Gravix stems can be placed into slots excavated into a cut slope that can eliminate temporary shoring. The photos displayed are three projects where soils and geometry conditions allowed the replacement of temporary shoring behind the permanent retaining wall resulting in savings. If you have questions concerning this detail, please contact Earth Wall Products Engineering Department at 678.594.3451.

ACCEPTABLE SOILS FOR SLOT CUT:

OSHA Soil Classification

Type A Soils
- Temporary Face Cut - 0.75H:1.00V (53 degrees)
- Slot Cut - 20' tall max.* and only open for 2 days max.

Type B Soils
- Temporary Face Cut - 1H:1V (45 degrees)
- Slot Cut - 20' tall max.* and only open for 2 days max.

Type C Soils
- Do not use slot cut

*Note: All slot cuts greater than 20 feet in height must be approved by project geotechnical engineer.

OSHA SOIL CLASSIFICATION

Type A soil is cohesive and has a high unconfined compressive strength; 3,000 lbs per square foot or greater. Examples of type A soil include clay, silty clay, sandy clay, and clay loam. Soil cannot be classified as type A if it is fissured, if it has been previously disturbed, if it has water seeping through it, or if it is subject to vibration from sources such as heavy traffic or pile drivers.

Type B soil is cohesive and has often been cracked or disturbed, with pieces that don’t stick together as well as type A soil. Type B soil has medium unconfined compressive strength; between 1,000 lbs and 3,000 lbs per square foot. Examples of type B soil include angular gravel, silt, silt loam, and soils that are fissured or near sources of vibration, but could otherwise be type A.

Type C soil is the least stable type of soil. Type C includes granular soils in which particles do not stick together and cohesive soils with a low unconfined compressive strength; 1,000 lbs per square foot or less. Examples of type C soil include gravel, and sand. Because it is not stable, soil with water seeping through it is also automatically classified as type C soil, regardless of its other characteristics.

For additional information refer to OSHA “soil classification” and “sloping and benching”
DOT/Rail Precast Wall System

SLOT CONSTRUCTION TECH NOTE

WALL PLAN VIEW
SCALE 1/2" = 1'-0"

STEP 1 - EXISTING CONDITIONS
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

STEP 2 - TEMPORARY FACE CUT SLOPE
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

STEP 3 - SLOT CUT
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

STEP 4 - INITIAL WALL INSTALLATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

STEP 5 - COMPLETED WALL
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

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# Slot Construction Tech Note

## Gravix 20' Typical Section

### N.T.S.

- Common Backfill
- Temporary Cut
- Select Fill

## MSE 20' Typical Section

### N.T.S.

- Temporary Shoring
- Reinforcement (Typ)
- Select Fill

## Materials Comparison per LF

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## Overlay of Gravix/MSE

### N.T.S.

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SLOT CUT COMPARISON

GRAVIX TYPICAL SECTION
N.T.S.

VS.

CONVENTIONAL PRECAST MODULAR
TYPICAL SECTION
N.T.S.

OVERLAY OF GRAVIX/CONVENTIONAL
PRECAST MODULAR
N.T.S.

MATERIALS COMPARISON
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