



SILVA CELL & UTILITIES

Integrating Silva Cells into the Built Environment

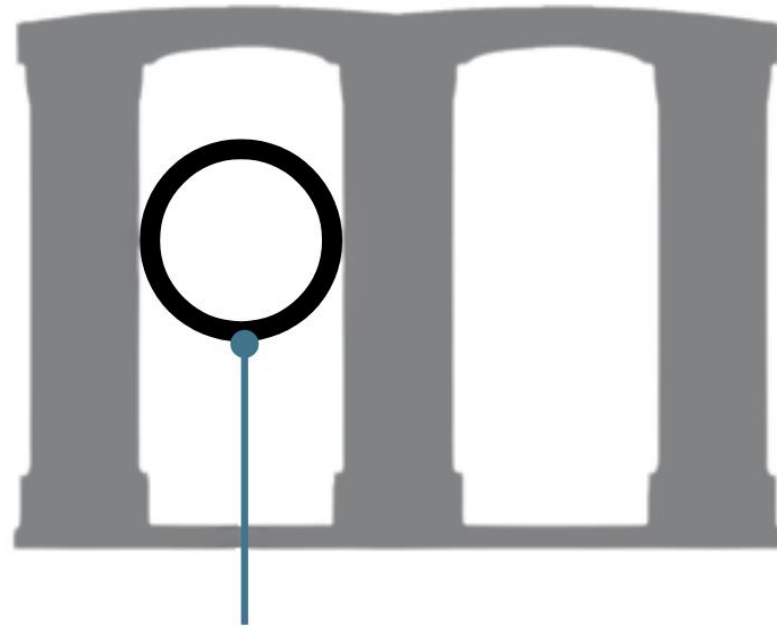


HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

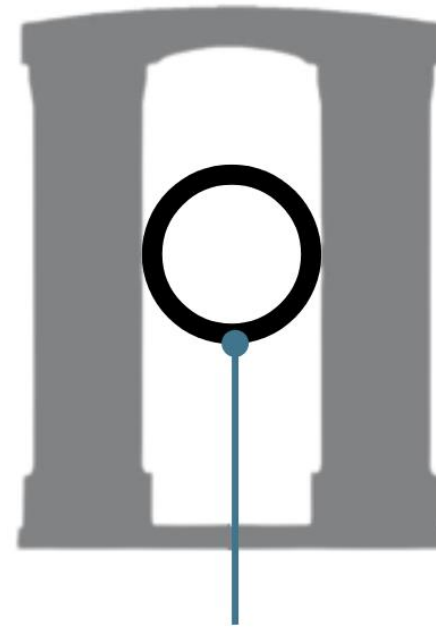


HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

MAXIMUM PIPE MEASUREMENTS



347 mm
13.6 in



248 mm
9.7 in

HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

UTILITIES AREN'T ALWAYS STRAIGHT LINES







HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

STAGGERED CONFIGURATION

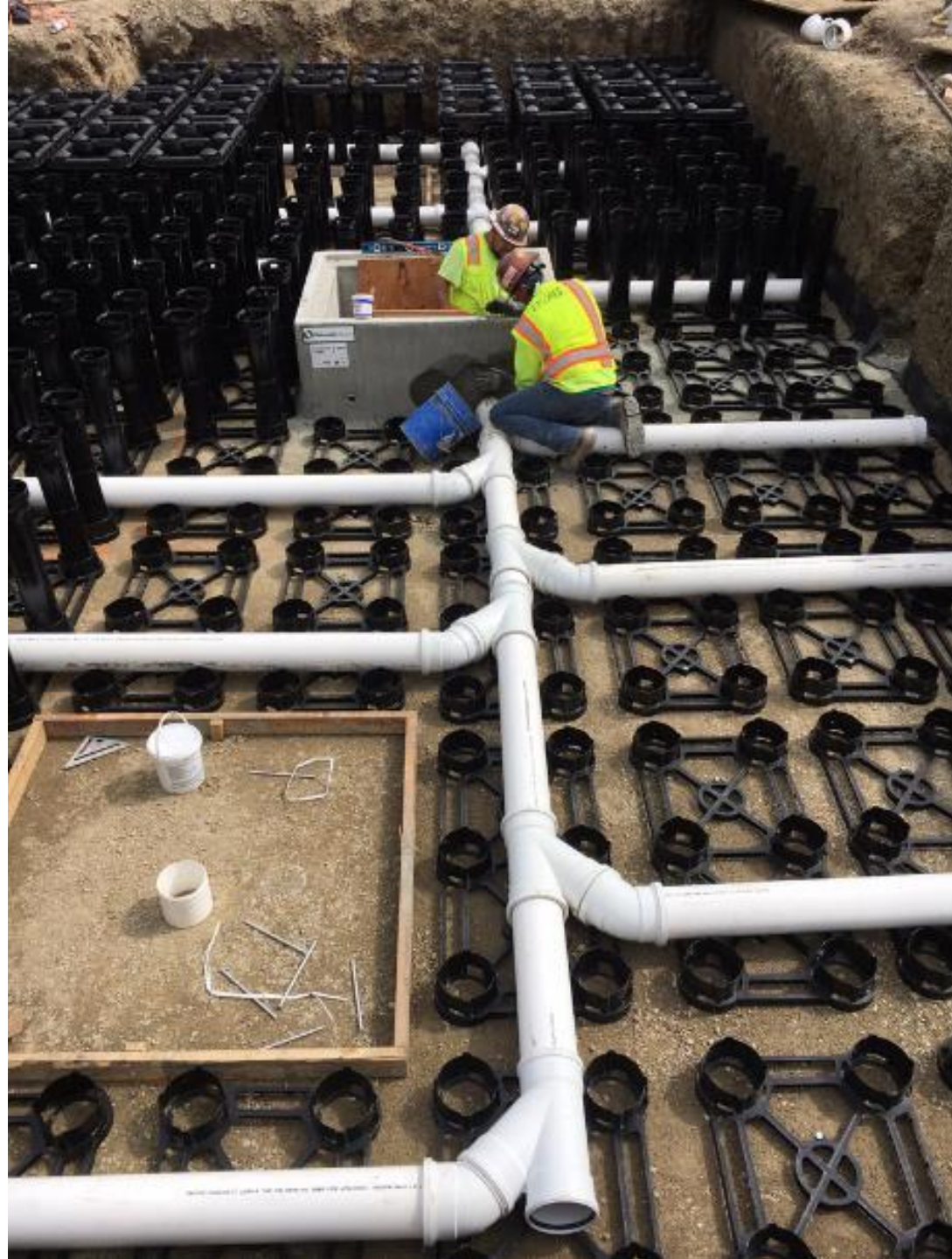












HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

BETWEEN SILVA CELLS



HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

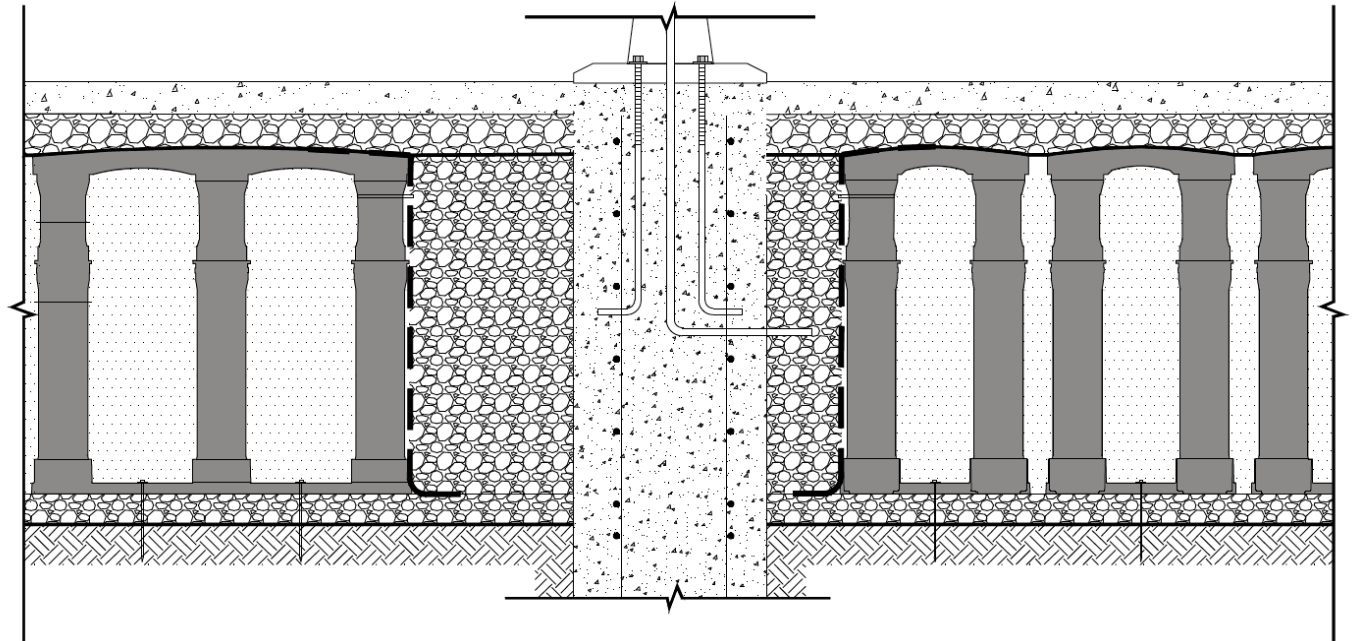
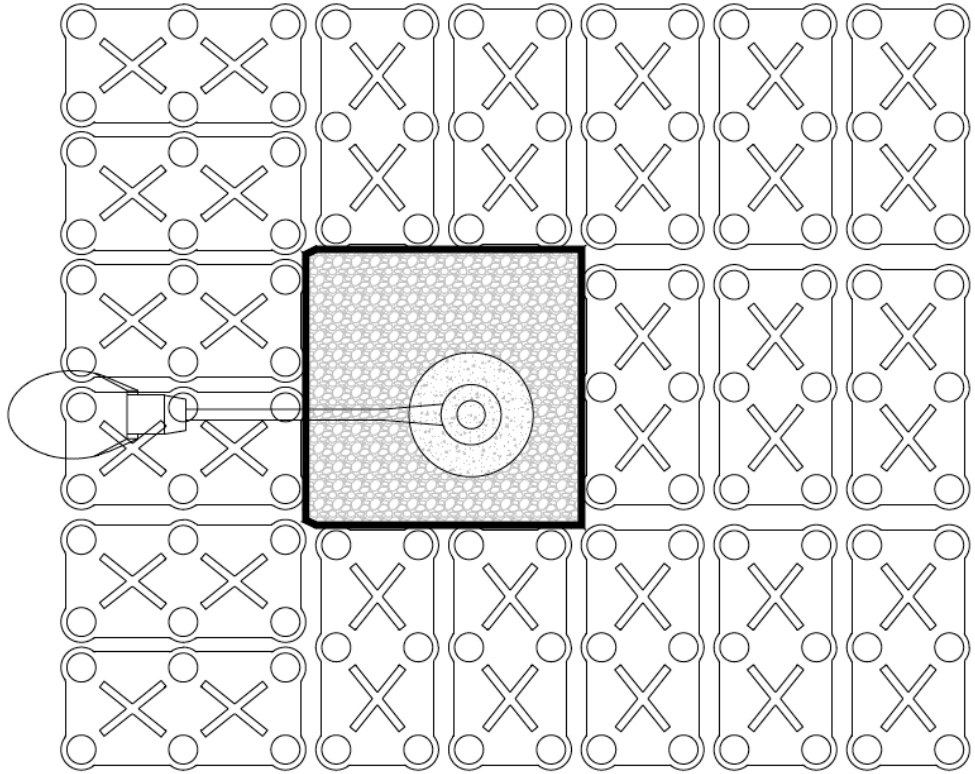
ABOVE SILVA CELLS





HOW UTILITIES INTEGRATE WITH SILVA CELL

LIGHT POLES AND SILVA CELLS







ALTERNATIVE **UTILITY** INTEGRATION OPTIONS

Alternative Utility Integration Options

-Aggregate Gap Detail

-Bridging Utility with Silva Cells

-Bridging Utilities with Small Concrete Slabs

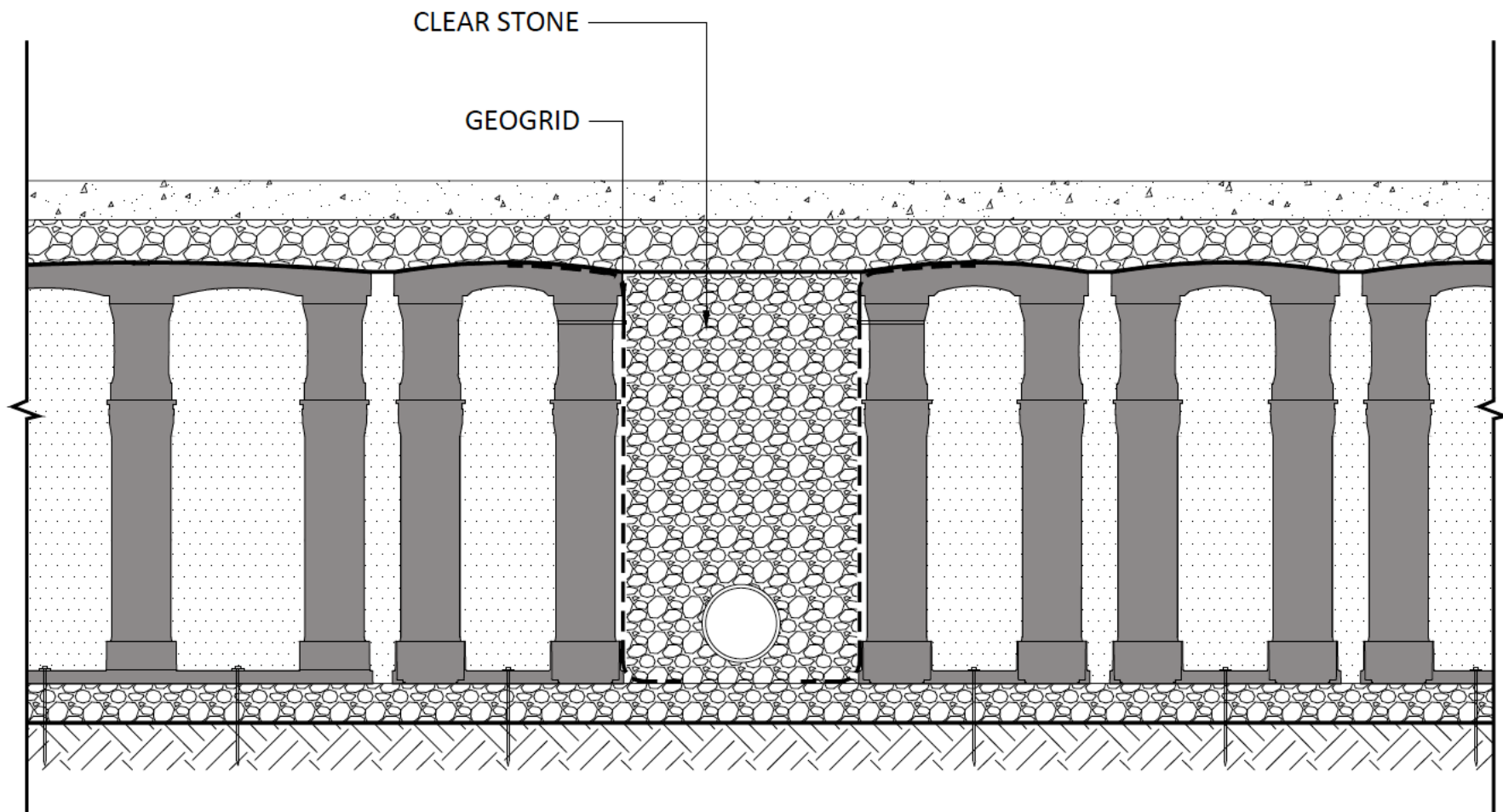
-Bridging Utilities with Customer Concrete Slabs

-Running Utilities Outside Silva Cell Frames in Same Excavation Area

ALTERNATIVE UTILITY INTEGRATION OPTIONS

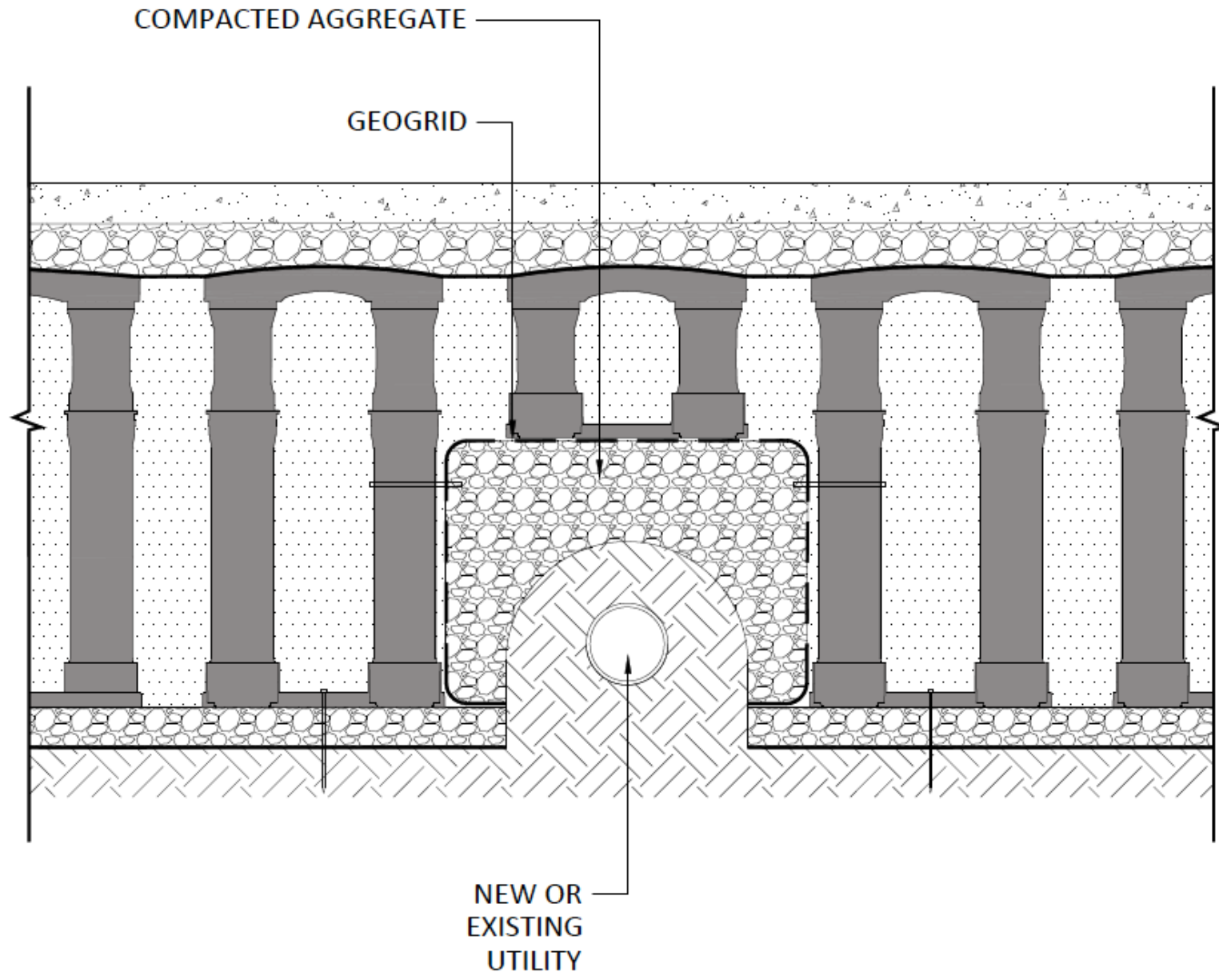
AGGREGATE GAP BRIDGING





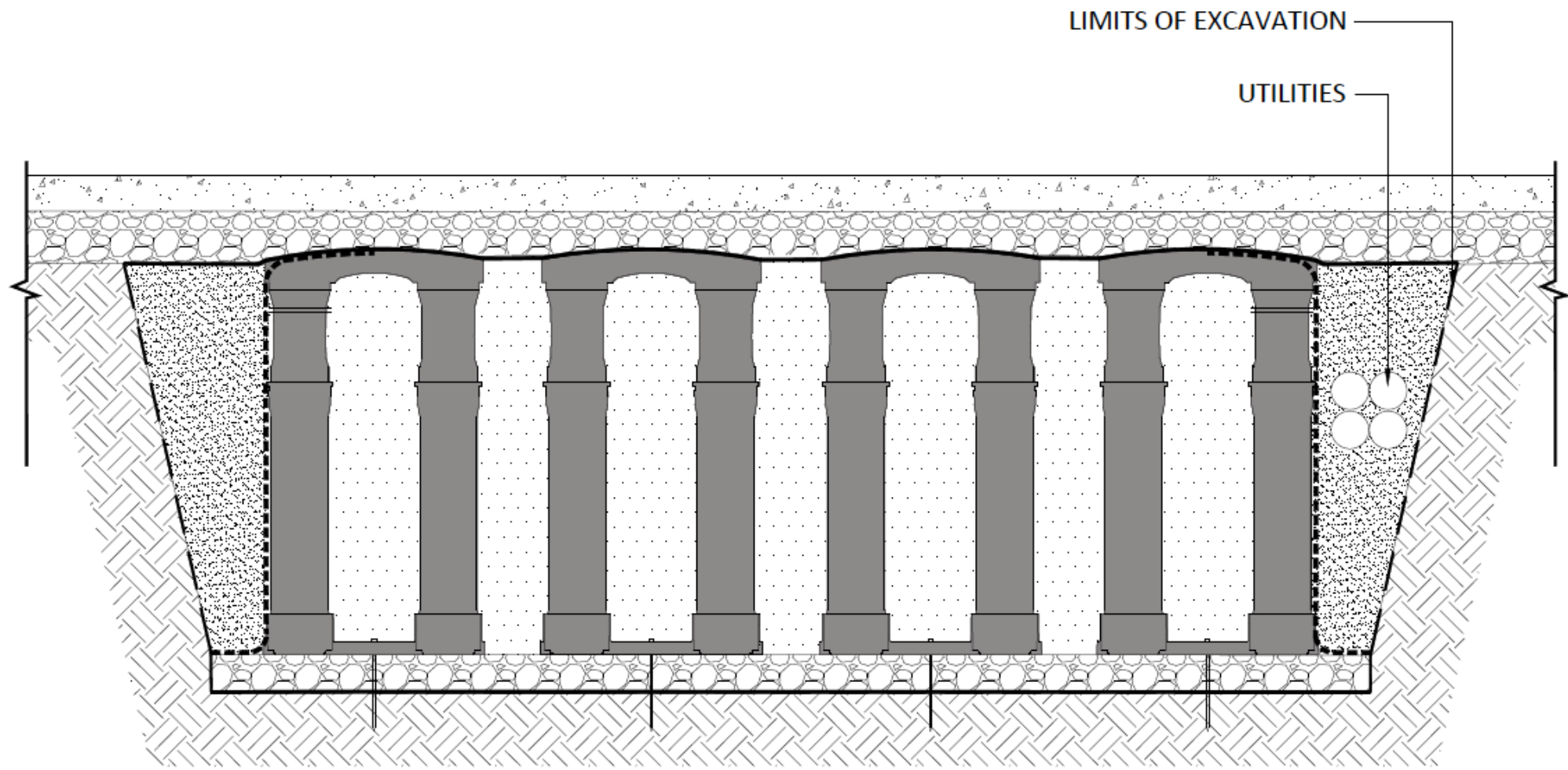
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BRIDGING UTILITIES WITH SILVA CELLS



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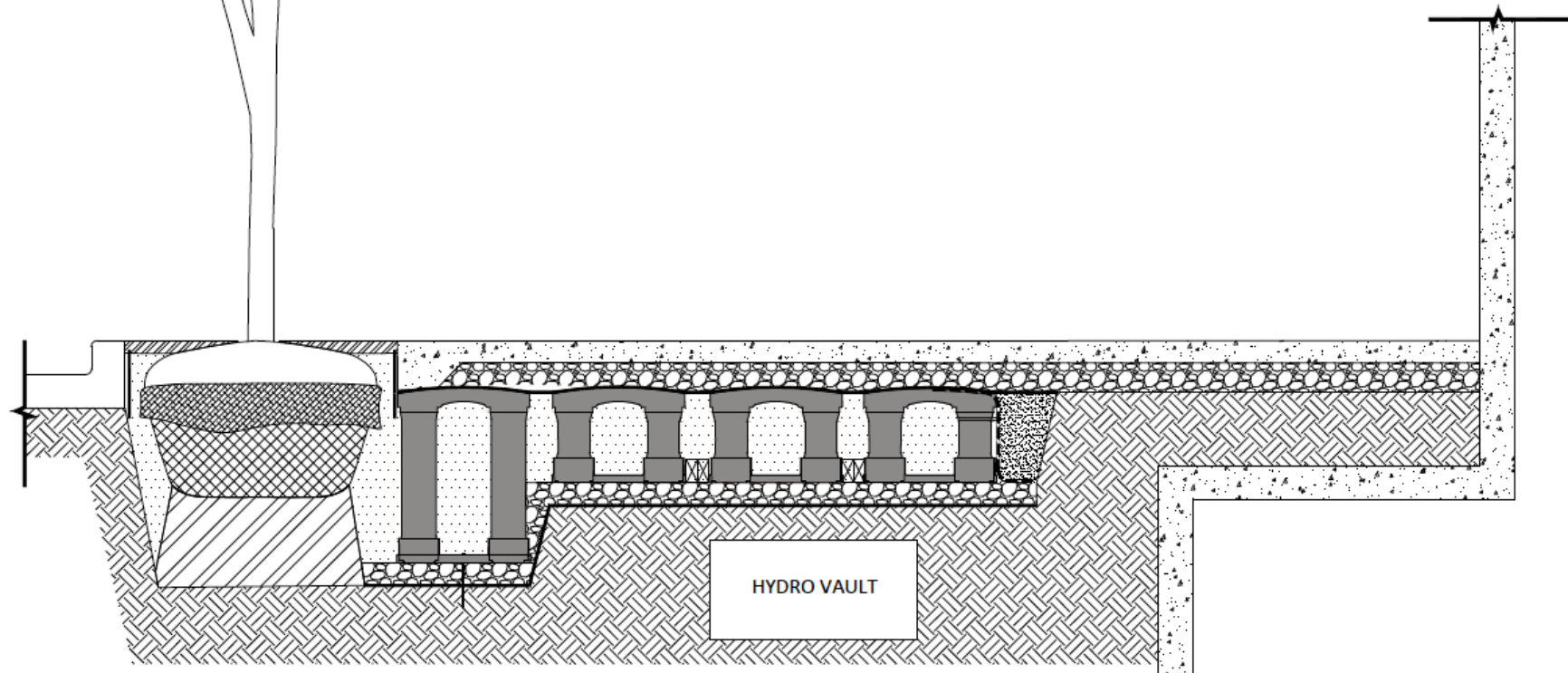
RUNNING UTILITIES OUTSIDE SYSTEM

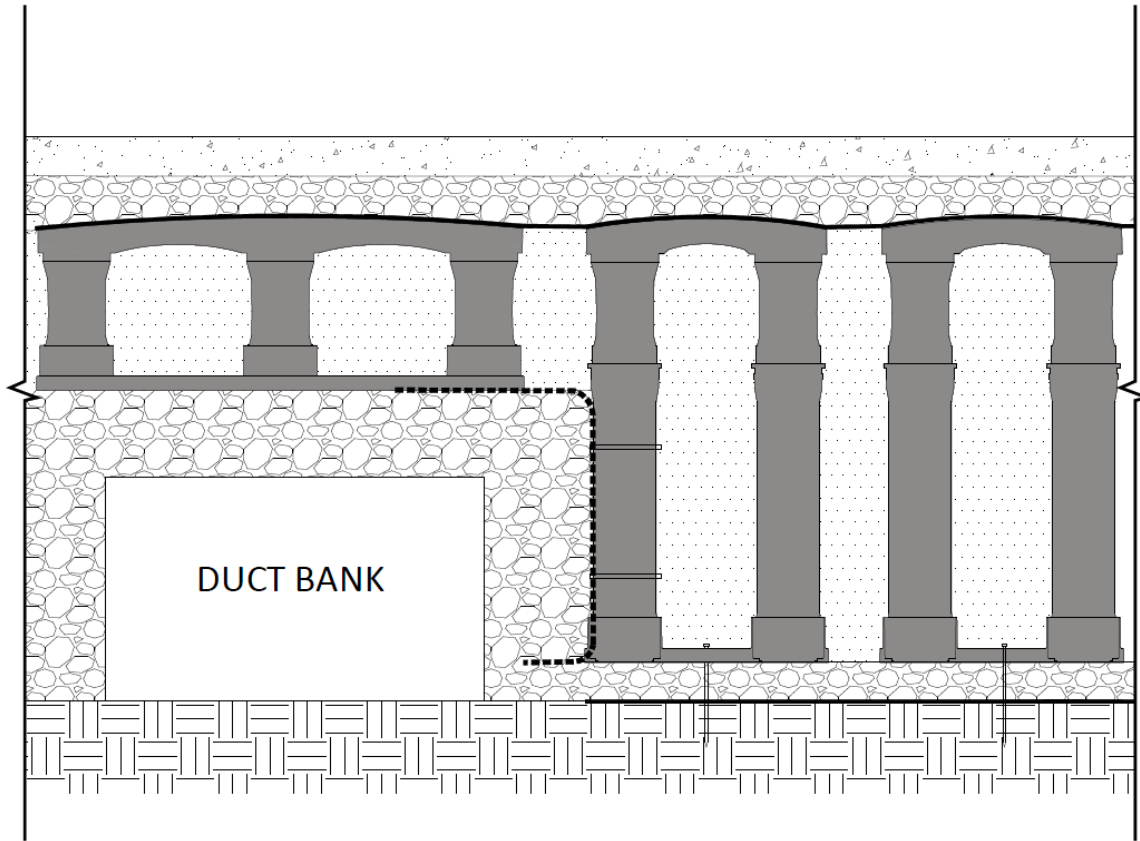


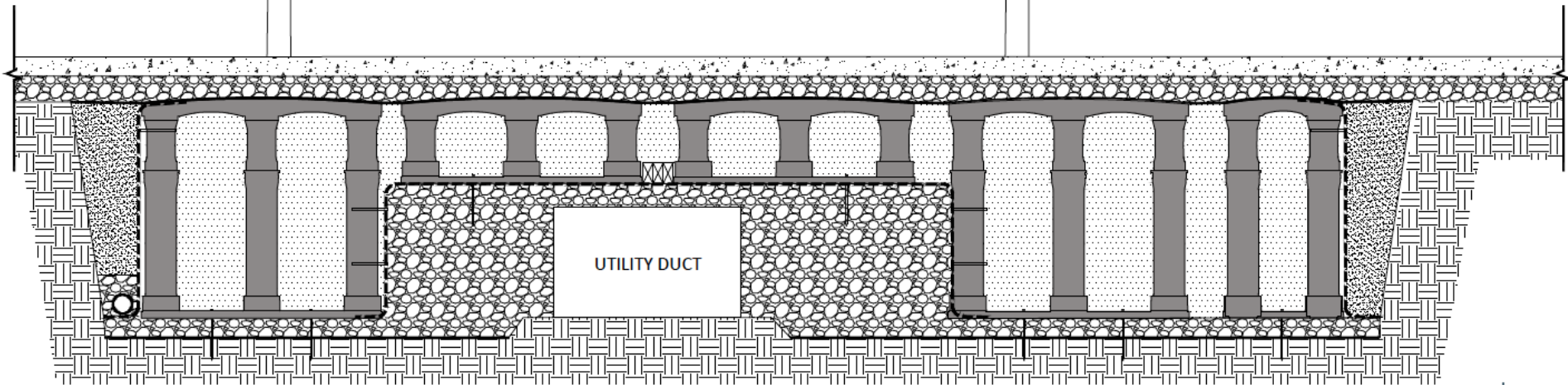


ALTERNATIVE UTILITY INTEGRATION OPTIONS

DUCT BANKS AND SILVA CELLS

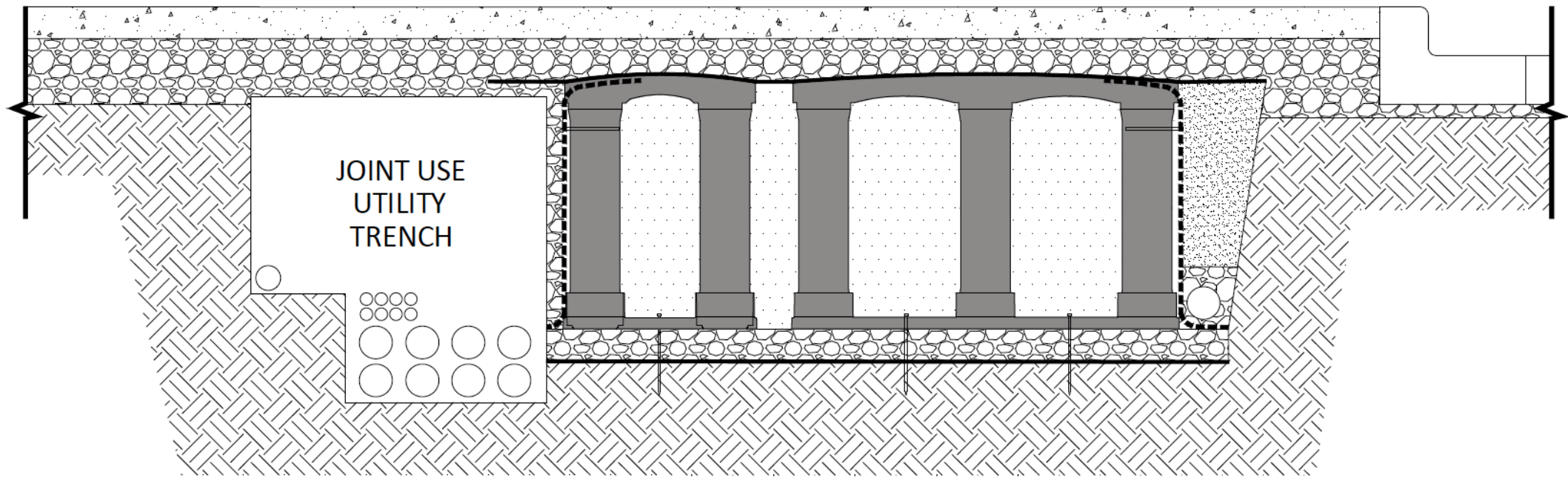








PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



JOINT USE
UTILITY
TRENCH

FUTURE UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS



MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR MANUAL



Utility Repairs and New Installations

1. Locate
2. Excavate
3. Repair or Add Service (Lateral)
4. Replace Silva Cells
5. Replace Permanent Surfacing

FUTURE UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS

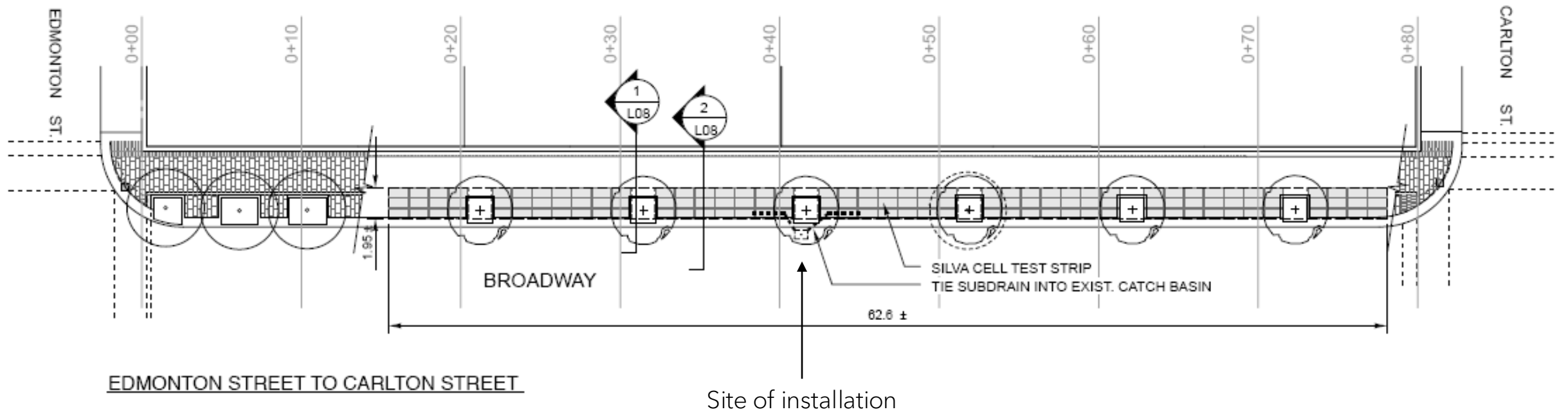
**PROJECT: WATER
SERVICE REPAIR,
WINNIPEG**

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TRAFFIC
TICKET
EXPERTS

Area of
excavation







The existing pavement is removed. In this case the existing pavers were salvaged for re -installment



The aggregate base is removed and the fabric covering the decks is cut and removed



The Silva Cells are removed and the existing watermain exposed where the new connection will be



Once the new service is installed, the excavation is backfilled to the bottom of the Silva frames



The Silva Cells frames are re-installed and the existing irrigation and drain lines are run back through the cells



The Silva Cell frames are filled with soil , the decks are attached and the geotextile fabric is patched



Area of installation
after restoration

The aggregate base is replaced, a new curb is installed, and the salvaged pavers are reinstalled to complete the restoration

FUTURE UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS

**PROJECT:
NASHDENE YARD,
TORONTO**



Silva Cells



Boring head or Pneumatic -gopher
going in on one side



Boring head or Pneumatic-gopher
coming out the other side



Prior to constructing the Silva Cells, a PVC pipe was buried below the level of the Silva Cells to act as a watermain



A saw cut was made into the pipe to act like a break in the pipe



A typical Silva Cell system is constructed over the buried pipe

Silva Cell system with
concrete pavement
now over the top

Riser pipe and hose
connection to the
pipe buried under
the Silva Cells



A fire hose from a nearby hydrant was connected to the buried pipe via the riser pipe. When the hydrant was turned on, it flooded the area with water



**Due to the soil in the Silva Cells being loosely compacted, the water came to the surface very near to the location of the break rather than traveling underground*







[Click here](#) to watch a video of the Silva Cell removal demo at the Nashdene Yard project in Toronto.





FUTURE UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS

RESTORATION OPTIONS

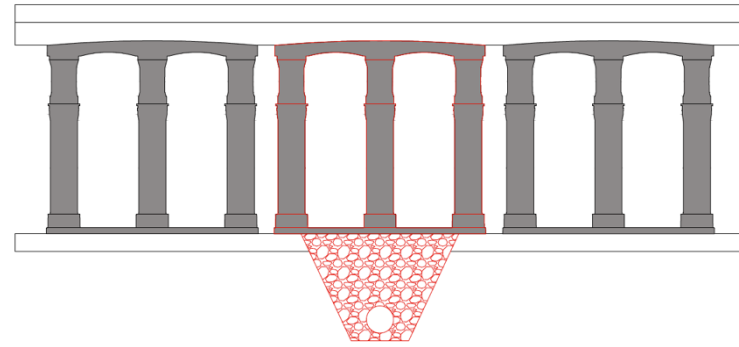
Restoration Options

1. Restore the area temporarily at the time of the repair and do the permanent restoration at a later date.
2. Restore the area permanently at the time of the repair using one of three permanent restoration options.

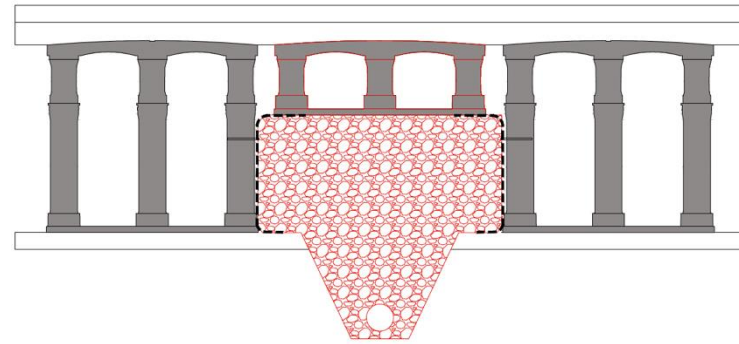




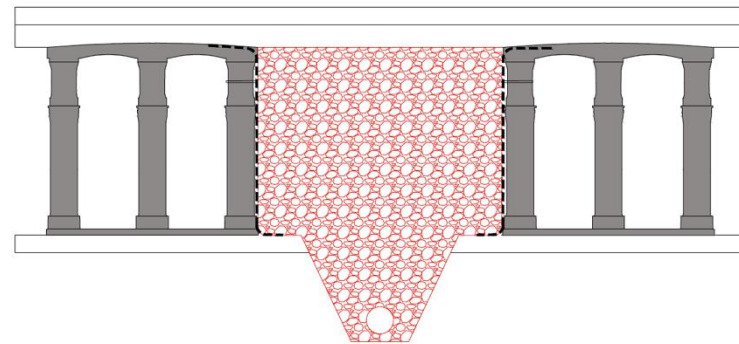
Option 1 - fill/compact the excavation to the bottom of the Silva Cells and re install new or salvaged frames and decks



Option 2 - fill/compact the excavation up to the bottom of the uppermost layer of Silva Cells and re install a single layer of frames and decks



Option 3 - fill/compact the excavation to the bottom of the Silva Cells, install geogrid around the perimeter of the remaining opening and fill with compacted soil, clear stone or flowable fill/U-fill (in the case of flowable fill, try to establish some link between adjacent soil volumes)



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

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- Many Options for Utility Integration with Silva Cells
- Plan for the Future Whenever Possible
- Planned/Emergency Repairs are Simple with Silva Cells, with Various Restoration Options Available

THANK YOU!

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