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Project 200609.05 – Vibration Monitoring Data Report – 1 to 7 February 2026, Riverview
Condominiums, 221 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA

Dear Ms. Watkins:

At your request, we installed vibration monitors at six properties abutting Riverview Condominiums (Riverview) to document vibrations during the Riverview building demolition. The purpose of this letter is to summarize the weekly vibration records and report “triggering” events if the vibration threshold is exceeded.

1. BACKGROUND

The City of Cambridge (City) started the controlled demolition of the Riverview structure on 17 December 2025. The City requested that Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (SGH) develop a vibration monitoring program to record vibration at abutting properties during the building demolition. Prior to demolition, SGH conducted preliminary surveys of directly abutting properties to determine monitoring locations. Based on these surveys, we selected six locations to install vibration monitors: 1, 7, and 11 Sparks Street, 38 Bradbury Street, 205 Mt. Auburn Street, and the Bradbury Building (see map in Figure 1 below). At each location, we installed a vibration monitor on the foundation wall or the basement-level slab-on-grade. We installed the vibration monitors approximately one month prior to the scheduled start of demolition to acquire typical ambient baseline vibration data at each monitoring location.



Figure 1

Aerial view of the Riverview Condominiums structure (outlined in red) and the abutting properties selected for vibration monitor installation (marked with yellow stars).

2. DATA COLLECTION

The vibration monitors (VMs) are configured to continuously monitor vibrations and record the Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) in three orthogonal directions at 5 min. intervals. The VMs record a time history when a preset trigger level is exceeded, capturing 4 sec of data, including a 1 sec pre-trigger time, and the data is automatically downloaded to a remote server. Automated email notifications are sent to a predefined distribution list consisting of project team members when a triggering event occurs. If no triggering event occurs during a calendar day, the system sends a summary report for each monitor showing the recorded vibrations for the day, including the peak particle velocity recorded in each orthogonal direction (vertical and two orthogonal

horizontal directions). Table 1 summarizes the maximum peak particle velocity recorded for each location from 1 February 2026 to 7 February 2026. Monitoring data for each location is also included in Appendix A (attached).

Table 1 – Maximum Peak Particle Velocity Recorded

Location	Maximum Peak Particle Velocity (in./sec)		
	Vertical	Horizontal 1	Horizontal 2
Bradbury Building	0.03	0.02	0.03
205 Mt. Auburn Street	0.06	0.03	0.05
38 Bradbury Street	0.08	0.03	0.03
1 Sparks Street	0.11	0.02	0.04
7 Sparks Street	0.08	0.03	0.03
11 Sparks Street	0.05	0.02	0.02

3. DISCUSSION

Structural vibration monitoring is typically used to correlate construction activities with potential damage to neighboring structures. For the Riverview Demolition Project, we established six vibration monitoring locations around the site to document potential vibrations resulting from the project demolition activities. We established a recommended vibration monitoring threshold of 0.5 in./sec as a “triggering” event to investigate vibrations, as summarized in our letter dated 12 December 2025.

As shown in Table 1 and Appendix A, all vibration monitoring locations maintained a peak particle velocity below the trigger value during the week’s demolition activities. If construction activities cause vibrations greater than the set 0.5 in./sec trigger value, we will follow the protocol outlined in our letter dated 12 December 2025 to analyze the causes and potential impacts of the exceedance.

Vibrations recorded to date that exceed the ambient vibrations recorded prior to demolition have been associated with the operation of heavy equipment on site. We understand that the sixth and final phase of structural demolition operations is beginning this week (the week of 9 February 2026) and will be followed by the trucking of debris from the site. During trucking operations, we anticipate increased equipment movement on site, which may result in more frequent perceivable vibrations at neighboring properties. We will continue to monitor and

report vibrations throughout the trucking phase of this project and provide updates on any significant increase in vibration levels.

Sincerely yours,



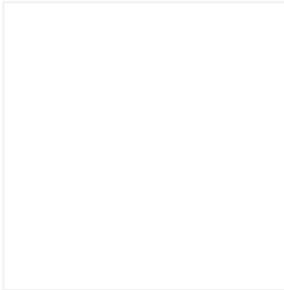
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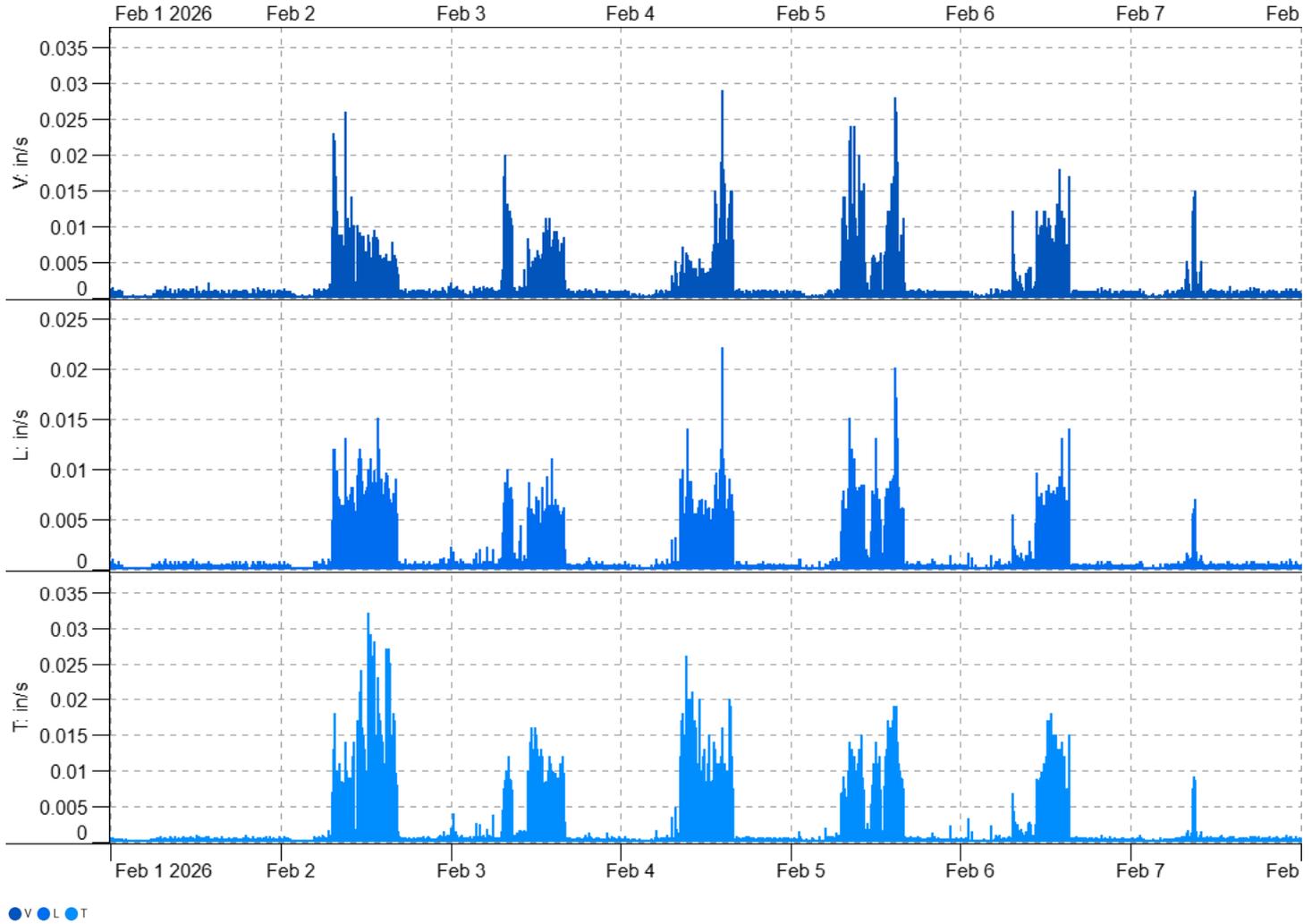


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APPENDIX A

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

Riv1, Bradbury Building [22 Bradbury St.], C22, Serial number: 110294, Calibrated: 2025-07-30,



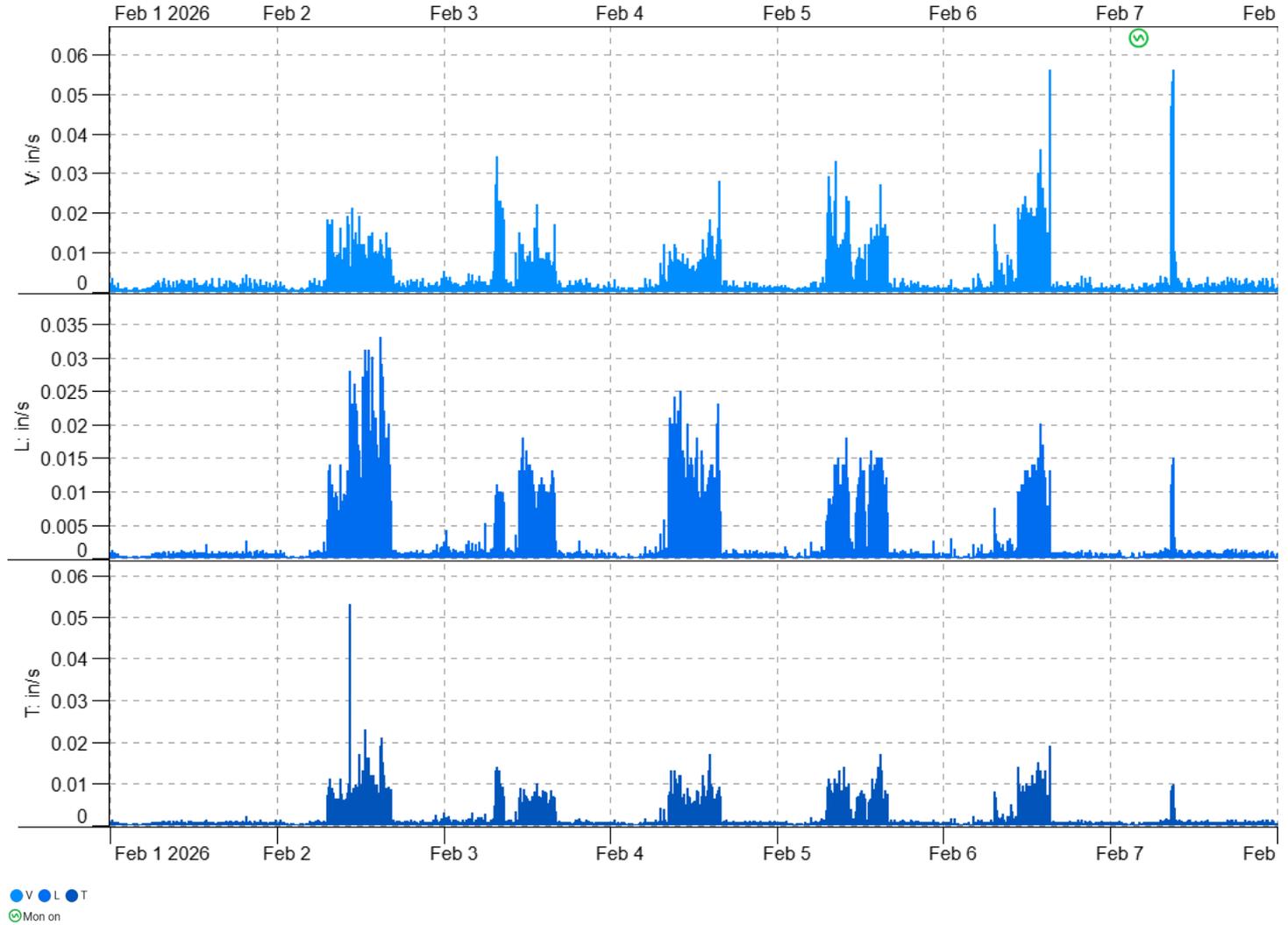
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 Y-span V: 0 - 0.03 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.03 in/s

	V	L	T
Max	0.03 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.03 in/s
Date	2026-02-04	2026-02-04	2026-02-02
Time	14:17:30	14:17:30	12:27:30
Hz	6.3	5.15	2.85

Multi report

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

Riv2, 205 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA, C22, Serial number: 102013, Calibrated: 2025-07-23,



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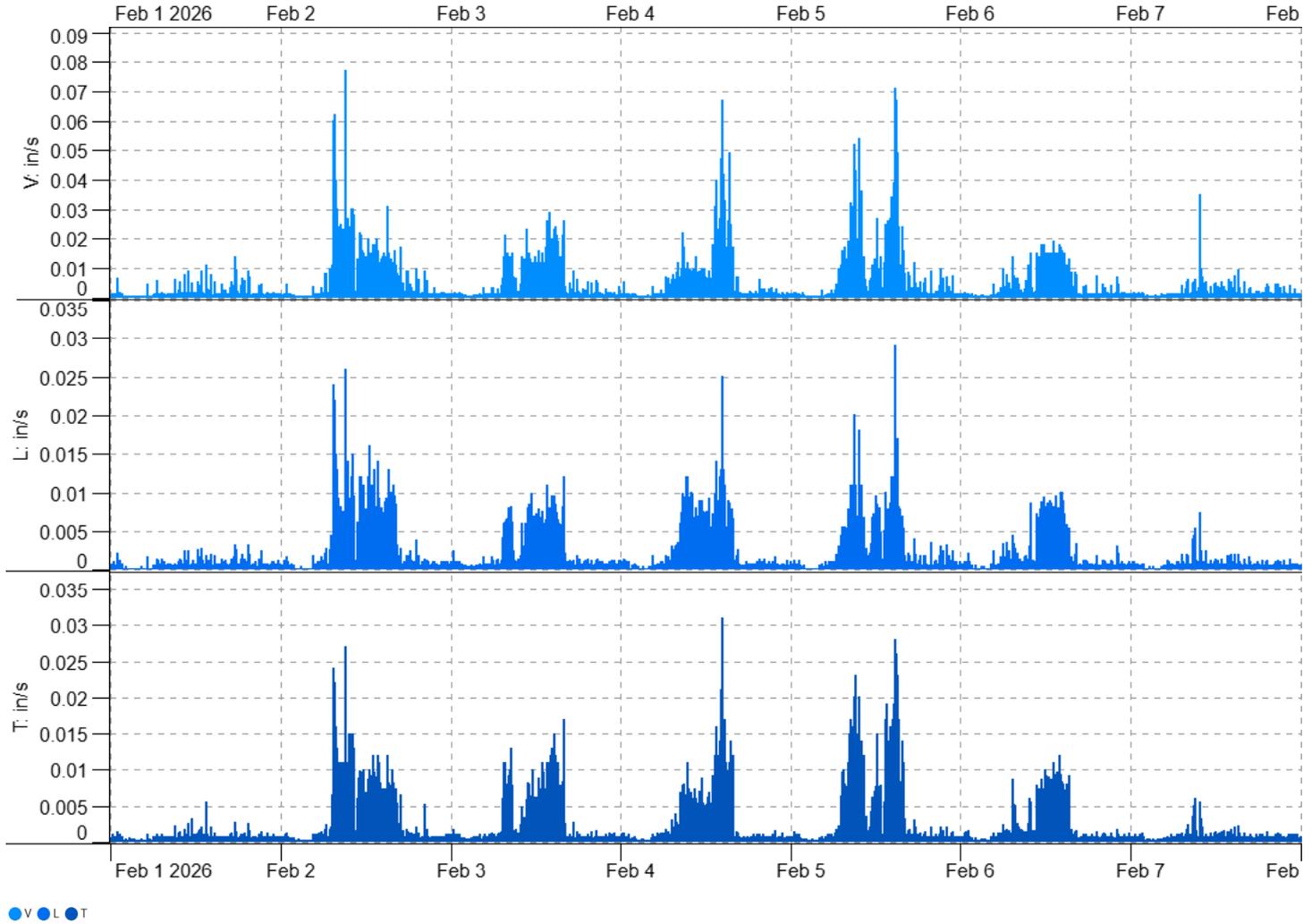
Y-span V: 0 - 0.06 in/s, L: 0 - 0.03 in/s, T: 0 - 0.05 in/s

	V	L	T
Max	0.06 in/s	0.03 in/s	0.05 in/s
Date	2026-02-06	2026-02-02	2026-02-02
Time	15:17:30	14:57:30	10:27:30
Hz	5.5	2.35	205

Multi report

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

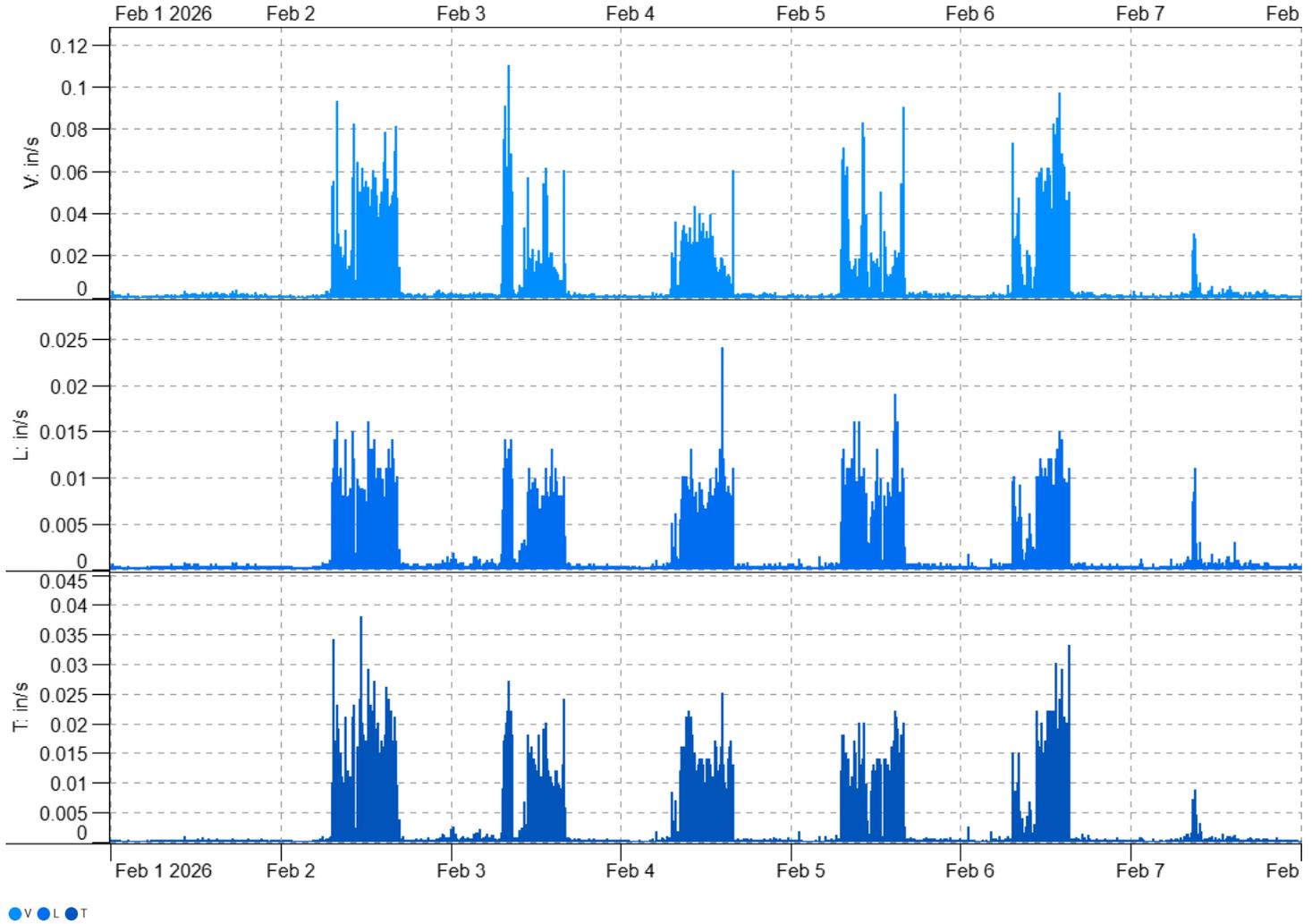
Riv3, 38 Bradbury St., Cambridge, MA, C22, Serial number: 103199, Calibrated: 2025-06-09,



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Y-span	V: 0 - 0.08 in/s, L: 0 - 0.03 in/s, T: 0 - 0.03 in/s		
	V	L	T
Max	0.08 in/s	0.03 in/s	0.03 in/s
Date	2026-02-02	2026-02-05	2026-02-04
Time	09:12:30	14:42:30	14:17:30
Hz	6.4	6.85	6.2

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

Riv4, 1 Sparks St., Cambridge, MA, C22, Serial number: 102403, Calibrated: 2025-07-02,



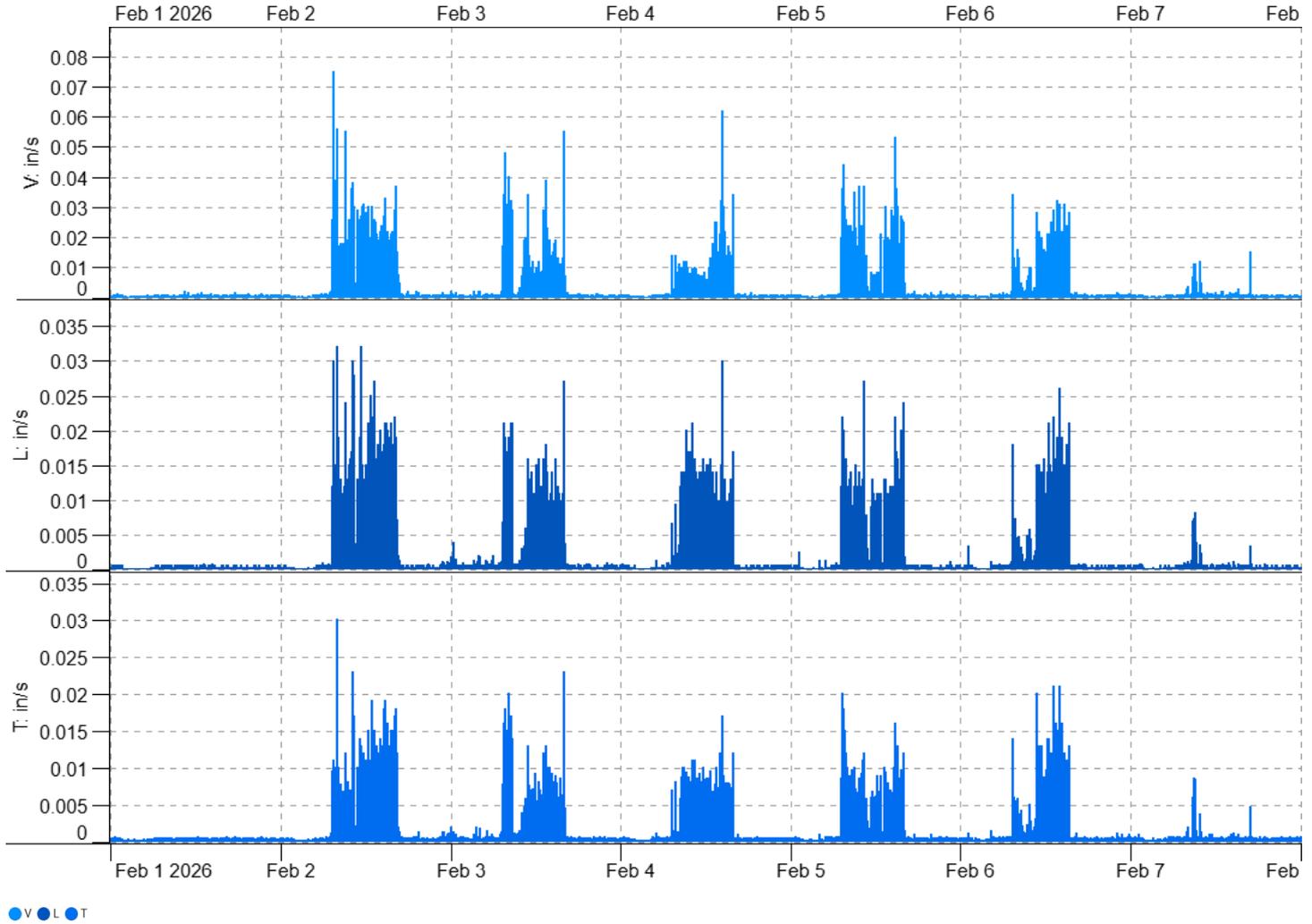
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Y-span V: 0 - 0.11 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.04 in/s

	V	L	T
Max	0.11 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.04 in/s
Date	2026-02-03	2026-02-04	2026-02-02
Time	08:17:30	14:17:30	11:22:30
Hz	8	5.25	5

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

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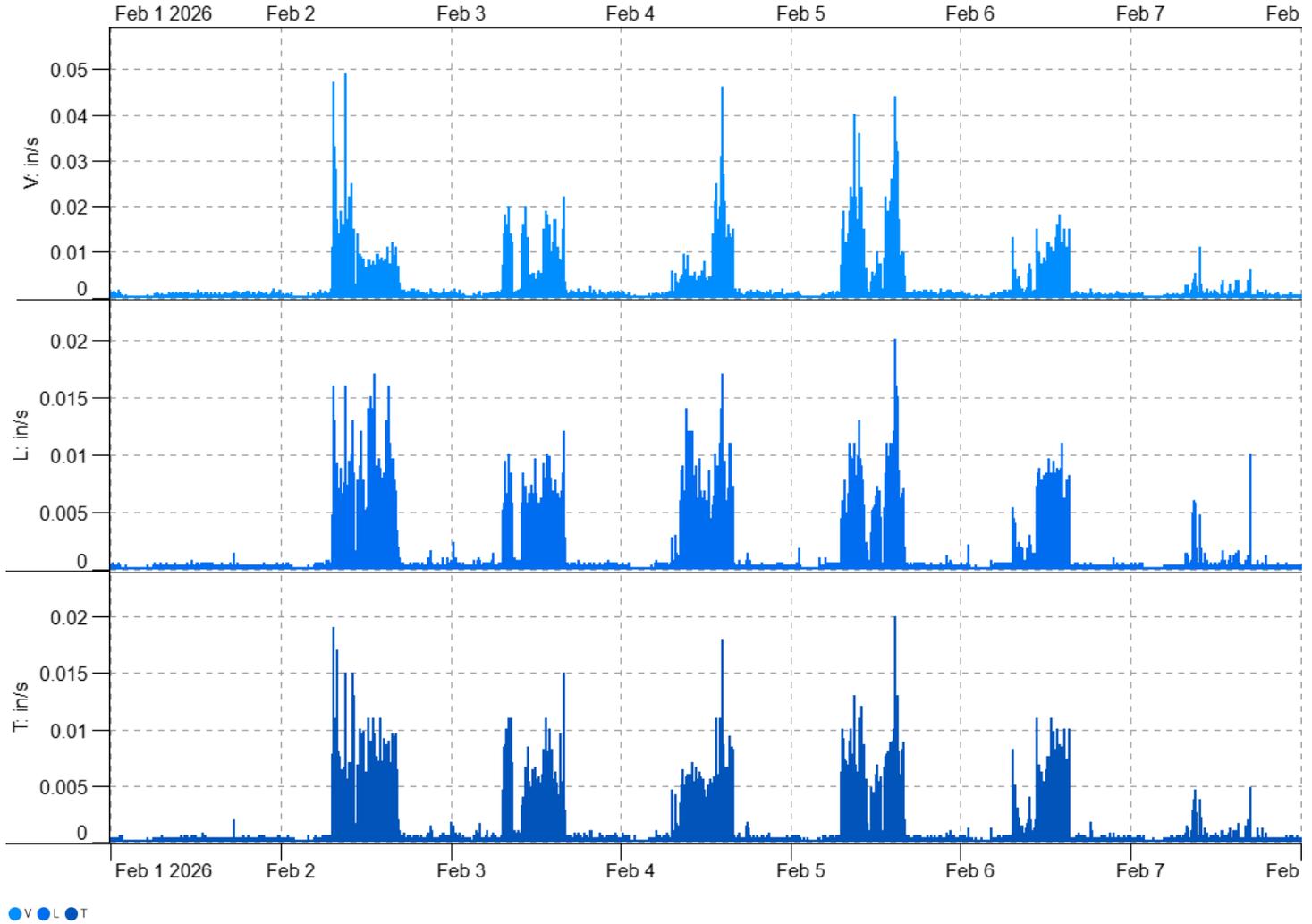


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 Y-span V: 0 - 0.08 in/s, L: 0 - 0.03 in/s, T: 0 - 0.03 in/s

	V	L	T
Max	0.08 in/s	0.03 in/s	0.03 in/s
Date	2026-02-02	2026-02-02	2026-02-02
Time	07:32:30	07:57:30	07:57:30
Hz	6.7	8.3	8.95

Project Riverview Demo
 Project maintainer -
 Time frame 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00 (America/New_York)

Riv6, 11 Sparks St., Cambridge, MA, C22, Serial number: 110329, Calibrated: 2025-07-02,



X-span 2026-02-01 00:00 - 2026-02-08 00:00

Y-span V: 0 - 0.05 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.02 in/s

	V	L	T
Max	0.05 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s
Date	2026-02-02	2026-02-05	2026-02-05
Time	09:12:30	14:42:30	14:42:30
Hz	5.6	7.75	8