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Subject: Pavement Structural Section Report
1st & Murphy Streets Rehabilitation Design
Blythe, California
LCI Report No: LP23234

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

This report presents the findings of our October 2023 pavement section study for the proposed various street improvement projects in the city of Blythe, California. The proposed project consists of pavement rehabilitation on:

1. N. First Street between E. Chanslor Way to Hobsonway
2. Murphy Street from N. Main Street to N. Third Street

Field Exploration

Subsurface exploration of the site was performed on October 23, 2023, using 2R Drilling of Ontario California to advance eleven (11) cores to a depth of 2.0 feet below the existing ground for soil logging and measuring the existing pavement structural sections. A staff engineer collected bulk samples and maintained a log of soils encountered in the test pits.

Subsurface Soils

Soil encountered consisted of sandy silt (ML) and silt (ML) to the maximum depth penetrated. Ground water was not encountered during soil exploration at the soil borings on October 23, 2023.

Pavement Structural Sections

The existing pavement sections within the scope of work are as follow:

Boring Log Number	Location	Existing Pavement Sections	
		AC (in)	Base (in)
B-1	1 st Street, 100' N/O Hobson Way, North Bound	10	6
B-2	1 st Street, 100' S/O Murphy St, South Bound	5	0
B-3	1 st Street, 500' N/O Murphy St, North Bound	4	0
B-4	1 st Street, 50' N/O Bernard St, South Bound	8	0
B-5	1 st Street, 100' S/O Stewart St, North Bound	7	0
B-6	1 st Street, 150' S/O Chanslow Way, South Bound	2	4
B-7	Murphy St, 50' E/O Main St, East Bound	8	6
B-8	Murphy St, 50' E/O Springs St, West Bound	5	8
B-9	Murphy St, 75' E/O Broadway, East Bound	6	4
B-10	Murphy St, 150' E/O 1 st Street, East Bound	6	2
B-11	Murphy St, 150' W/O 3 rd Street, West Bound	7	2

Note: The base materials consisted of grinding asphalt concrete pavement

Based on the current State of California CALTRANS method, various R-values for the subgrade soils and various traffic index of 5.0, the following structure thicknesses for recommended pavement sections are:

N. First Street (RV=50; TI=5)	Grind 2.0 inches of the existing Asphalt Concrete, new 2.0 inches AC over exposed pavements
Murphy Street, e/o 1 st Street (RV=30; TI=5)	Grind 1.5 inches of the existing Asphalt Concrete, new 1.5 inches AC over exposed pavements
Murphy Street, w/o 1 st Street (RV=24; TI=5)	Grind 2.0 inches of the existing Asphalt Concrete, new 2.0 inches AC over exposed pavements

Grinding/overlay: The exposed surface cracks up to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches should be cleaned and sealed prior to the placement of the new asphalt concrete layer. Asphaltic Concrete shall be Caltrans, Type B, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch maximum medium grading medium grading with PG70-10 asphalt concrete (or equivalent), compacted to a minimum of 95% of the 50-blow Marshall density (ASTM D1559).

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our professional services. If you have any questions or comments regarding our findings, please call our office at (760) 360-0665.

Respectfully Submitted,
Landmark Consultants, Inc.



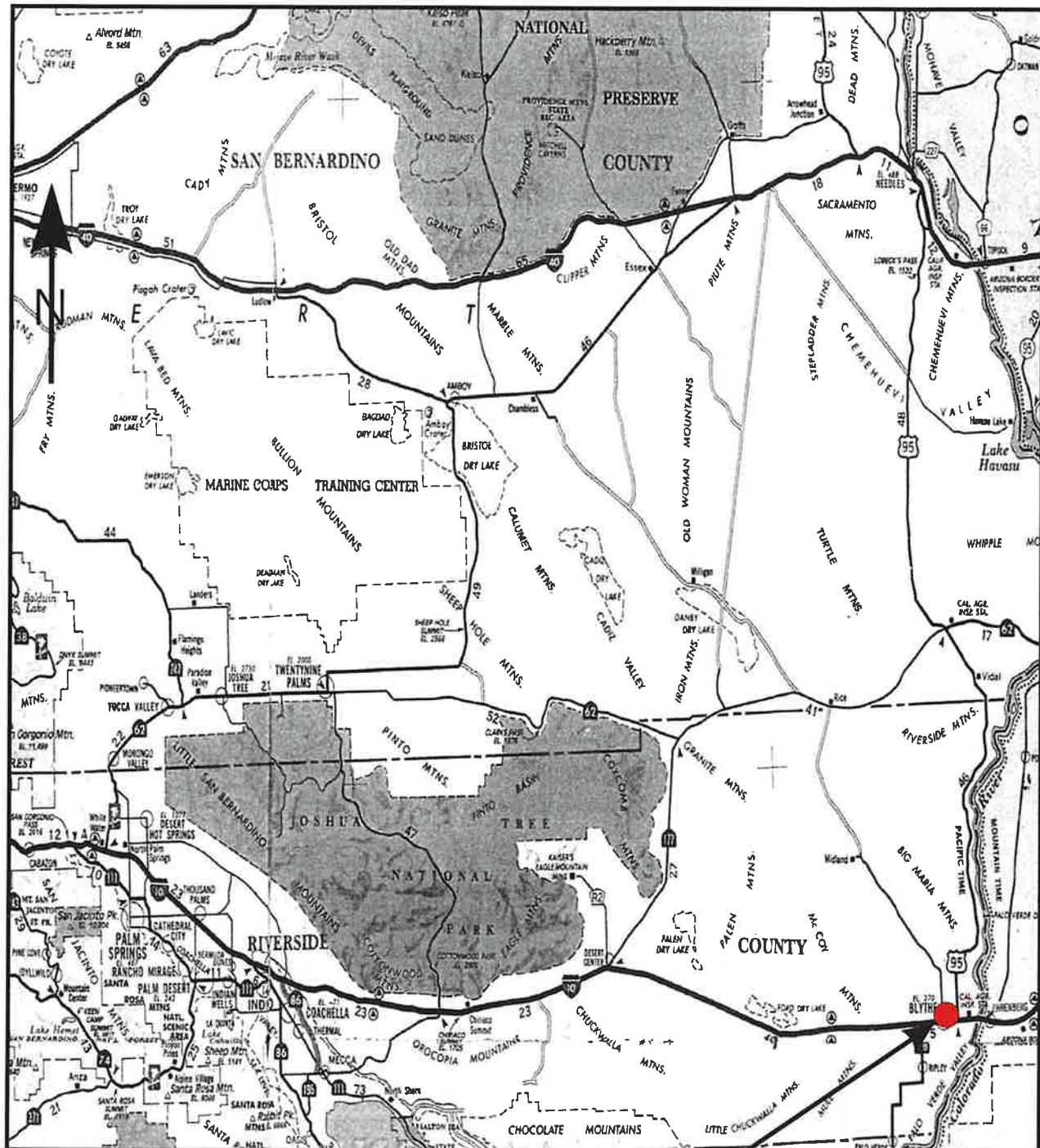
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Principal Engineer



Attachments:

- Appendix A: Site and Boring Locations
- Appendix B: Laboratory Test Results

APPENDIX A



Project Site

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Vicinity Map

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Site and Exploration Plan

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APPENDIX B

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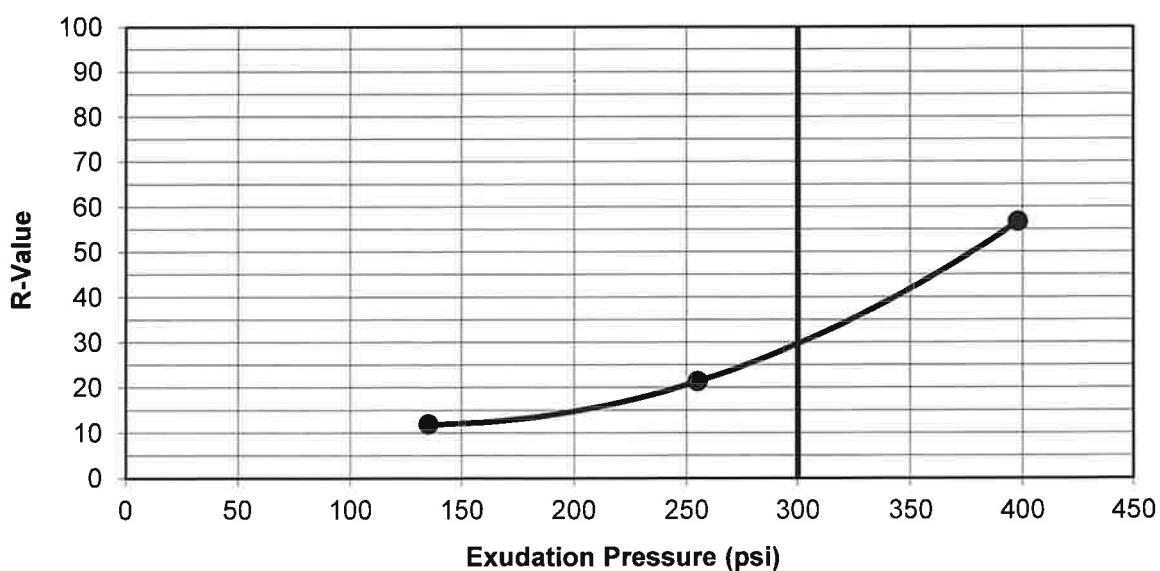
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R-Value By Exudation Pressure (ASTM D2844/CAL 301)

Description: Sandy Silt (ML)
Sample Location: Murphy Street (West)
Sample Depth: 0-1 ft.

Sample	A	B	C
Moisture Content, %:	14.0%	13.0%	12.0%
Dry Density, pcf:	113.6	115.6	117.6
Compaction foot pressure, psi:	350	350	350
Specimen Height, in.:	2.51	2.55	2.46
Stabilometer, Ph @ 1000 lb:	58	50	28
Stabilometer, Ph @ 2000 lb:	123	105	46
Displacement:	5.42	5.02	4.38
Expansion pressure, psf:	0	0	0
Exudation pressure, psi:	135	255	398
Equilibrium R Value:	12	21	57
R-Value	30		



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R-Value Test

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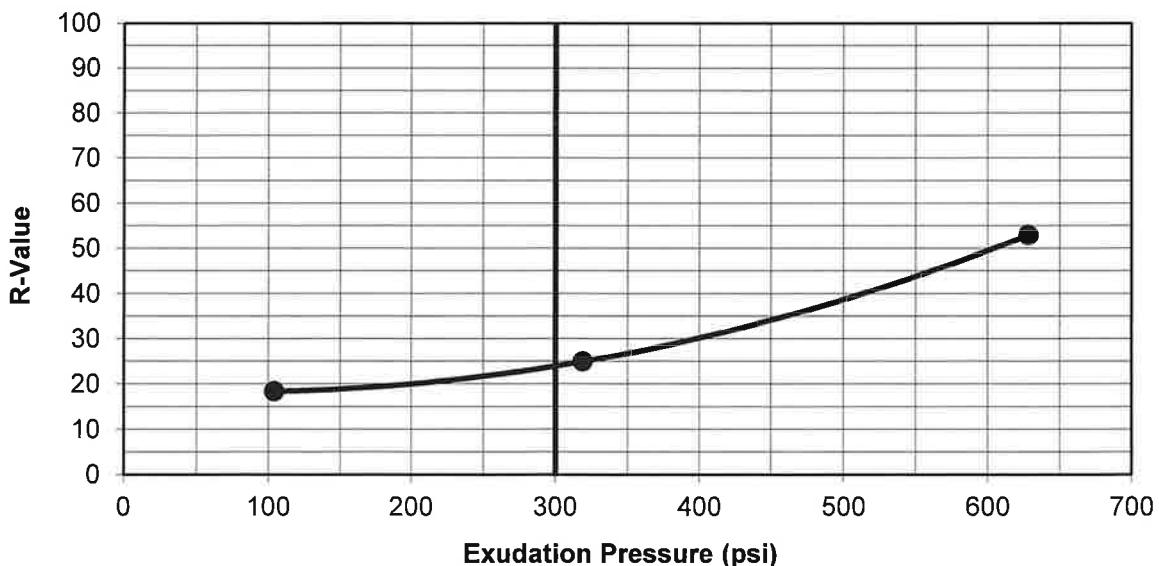
Description: Silt (ML)

Sample Location: Murphy Street (East)

Sample Depth: 0-1 ft.

Sample	A	B	C
Moisture Content, %:	15.5%	14.5%	13.0%
Dry Density, pcf:	108.3	110.2	111.3
Compaction foot pressure, psi:	350	350	350
Specimen Height, in.:	2.54	2.50	2.48
Stabilometer, Ph @ 1000 lb:	79	67	36
Stabilometer, Ph @ 2000 lb:	110	95	53
Displacement:	5.20	5.02	4.46
Expansion pressure, psf:	0	35	118
Exudation pressure, psi:	104	319	628
Equilibrium R Value:	18	25	53

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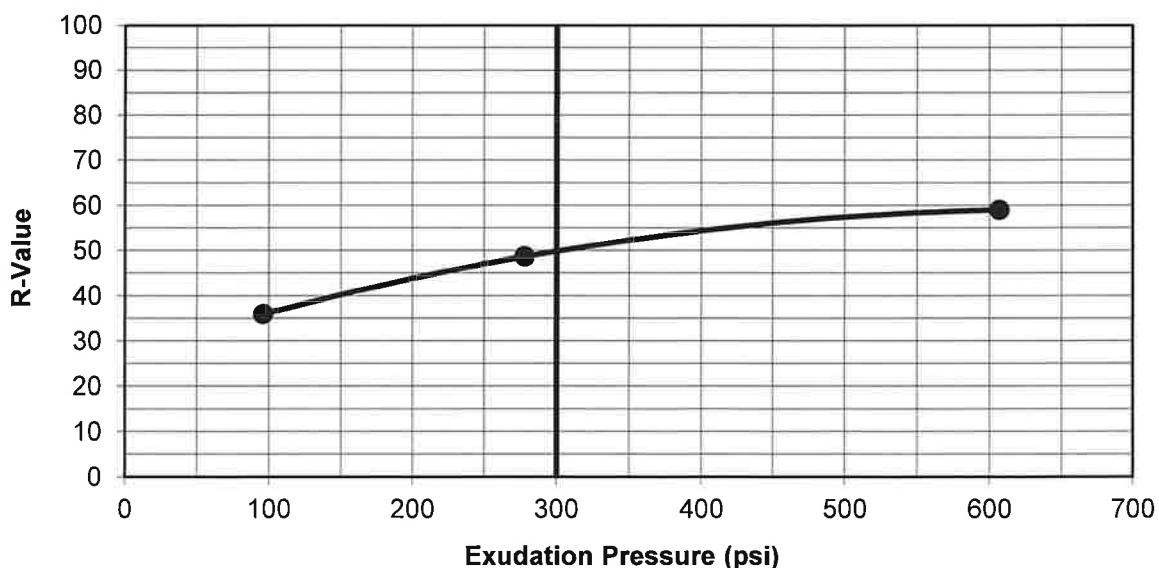
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R-Value By Exudation Pressure (ASTM D2844/CAL 301)

Description: Sandy Silt (ML)
Sample Location: 1st Street (South)
Sample Depth: 0-1 ft.

Sample	A	B	C
Moisture Content, %:	15.0%	14.0%	13.0%
Dry Density, pcf:	108.6	110.5	111.1
Compaction foot pressure, psi:	350	350	350
Specimen Height, in.:	2.55	2.47	2.49
Stabilometer, Ph @ 1000 lb:	51	42	35
Stabilometer, Ph @ 2000 lb:	76	60	49
Displacement:	5.13	4.10	3.97
Expansion pressure, psf:	0	9	44
Exudation pressure, psi:	96	278	607
Equilibrium R Value:	36	49	59
R-Value		50	



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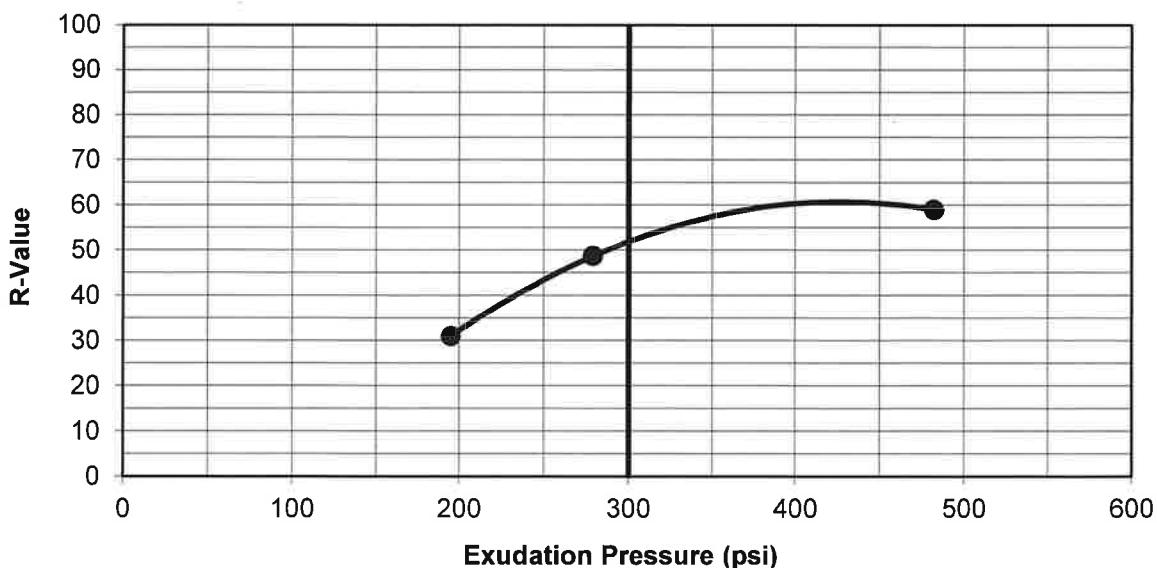
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R-Value By Exudation Pressure (ASTM D2844/CAL 301)

Description: Sandy Silt (ML)
Sample Location: 1st Street (North)
Sample Depth: 0-1 ft.

Sample	A	B	C
Moisture Content, %:	14.0%	13.0%	11.5%
Dry Density, pcf:	112.9	115.9	117.0
Compaction foot pressure, psi:	350	350	350
Specimen Height, in.:	2.45	2.45	2.48
Stabilometer, Ph @ 1000 lb:	40	30	20
Stabilometer, Ph @ 2000 lb:	80	56	48
Displacement:	5.25	4.65	4.06
Expansion pressure, psf:	0	0	0
Exudation pressure, psi:	195	279	482
Equilibrium R Value:	31	49	59
R-Value		52	



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