

Chapter 17

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17.1 General

The soil survey sheet, essentially a soil test analysis sheet, depicts the various types of soils encountered within the limits of the project. This sheet also shows the classification, mechanical properties and recommended usage of those soils. A preformatted CADD sheet can be found in the FDOT Engineering/CADD Systems Software.

Soils having identical characteristics shall be assigned to the same stratum and group for identification and recommendation purposes. The test analysis sheet shall be signed by the responsible Engineer.

17.2 Roadway Soil Survey

17.2.1 Method of Compilation and Presentation

Upon completion of the proposed typical section, and after placing alignment, proposed grades and existing utilities on the plan-profile sheets and preliminary sections, prints of these sheets shall be utilized for determining the location and depth of borings for the sampling of soils for testing and classifications. These classification and test results, including pH, resistivity, sulfides and chlorides shall be shown on the test analysis sheet. Date and weather conditions at the time of sampling shall also be shown. Refer to **Exhibit SS-1** for an example of soil survey sheet.

After completion of soils testing, the boring data shall be shown on cross sections by columns approximately 1/4 inch wide below the ground line at test sample locations. Stratum limits and numbers shall be shown inside the column. This information shall be transmitted to the appropriate responsible materials engineer for verification. One hard copy of the soils information, including cross sections with soils information, shall be retained in the Soils Engineer's Record.

17.3 Other Soil Surveys

Soil surveys other than those for roadway plans are required for various plans components. Included in these are soil surveys/borings for retention/detention ponds, overhead sign structures, high mast poles and traffic signal mast arms.

Soil survey sheets generated for such components are generally located in the plans set with the other details and information for each component. Requirements for the soil survey sheets are similar to those prepared for the roadway soil survey, showing such things as the location of test holes, various strata encountered, soil properties, classification and recommended usage.

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