

# A Renovative Hybrid Retaining Wall Design to Reuse an Existing Retaining Wall and Keep a Restaurant Open Paul Zhang, PHD, PE



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### NCDOT Project R-5600: 2.5 Mile Improvement, Four-Iane, Median Divided



#### **Sonic Plan View**



## **Existing Retaining Wall**





#### **Original Design**



#### **Subsurface Condition**



### **Design Alternatives**



#### **Option 3 with Existing Retaining Wall Underpinning**



### **Existing Retaining Wall Investigation**





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#### EXISTING SRW - TYPICAL SECTION



WOOD SECURITY FENCE



#### **Existing Retaining Wall Underpinning**





#### SOIL NAIL WALL UNDERNEATH EXISTING SRW - TYPICAL SECTION

#### **Underpinning Method for Existing 180 ft Modular Block Wall**

- Grade Beam Underpinning

   Assume 3 ft x 1 ft Base, 2 ft x 1 ft Stem, 34 CY of RC
- Mini Piled Underpinning

   Assume 6 ft spacing, 20- 30 ft long piles, 30 Mini Piles
- Cost Estimate for 180 ft Underpinning

o RC: \$700/CY, \$24k

Helical Pier (Screw Pile): \$3000/EA, \$90k

o Micropiles: \$8000/EA, \$240k

 $_{\odot}$  Say \$150k to \$300k

#### **Proposed Design**





### **Cost Comparison**



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Design	SN			Undorninning	Cut Slope	Total Cost
	Area (sf)	Cost	NUVV	Underpinning	Cut Slope	TOTAL COST
Option 1	6,720	\$907,200	\$2,000,000	-	-	\$2,907,200
Option 2	3,410	\$460,350	\$2,000,000	-	\$54,360	\$2,514,710
Option 3	4,210	\$568,350	-	\$300,000	-	\$868,350

# **Special Provisions**

- Design the underpinning and protection system based on the dead loads, construction vehicles, sequence of construction, and other construction loads that are anticipated on proposed.
- Confirm the design meets current AASHTO, FHWA, and NCDOT Standards and Provisions.
- The underpinning system drawings shall include design dimensions, limits of work, elevations, material, member sizes, construction sequence, specific installation procedures, and testing requirements.
- Ensure that no component of the underpinning system conflicts with other construction related to the project.

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- Ensure all components of the underpinning system stay within the legal rightof-way unless an easement is obtained by the Contractor.
- Satisfactory completion of the work and acceptable performance of the underpinning system shall be determined by comparing pre-construction and post-construction LiDAR scans of the existing wall face and property above.
- The post-construction scan shall be performed no sooner than 90 days and up to 1 year following completion of the underpinning system and associated soil nail wall.
- In no instance shall the change in the pre-construction and post-construction location of any individual point exceed 2" total and the differential movement between points shall not exceed more than 0.5" in 30 feet.

# **QUESTIONS?**