Embankment Over Soft Ground: <u>Selecting the Best Solution</u>

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Technique	Column Supported Embankment	Deep Soil Mixing	Overexcavate and Replace	Surcharge Embankment with Geogrid	Tensar STRATUM™ System
Mechanism	Densification / Bypass soft soil / Improved Drainage	Cementation	Full removal and replace of soft soil	Stablized platform / Soil Consolidation	Stablized platform / Stiffness / Soil Consolidation
Settlement Control	 Small total settlement if bypass soft soil to very stiff/dense layer Typically required bridging platform with geogrid to control differential settlement between columns 	• Small total settlement and differential depending on mix, depth and spacing	• Small total and differential settlement if undercut to very stiff/dense layer	 Some mitigation of differential settlement No control of total settlement 	 Even and controlled total and differential settlement Slight reduction of total settlement
Constructability	 Required specialty installer and equipments Time consuming to install Most likely require stabilized platform for access 	 Required specialty installer and equipments Time consuming to install 	 Most likely require stabilized platform for access Require space for side slope or vertical support structure for excavation Difficult to do with high groundwater Not suitable in soil strata with cobbles and boulders 	 Easy to construct; no specialty equipment or installer required Wait time required for staged construction Allow steeper side slope and reduce footprint of embankment with geogrid reinforced side slopes 	 No time-consuming and costly site prepartion Relatively easy to construct and no specialty equipment or installer required Elimate or allow larger lift for stage construction Allow steeper side slope and reduce footprint of embankment
Overall Cost	Expensive	Expensive	Varies depending on depth, local fill availability, region & disposal requirements	Low	Moderate
Environmental Impact	Low to moderate	Alter groundwater conditions	Very high	No Impact / Recycled aggregate fill allowed	No Impact / Recycled aggregate fill allowed

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