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# UNIVERSITY AVENUE REHABILITATION AND WIDENING CHENA RIVER BRIDGE No. 263 HYDRAULIC & HYDROLOGIC STUDY

## TASK 3 HYDRAULIC & HYDROLOGIC REPORT

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**ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
BFE	Base flood water surface elevation
cfs	Cubic feet per second
Cy/lf	Cubic yard per linear foot
DOT&PF	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Department	DOT&PF Northern Region
DFIRM	Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
H&H	Hydraulic and hydrologic
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
OHW	Ordinary high water
Project	Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project
TOB	Top of bank
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
WSE	Water surface elevation

# 1 INTRODUCTION

This document presents the hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) study of the Chena River crossing related to the University Avenue Rehabilitation and Widening project in Fairbanks, Alaska, conducted by Michael Baker Jr., Inc. for the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Northern Region (the Department). The primary purpose of this H&H study is to establish hydraulic design criteria for the new Chena River Bridge No. 263.

## 1.1 LOCATION

The Chena River is a sinuous 100-mile long river which empties into the Tanana River after passing through the city of Fairbanks. All tributaries, including the Little Chena River, join the main section upstream of the study site. Within the city limits of Fairbanks, the river splits into a secondary channel, named Noyes Slough, which runs approximately 7 miles before rejoining the Chena River immediately upstream of the study site. Deadman's Slough, an inactive channel, branches off of Noyes Slough and discharges into the river downstream of the study site. At the study site, the river is confined to a well-defined channel. The Chena River is a navigable waterway used for recreational fishing and boating during the summer months.

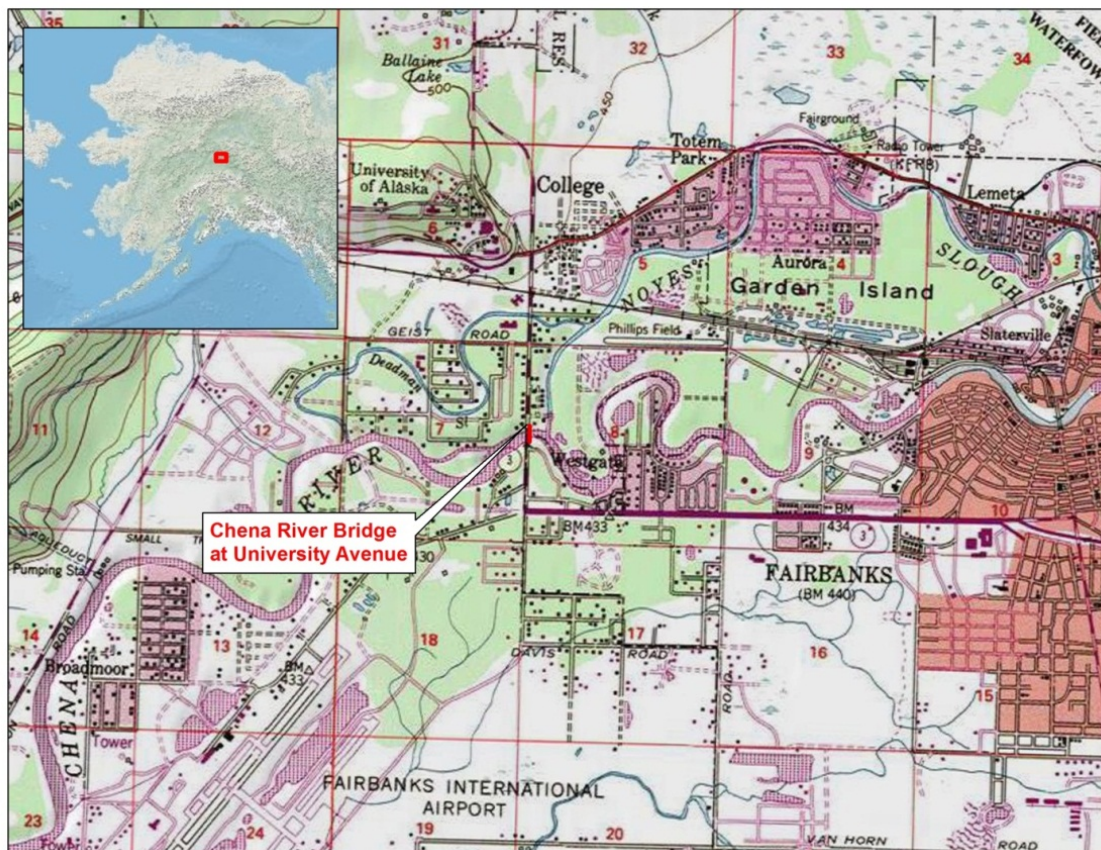


Figure 1 Study Location Map

## 1.2 PROPOSED WORK

The University Avenue Rehabilitation & Widening project consists of upgrading the University Avenue corridor in Fairbanks. The Department plans to construct the first segment of the project in 2015. Work will include replacing the Chena River Bridge No. 263, the location of which will be referred to hereafter as the study site (Photo 1).



**Photo 1 Chena River Bridge at University Avenue looking northwest; May 20, 2013**

The project proposes to replace the existing 264-foot long Chena River Bridge with a 310-foot long, 3-span, precast, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge. The proposed bridge will be 47 feet wider than the existing bridge to accommodate the proposed median and pedestrian facilities. The existing bridge abutments and piers are aligned perpendicular to the bridge deck. The proposed bridge abutments and piers will have a 10° skew, relative to the roadway alignment, to conform to the natural channel flow path.

Due to the grade raise and right-of-way constraints at the bridge, the preliminary bridge design incorporates retaining walls at the four corners of the bridge. The walls will confine the approach roadway fill in order to avoid adjacent park property and minimize impacts to residential properties. A drainage ditch along the southwest side of the bridge will accommodate stormwater outflow from storm drains along University Avenue to the south.

### 1.3 EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITION

A site visit on May 20, 2013 revealed minor erosion under the north abutment (Photo 2). The existing riprap revetment appeared to be in poor condition providing minimal protection.



**Photo 2** Minor erosion and scattered riprap observed at the north abutment, looking east; May 20, 2013

The Final Underwater Inspection Report for the Chena River at University Avenue Bridge (URS 2010) provides information on erosion, scour, and in-channel debris at the study site. No significant pier scour was identified. The top of the footing of Pier #2 was exposed, but no undermining was noted. Streambed material at piers was identified as gravel and soft silt. In-channel debris at the upstream face of Pier #2 and Pier #3, in the form of natural woody debris, was identified and removed. Erosion was noted at each abutment, with undermining of the concrete pile caps and exposure of the H piles.

The Routine Inspection Report for the Chena River Bridge at University Avenue (Orbistondo and Murray 2012) provides a historic profile of the channel at the bridge crossing from 1998 to 2012 suggesting only moderate aggradation/degradation of the channel at the site.

## 2 HYDROLOGY

The flood of record for the Chena River occurred on August 15, 1967. Estimated flows for the Chena River and Little Chena River were on the order of 74,400 and 17,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively (FEMA 1992). In 1968, congressional authorization was granted to begin work on the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project (the Project). In 1979, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) implemented the Project. As part of the Project, flood flows on the Chena River are actively regulated by the Moose Creek Dam and Chena Diversion Floodway, located approximately 19 air miles east (40.5 river miles upstream) of the study site. Flows are either diverted through the floodway to the Tanana River, discharged via the Moose Creek Dam control works, or detained in the associated reservoir.

Current management actions performed by the UASCE and congressional authorization limits of allowable flow on the Chena River in Fairbanks, as part of the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project, clearly define a maximum 100-year discharge of 12,000 cfs, which was selected as the design discharge. The location of the study site immediately downstream of the Noyes Slough confluence suggests that split flows in the Chena River and Noyes Slough should be considered. Other studies have taken the same approach of accounting for flow loss to Noyes Slough (Knapp 2009a; Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000; Anderson and Adamczak 2002). As Knapp points out, it can be inferred that the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) assumes this approach as well, though no specific discussion is presented on this matter. To maintain a maximum design discharge of 12,000 cfs at the new bridge site, flow loss to Deadman's Slough was not considered. Anecdotal information from local residents and DOT&PF staff suggests that Deadman's Slough has been blocked by earthen berms and does not actively convey flow.

The Noyes Slough, which branches off the Chena River approximately 4.8 miles upstream of the study site, discharges to the Chena River 450 feet upstream of the bridge crossing. A detailed review of Noyes Slough hydrology has been presented by Knapp (Knapp 2009a). In that report, Knapp distributed the 12,000 cfs regulated flow between the Chena River and Noyes Slough. Much of Knapp's conclusions regarding model parameters were based on the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Water-Resources Investigation Report 00-4227 (Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000), which presents a detailed review of recent river history and the impact Noyes Slough has on flow conveyance through the Chena River basin. The report states that the Noyes Slough will receive a maximum discharge of 1,100 cfs at the regulated Chena River flow of 12,000 cfs.

The Little Chena River, located approximately 19.5 river miles upstream of the study site, is an unregulated channel. Climatological and river gaging stations located throughout the Chena River basin aid in planning and real-time regulation of flows to achieve no more than the congressionally authorized maximum of 12,000 cfs through the city of Fairbanks (FEMA 1992). A meeting with Crane Johnson of the USACE confirmed that the operational maximum



discharge allowed on the Chena River in Fairbanks is not to exceed 12,000 cfs (Crane 2013). However, conditions may occur or warrant higher flows. The predicted 100-year flood discharge for the Little Chena River is 11,800 cfs limiting regulated flow from Moose Creek Dam to 200 cfs during such an event. Excessively high flows on the Little Chena River concurrent with increased release from the control works for operational safety or seepage flows under the control works may result in flows exceeding 12,000 cfs. Accordingly, a 500-yr discharge of 17,500 cfs was used as a risk assessment for developing design criteria. The 500-yr discharge combines the little Chena 500-yr peak of 14,500 cfs with an additional 3,000 cfs for anticipated seepage and other contributions from the Moose Creek Dam (FEMA 1992). The 500-yr flow distribution between the Chena River and Noyes Slough was determined based on regression equations presented in Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000. Table 1 presents the discharges used in this study.

**Table 1 Design discharge and scour risk assessment discharge**

<b>Location</b>	<b>100-Year Discharge (cfs) (Design Conditions)</b>	<b>500-Year Discharge (cfs) (Risk Assessment)</b>
<i>Upstream Limit of Study</i>		
Chena River	10,900	15,400
Noyes Slough	1,100	2,100
<i>Downstream of Noyes Slough Confluence</i>		
Bridge Crossing	12,000	17,500

The Chena River discharges to the Tanana River approximately 6.2 river miles downstream of the study site. Floods in the Tanana River cause a backwater effect in the vicinity of the study site (FEMA 1992) and were considered in this study.

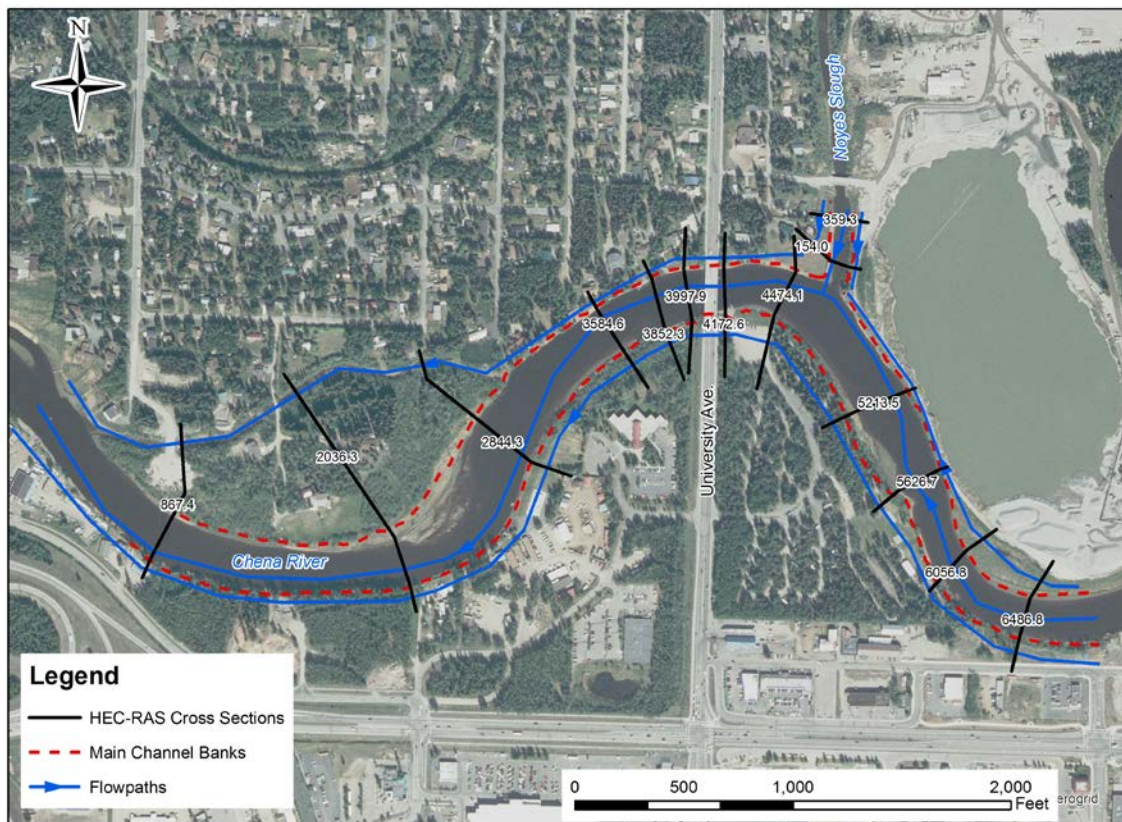
### 3 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

The one-dimensional step backwater model HEC-RAS 4.1.0, developed by the USACE (USACE 2010), was used to model design flows and extract information for use in developing bridge design criteria. The model was also used to satisfy floodplain management policy as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). An existing conditions model was developed using as-built bridge geometry. Once the existing conditions model was calibrated and validated, proposed bridge geometries provided by the Department were incorporated into the model, replacing the existing bridge geometries. All modeling was performed under steady state conditions with a subcritical flow regime.

#### 3.1 CROSS SECTIONS AND BRIDGE GEOMETRY

In July 2013, Design Alaska surveyed 12 cross sections (edge of water and channel bathymetry): two (2) on Noyes Slough, five (5) on the Chena River upstream of the University Avenue Bridge and five (5) downstream of the bridge. In addition, the July survey delineated top of bank (TOB), ordinary high water (OHW) and the edge of water along the channel banks every 50 feet.

HEC-RAS geometry input data was developed in ArcGIS using the HEC-GeoRAS extension. HEC-RAS cross sections were aligned perpendicular to overbank flow and as near to perpendicular to channel flow as possible. The July bathymetric survey data was used for channel elevations and USACE Fairbanks North Star Borough LiDAR data was used for the cross section overbank topography. Bank stations were delineated along the surveyed TOB. The cross section, flow path and bank station geometry is plotted in Figure 2.



**Figure 2 HEC-RAS Cross section locations and geometry**

An additional cross section (3584.6) utilized bathymetry provided by the USACE. Cross section 6056.8 was interpolated in the HEC-RAS program to maintain a smooth energy grade line between cross sections 5626.7 and 6486.8. Where data sets overlapped, the LiDAR data and USACE bathymetric data was cross referenced with the July 2013 survey data to check consistency.

The existing bridge geometry was developed in the model from as-built drawings provided by the Department. The bridge geometry stationing was referenced to the upstream and downstream bounding cross sections (4172.6 and 3997.9) in HEC-RAS. Pier groups in HEC-RAS are interpreted as a single continuous pier that extends through the bridge deck and is parallel to the cross-sectional flow paths through the bridge opening. A user specified skew angle, relative to the flow paths increases the effective area of the piers. The bridge piers were assigned a 10° skew angle based on the oblique orientation of the pier group relative to the cross-sectional flow path through the bridge opening. The drag coefficient for the bridge piers was set to 1.33 to represent the existing elongated round nose shape. Internal bridge cross sections were incorporated into the model based on available bathymetry under the existing bridge deck. The model was configured to compute energy losses through the bridge using the energy equation (standard step method) and momentum balance, applying the greater of the two to the final solution. Ineffective flow areas, which balance conveyance upstream and

downstream of the bridge, were assigned to upstream cross section 4172.6 and downstream cross section 3997.9 using contraction and expansion ratios of 1:1 and 1:4, respectively. Final model solutions were evaluated for equivalent conveyance upstream and downstream of the bridge.

### 3.2 MODEL CALIBRATION

The Chena River is currently gaged by the USGS (15514000) at the Steese Highway (Alaska Highway 2) bridge crossing, located upstream of the Noyes Slough split. The existing condition model was calibrated using USGS (15514000) recorded discharge data and surveyed water surface elevations. Model calibration was accomplished by adjusting channel hydraulic roughness coefficients to achieve a reasonable representation of observed hydraulic conditions.

The average USGS (15514000) recorded discharge of 1,000 cfs on July 30, 2013 was used as the upstream boundary condition. The recorded discharge value was verified with USGS staff prior to model calibration. Noyes Slough has no flow when Chena River flow drops below 3,000 cfs (Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000); therefore Noyes Slough contributions were not included in the calibration model. The known water surface elevation (WSE) at the downstream cross section (867.4), surveyed on July 30, 2013, was used as the downstream boundary condition. Assuming uniform flow conditions, a normal depth slope was computed from the modeled hydraulic grade line between downstream cross sections 867.4 and 2036.3. The model calibration parameters are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2 HEC-RAS calibration results**

<b>Calibration Parameters</b>		
	<b>Channel</b>	<b>Overbank</b>
<b>Manning's Roughness (n)</b>	0.025	0.055
<b>Normal Depth Slope (S)</b>	0.0002	

### 3.3 MODEL VALIDATION

The model was validated at the 100-yr design discharge using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) base flood water surface elevations (BFE) available in the effective FIS. The effective BFE data is currently based on the NGVD29 vertical datum. FEMA is developing Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) data for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Alaska, under the Map Modernization initiative. During a Flood Study Review Meeting in Fairbanks, FEMA presented the vertical datum conversion factor of +5.1 feet that

will be used for DFIRM development (FEMA 2012). FEMA's conversion factor of +5.1 feet was used for this analysis.

The model was validated with and without the Tanana River backwater influence. Backwater influences from the Tanana River were simulated by establishing a known WSE as the downstream boundary condition equivalent to the BFE at cross section 867.4. Conditions without Tanana River backwater influences were modeled by using the calibrated normal depth slope as the downstream boundary condition.

### 3.4 BRIDGE DESIGN MODEL

The proposed bridge geometries were provided by the Department as preliminary drawings. Internal bridge cross section geometry was updated in the model to account for the riprap revetment.

The riprap revetment was modeled at a 2H:1V slope commencing at the top of the embankment and extending to an approximate elevation of 428 feet on the left bank and 430 feet on the right bank. The revetment then transitions to a 5H:1V slope, extending to an approximate elevation of 422 feet where it terminates at natural grade. The revetment profile was designed to provide the adequate slope protection while minimizing excavation and maintaining the existing bank contours. The modeled bridge cross section, existing ground profiles and OHW for the upstream and downstream internal bridge cross sections are plotted in Figure 3 and Figure 4 respectively.

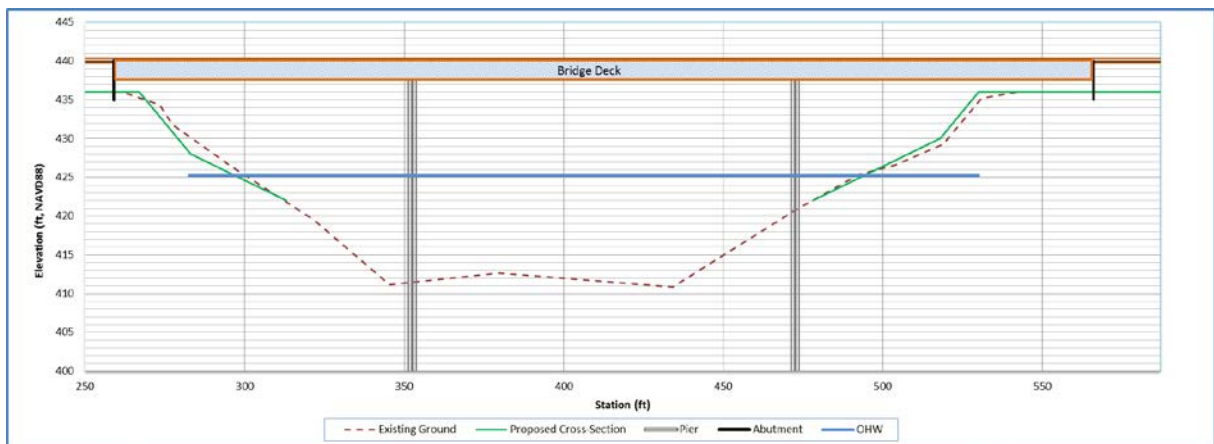
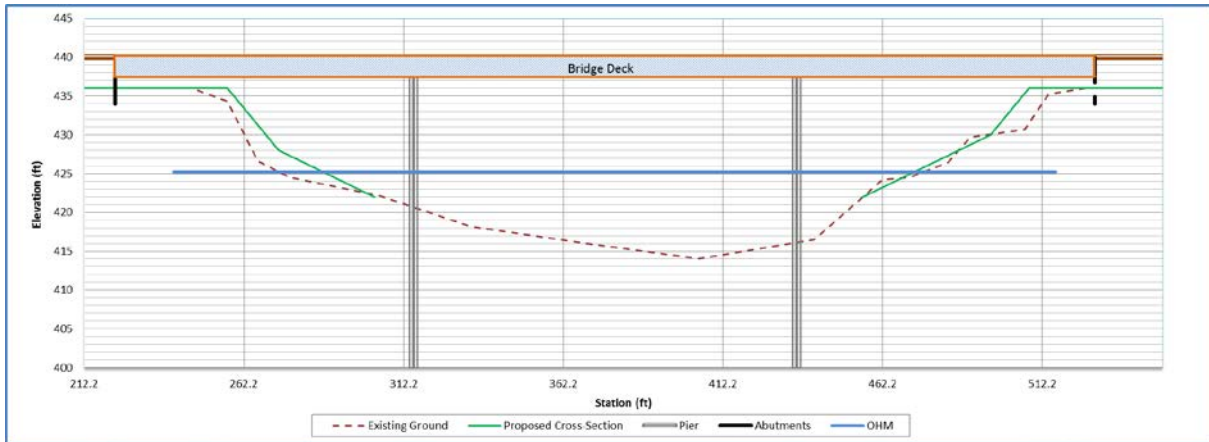


Figure 3 HEC-RAS upstream internal bridge cross section with existing ground and OHW



**Figure 4 HEC-RAS downstream internal bridge cross section with existing ground and OHW**

Modeled riprap was assigned a hydraulic roughness value of 0.04. The horizontal extent of the modeled riprap was limited to the internal bridge cross sections and the left and right banks of cross sections 3997.9 and 4172.6. The modeled horizontal extents account for a riprap apron extending upstream and downstream of the bridge as well as additional riprap placed at the drainage ditch on the southwest side of the bridge. The piers were repositioned and the diameters adjusted to the preliminary drawing specifications. The proposed piers in the preliminary plans are skewed  $10^\circ$  with respect to the roadway alignment and conform to the cross-sectional flow path through the bridge; therefore the pier skew angle was adjusted to zero in the model. The drag coefficient for the proposed piers was reduced to 1.2 to represent individual cylindrical piers.

The 100-yr design discharge was modeled with and without Tanana backwater influence to determine the maximum hydraulic conditions for consideration in the riprap design. In addition, backwater impacts resulting from the new bridge design were investigated by comparing results from the existing conditions model with the bridge design model. The model results indicate that no additional backwater attributed to the new bridge design is anticipated during the 100-yr design flood (Table 3).

**Table 3 Modeled WSE (feet) comparison between existing conditions and the proposed bridge design for the 100-yr design flood**

Reach	Cross Section	Existing Conditions Model		Bridge Design Model			
		With Tanana Backwater	Without Tanana Backwater	With Tanana Backwater		Without Tanana Backwater	
		WSE	WSE	WSE	Delta	WSE	Delta
Noyes Slough	359.3	432.28	431.80	432.25	-0.03	431.76	-0.04
	154.0	432.28	431.80	432.25	-0.03	431.76	-0.04
Upper Chena	6486.8	432.27	431.79	432.24	-0.03	431.75	-0.04
	6056.8	432.25	431.77	432.22	-0.03	431.73	-0.04
	5626.7	432.24	431.76	432.21	-0.03	431.73	-0.03
	5213.5	432.19	431.70	432.16	-0.03	431.66	-0.04
Lower Chena	4474.1	432.10	431.60	432.06	-0.04	431.56	-0.04
	4172.6	432.02	431.51	431.98	-0.04	431.47	-0.04
	<b>Bridge</b>						
	3997.9	431.82	431.29	431.82	0.00	431.29	0.00
	3852.3	431.71	431.16	431.71	0.00	431.16	0.00
	3584.6	431.60	431.01	431.60	0.00	431.01	0.00
	2844.3	431.59	430.99	431.59	0.00	430.99	0.00
	2036.3	431.43	430.79	431.43	0.00	430.79	0.00
	867.4	431.20	430.52	431.20	0.00	430.52	0.00

## 4 SCOUR ANALYSIS AND STREAM INSTABILITY

Scour is likely to occur at any drainage structure which alters the natural hydraulics of a channel. Furthermore, general channel degradation due to natural channel constrictions, erosive flow patterns in river bends or disruptions to the sediment supply may also lower the channel bed. The type and extent of scour are dependent upon the channel and flow characteristics, as well as the drainage structure design.

### 4.1 SEDIMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Prior to the construction of the Moose Creek Dam, the Chena River in Fairbanks received sediment laden flow from the Tanana River via the Chena Slough. With the dam in place, the Chena River has experienced a sediment deficiency as the Tanana River and upstream Chena River contributions are either diverted by the floodway or impounded behind the dam where suspended sediments settle before flood water is released into the Chena River (Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000). The sediment contributions from the Little Chena River, which is predominately clear water, are likely minimal. The potential downstream effects of the reduction in sediment load in the Chena River are channel degradation and general coarsening of the bed material. Channel degradation has been documented at the Wendell Street Bridge (upstream of the University Avenue Bridge), where deepening and widening of the channel has occurred after the construction of the Moose Creek Dam (Burrows, Langley, and Evetts 2000).

Observations during a site visit in May 2013, revealed the primary bed material along the channel banks and extending into the channel was medium sized gravel with an average diameter of approximately 0.03 feet (Photo 3 and Photo 4). Some sand deposition was apparent along the north bank at the bridge crossing.





**Photo 3** Medium sized gravel along the southeast bank; May 20, 2013



**Photo 4** Medium sized gravel extending into the channel, southwest of the bridge crossing; May 20, 2013

Historic profiles of the channel at the bridge crossing available in the most recent Routine Inspection Report (Orbistondo and Murray 2012) suggests only moderate aggradation/degradation of the channel at the site from 1998 to 2012. The observed gravel along the banks and the stable conditions of the channel bed suggests that channel degradation may be limited by a layer of armoring bed material of unknown size but is dependent on recent peak flow conditions. Since the construction of the Moose Creek Dam a maximum regulated streamflow of 11,400 cfs occurred in 1991 and 1992. This maximum flow was modeled in HEC-RAS to determine the dominate flow conditions at the bridge since the inception of the Moose Creek Dam. The estimated size of bed material to provide armoring and resist scour at the dominate flow conditions was computed using methods outlined in the Technical Guideline for Bureau of Reclamation- Computing Degradation and Local Scour (Pemberton and Lara 1984).

The resulting diameter of the armoring bed material was 0.03 feet, consistent with field observations, and was used as the D50 value for scour computations.

## 4.2 CONTRACTION SCOUR

Contraction scour was evaluated using the HEC-RAS bridge model results at the design discharge and following guidelines set forth in HEC No. 18 Evaluating Scour at Bridges and HEC No. 23 Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures. The lack of available sediment from upstream sources warranted using clear water conditions for the contraction scour computations. There was no contraction scour for the 100- or 500-yr modeled flood events.

## 4.3 NATURAL SCOUR

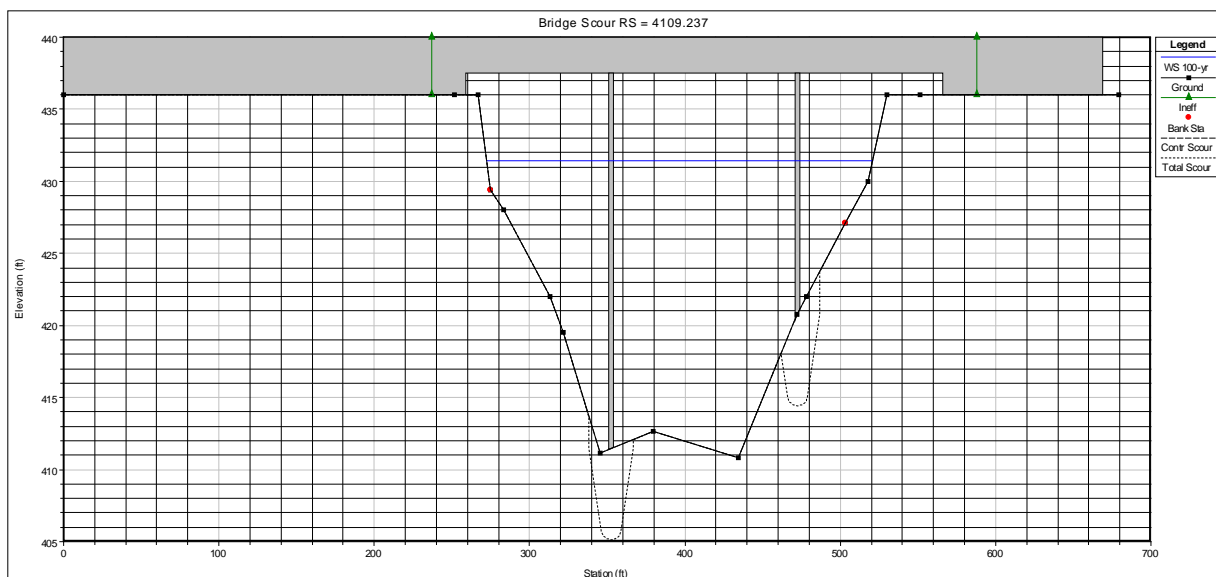
Natural channel scour was evaluated using the HEC-RAS bridge model results at the design discharge and methods outlined in the Technical Guideline for Bureau of Reclamation Computing Degradation and Local Scour (Pemberton and Lara 1984). Several methods are presented including regime equations and empirical equations. As recommended, multiple methods were evaluated and an average of the results was used to determine the estimated scour depth. The natural scour for the 100-yr and the 500-yr events were 5.9 and 7.2-feet respectively.

## 4.4 PIER SCOUR AND ABUTMENT SCOUR

Local pier scour was evaluated using the HEC-RAS bridge model results at the design discharge and following guidelines set forth in HEC No. 18 Evaluating Scour at Bridges and HEC No. 23 Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures. Local pier scour for both piers was computed using the maximum hydraulic conditions in the channel. The pier scour was evaluated using the Colorado State University method with a group of cylinders each having a width of 3-feet.

The most recent bridge inspection indicated that the streambed material at the piers was gravel and soft silt (Orbistondo and Murray 2012). Based on the results of the bridge inspection, pier scour was evaluated with and without a correction factor for armoring bed material. The pier scour without armoring bed material is reported as a conservative estimate and depicted in Figure 5. The pier scour for the 100-yr and the 500-yr events were 6.3 and 7.0-feet respectively. HEC-RAS pier scour results are provided in Figure 5.

The proposed extent of riprap to the base of the vertical abutments is considered to be adequate abutment scour protection; therefore no abutment scour is reported.



**Figure 5 HEC-RAS 100-yr pier scour results without armoring bed material correction factor applied**

## 4.5 BANK STABILITY

A qualitative streambank erosion analysis was performed using information from the May 2013 site visit and available aerial imagery. Bank migration with respect to the integrity of the proposed bridge was investigated as well as the streambank impacts of the new construction on neighboring property. Several site characteristics were considered including the channel sinuosity, bank face vegetation, bank materials and general bank profile shape.

No evidence or discussion of notable bank migration occurring in the study reach within the operational life of the existing bridge was found. A review of historic aerial imagery provided by GoogleEarth, between 1996 and 2013, shows no discernible bank migration.

The May 2013 site visit revealed stable conditions on both banks upstream and downstream of the bridge crossing. A well rooted, thick vegetative mat with grasses and willows was observed along the channel banks (Photo 5). The natural convex upwards bank profile is an indication of a stable bank with no recent bankline retreat (Rapp and Abbe 2003). The coarse

bed material observed along the banks provides sufficient toe protection preventing any undercutting or toe scour.

Bank migration on the outside of the moderate bend at the bridge location would typically raise concern, however, under the current flood control policy; it is unlikely that a large flood event that could drive rapid bank migration would occur. The increased conveyance through the proposed bridge and the 10° pier and abutment skew ultimately reduce the streambank impacts of the new construction on neighboring property.



**Photo 5** Well vegetated convex bank profile southwest of the bridge crossing, May 30, 2013

## 5 HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC SUMMARY

**Table 4 Hydraulic and Hydrologic Summary Table**

	100-yr (Design Discharge)	500-yr (Risk Assessment)
<b>Flood Frequency (yr)</b>	100	500
<b>Exceedance Probability (%)</b>	1	0.2
<b>Discharge (cfs)</b>	12,000 <sup>1</sup>	17,500 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Velocity (ft/sec)</b>	4.84	5.68
<b>High Water Elevation (ft, NAVD88)</b>	431.46	434.28
<b>Anticipated Additional Backwater (ft)<sup>3</sup></b>	0	0
<b>Contraction Scour (ft)</b>	0	0
<b>Natural Channel Scour (ft)</b>	5.9	7.2
<b>Pier Scour (ft)</b>	6.3	7.0
<b>Total Scour (ft)<sup>4</sup></b>	12.2	14.2
Notes: 1) Regulated Peak Discharge 2) Little Chena 500-yr Peak Discharge plus 3,000 cfs for seepage and other contributions from the Moose Creek Dam 3) Anticipated additional backwater is a result of the proposed bridge 4) Total scour = Natural Channel Scour + Pier Scour 5) Scour depth is applied below the thalweg elevation in anticipation of thalweg widening or migration		

## 6 RIP RAP DESIGN

### 6.1 DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Methods outlined in HEC-11 were used to size the riprap, determine the extents and the methods for placement (FHWA 1989). Other conditions including wave action, superelevation in the channel bend and ice impacts were considered in the final riprap design.

#### 6.1.1 DESIGN DISCHARGE

A median stone size,  $D_{50}$ , was initially calculated for the riprap revetment using maximum hydraulic parameters from the HEC-RAS bridge design model. The permissible tractive force method, in which channel velocity is the primary design parameter, was used to determine the  $D_{50}$ . The hydraulic parameters at the internal bridge cross sections and cross sections 3997.9 and 4172.6 were evaluated.

#### 6.1.2 WAVE IMPACTS

Bank erosion due to wave action caused by boat traffic on the Chena River was considered in sizing the riprap. The close proximity of the bridge to the Chena River State Recreation Site boat launch increases exposure to waves generated by boat traffic. A one foot wave was used as the design condition based on research conducted on 23-foot V-hulled vessels in an intercoastal waterway (Fonseca and Amit 2012). The Hudson relationship, recommended in HEC-11, was used in determining the required size of the riprap to provide stability under wave action. Wave runup on the channel bank was also considered in determining the vertical extent of the riprap.

#### 6.1.3 ICE IMPACTS

According to the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL 2013) ice jam database no historic ice jams have occurred at the project site. The lack of local ice jam data does not eliminate the potential for elevated high water due to ice jamming to occur. Breakup jams have been reported on the Chena River upstream at the Cushman St. crossing and the Nordale Rd. crossing.

The main ice concern at the project site is the movement of ice floes through the bridge opening and the excessive shearing forces that may develop along the riprap lined banks. A stability factor of 1.7 was applied to the  $D_{50}$  to increase the design rock size to resist ice impacts as recommended in HEC-11.

## 6.2 RESULTS

Table 5 presents the estimated median stone diameter for riprap armoring given the range of predicted hydraulic and wave conditions.

**Table 5 Estimated median stone diameter,  $D_{50}$  (feet), for the predicted hydraulic conditions**

Condition	XS	$D_{50}$
100-yr (without Tanana backwater)	4172.6	0.04
	4109.2 BR U	0.04
	4109.2 BR D	0.09
	3997.9	0.04
100-yr (with Tanana backwater)	4172.6	0.03
	4109.2 BR U	0.03
	4109.2 BR D	0.07
	3997.9	0.04
500-yr	4172.6	0.06
	4109.2 BR U	0.06
	4109.2 BR D	0.13
	3997.9	0.07
Waves		1.00
<i>Note: <math>D_{50}</math> values include stability factors for ice impacts</i>		

The largest estimated median stone diameter ( $D_{50}$ ) required to armor the proposed University Avenue Bridge is 1.00 feet. Wave conditions resulting from anticipated boat wakes yield the greatest median stone diameter estimate. A  $D_{50}$  value of 1.3 feet, equivalent to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Class B riprap, is suggested. Based on weight gradation of AASHTO Class B and DOT&PF specifications for riprap, a DOT&PF Class II riprap is required.

Guidelines established in Chapter 17 of the Alaska Highway Drainage Manual (DOT&PF 1995) identify methods for determining final riprap placement thickness. The final riprap armoring thickness should be the greater of  $D_{100}$  or two times  $D_{50}$ . This thickness should be increased by 50 percent when riprap is placed underwater, and increased by one foot when the riprap is subjected to debris or ice. The  $D_{100}$ , 100 percent passing a sieve of size D, is 1.8 feet under AASHTO Class B gradation. The AASHTO Class B  $D_{50}$  is 1.3 feet, resulting in a reasonable revetment thickness of 2.6 feet. In the event that water depth is greater than the proposed revetment thickness at the time of construction, and dewatering is not performed, stones should be placed to a thickness of 1.5 times the specified thickness or to the water surface, whichever is less. Ice and woody debris are a concern at the proposed bridge, thus requiring an additional foot of riprap, yielding a design riprap revetment thickness of 3.6 feet. This thickness should be conservatively maintained throughout the entire revetment to account for changes in velocity distribution, debris floes, and ice impacts. Stones larger than

the specified maximum revetment thickness should not be used in construction of the revetment.

Failure of riprap revetments is often attributed to the undermining of toe protection due to natural channel degradation, contraction scour and local scour at the riprap toe. Based on the scour analysis the anticipated depth of natural scour for the 100-yr design discharge is 5.9 feet. Additional toe material should be placed within a trench or at the toe of the revetment to fill the scour hole and prevent undermining and subsequent failure of the revetment. A depth of 5.9 feet below the channel thalweg and thickness of 3.6 feet along a 2H:1V slope would require an additional volume of riprap of approximately 206 cubic feet per linear foot (206 ft<sup>3</sup>/lf), or 7.6 cubic yards per linear foot (CY/lf) of revetment. It is unlikely that boat traffic would be operational if water levels dropped to the riprap toe elevation; therefore, the wave conditions that were used to determine the Class II riprap size are not a concern at the toe elevation. Consequently it may be prudent to reduce the size of riprap in the toe volume to Class I. The necessary excavation below OHW for installing the riprap toe will likely require a cofferdam to temporarily dewater the channel embankments.

Final revetment design specifications are as follows:

- Class II riprap
- Place riprap to thickness of 3.6 feet
- Placement side slope should not exceed 2H:1V
- Riprap toe volume of 7.6 CY/lf of revetment (Class I or Class II riprap)

The riprap placed under the bridge should extend to the vertical abutment. The freeboard of the riprap apron outside of the bridge should extend to a height of 3-feet above the design WSE or to the intersection of the vertical retaining wall on the bridge approach. The recommended freeboard height takes into consideration wave runup and the superelevation of the design high water in the channel bend. According to HEC-11 guidelines, the riprap revetment should be keyed into the bank a depth of 2 times the riprap thickness.

The riprap revetment should extend laterally to the boat ramp on the southeast side of the bridge, just beyond the drainage ditch on the southwest side of the bridge and to the right-of-way limits on the northeast and northwest sides of the bridge. Vegetation aligned with the revetment is advisable to reduce erosion at the interface of the revetment and existing ground elevation. The upstream and downstream flanks of the revetment should be keyed into the existing ground to prevent undermining at the transition to the natural bank. Where the revetment profile is lower than the adjacent bank profile, backfill on top of the riprap with native material should be used to smooth the transition between the riprap revetment and the adjacent bank. The riprap/soil interface was evaluated for stability and based on the riprap size and estimated native soil gradation, a filter is recommended. A granular filter consisting of a single, 6-inch layer of 1.5-inch well graded gravel will provide the necessary stability. As



an alternative, a geotextile fabric filter, Class I, could be used. Placement of the riprap should be performed such that the geotextile filter is not disturbed or damaged. This includes limiting the drop height for riprap placement to under 3 feet. If the geotextile filter is installed below water, the fabric should be secured in place with stones prior to riprap placement. Further geotechnical investigations may determine that the native soil will provide sufficient stability for the recommended riprap.

The recommended stone size and extent of the riprap revetment was incorporated back into the model to check initial design criteria. There were no changes in WSE or velocities in the updated model that would alter the design results.

## 7 FLOOD IMPACTS

As part of NFIP policy (44 CFR 60.3(d)(3)), any project falling within effective floodway encroachments must be reviewed to determine if the project will increase flood levels. An engineering analysis must be conducted before a permit can be issued. Records of the analysis will be provided to the community in the form of a No-Rise Certification. The study must clearly show that construction of proposed infrastructure not increase water surface elevations above existing conditions. If a proposed project will increase flood water surface elevations, the community must receive FEMA's conditional approval in the form of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision prior to construction and a Letter of Map Revision following construction.

The exiting bridge geometry model reproduced the effective BFE within 0.5 feet with and without the Tanana River influence. The existing geometries were replaced with the proposed geometries including the proposed riprap revetment, and the model rerun to identify the direct impacts of the proposed project to relative to existing conditions. Based on the model results (Table 3), the proposed bridge geometries will not cause a rise in water surface elevation at the 100-yr design flood.

## 8 DECK DRAINAGE

The project proposes a curb and gutter system with storm drains for managing roadway drainage. The profile grade of the proposed bridge design incorporates a crown at mid span directing surface runoff into storm drain inlets near the four corners of the bridge. Deck drainage from the proposed bridge has been accounted for in the roadway designers drainage calculations. All storm water will be treated through vegetated bioswales before it is discharged into water bodies.

The drainage ditch along the southwest corner of the bridge will receive outflow from the University Avenue storm drains. The riprap revetment should extend laterally past the drainage ditch to provide scour protection at the drainage ditch outfall. Class II riprap should be keyed in where the drainage ditch intersects the top of the riprap revetment to prevent undercutting or washing out of the riprap revetment. The design discharge and velocity for the drainage ditch was acquired from the roadway designers. The Class II riprap is adequately sized for stability at the drainage ditch design discharge.

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## Appendix A. HEC-RAS OUTPUT DATA FOR THE CHENA RIVER AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE

HEC-RAS Version 4.1.0 Jan 2010  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Hydrologic Engineering Center  
609 Second Street  
Davis, California

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PROJECT DATA

Project Title: 2013\_UnivAve  
Project File : 2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2.prj  
Run Date and Time: 11/12/2013 11:41:01 AM

Project in English units

Project Description:

Project contents: (expand and scroll down)  
This is the hydraulic model for the  
AKDOT Northern Region 2013 University Ave. Bridge/Chena River H&H  
project. The  
results from the model were reported in the H&H report. The model was  
used for  
simulating hydraulic conditions at the proposed University Ave. Bridge  
reconstruction. The model was also used to demonstrate that the proposed  
bridge  
would not cause a rise in water surface elevations. This was accomplished  
by  
comparing the model results with the existing conditions with the design  
conditions at the 100-yr flow profiles.  
The model includes 2 geometry  
files:

- 1) Existing Conditions - These are the existing bridge conditions developed from as-built drawings.
- 2) Design Conditions - These are the proposed bridge conditions interpreted from preliminary drawings provided by DOT.

The model includes 2 steady flow files:

- 1) 100-yr Design Q w/o Tanana  
BW - 100-yr Design Discharge without any Tanana River backwater considered.

- 2) 100-yr Design Q w/ Tanana BW - 100-yr Design Discharge with Tanana River backwater considered.
- 3) Scour Q w/o Tanana BW - 100-yr Design Discharge and 500-yr risk assessment discharge for scour analysis.

Steady flow analysis includes:

- 1) Existing Cond. 100-yr w/o BW - Existing condition model at design discharge without Tanana River backwater
- 2) Existing Cond. 100-yr w/ BW - Existing condition model at design discharge with Tanana River backwater
- 3) Design Cond. 100-yr w/o BW - Existing condition model at design discharge without Tanana River backwater
- 4) Design Cond. 100-yr w/ BW - Existing condition model at design discharge with Tanana River backwater

#### PLAN DATA

Plan Title: Design Cond. 100-yr w/o BW  
Plan File : C:\HECRAS\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2.p03

Geometry Title: Design\_Conditions  
Geometry File :  
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Flow Title : 100-yr Design Q w/o Tanana BW  
Flow File :  
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Plan Description:  
Proposed University Ave. Bridge.  
100-yr flow with Normal Depth  $S=0.0002$  for  
downstream BC. Use for no BW influence from Tanana River condition.

#### Plan Summary Information:

Number of:	Cross Sections =	14	Multiple Openings =	0
	Culverts =	0	Inline Structures =	0
	Bridges =	1	Lateral Structures =	0

#### Computational Information

Water surface calculation tolerance	=	0.01
Critical depth calculation tolerance	=	0.01
Maximum number of iterations	=	20
Maximum difference tolerance	=	0.3
Flow tolerance factor	=	0.001

#### Computation Options



Critical depth computed only where necessary  
 Conveyance Calculation Method: At breaks in n values only  
 Friction Slope Method: Average Conveyance  
 Computational Flow Regime: Subcritical Flow

FLOW DATA

Flow Title: 100-yr Design Q w/o Tanana BW  
 Flow File : C:\HECRAS\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2.f01

Flow Data (cfs)

River	Reach	RS	100-yr
Chena	Upper	6486.79	10900
Chena	Lower	4474.147	12000
Noyes Slough	Noyes Slough	359.3467	1100

Boundary Conditions

River	Reach	Profile	Upstream
Downstream			
Chena	Lower	100-yr	
Normal S = 0.0002			

GEOMETRY DATA

Geometry Title: Design\_Conditions  
 Geometry File : C:\HECRAS\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2\2013\_UnivAve\_HH\_Rev2.g02

Reach Connection Table

River	Reach	Upstream Boundary	Downstream
Boundary			
Chena	Upper		Noyes
Chena	Lower	Noyes	
Noyes Slough	Noyes Slough		Noyes

JUNCTION INFORMATION

Name: Noyes  
 Description:  
 Energy computation Method

Length across Junction                      Tributary



502.24	430.38	506.2	431.84	510.16	433.52	514.11	435.24	518.07
436.87								
522.03	437.77	525.99	438.53	529.95	438.97	533.91	439.23	537.86
439.3								
541.82	439.16	545.78	439.34					

Manning's n Values num= 3

Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val
0	.055	153.79	.025	360.8	.055

Bank Sta:	Left	Right	Lengths:	Left Channel	Right	Coeff	Contr.
Expan.							
	153.79	360.8		476.29	430	353.45	.1
	.3						

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Chena  
 REACH: Upper RS: 6056.79\*

INPUT

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10.55	435.39	13.8	435.38	14.07	435.38	17.58	435.33	18.4
435.32								
21.09	435.3	23.01	435.35	24.61	435.37	27.6	435.46	28.12
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31.64	435.55	32.2	435.54	35.15	435.47	36.81	435.41	38.67
435.34								
41.4	435.19	42.19	435.15	45.7	434.95	46	434.95	49.22
434.92								
50.6	434.95	52.74	435.03	55.21	435.08	56.25	435.09	59.77
435.12								
59.8	435.12	63.28	435.13	64.4	435.14	66.79	435.18	69.01
435.19								
70.31	435.21	73.6	435.38	73.83	435.39	77.34	435.39	78.2
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80.86	435.25	82.81	435.2	84.37	435.18	87.41	435.18	87.89
435.18								
91.41	435.14	92	435.13	94.92	435.1	96.61	435.08	98.44
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110.41	435.72	112.5	435.62	115.01	435.29	116.01	435.15	119.53
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430.91								
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428.09								

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425.11								
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422.86								
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416.84								
236.13	406.51	261.19	408.66	265.13	409.16	284.63	412.28	293
413.09								
309.37	415.53	320.91	418.1	333.94	419.7	346.59	422.26	350.8
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403.27	430.12	405.58	430.1	407.9	430.04	410.21	429.94	412.53
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436.94								

Manning's n Values num= 3

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Bank Sta:	Left	Right	Lengths:	Left Channel	Right	Coeff	Contr.
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CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Chena  
 REACH: Upper RS: 5626.711

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39.97	434.91	43.97	434.83	47.97	434.9	51.96	434.84	55.96
59.96	434.82	63.95	434.93	67.95	435	71.95	435.05	75.95
79.94	435.27	83.94	435.37	87.94	435.75	91.93	435.88	95.93
99.93	435.58	103.92	435.23	107.92	434.47	111.92	433.38	115.92
118.14	430.51	119.91	429.68	123.91	428.12	127.91	427.62	131.9
135.9	427.02	139.9	426.34	143.9	425.26	147.893	424.297	155.8589
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309.8686	411.954	335.8794	416.066	363.3973	424.563	367.02	430.48	368.27
370.64	432.71	374.27	433.22	377.89	432.97	381.51	432.61	385.13
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CROSS SECTION

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 REACH: Upper RS: 5213.506

INPUT

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39.73	435.24	43.7	435.36	47.67	435.34	51.65	435.18	55.62	
59.59	435.3	63.56	435.4	67.54	435.41	71.51	435.26	75.48	



139.16	434.6	143.14	434.61	147.11	434.55	151.09	434.52	155.07
434.51								
159.04	434.44	163.02	434.46	167	434.53	170.97	434.56	174.95
434.55								
178.92	434.48	182.9	434.46	186.88	434.45	190.85	434.41	194.83
434.51								
198.8	434.48	202.78	434.3	206.76	434.24	210.73	434.22	214.71
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258.45	433.84	262.42	433.82	266.4	433.73	270.37	433.85	274.35
433.94								
278.33	434.01	282.3	433.98	286.28	434.06	290.25	434.04	294.23
433.93								
298.21	433.91	302.18	433.76	306.16	433.29	310.13	432.72	314.11
432.49								
318.09	432.37	322.06	432.24	326.04	431.79	330.01	430.42	333.34
428.63								
333.99	428.28	337.97	426.59	341.94	425.49	345.91	424.39	352.07
422.074								
371.35	59	421.13	4	396.99	5	420.30	7	424.17
412.379								
504.10	94	404.84	3	529.15	3	409.88	5	54.62
426.51								
575.99	427.91	578.96	428.52	579.91	428.71	583.82	429.47	587.73
429.81								
591.65	429.8	595.56	429.8	599.47	429.84	603.38	429.91	607.3
430.02								
611.21	430.16	615.12	430.35	619.03	430.55	622.95	430.71	626.86
430.81								
630.77	430.88	634.68	430.97	638.6	431.07	642.51	431.21	646.42
431.37								
650.33	431.48	654.25	431.66	658.16	431.79	662.07	431.99	665.98
432.33								
669.9	432.51	673.81	432.72	677.72	432.95	681.63	433.15	685.55
433.45								
689.46	433.74	693.37	434.02	697.28	434.45	701.2	434.91	705.11
435.37								
709.02	435.86	712.94	436.4	716.85	436.8	720.76	437.04	724.67
437.1								
728.59	437.15	732.5	437.25					

Manning's n Values num= 3  
 Sta n Val Sta n Val Sta n Val  
 0 .055 333.34 .025 578.96 .055

Bank Sta: Left Right Lengths: Left Channel Right Coeff Contr.  
 Expan. 333.34 578.96 200.2 301.51 325.24 .3  
 .5

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Chena  
REACH: Lower

RS: 4172.639

INPUT

Description:

Station	Elevation	Data	num=	126					
Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev
0	432.34	3.99	433.4	7.98	434.75	11.98	435.5	15.97	435.72
19.96	435.87	23.95	435.98	27.94	436.08	31.94	436.1	35.93	436.04
39.92	435.49	43.91	434.59	47.9	433.77	51.9	433.24	55.89	433.01
59.88	432.47	63.87	432.23	67.87	432.37	71.86	432.79	75.85	433.25
79.84	433.86	83.83	434.51	87.83	434.56	91.82	434.34	95.81	434.28
99.8	434.31	103.79	434.28	107.79	434.29	111.78	434.3	115.77	434.26
119.76	434.13	123.75	433.99	127.75	433.95	131.74	433.87	135.73	433.65
139.72	433.54	143.71	433.61	147.71	433.64	151.7	433.79	155.69	433.69
159.68	433.57	163.67	433.61	167.67	433.54	171.66	433.44	175.65	433.62
179.64	433.75	183.64	433.85	187.63	433.84	191.62	433.7	195.61	433.51
199.6	433.58	203.6	433.58	207.59	433.45	211.58	433.3	215.57	433.09
219.56	433.02	223.56	432.98	227.55	432.89	231.54	432.88	235.53	432.87
239.52	432.74	243.52	432.61	247.51	432.48	251.5	432.31	255.49	432.06
259.48	431.85	263.48	431.55	267.47	431.22	271.46	430.81	275.45	430.24
279.44	429.81	282.42	429.4	283.44	429.26	287.43	427.97	291.42	426.7
295.41	426.1	299.4	425.21	303.397	424.278	334.645	418.793	362.74	415.53
389.402	411.228	414.646	411.04	438.743	411.569	466.427	418.93	491.493	422.147
503.736	424.2	507.69	424.87	511.64	426.05	515.53	427.09	515.59	427.11
519.55	427.86	523.5	428.29	527.45	429.55	531.4	431.37	535.35	432.24
539.31	433.12	543.26	434.11	547.21	435.07	551.16	435.88	555.11	436.34
559.07	436.75	563.02	436.77	566.97	436.78	570.92	436.81	574.87	436.83
578.83	436.76	582.78	436.44	586.73	436.22	590.68	436.14	594.63	435.84



598.59	435.54	602.54	435.25	606.49	435.24	610.44	435.15	614.4
435.19								
618.35	435.23	622.3	435.21	626.25	435.39	630.2	435.59	634.16
435.78								
638.11	435.91	642.06	435.9	646.01	435.96	649.96	435.75	653.919
435.46								
657.87	435.18							

Manning's n Values num= 5

Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta
0	.055	255.49	.04	334.645	.025	466.427	.04	543.26
.055								

Bank Sta: Left Right Lengths: Left Channel Right Coeff Contr. Expan.

282.42	515.53	155.9	174.77	184.05	.3
.5					

Ineffective Flow num= 2

Sta L	Sta R	Elev	Permanent
0	237.06	440	T
588	657.87	440	T

BRIDGE

RIVER: Chena  
 REACH: Lower RS: 4109.237

INPUT

Description:

Distance from Upstream XS = 10  
 Deck/Roadway Width = 106.3  
 Weir Coefficient = 2.6  
 Upstream Deck/Roadway Coordinates

num= 6									
Sta	Hi	Cord	Lo	Cord	Sta	Hi	Cord	Lo	Cord
0		440			259.06		440		
566		440		437.5	566		440		669.1

Upstream Bridge Cross Section Data

Station Elevation Data num= 17									
Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev
0	436	251.76	436	267	436	274.543	429.4	283	428
313	422	321.505	419.54	345.301	411.17	379.664	412.64	434.102	410.83
472.433	420.75	478	422	503.45	427.09	518	430	530	436
551.51	436	679.422	436						

Manning's n Values num= 3

Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val
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0 .04 313 .025 478 .04

Bank Sta: Left Right Coeff Contr. Expan.  
274.543 503.45 .3 .5

Ineffective Flow num= 2  
Sta L Sta R Elev Permanent  
0 237.06 440 T  
588 679.422 440 T

Downstream Deck/Roadway Coordinates

num= 6  
Sta Hi Cord Lo Cord Sta Hi Cord Lo Cord Sta Hi Cord Lo Cord  
0 440 221.81 440 221.81 440 437.5  
528.75 440 437.5 528.75 440 669.1 440

Downstream Bridge Cross Section Data

Station Elevation Data num= 16  
Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta  
Elev  
0 436 240.118 436 257 436 271.96 428.52 273  
428  
303 422 304.643 422.162 332.981 418.232 369.977 415.942 404.698  
414.052  
440.822 416.512 456 422 482 427.2 496 430 508  
436  
669.1 436

Manning's n Values num= 2  
Sta n Val Sta n Val  
0 .04 456 .04

Bank Sta: Left Right Coeff Contr. Expan.  
271.96 482 .3 .5

Ineffective Flow num= 2  
Sta L Sta R Elev Permanent  
0 210.1925 440 T  
540.3675 669.1 440 T

Upstream Embankment side slope = 0 horiz. to 1.0  
vertical  
Downstream Embankment side slope = 0 horiz. to 1.0  
vertical  
Maximum allowable submergence for weir flow = .98  
Elevation at which weir flow begins =  
Energy head used in spillway design =  
Spillway height used in design =  
Weir crest shape = Broad Crested

Number of Piers = 2

Pier Data

Pier Station Upstream= 352.53 Downstream= 315.28  
Upstream num= 6

Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	
Elev	3	397	3	401	3	401	3	404	3
404	3	437.5							
Downstream	num=	6							
Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	
Elev	3	397	3	401	3	401	3	404	3
404	3	437.5							

Pier Data

Pier Station	Upstream=	472.53	Downstream=	435.28					
Upstream	num=	6							
Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	
Elev	12	397	12	401	9	401	9	404	3
404	3	437.5							
Downstream	num=	6							
Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	Elev	Width	
Elev	12	397	12	401	9	401	9	404	3
404	3	437.5							

Number of Bridge Coefficient Sets = 1

Low Flow Methods and Data

Energy				
Momentum	Cd =	1.2		

Selected Low Flow Methods = Highest Energy Answer

High Flow Method

Energy Only

Additional Bridge Parameters

Add Friction component to Momentum  
 Do not add Weight component to Momentum  
 Class B flow critical depth computations use critical depth  
 inside the bridge at the upstream end  
 Criteria to check for pressure flow = Upstream energy grade line

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Chena  
 REACH: Lower RS: 3997.873

INPUT

Description:  
 Station Elevation Data num= 121

Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta
	0	433.96	3.96	433.86	7.92	433.74	11.88	433.71	15.84
433.74									
	19.8	433.72	23.76	433.36	27.73	432.94	31.69	432.73	35.65
432.79									
	39.61	432.94	43.57	433.1	47.53	433.2	51.49	433.2	55.45
433.18									
	59.41	433.15	63.37	433.16	67.33	433.15	71.29	433.14	75.25
433.15									
	79.21	433.18	83.18	433.19	87.14	432.98	91.1	432.83	95.06
432.56									
	99.02	432.21	102.981	432.06	106.94	431.94	110.9	431.72	114.86
431.51									
	118.82	431.29	122.78	431.03	126.74	431	130.7	431.07	134.67
431.08									
	138.63	431.2	142.59	431.14	146.55	431.13	150.51	431.12	154.47
431.13									
	158.43	431.08	162.39	431.02	166.35	430.98	170.31	431.03	174.27
431.11									
	178.23	431.15	182.19	431.15	186.16	431.04	190.12	431.01	194.078
430.68									
	198.04	430.25	202	430.13	205.96	429.9	209.92	429.74	213.88
429.58									
	217.84	429.47	221.8	429.43	225.76	429.33	229.42	428.52	229.72
428.45									
	233.68	427.1	237.64	425.53	241.606	424.036	269.625	421.616	294.205
418.027									
	322.234	418.302	347.16	416.812	374.025	416.207	401.328	415.334	428.668
418.347									
	454.219	421.019	480.753	424.29	484.68	426.28	488.35	427.2	488.6
427.26									
	492.53	427.76	496.45	429.1	500.38	431.56	504.3	433.1	508.23
433.56									
	512.15	433.65	516.08	433.62	520	433.52	523.93	433.54	527.85
433.61									
	531.77	433.63	535.701	433.67	539.62	433.75	543.55	433.82	547.47
433.85									
	551.4	433.97	555.32	434.18	559.25	434.31	563.17	434.36	567.1
434.47									
	571.02	434.6	574.95	434.69	578.87	434.64	582.8	434.53	586.72
434.5									
	590.65	434.51	594.57	434.58	598.5	434.54	602.42	434.5	606.35
434.52									
	610.27	434.57	614.2	434.6	618.12	434.55	622.04	434.55	625.97
434.5									
	629.89	434.45	633.82	434.4	637.74	434.34	641.67	434.28	645.59
434.24									
	649.52	434.34	653.44	434.53	657.37	434.5	661.288	434.47	665.22
434.45									
	669.14	434.42							

Manning's n Values num= 5











909.77 431.37 913.66 432.74 917.55 433.56 921.44 433.84 925.33  
 434.03  
 929.22 434.3 933.11 434.53 937 434.64 940.89 434.77

Manning's n Values num= 3  
 Sta n Val Sta n Val Sta n Val  
 0 .055 192.02 .025 525.31 .055

Bank Sta: Left Right Lengths: Left Channel Right Coeff Contr.  
 Expan.  
 192.02 525.31 914.87 808.01 613.02 .1  
 .3

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Chena  
 REACH: Lower RS: 2036.342

INPUT

Description:

Station Elevation Data num= 269  
 Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta Elev Sta  
 Elev  
 0 435.5 3.9 435.47 7.79 435.2 11.69 434.89 15.59  
 434.63  
 19.49 434.73 23.38 434.97 27.28 435.13 31.18 435.11 35.07  
 435.07  
 38.97 434.81 42.87 434.66 46.76 434.55 50.66 434.61 54.56  
 434.57  
 58.46 434.6 62.35 434.63 66.25 434.54 70.15 434.5 74.04  
 434.64  
 77.94 434.7 81.84 434.89 85.74 435.38 89.63 435.26 93.53  
 434.92  
 97.43 434.99 101.32 435.04 105.22 434.74 109.12 434.89 111.45  
 433.48  
 113.01 432.53116.9118 424.115121.9313 421.992145.7774 419.778172.7717  
 419.302  
 199.1418 417.644224.4314 417.743251.3098 418.689277.5214 419.074304.3854  
 420.57  
 329.234 422.122356.8591 424.136 360.85 424.34 364.84 424.61 368.83  
 424.89  
 372.82 425.08 376.81 425.31 380.8 425.45 384.79 425.59 388.78  
 425.6  
 392.77 425.5 394.18 425.51 396.76 425.53 400.75 425.8 404.74  
 425.84  
 408.73 425.86 412.72 425.95 416.71 426.15 420.7 426.3 424.69  
 426.54  
 428.68 426.6 432.67 426.82 436.66 427 440.66 427.39 444.65  
 427.84  
 448.64 428.04 452.63 428.26 456.62 428.26 460.61 427.92 464.6  
 427.36  
 468.59 426.95 472.58 427.13 476.57 427.59 480.56 428.02 484.55  
 428.37





94.55	430.53	98.49	427.61	102.43	16	424.45	6106.93	91	421.92	8130.72	62	
417.187												
154.3358	417.42	9179.62	25	417.77	8204.86	18	417.70	3231.83	06	417.96	7258.92	66
418.056												
283.5934	418.15	310.222		420.63	3330.51	57	424.209	334.42		427.32		337.81
429.3												
338.32	429.6	342.22		430.61	346.12		431	350.02		431.18		353.92
431.26												
357.82	431.01	361.72		431.16	365.62		431.49	369.52		431.87		373.42
432.05												
377.32	432.11	381.22		432.18	385.12		432.41	389.03		432.53		392.93
432.63												
396.83	432.63	400.73		432.5	404.63		432.17	408.53		431.99		412.43
432.01												
416.33	432.1	420.23		432.32	424.13		432.55	428.03		432.58		431.93
432.56												
435.83	432.94	439.83		433.54	443.83		434.12	447.83		434.09		451.83
434.19												
455.83	434.21	459.83		434.35	463.83		434.23	467.83		434.1		471.83
434.18												
475.83	434.27	479.82		434.3	483.82		434.4	487.82		434.39		491.82
434.33												
495.82	434.26	499.82		434.1	503.82		433.94	507.82		433.77		511.82
433.79												
515.82	433.76	519.82		433.62	523.82		433.67	527.82		433.74		531.82
433.57												
535.81	433.54	539.81		433.49	543.81		433.54	547.81		433.63		551.81
433.71												
555.81	433.78	559.81		433.78	563.81		433.8	567.81		433.7		571.81
433.55												
575.81	433.36	579.81		433.14	583.81		432.95	587.8		432.97		591.8
433.33												
595.8	434.31	599.8		434.53	603.8		434.54	607.8		434.51		611.8
434.31												
615.8	433.01	619.8		431.26	623.8		429.24	627.8		427.95		631.8
426.28												
635.8	424.48	639.79		423.14	643.79		421.97	647.79		421.88		651.79
422												
655.79	422.09	659.79		422.71	663.79		423.05	667.79		423.93		671.79
424.25												
675.79	424.31	679.79		425.07	683.79		425.85	687.79		427.29		691.78
428.89												
695.78	430.14	699.78		430.76	703.78		431.14	707.78		431.29		711.78
431.47												
715.78	431.53	719.78		431.68	723.78		431.58	727.78		431.63		731.78
431.51												
735.78	431.77	739.78		431.86	743.78		432.28	747.77		432.79		751.77
433.27												

Manning's	n Values		num=	3		
Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	
0	.055	88.2	.025	337.81	.055	

Bank Sta: Left	Right	Lengths: Left	Channel	Right	Coeff	Contr.
Expan.						
	88.2	337.81	896.37	867.4	657.99	.1
.3						

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Noyes Slough  
 REACH: Noyes Slough RS: 359.3467

INPUT

Description:

Station	Elevation	Data	num=	53					
Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev
Elev									
0	434.46	3.96	434.87	7.93	435.21	11.89	436.14	15.85	
437.36									
19.82	437.51	23.78	437.41	27.74	438.29	31.71	439.69	35.67	
440.77									
39.63	440.65	43.6	439.74	47.56	438.69	51.52	437.45	55.49	
436.34									
59.45	434.36	63.41	431.23	67.15	428.85	67.38	428.7	71.34	
427.2									
75.30518	424.44779	65753	420.296104	2795	419.972129	2875	421.485155	1911	
422.315									
164.3635	424.272	168.31	426.28	172.25	427.64	176.19	429.51	177.98	
430.16									
180.13	430.94	184.07	432	188.02	432.55	191.96	432.86	195.9	
433.15									
199.84	433.32	203.79	433.48	207.73	433.62	211.67	433.84	215.61	
434.02									
219.56	434.36	223.5	434.4	227.44	434.62	231.38	434.88	235.32	
435.11									
239.27	435.36	243.21	435.74	247.15	435.87	251.09	435.86	255.04	
435.98									
258.98	435.94	262.92	435.95	266.86	436.16				

Manning's n Values	num=	3
Sta	n Val	Sta
0	.055	67.15
		.029
		177.98
		.055

Bank Sta: Left	Right	Lengths: Left	Channel	Right	Coeff	Contr.
Expan.						
	67.15	177.98	217.39	205.37	144.26	.1
.3						

CROSS SECTION

RIVER: Noyes Slough  
 REACH: Noyes Slough RS: 153.9759

INPUT

Description:

Station Elevation		Data		num= 77					
Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev	Sta	Elev
0	440.86	3.8	438.66	7.6	437.61	11.4	436.94	15.2	
436.76									
19	436.73	22.8	436.78	26.6	436.88	30.4	437.01	34.2	
435.99									
38	434.19	41.8	431.98	44.84	429.94	45.6	429.43	49.4	
426.94									
53.20506	424.67859	59.11894	420.9183	63.39875	419.253	109.918	419.159133	9704	
419.039									
141.5645	424.392	145.52	425.95	149.48	426.88	153.44	427.74	153.66	
427.78									
157.4	428.43	161.35	429.14	165.31	429.48	169.27	429.78	173.23	
429.95									
177.19	429.92	181.15	430.01	185.1	430.08	189.06	430.18	193.02	
430.33									
196.98	430.39	200.94	430.42	204.89	430.37	208.85	430.39	212.81	
430.5									
216.77	430.69	220.73	430.78	224.68	430.84	228.64	430.85	232.6	
430.87									
236.56	430.92	240.52	431.02	244.47	431.09	248.43	431.06	252.39	
431.24									
256.35	431.43	260.31	431.6	264.26	431.64	268.22	431.81	272.18	
431.98									
276.14	432.07	280.1	432.25	284.06	432.47	288.01	432.77	291.97	
432.98									
295.93	433.22	299.89	433.39	303.85	433.68	307.8	434	311.76	
434.45									
315.72	434.77	319.68	435.18	323.64	435.56	327.59	436.02	331.55	
436.26									
335.51	436.42	339.47	436.57	343.43	436.89	347.38	437.04	351.34	
437.2									
355.3	437.34	359.26	437.43						

Manning's n Values		num= 3			
Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val	Sta	n Val
0	.055	44.84	.029	153.66	.055

Bank Sta:	Left	Right	Lengths:	Left Channel	Right	Coeff	Contr.
Expan.							
	44.84	153.66		99.97	153.98	36.35	.1
	.3						

SUMMARY OF MANNING'S N VALUES

River:Chena

Reach	River Sta.	n1	n2	n3	n4
n5					

Upper	6486.79	.055	.025	.055
Upper	6056.79*	.055	.025	.055
Upper	5626.711	.055	.025	.055
Upper	5213.506	.055	.025	.055
Lower	4474.147	.055	.025	.055
Lower	4172.639	.055	.04	.025
.04	.055			
Lower	4109.237	Bridge		
Lower	3997.873	.055	.04	.025
.04	.055			
Lower	3852.347	.055	.025	.055
Lower	3584.559	.055	.025	.055
Lower	2844.347	.055	.025	.055
Lower	2036.342	.055	.025	.055
Lower	867.4043	.055	.025	.055

River:Noyes Slough

Reach	River Sta.	n1	n2	n3
Noyes Slough	359.3467	.055	.029	.055
Noyes Slough	153.9759	.055	.029	.055

SUMMARY OF REACH LENGTHS

River: Chena

Reach	River Sta.	Left	Channel	Right
Upper	6486.79	476.29	430	353.45
Upper	6056.79*	476.38	430.08	353.52
Upper	5626.711	440.63	413.21	390.17
Upper	5213.506	483.61	739.36	572.72
Lower	4474.147	200.2	301.51	325.24
Lower	4172.639	155.9	174.77	184.05
Lower	4109.237	Bridge		
Lower	3997.873	104.96	145.53	176.73
Lower	3852.347	197.11	267.79	290.05
Lower	3584.559	632.66	740.21	886.68
Lower	2844.347	914.87	808.01	613.02
Lower	2036.342	1249.27	1168.94	588.38
Lower	867.4043	896.37	867.4	657.99

River: Noyes Slough

Reach	River Sta.	Left	Channel	Right
Noyes Slough	359.3467	217.39	205.37	144.26
Noyes Slough	153.9759	99.97	153.98	36.35

SUMMARY OF CONTRACTION AND EXPANSION COEFFICIENTS

River: Chena

Reach	River Sta.	Contr.	Expan.
Upper	6486.79	.1	.3
Upper	6056.79*	.1	.3
Upper	5626.711	.1	.3
Upper	5213.506	.1	.3
Lower	4474.147	.3	.5
Lower	4172.639	.3	.5
Lower	4109.237 Bridge		
Lower	3997.873	.3	.5
Lower	3852.347	.1	.3
Lower	3584.559	.1	.3
Lower	2844.347	.1	.3
Lower	2036.342	.1	.3
Lower	867.4043	.1	.3

River: Noyes Slough

Reach	River Sta.	Contr.	Expan.
Noyes Slough	359.3467	.1	.3
Noyes Slough	153.9759	.1	.3

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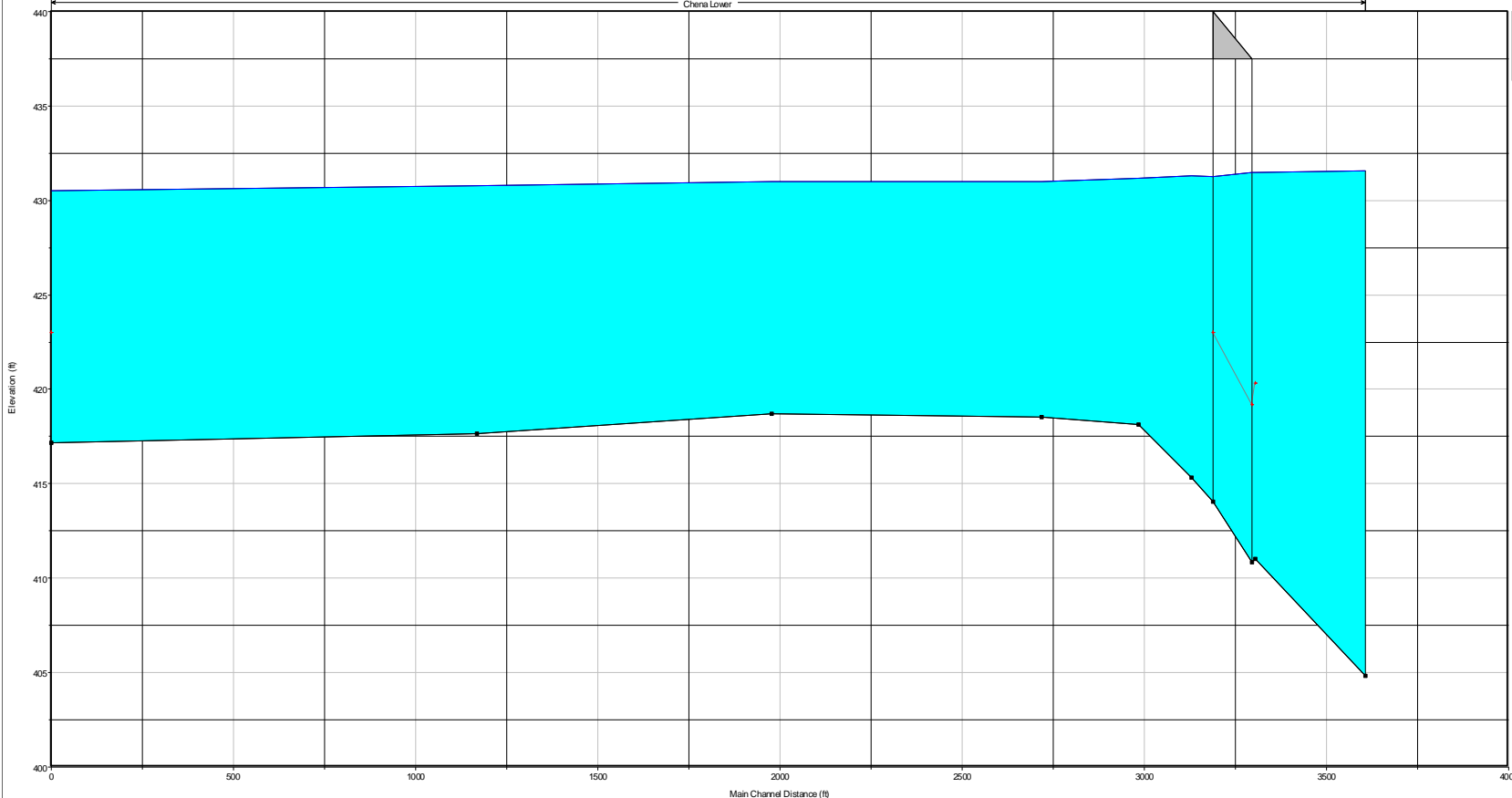
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Total	Min Ch El	W.S. Elev	E.G. Elev	Slope
Chnl	Flow Area	Top Width	E.G. Slope	Vel
(cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft/ft)
(ft/s)	(sq ft)	(ft)		
Noyes Slough	Noyes Slough	359.3467		100-yr
1100.00	419.97	431.76	431.78	0.000023
1.06	1046.62	120.45	0.06	
Noyes Slough	Noyes Slough	153.9759		100-yr
1100.00	419.04	431.76	431.77	0.000015
0.94	1305.64	224.96	0.05	
Chena	Upper	6486.79		100-yr
10900.00	406.70	431.75	431.94	0.000106
3.52	3660.39	367.50	0.16	
Chena	Upper	6056.79*		100-yr
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3.19	3562.08	320.25	0.15	



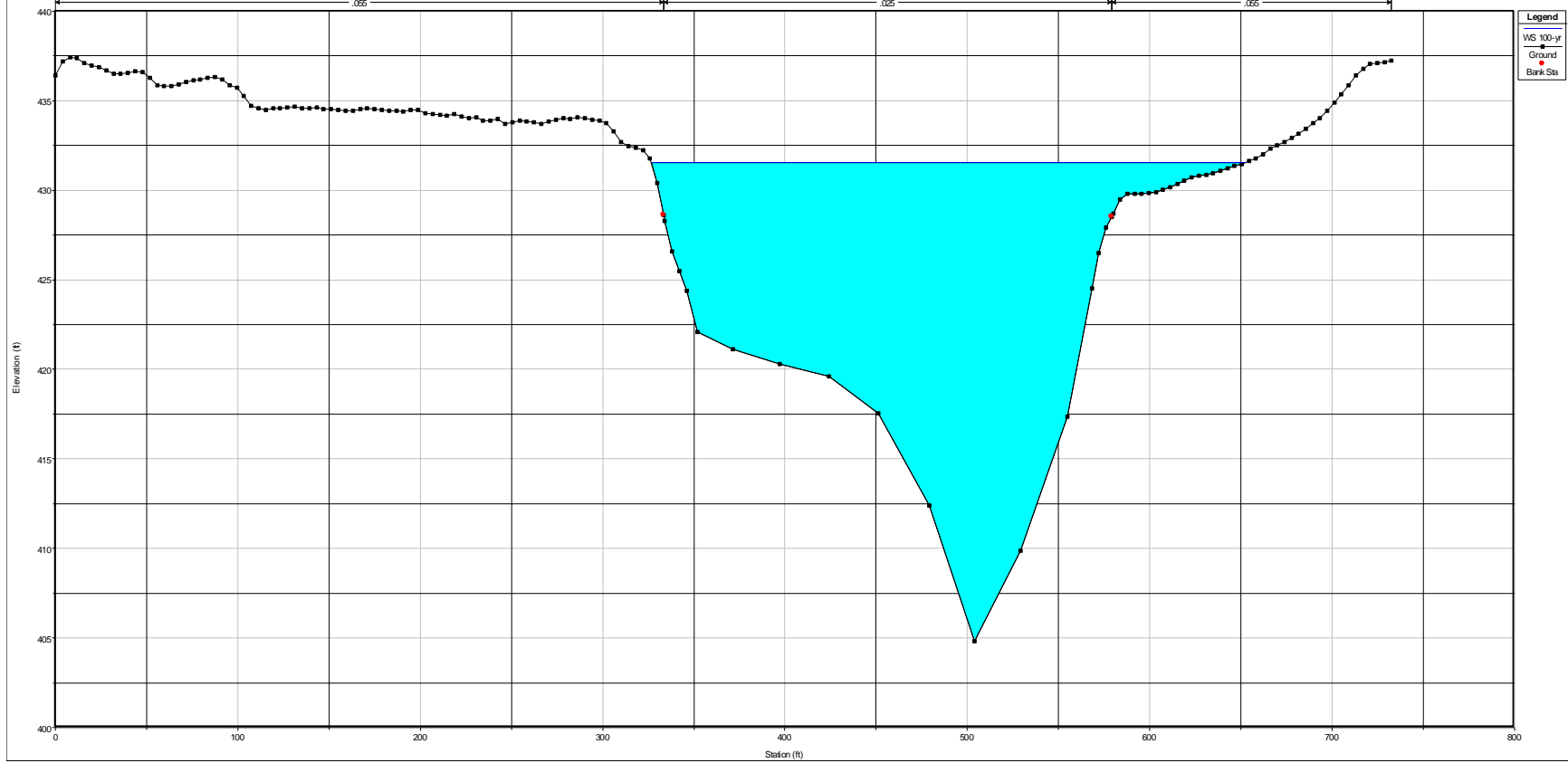
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Chena	Upper	5213.506			100-yr
10900.00	414.94	431.66		431.81	0.000109
3.10	3528.11	315.58	0.16		
Chena	Lower	4474.147			100-yr
12000.00	404.84	431.56		431.74	0.000095
3.37	3643.29	325.36	0.16		
Chena	Lower	4172.639			100-yr
12000.00	411.04	431.47	420.32	431.68	0.000203
3.75	3249.13	267.35	0.18		
Chena	Lower	4109.237	University Ave.		
Bridge					
Chena	Lower	3997.873			100-yr
12000.00	415.33	431.29		431.52	0.000167
3.89	3138.19	381.09	0.20		
Chena	Lower	3852.347			100-yr
12000.00	418.12	431.16		431.47	0.000267
4.51	2815.76	379.06	0.25		
Chena	Lower	3584.559			100-yr
12000.00	418.53	431.01		431.38	0.000334
4.93	2666.97	378.07	0.28		
Chena	Lower	2844.347			100-yr
12000.00	418.69	430.99		431.16	0.000147
3.38	4024.09	507.21	0.19		
Chena	Lower	2036.342			100-yr
12000.00	417.64	430.79		431.02	0.000207
3.97	3700.82	605.35	0.22		
Chena	Lower	867.4043			100-yr
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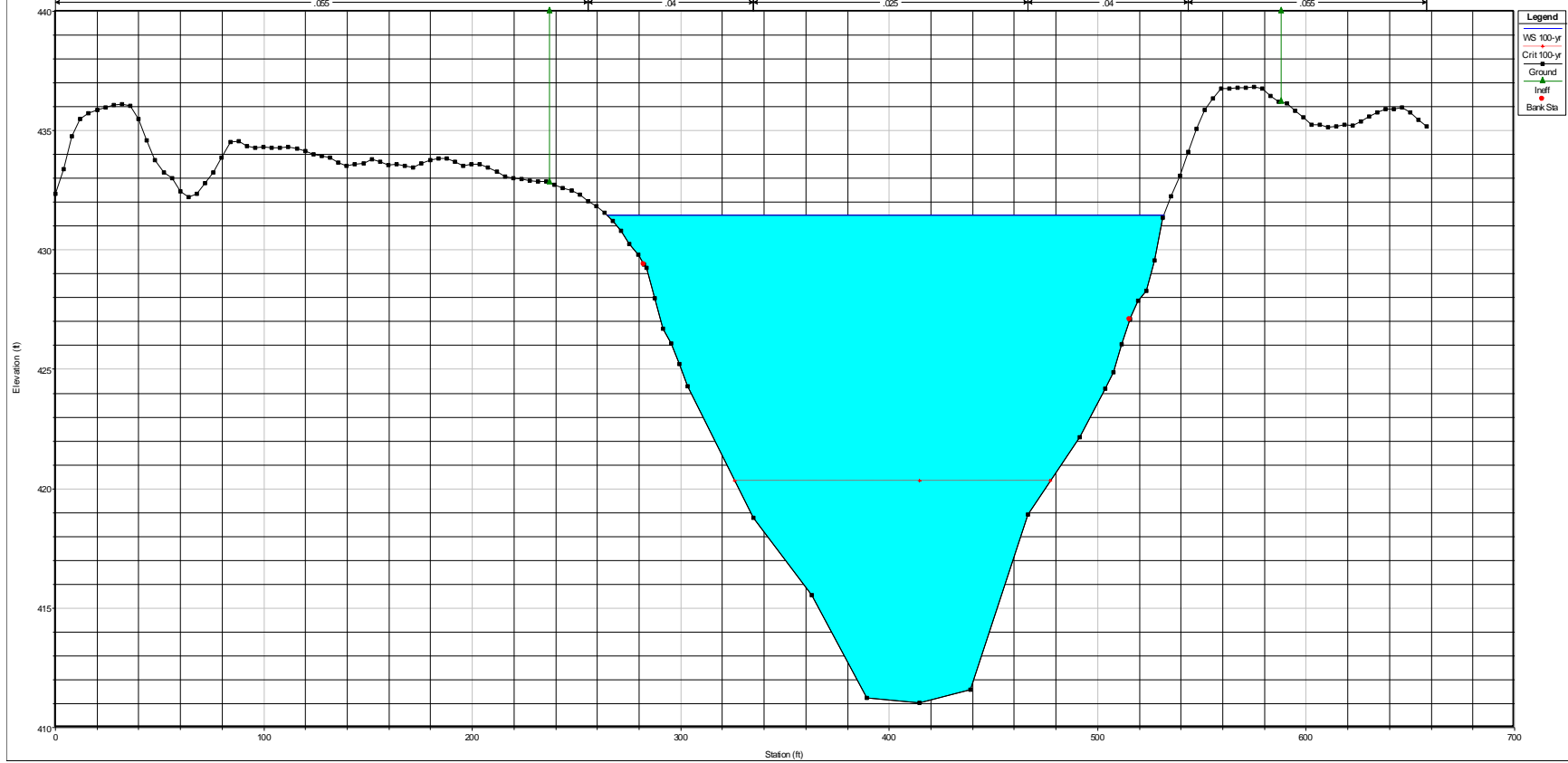
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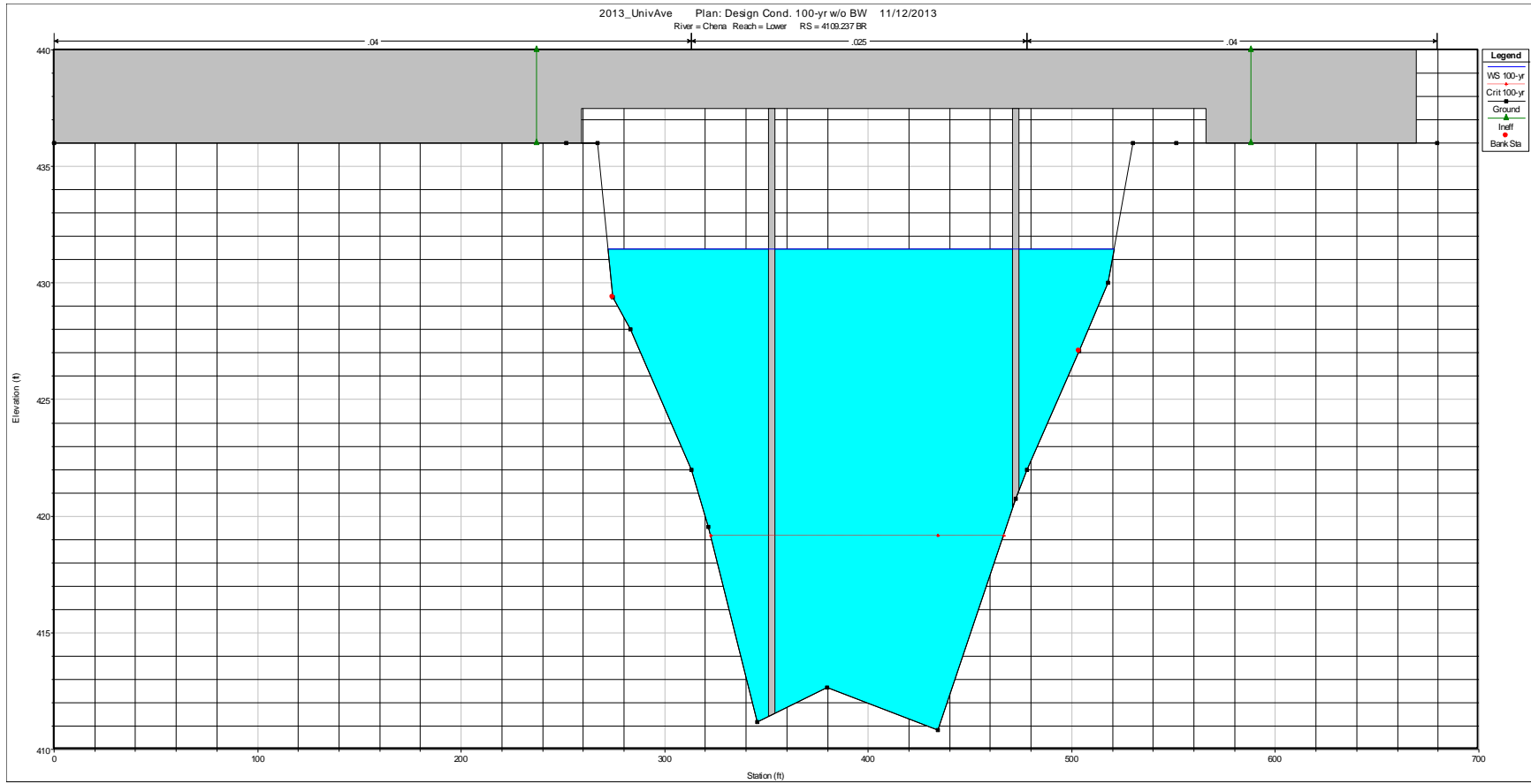
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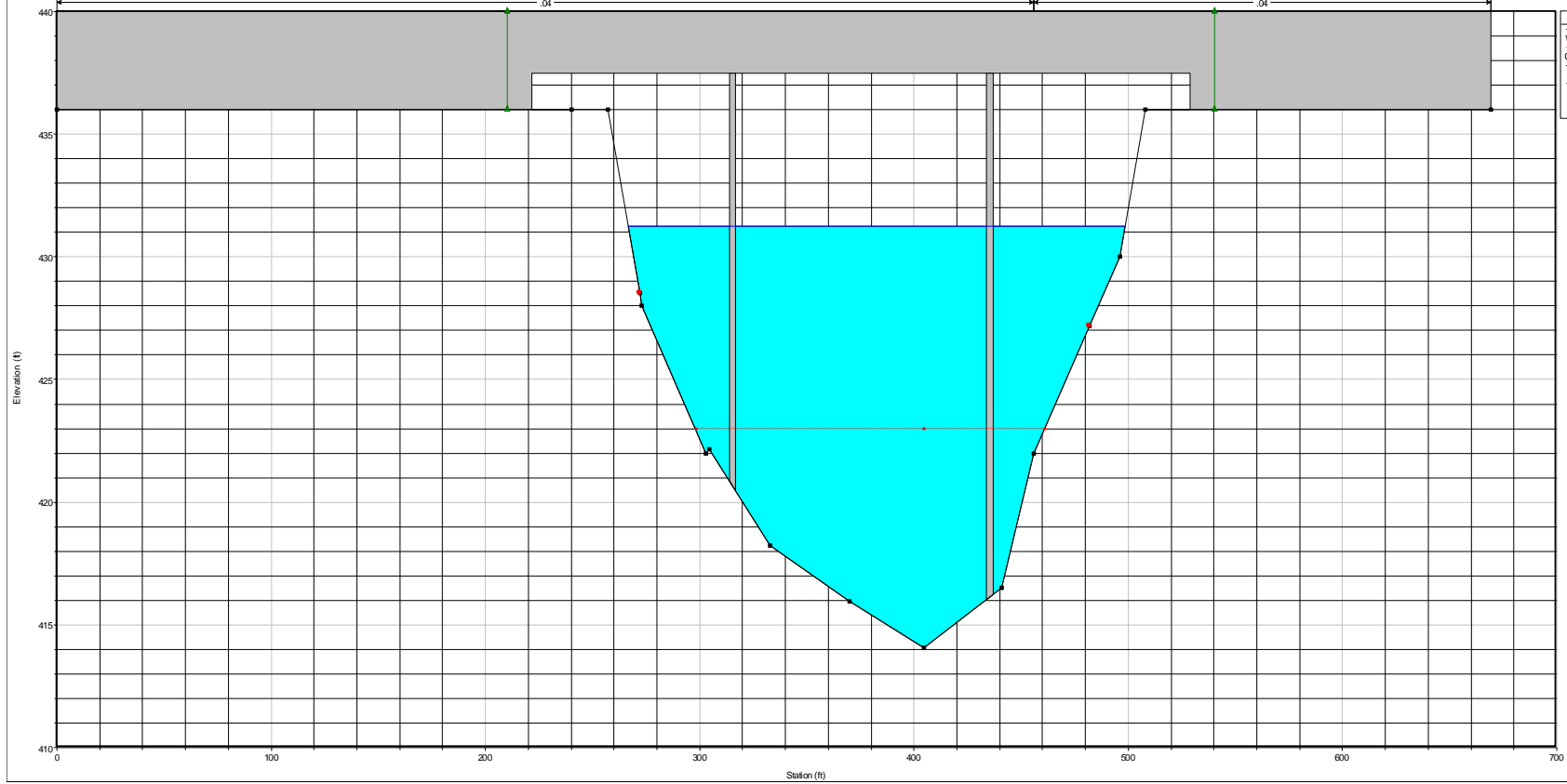


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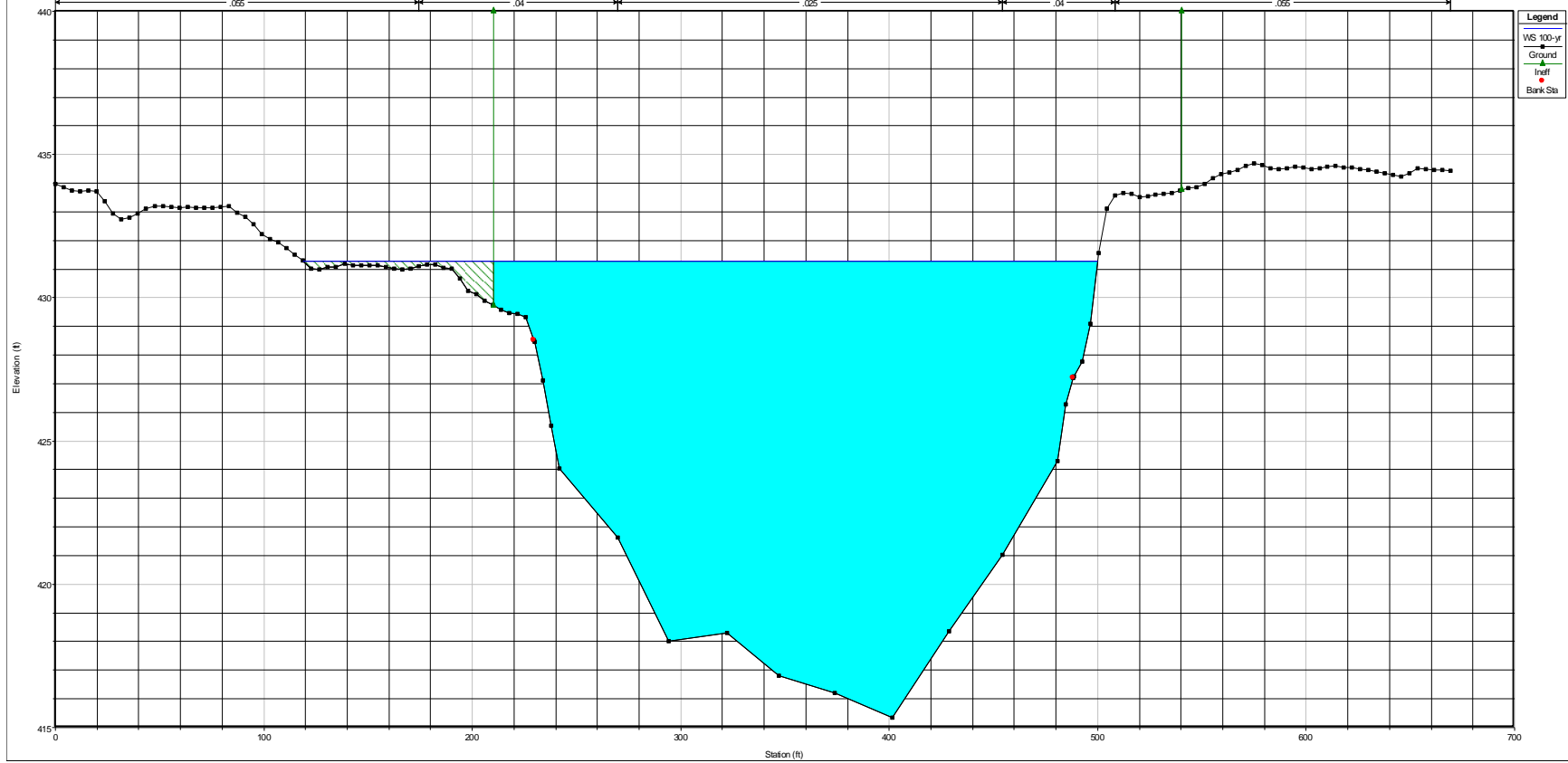


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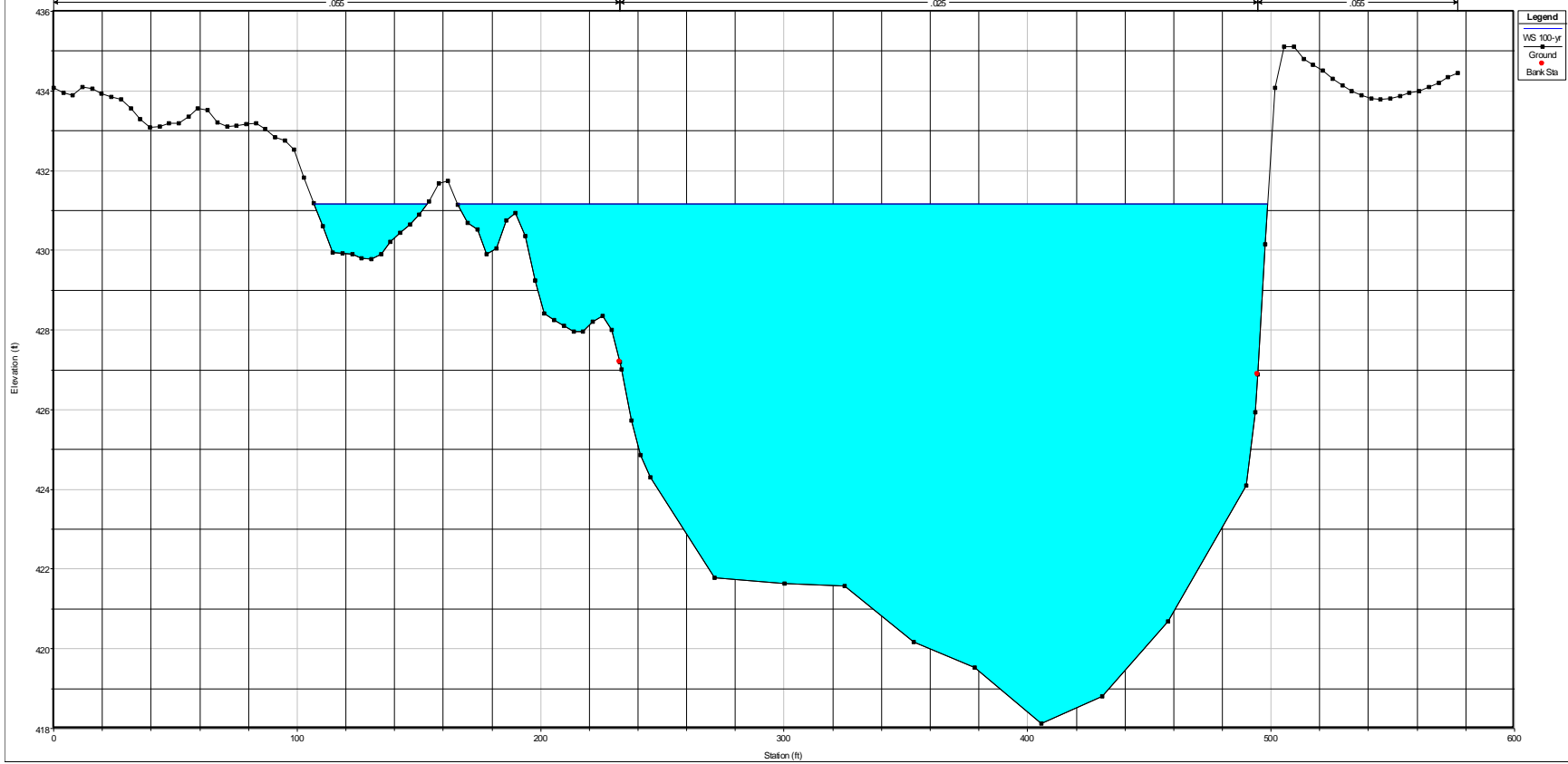
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## Appendix B. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN

# EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN (ESCP)

## University Avenue Rehabilitation and Widening Project Federal Project No. STP-RS-M-0617(3) / State Project No. 63213

**1. General.** The Department developed this plan based on its knowledge of construction sequencing, available materials and equipment, and other relevant factors. The plan contains information about the construction site that may be used by the Contractor in developing their SWPPP, as required under Section 641, Erosion, Sediment, and Pollution Control.

**2. Site Description.**

The project area is located at the Chena River Bridge along the University Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska. University Avenue is a paved four lane undivided urban principal arterial that functions as the primary north-south transportation corridor on the west side of Fairbanks. It has existing sidewalks, with curb and gutter on each side from College Road to Rewak Drive. Travel along University Avenue is predominantly through-traffic. It provides access to the following residential areas outside of the project corridor:

- North – Farmer’s Loop Road and College Road
- West – Airport Way, Geist Road, Chena Pump and Chena Ridge Roads
- East – Airport Way and Johansen Expressway

The Chena River is a sinuous 100-mile long river which empties into the Tanana River after passing through the town of Fairbanks. All tributaries, including the Little Chena River, join the main section upstream of the project area. Within the city limits of Fairbanks, the river splits into a secondary channel, named Noyes Slough, which runs approximately 7 miles before rejoining the Chena River at the right bank approximately 450 feet upstream of the study site. Deadman’s Slough branches off of Noyes Slough and discharges into the river downstream of the study site. At the study site, the river is confined to a well-defined channel.

The Chena River discharges to the Tanana River approximately 6.2 river miles downstream of the study site. Floods in the Tanana River cause a backwater effect in the vicinity of the study site (FEMA 1992). Precipitation data collected at the Fairbanks International Airport indicates that the Fairbanks area receives the most precipitation between June and August (see Table 1.1).

**Table 1.1: Fairbanks International Airport, Monthly Climate Summary**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Average Max Temperature (F)</b>	3	11	25	44	61	71	72	66	54	32	12	7
<b>Average Min Temperature (F)</b>	-11	7	2	21	36	48	51	45	34	16	-2	-8
<b>Average Total Precipitation (in)</b>	0.58	0.5	0.27	0.31	0.64	1.76	2.34	2.08	1.31	0.91	0.77	0.68

Source: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

Prior to the construction of the Moose Creek dam, the Chena River in Fairbanks received sediment laden flow from the Tanana River via the Chena Slough. With the dam in place, the Chena River has experienced a sediment deficiency as the Tanana River and upstream Chena River contributions are either diverted by the floodway or impounded behind the dam where suspended sediments settle before flood water is released into the Chena River (Burrows Langley and Evetts 2000). The sediment contributions from the Little Chena River, which is predominately clear water, are likely minimal. The potential downstream effects of the reduction in sediment load in the Chena River are channel degradation and general coarsening of the bed material. Channel degradation has been documented at the Wendell Street Bridge (upstream of the University Avenue Bridge), where deepening and widening of the channel has occurred after the construction of the Moose Creek Dam (Burrows Langley and Evetts 2000).

Observations during a site visit in May 2013, revealed the primary bed material along the channel banks and extending into the channel was medium sized gravel with an average diameter of approximately 0.02 feet. Some sand deposition was apparent along the north bank at the bridge crossing.

The water table fluctuates seasonally in response to precipitation, surface runoff and high or low river levels. During July 1993, the ground water surface fluctuated between 5-ft and 14.5-ft below the ground surface. In October 1993, the ground water surface fluctuated between 14-ft and 18-ft below the ground surface (ADOT&PF 2010).

The existing topography along the project corridor is relatively flat and level with drainage ditches carrying surface drainage to the Chena River and Noyes Slough. Over time, surrounding development has created obstructions to some of the natural drainage features.

A. Scope of Construction.

Construction activities associated with this project include the following:

- Replacement of the existing Chena River Bridge No. 263 on University Avenue with a 310-ft long, 3 span, precast, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge. The new bridge will be 47-ft wider than the existing bridge to accommodate the proposed median and pedestrian facilities.
- Enlargement of the existing river channel within the project area through excavation of the river banks. Grading of the bank surface to a face slope of 2:1. Rock riprap revetments to be installed as channel bank protection. Material for the toe will be placed in a toe trench along the entire length of the riprap blanket.

B. Area. The total area of the construction site, defined by the total area disturbed by clearing and reshaping slopes, excavation and placement of fill is estimated as 0.03 acres. Any clearing and grubbing will be completed to the slope limits of the highway (ADOT&PF 2005).

C. Hydrology. The area of soil disturbance will mainly occur along the banks below and directly upstream and downstream of the Chena River Bridge.

D. Receiving Water. Some runoff from the project will travel into the Chena River. Structural controls shall be used to protect the Chena River that may be encountered during construction.

**3. Controls.** This section of the plan addresses the various controls that will be implemented for each of the construction activities described in 2.A above.

A. Erosion and Sediment Controls.

(1). Stabilization Practices. Site plans shall be developed to ensure that existing vegetation is preserved where attainable and that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization practices may include: temporary and permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, construction phasing and other appropriate measures. Stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily ceased. Stabilization measures shall not be delayed more than 14 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily ceased unless construction activity will resume within 21 calendar days. Where snow cover precludes the initiation of stabilization measures, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable thereafter.

Temporary stabilization practices shall include temporary seeding, surface roughening, mulching, and construction phasing.

The surfaces of the existing embankment slopes are medium gravel. After construction surfaces not armored with riprap revetments will remain medium gravel. Permanent stabilization practices consist of limited areas of permanent seeding as designated by the Engineer.

Between Airport Way and the Chena River, a grass lined ditch draining to the Chena River will be constructed on the west side of University Avenue. The ditch will treat runoff by filtering sediments, contaminants and trash before it enters the Chena River (ADOT&PF 2010).

Guidance for BMP's for temporary and permanent stabilization can be found at the EPA website and the DOT&PF website. Reference the current online edition of "Alaska Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Guide."

(2). Structural Practices. Structural practices that may be implemented to divert flows from exposed soils, store flows, or limit runoff and discharge of pollutants from the exposed areas of the site may include silt fences, earth dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, reinforced soil retaining systems, gabions, and temporary or permanent sediment basins. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Structural practices are described in more detail in "Contractor Guidance for Preparing and Executing Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans", first edition, October 1992.

B. Storm Water Management. Steps that shall be taken during the construction process to control pollutants in storm water discharges that may occur after construction operations have been completed are described below. These measures may be subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

(1). Storm water retention structures; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff on site; and sequential systems that combine several practices. The practices selected for implementation were determined on the basis of technical guidance in "AASHTO Drainage Guidance, Volume III: Erosion and Sediment Control in Highway Construction" (1992).

(2). Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channels as necessary to provide a non-erosive velocity flow from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected.

Approximately 0.03 acres of Chena River bank would be impacted by the widened roadway and bridge. These riparian wetlands are described in the NWI as Rocky Shore Unconsolidated Bottom Permanently Flooded wetlands. A new storm water outfall would discharge runoff from a water quality improvement bioswale onto riprap at the southwest side of the bridge. The existing storm water outfall on the north side of the Chena River Bridge would be relocated to the Noyes Slough via a new bioswale, running along Goldizen Avenue. The riparian wetlands by the bridge provide limited habitat for fish and birds because of the modified conditions and surrounding residences and urban activity (ADOT&PF 2005).

C. Other Controls.

(1). Waste Disposal. No solid materials, including building materials, shall be discharged into waters of the State, except as authorized by a Section 404 Permit.

(2). The provisions of this plan shall ensure and demonstrate compliance with applicable State and/or local waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations.

D. Revisions.

Revisions and/or additions to this Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be included in the Contractor's SWPPP.

**4. Maintenance.** The following is a description of procedures that are to be used to maintain vegetation, erosion, and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in this plan:

- Monitor weather forecasts
- Cleaning of devices
- Regularly inspect installed structures
- Regularly review erosion control methods and procedures to evaluate effectiveness.

The Contractor will maintain temporary vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in this plan. DOT&PF will provide maintenance of permanent erosion control systems.

**5. Non-Storm Water Discharges.** Except for flows from fire fighting activities, sources of non-storm water that are combined with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity addressed in this plan are described below. A number of provisions to lessen the environmental impacts of road construction are identified in this erosion and sediment control plan. These may include measures to ensure that exposed working surfaces are kept to a minimum, silt fences and sediment traps are optimally placed to prevent sediment from reaching drainage systems, vehicles are washed when leaving a construction site to remove excess mud, and temporary exit/entry roads to construction sites are provided with a coarse rock surface to prevent the transfer of soil offsite

where it will be washed into nearby drainage channels. Appropriate pollution prevention measures, as described below, will be implemented for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge.

- Water spread for dust control
- Water used for embankment compaction