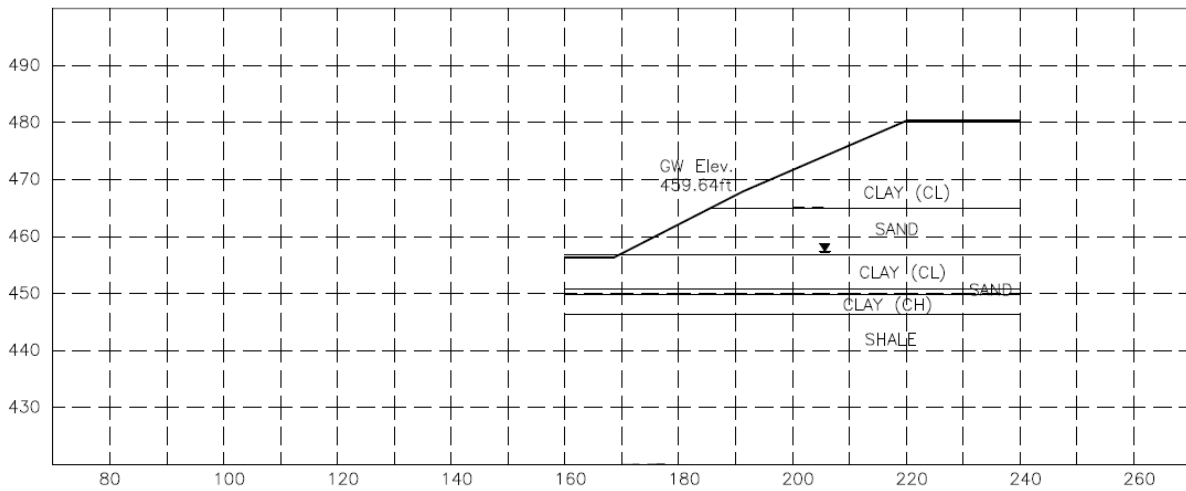
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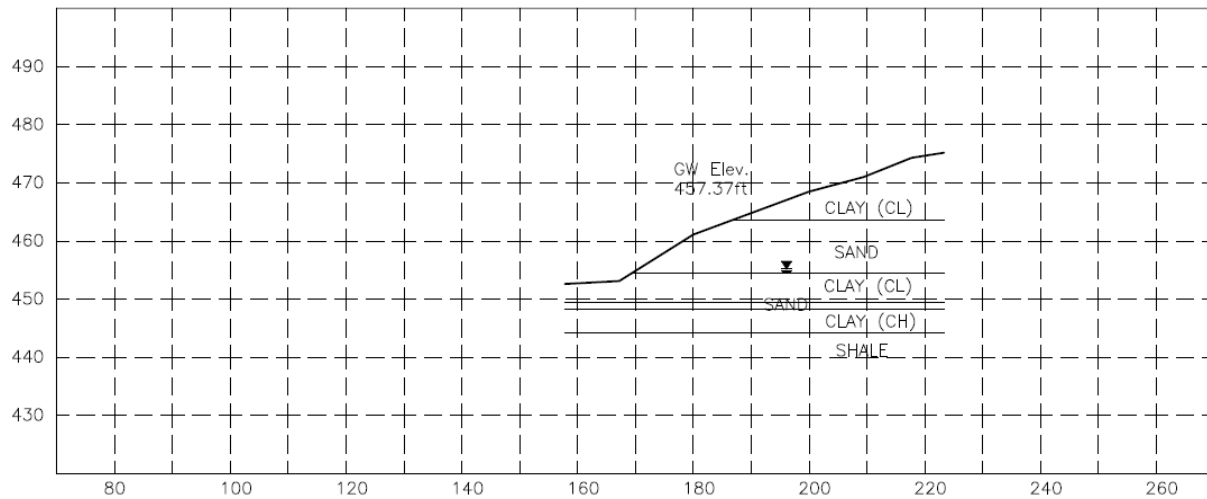
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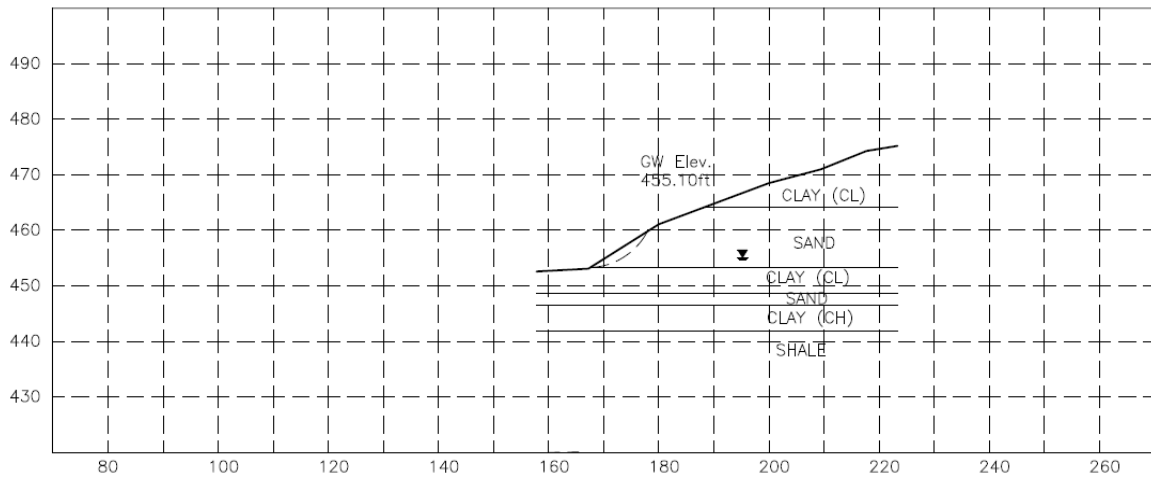
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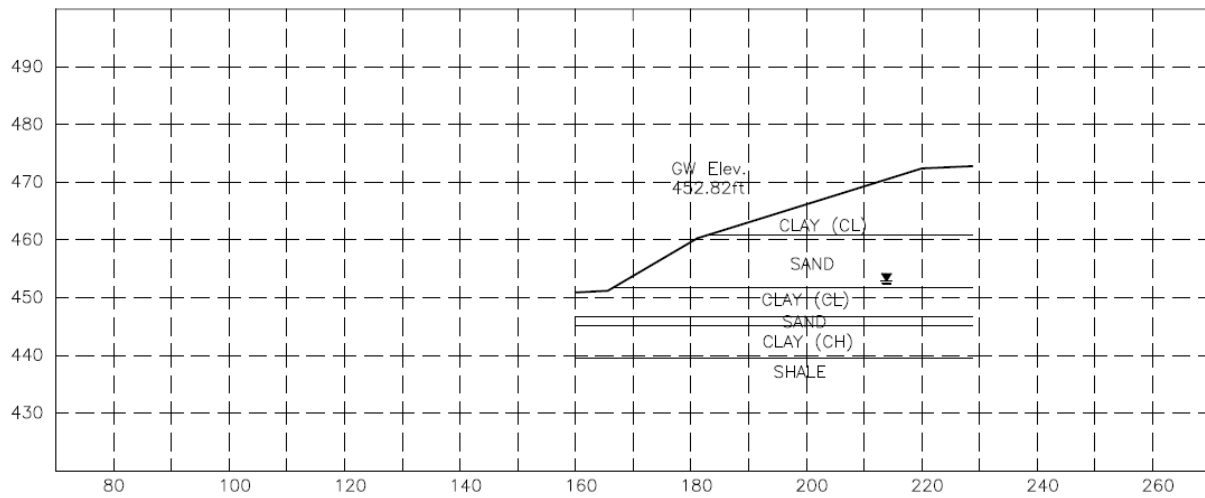
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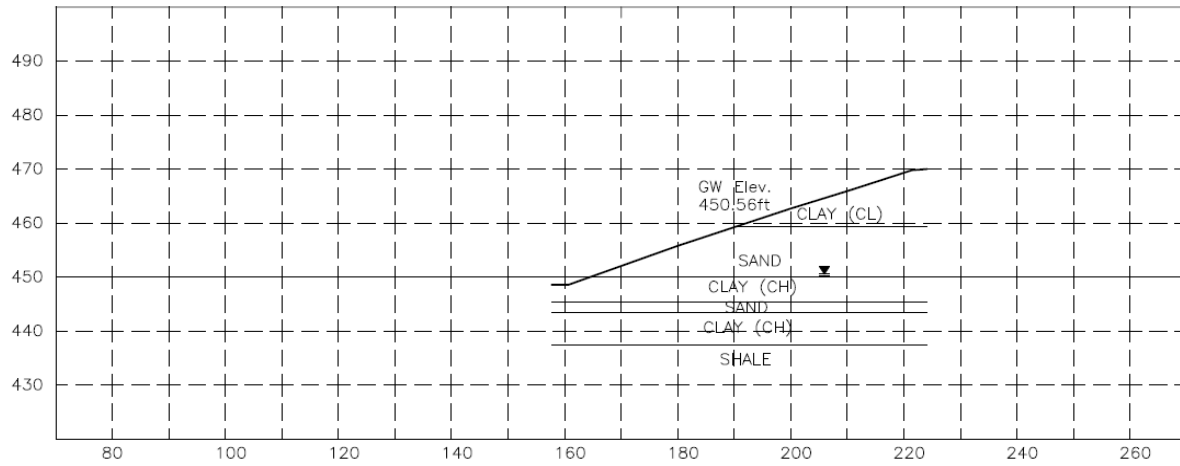
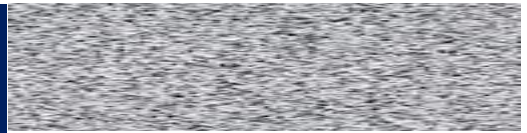
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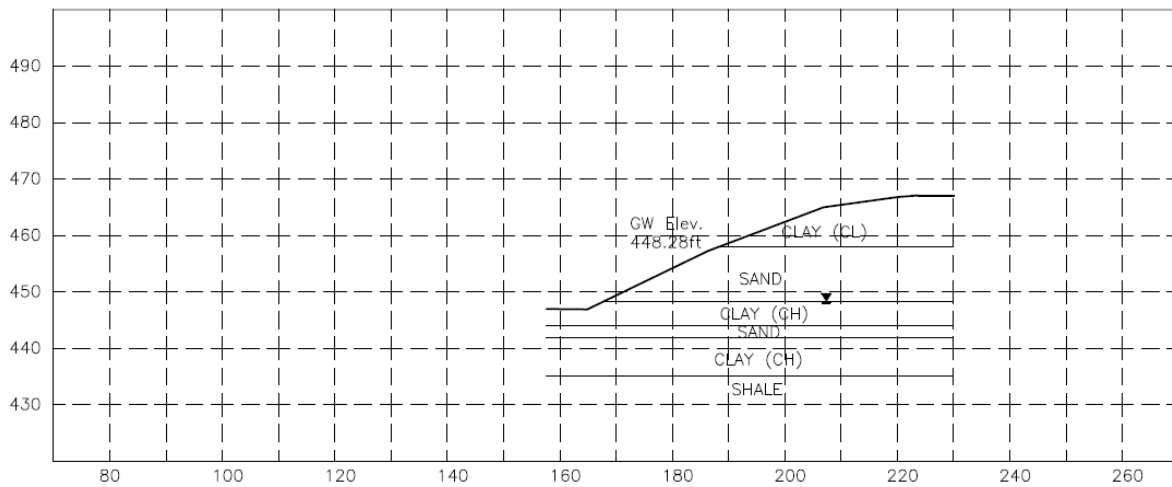
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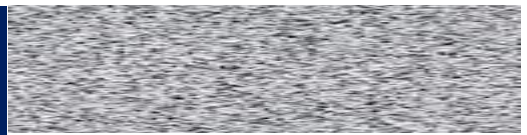
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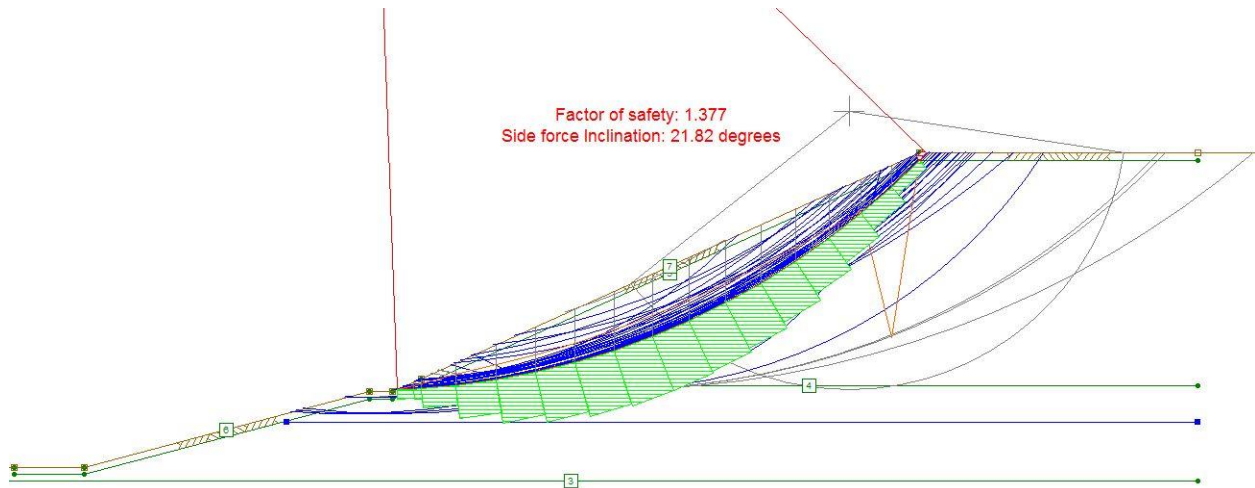


Figure C.3: Station 488+50 with FS of 1.377

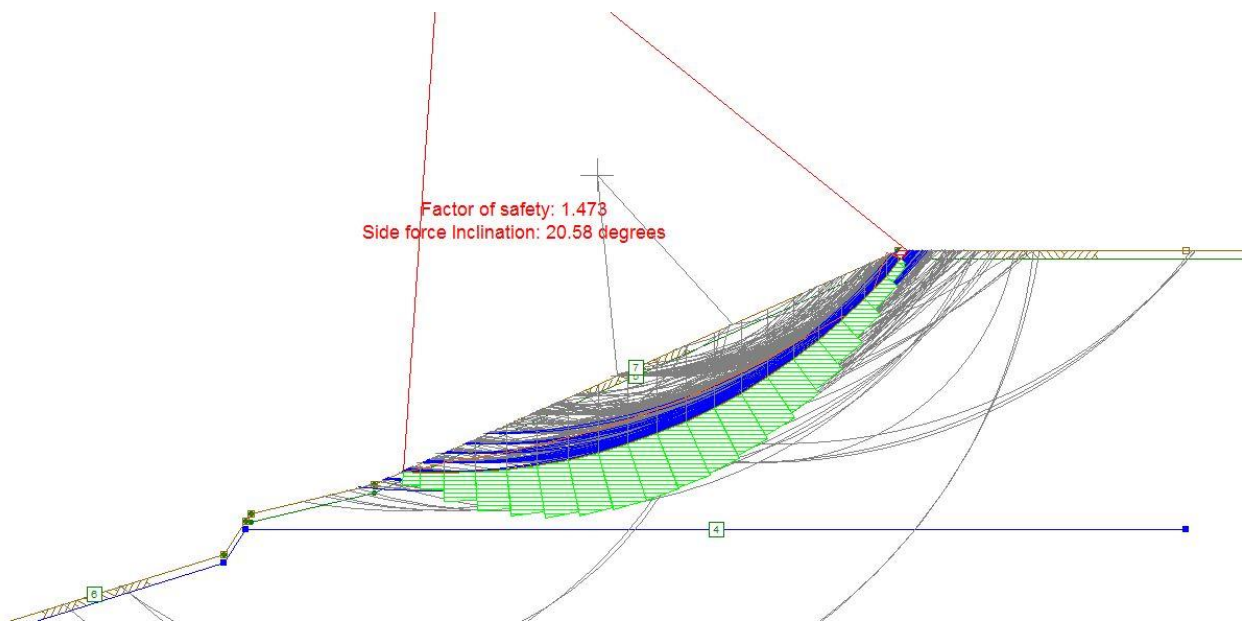


Figure C.4: Station 489+00 with FS of 1.473

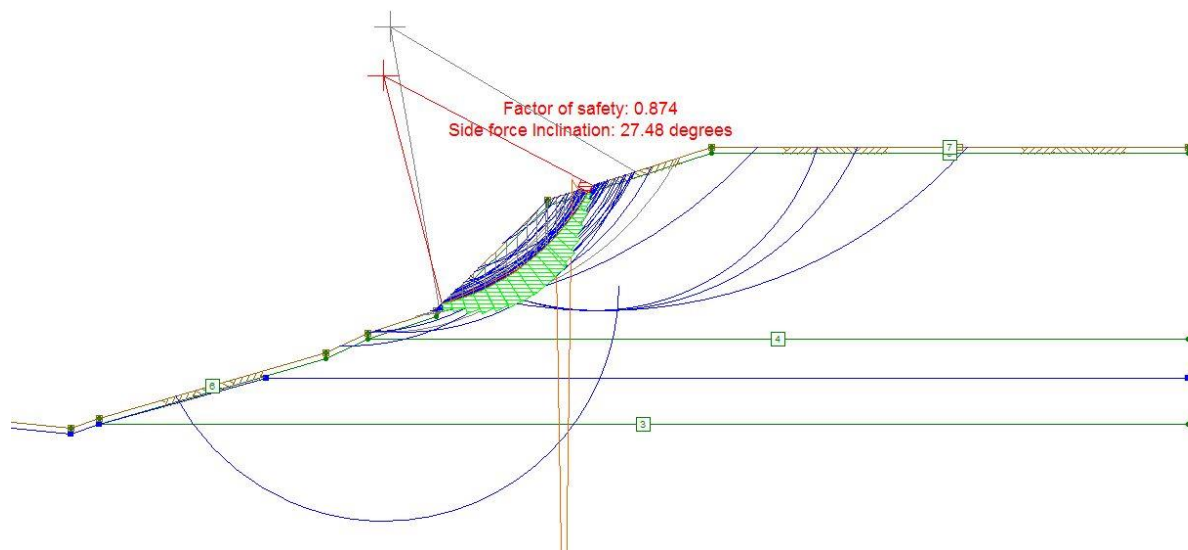


Figure C.5: Station 489+50 with FS of 0.874

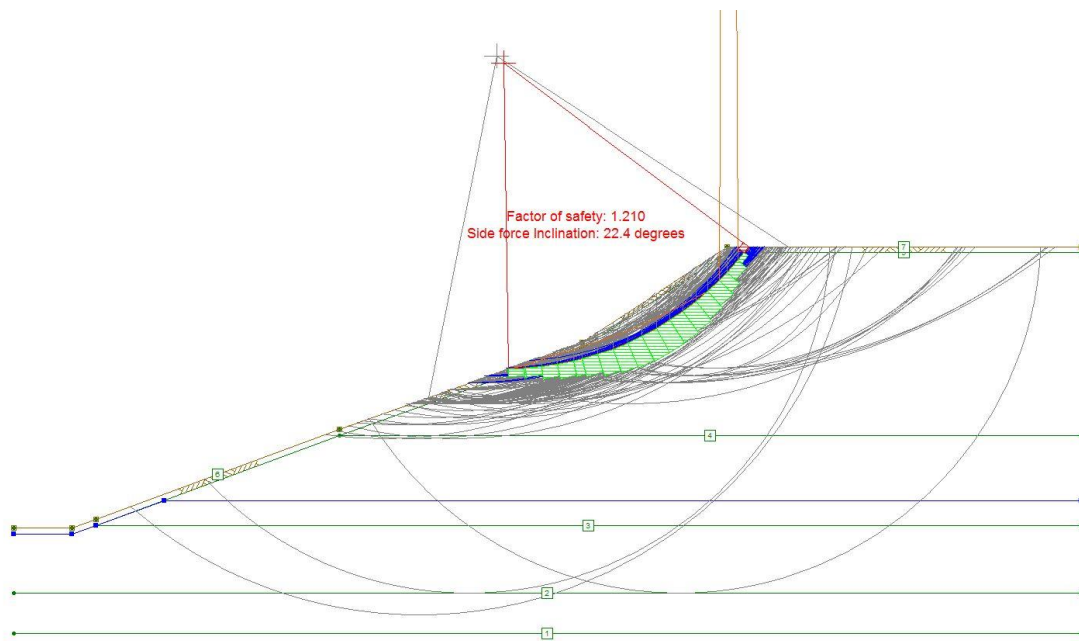


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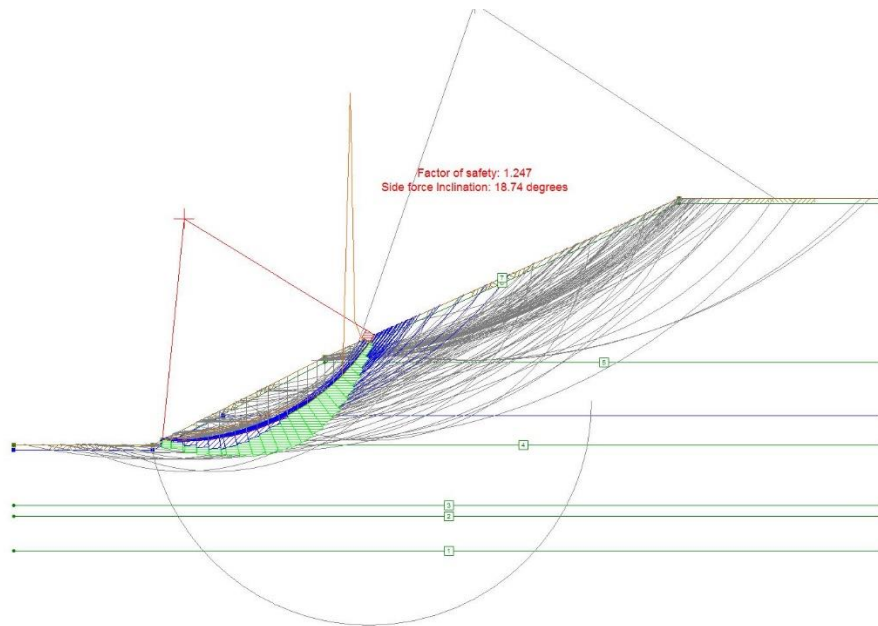


Figure C.7: Station 490+50 with FS of 1.247

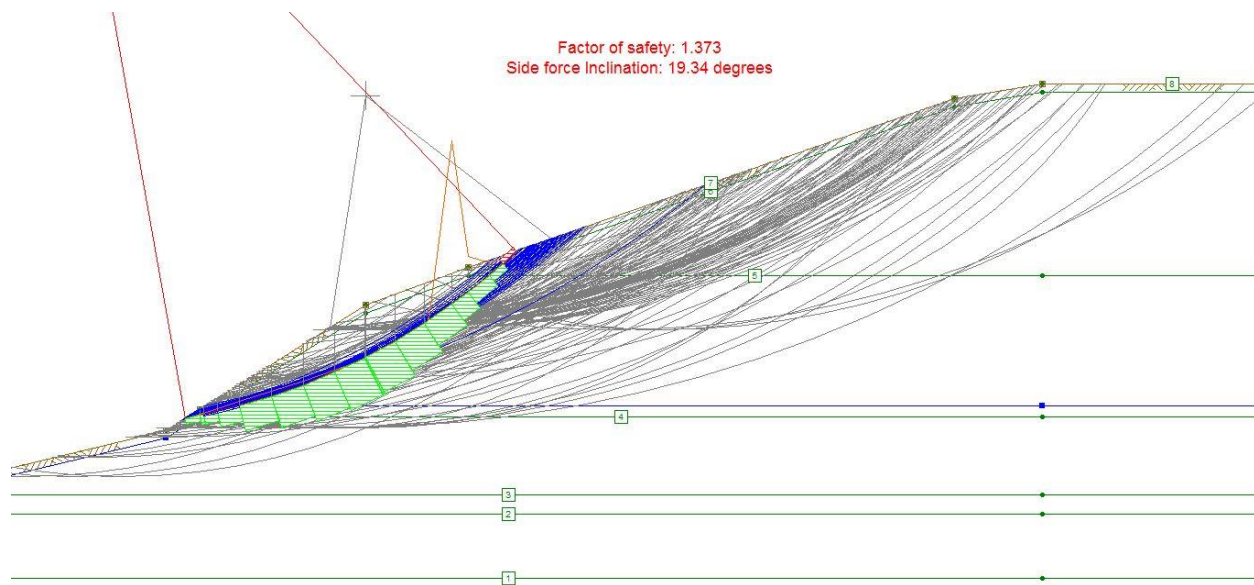


Figure C.8: Station 491+00 with FS of 1.373

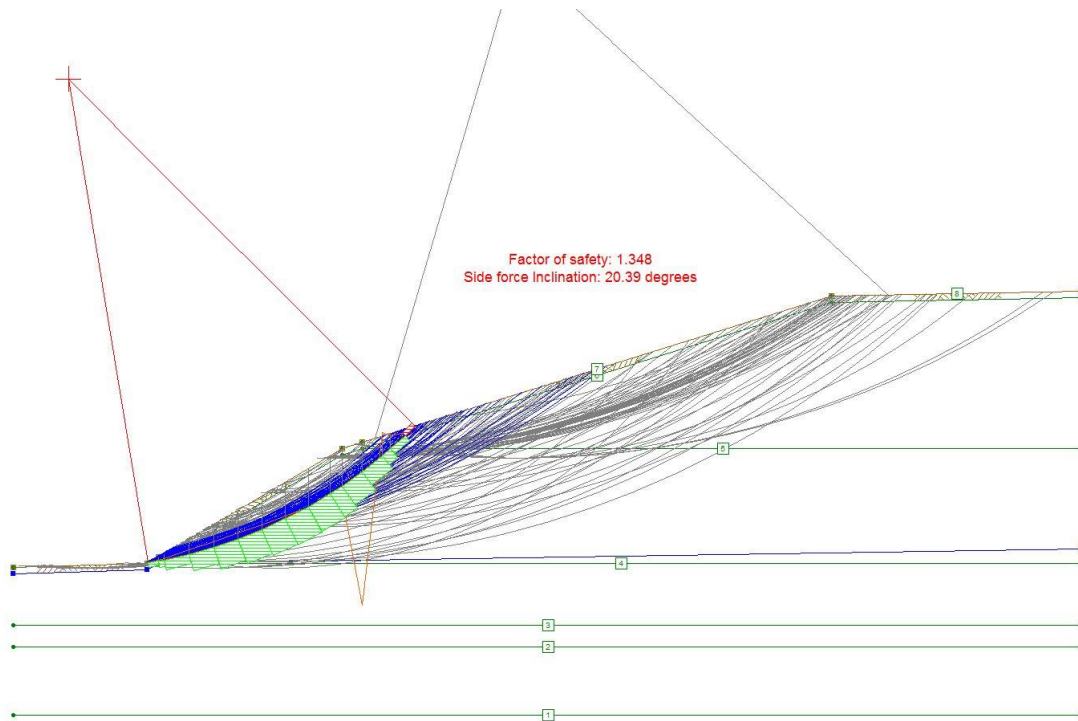


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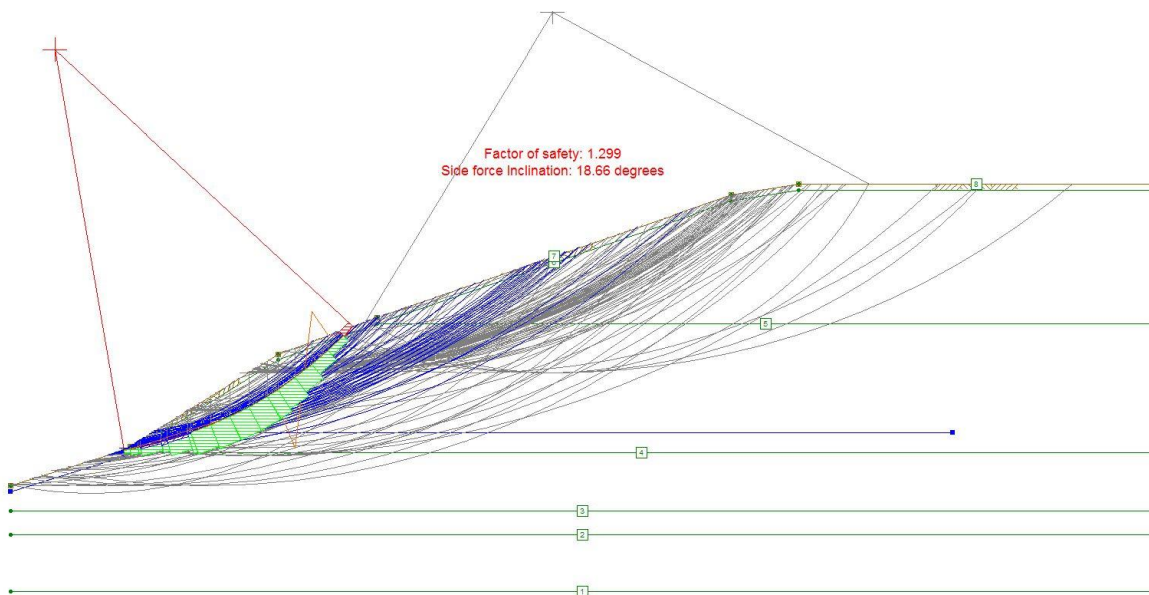


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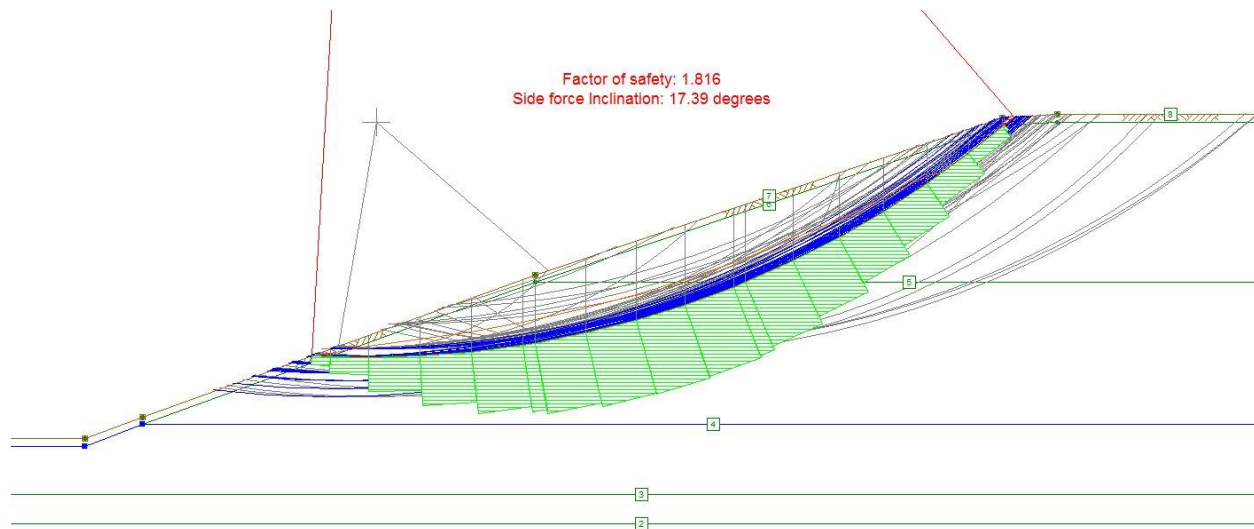


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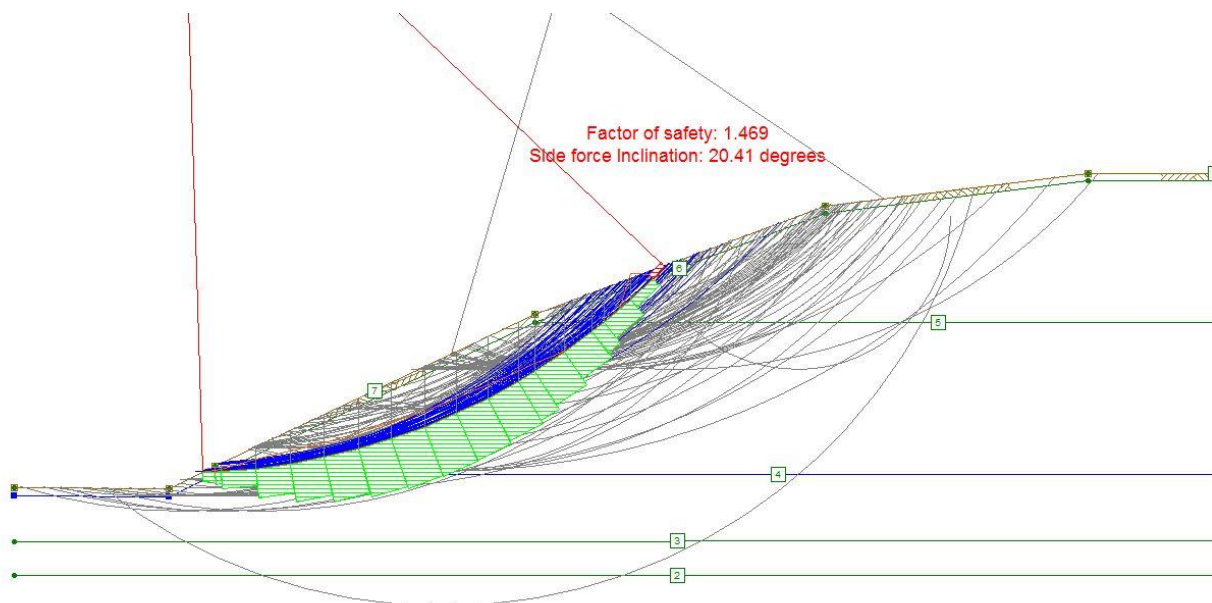
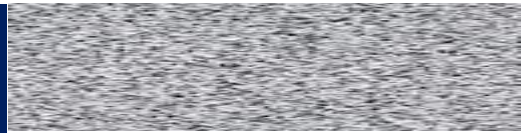
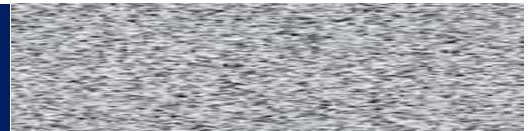


Figure C.10: Station 493+00 with FS of 1.469



Appendix D



Cost Calculation - (with sources)

6" by 6" by 0.105" Wire mesh (500sq ft)	\$1,675.00	(Source: https://www.twpinc.com/6-mesh)
Grade 60 Rebar #8 sold by weight = 2.67 lbs per foot		
$2.67 * 952 * 20 = 50836.8 = 50837 \text{ lbs}$		
$50837 \text{ lbs} / 2000 \text{ lbs} = 25.4184 \text{ tons}$		
Cost = \$770 per ton		
$25.4184 * 770 = \$19572.168 =$	\$20,000.00	(Source: http://wcrebar.com/rebar-prices/)
8" by 8" by 3/4" steel plates w/ 1" hole		
11.25 each * 952 = \$10710.00	\$10,710.00	(Source: https://www.midweststeelsupply.com/store/a36steelplate)
Shotcrete (can vary)		
Must meet all standards of AASHTO T334		
See attached document for specific selection =>		
		(Source: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/research/reports/fullreports/870-1.pdf)
$(10" / 12") * 474 \text{ ft}^2 = 395 \text{ ft}^3 = 400 \text{ ft}^3$		
$395 \text{ ft}^3 = 11.1852 \text{ M}^3$		
Average Price per M ³ Shotcrete = \$271		(Source: http://oceanconcrete.com/price-list)
Concrete Material Cost = $11.1852 * 271.00 =$	\$3,031.19	
Portland Cement Type I-II		
Silica Fume		
Blast-Furnice Slag		
Aggregate / Fines		
Total Facing Material Price =	\$35,416.19	

Figure D.1: Cost Calculations for the final product

Appendix E

