

<i>Project Title</i> SPR-3(072) Strength and Deformation of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Walls at Working Loads and Failure		<i>Agmt./Task No.</i> SPR-3(072)	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agency Bgt. No.</i>
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<i>Research Area</i>				
<i>Original Estimated Cost</i> \$360,104	<i>Revised Cost</i> \$550,000	<i>% Funds Expended</i> 67%	<i>% Work Completed</i> 75%	
<i>Objective</i> <i>Develop a design procedure for the internal stability of MSE walls, especially those reinforced with fabrics.</i>				

Project Progress:

Phases 1, 2, and 3 have been completed. A large database of full-scale geosynthetic walls (16 fully instrumented, full-scale geosynthetic walls and 14 walls with limited measurements) and 24 fully instrumented, full-scale steel reinforced wall sections was utilized to develop a new design methodology based on working stress principles, termed the K-Stiffness Method. This simplified design method has been described in three published papers, the most recent report can be found at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/mats/Geotech/>.

New Period Proposed Activity:

The contract for the first series of testing using marginal soils for backfill (Phase 4) will be initiated this quarter, pending funding.