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Meeting Details:

Date: Tuesday, January
16th, 2024 7:00 pm Hybrid

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Old Market Pub 6959
SW Multnomah Blvd

Agenda:

5:30- 6:30 pm social
6:30-7:00 pm dinner
7:00 pm presentation

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 20, 2024--PSU

Professor Jill Marshall

March 5, 2024--

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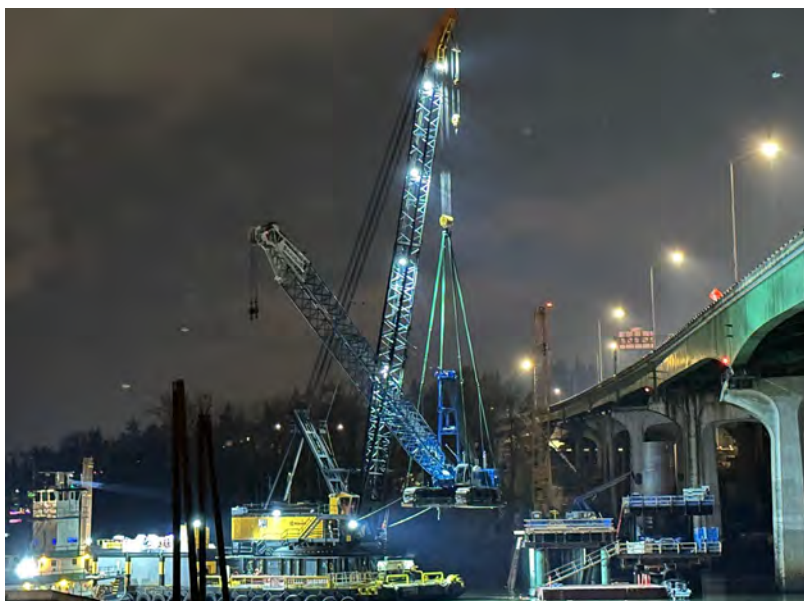
Lecturer Cynthia Palomares

April 16, 2024--AEG

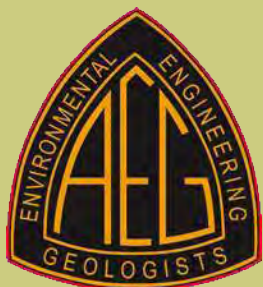
President Sarah Kalika

**May 2024--Student Poster
Night**

I-205 Abernethy Bridge: Testing the Limits of Geotechnical Solutions to Respond to Challenging Geologic Conditions



The Oregon Department of Transportation is performing seismic retrofit and widening of the existing I-205 Abernethy Bridge over the Willamette River. The Abernethy Bridge is approximately 1/2-mile-long and supported on 14 piers bearing on a combination of spread footings and driven pile foundations due to the varying depth of basalt bedrock. Highly variable and challenging geologic conditions along the bridge alignment included deep liquefiable soil deposits along the east bank of the river, highly variable basalt bedrock elevation on the west bank of the river, and artesian groundwater conditions within the basalt. Seismic analyses for the retrofit and widening included 2D non-linear site response analysis of the bridge alignment to evaluate liquefaction, pore pressure development, and the deformation response of the bridge profile. The analyses indicated deep seismically induced lateral deformations at some pier locations resulting in significant foundation demands. A combination of large diameter drilled shafts and ground improvement was selected to support the structure and provide resistance to seismic-induced lateral deformations. The design included 6- to 12-foot-diameter drilled shafts extending to over 240 feet in depth as well as jet grout and deep soil mixing ground improvement up to 150 feet below the ground surface. This case history presents an overview of the geologic conditions, seismic design challenges and foundation solutions, highlighting unique aspects of the project design.



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saying - rocks
remember.*

Neal Armstrong



Eric Paslack, PE, Shannon & Wilson, Inc.



Eric Paslack is a project manager with 15 years of experience in geotechnical engineering for landslides, earthquake engineering, bridge foundations, retaining walls, and pavement design. He joined Shannon & Wilson in 2009 after completing his BS and MEng degrees in Civil Engineering at Oregon State University. As project manager for ODOT and local agency transportation projects, Eric has experience on more than 40 ODOT projects with Shannon & Wilson including the OR38: Scottsburg Bridge Replacement project, OR217 Auxiliary Lanes project, and the I-205 Abernethy Bridge project.

James Walters, PE, Shannon & Wilson, Inc.



James Walters joined Shannon & Wilson in 2013 after completing his BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering at Oregon State University. James is a project manager and design lead for major infrastructure projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and is currently the project manager and Engineer of Record for the Abernethy Bridge and Van Buren Bridge Projects. His expertise includes subsurface characterization, deep foundation design and construction, and ground improvement.

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Tom Braibish, PE, Oregon Department of Transportation



Tom has 25 years of geotechnical engineering experience working on projects throughout the Pacific Northwest. He received a BS in Geology and MS in Civil Engineering from Portland State University and worked as a consulting geotechnical engineer in the late 1990's to early 2000's prior to joining ODOT in 2003. While at ODOT Tom has taken on roles as a geotechnical design engineer, consultant project manager, manager of the Geo/Hydro/HazMat section, and is currently the Region 1 Senior Geotechnical Engineer. He has taught several geotechnical engineering courses as an adjunct instructor at Portland State University. Tom served as a subject matter expert on the I-205 Abernethy Bridge project and coordinated reviews of the analysis and design of drilled shafts and ground improvements.



Message from the Chapter Chair

Happy New Year Oregon Chapter,

I hope you all had an opportunity to take a break from *geologizing* in the last few weeks to spend time enjoying family and friends over the holidays. This time of year, I typically reflect on the last twelve months and take note of things I'm grateful for. Regarding the Oregon Chapter, I am grateful for a solid group of dedicated professionals who invest their time and energy to make connections with colleagues and students, share technical knowledge, and generally help advance the practice. We received end of year Chapter reports from National, and I am proud to report that Oregon ranks number 6 out of 27 in terms of overall membership (see table below). It is apparent at our monthly Chapter meetings that you all enjoy the opportunity to connect and contribute to the success of the Chapter. Many of you are past board members, and if it were not for your efforts the Chapter would not be the success it is today. Thank you!

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8 San Francisco Bay Area	163	18 Atlanta	72		
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10 DC/Maryland/Virginia	132	20 Phoenix	65		



On the topic of thank you, I'd like to give a big shout out to Josh Wagner from Global Rope Access for presenting in December on Constructability Considerations for Rockfall Mitigation. Getting a contractor's perspective on challenges and opportunities in contracting rockfall mitigation work added a lot of value to our membership, as evidenced by some lengthy discussion after his talk. Excellent work Josh! Also, I'd like to thank Geobruug again for their contribution of refreshments at the meeting!

This month will be the annual joint meeting with the Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This month James Walters, Eric Paslack, and Tom Braibish will present an overview of geologic conditions, seismic design challenges and foundation solutions, highlighting unique aspects of project design for an Oregon Department of Transportation project involving performing seismic retrofit and widening of the existing I-205 Abernethy Bridge over the Willamette River. This promises to be an excellent technical presentation that you won't want to miss. Due to capacity limits at Old Market Pub we will be capping attendance to 40 attendees from AEG via Brown Paper Tickets. We hope that you'll all attend.

Next month Jill Marshall, incoming Professor at Portland State University's Geology Department, will present "The Role of Trees in Progressive Rock Failure". We hope you'll come out and broaden to your depth of knowledge on rock slope engineering. See you all then!

Ryan Cole

AEG Oregon Chapter Chair 2023-2024



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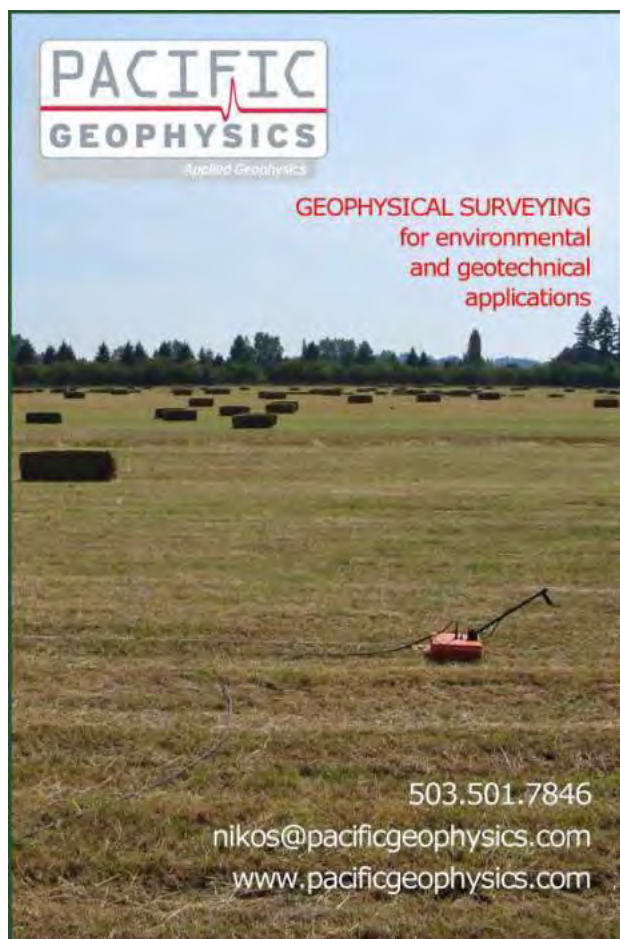
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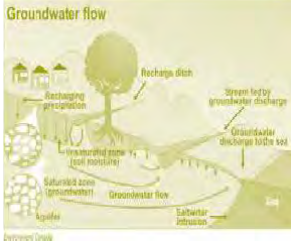
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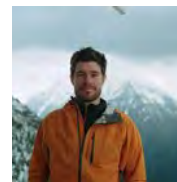
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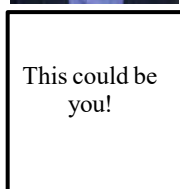
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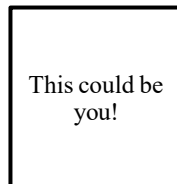
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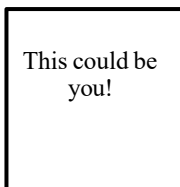
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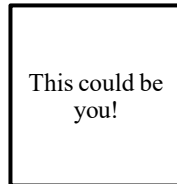
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