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Project No. 603541-003

Sharp Healthcare 8695 Spectrum Center Boulevard San Diego, California 92123

Attention: Mr. Matthew Teichner

# Subject: Update Foundation Capacity Design Recommendations Sharp Chula Vista Master Plan Chula Vista, California

Leighton Consulting, Inc. (Leighton) is pleased to submit this update letter for the subject project. This letter provides additional foundation recommendations for the Sharp Chula Vista Master Plan, per your authorization of our supplemental scope on July 21, 2015 and is an addendum to the August 29, 2013 geotechnical investigation prepared by Leighton (Appendix A).

## Introduction

Leighton previously prepared the geotechnical investigation for the proposed Master Plan improvements and has provided grading observation and soil testing services for the Phase I – Make Ready Phase improvements associated with the Master Plan (see References). The project area is located at 751 Medical Center Court and is currently occupied by the existing hospital, subsidiary structures, western parking deck structure, and other site improvements (Figure 1). This letter may be used for the proposed East Patient Care Building and other improvements included under the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center Master Plan. Figure 2 depicts the general limits of the proposed buildings (per the Master Plan), as well as the locations of relevant geotechnical explorations in the vicinity.

## Site Conditions

Construction on the Phase I – Make Ready Phase of the Sharp Chula Vista Master Plan was nearly complete at the time of drafting this document. Construction for Phase I included the completion of site grading, a loop roadway and utility corridor, five segmental walls, surface parking lots, 6-story parking structure, and cooling tower. Specifically, in the area of the proposed East Patient Care Tower, construction of the loop roadway/utility corridor, and segmental Walls 4 and 5 resulted in the modification of original grades at the site (Figure 2). Construction of segmental Walls 4 and 5 included the localized removal of unsuitable soil materials during grading and placement of a new fill slope along the eastern portion of the site area. It should be noted that portions of the previously existing undocumented fill were left in-place during recent grading (Figure 2).

With regard to the Master Plan location of the proposed East Patient Care Tower, existing site topography ranges from approximate elevation 455 feet MSL at the north end of the proposed building footprint, to 435 feet MSL at the east end, adjacent to an existing retaining wall (Wall 4 on Figure 2). The site is bound by a descending cut slope to the north and fill slope to the east. Segmental Walls 4 and 5 are located along the top and bottom of the descending eastern fill slope, respectively. Variably thick fill soils ranging from approximately 3 to 25 feet underlie the site. Based upon our geotechnical explorations, the deepest fills are anticipated along the top of the existing fill slope on the northeast side of the proposed loop driveway, and adjacent to the eastern half of Wall 4 in the vicinity of Borings B-13, B-8, and B-6.

## **Shallow Foundations**

We have provided shallow foundation capacity curves for foundations bearing on fill soils and undisturbed formation (Very Old Paralic Deposits and San Diego Formation). We recommend that foundations supporting buildings be founded in formation. Additionally, foundations supporting accessory structures may be supported in properly compacted fill or formation. Allowable bearing capacity curves are provided in Appendix B.

Bearing capacity of shallow foundations is controlled by footing shape and size, embedment, and tolerable settlement. We recommend that shallow foundations supporting buildings be embedded a minimum of 1.5 feet in undisturbed formation. Figures B-1 and B-2 provide allowable bearing capacity curves (F.S. $\geq$ 3) for 1-inch and 1/2-inch of tolerable foundation settlement for square and continuous footings



considering embedment depths of 1.5 feet and 3 feet in formation. Note that the allowable bearing capacity at relatively narrow footing widths is controlled by the shear strength of the soil, whereas at progressively larger footing widths, the bearing capacity is limited by the potential settlement of soils below the footing.

We anticipate that some accessory structures (retaining walls, seat walls, equipment pads, etc.) may be founded on properly compacted fill soils. Figure B-3 provides allowable bearing capacity for 1-inch of tolerable settlement on fill. Subgrade preparation (including recommendations for removal of compressible soils) for shallow foundations should be conducted in accordance with our 2013 geotechnical investigation. Soils within 5 feet of pad grade should have a very low to low expansion potential (EI <50).

Continuous footings should be designed in accordance with the structural engineer's requirements and have a minimum reinforcement of four No. 5 reinforcing bars (two top and two bottom). Reinforcement of individual column footings should be per the structural requirements.

# Deep Foundations

# Axial Capacity

If more heavily loaded elements are planned or deep foundations are desired to bypass existing fill materials, support of those elements on cast-in-drilled hole (CIDH) piles may be considered. Ultimate and allowable axial capacities for CIDH piles were developed using the Modified Beta Method considering the skin friction developed along the length of the CIDH pile. The analysis considers site conditions, with up to 25 feet of fill underlain by dense formational material. Appendix C presents the recommended design curves for 24, 30, and 36-inch diameter drilled shafts. Upward capacity equal to one-half the total allowable axial/compressive value is recommended to resist tensile loads. CIDH pile settlement is anticipated to be less than 1/4 inch under design loads and normal service conditions. The design graphs in Appendix C are based on a center to center pile spacing of at least 3 pile diameters. Where piles are spaced more closely, reduction in pile capacity is necessary.



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# Lateral Capacity

Lateral pile capacity was analyzed using LPile (Version 2015) produced by Ensoft. Maximum lateral pile capacity for 24, 30, and 36-inch piles based on ¼-inch and ½-inch deflection was calculated. Fixed and free head conditions for level and sloping ground were considered. A tabular summary of results is presented in Appendix D, along with moment and deflection profiles for each case. For the sloping ground condition, we considered piles located on a 2:1 (H:V) descending slope. We assumed the following pile properties for the CIDH piles:

| Modulus of Elasticity           | 3,650,000 psi          |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Moment of Inertia, 24-Inch CIDH | 16,286 in <sup>4</sup> |  |  |
| Moment of Inertia, 30-Inch CIDH | 39,761 in <sup>4</sup> |  |  |
| Moment of Inertia, 36-Inch CIDH | 82,448 in <sup>4</sup> |  |  |

Where piles are situated closer than 5 diameters (center to center) apart, reduction in lateral bearing is needed and should be reviewed by Leighton Consulting on a case-by-case basis.

All pile installation should be performed under the observation of Leighton Consulting and be consistent with standard practice. Drilling equipment should be powerful enough to drill into the dense to very dense/cemented formational material with cobbles to the design penetration depths. Once a pile excavation has been started, it should be completed within 8 hours, which includes inspection, placement of the reinforcement, and placement of the concrete.

## **Construction Observation**

The recommendations provided in this letter are based on preliminary design information and subsurface conditions disclosed by widely spaced excavations. The interpolated subsurface conditions should be confirmed by Leighton Consulting in the field during construction. Construction observation of all onsite excavations and field density testing of all compacted fill should be performed by a representative of this office. We recommend that all excavations be mapped by a representative of this office during grading to determine if any potentially adverse geologic conditions exist at the site.



## Plan Review

Final project grading and foundation plans should be reviewed by Leighton Consulting as part of the design development process to ensure that recommendations in this letter are incorporated in project plans as intended.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. If you have any questions or if we can be of further service, please contact us at (858) 242-8030.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Location Map Figure 2 – Existing Site Conditions and Exploration Map

> Appendix A – References Appendix B – Shallow Foundation Capacity Curves Appendix C – CIDH Capacity Curves Appendix D – Lateral Capacity of Drilled Shafts

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Appendix B

Shallow Foundation Capacity Curves







Appendix C

CIDH Capacity Curves













Appendix D

Lateral Capacity of Drilled Shafts

| Sharp Chula Vista LPile Summary |                   |                |                     |            |                     |            |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--|--|
| Pile Diameter                   | Loading Condition | Ground Surface | 1/4-inch deflection |            | 1/2-inch deflection |            |  |  |
|                                 |                   |                | Max Load            | Max Moment | Max Load            | Max Moment |  |  |
| inches                          |                   |                | kips                | k-ft       | kips                | in-lbs     |  |  |
| 24                              | Fixed Head        | Level          | 28.5                | 181.2      | 57.0                | 362.4      |  |  |
| 24                              | Free Head         | Level          | 11.0                | 58.8       | 21.8                | 116.6      |  |  |
| 24                              | Fixed Head        | Sloping        | 27.0                | 175.3      | 45.0                | 319.5      |  |  |
| 24                              | Free Head         | Sloping        | 10.8                | 58.0       | 18.5                | 110.3      |  |  |
| 30                              | Fixed Head        | Level          | 41.0                | 311.8      | 81.0                | 615.9      |  |  |
| 30                              | Free Head         | Level          | 15.8                | 101.0      | 31.5                | 201.4      |  |  |
| 30                              | Fixed Head        | Sloping        | 41.0                | 311.8      | 68.0                | 56.1       |  |  |
| 30                              | Free Head         | Sloping        | 15.8                | 101.0      | 28.7                | 19.6       |  |  |
| 36                              | Fixed Head        | Level          | 55.0                | 487.0      | 110.0               | 975.0      |  |  |
| 36                              | Free Head         | Level          | 21.0                | 155.3      | 42.0                | 310.7      |  |  |
| 36                              | Fixed Head        | Sloping        | 55.0                | 487.0      | 110.0               | 975.0      |  |  |
| 36                              | Free Head         | Sloping        | 21.0                | 155.3      | 42.0                | 310.7      |  |  |

#### 24-inch Shaft, Level Ground



#### 24-inch Shaft, Sloping Ground



#### 30-inch Shaft, Level Ground



#### 30-inch Shaft, Sloping Ground



#### 36-inch Shaft, Level Ground



#### 36-inch Shaft, Sloping Ground (2:1)

