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Project 200609.05 – Vibration Monitoring Data Report – 28 December 2025 to 3 January 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 28 December 2025 to 3 January 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	0.02	0.02	0.02
205 Mt. Auburn Street	0.03	0.02	0.02
38 Bradbury Street	0.04	0.02	0.02
1 Sparks Street	0.13	0.02	0.06
7 Sparks Street	0.05	0.03	0.04
11 Sparks Street	0.02	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. We will continue to monitor the vibrations and provide you with an update regarding any changes.

Sincerely yours,

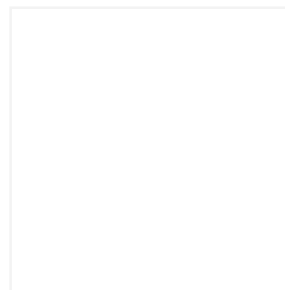


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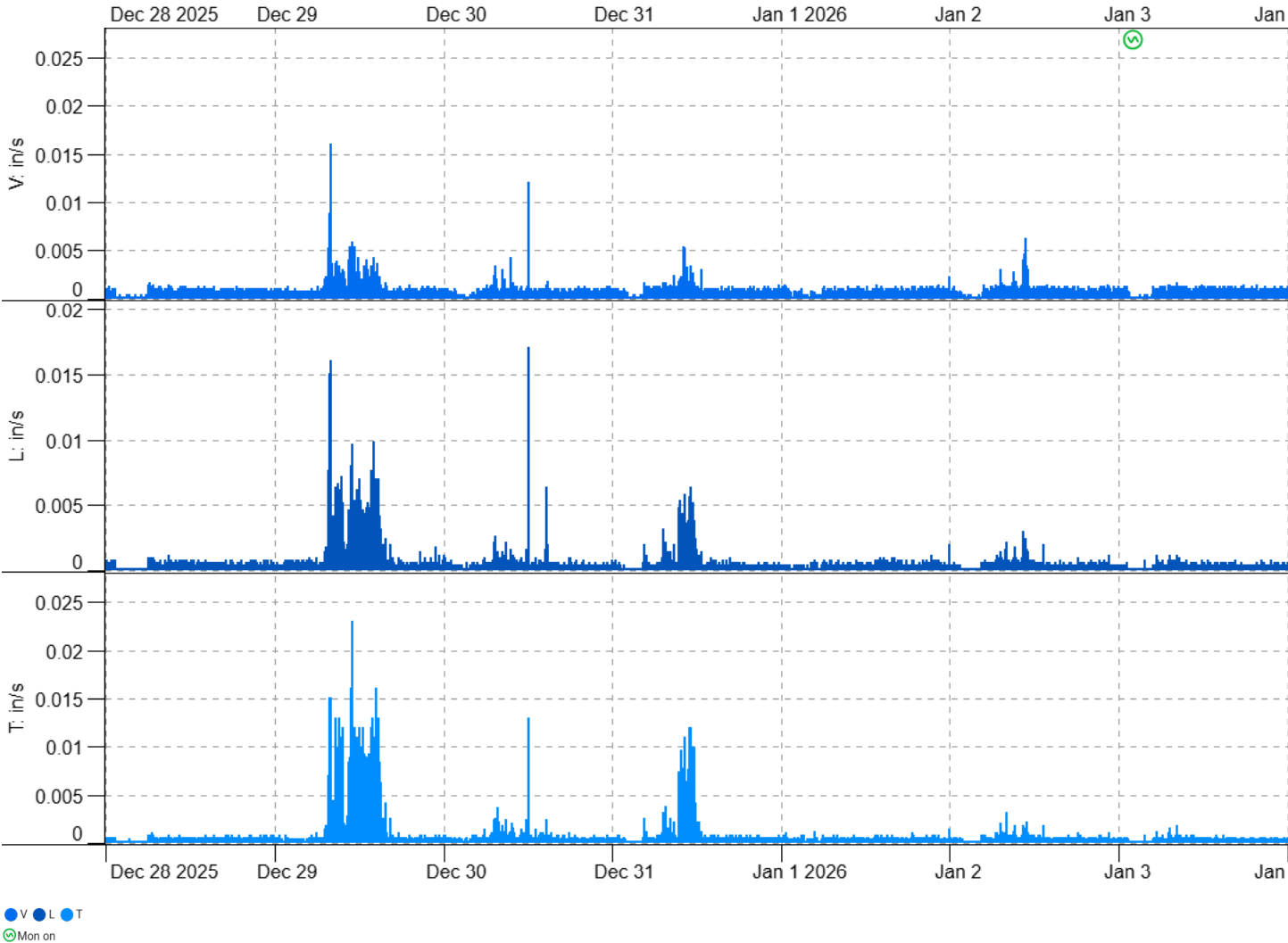


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## APPENDIX A

Project Riverview Demo  
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Time frame 2025-12-28 00:00 - 2026-01-04 00:00 (America/New\_York)

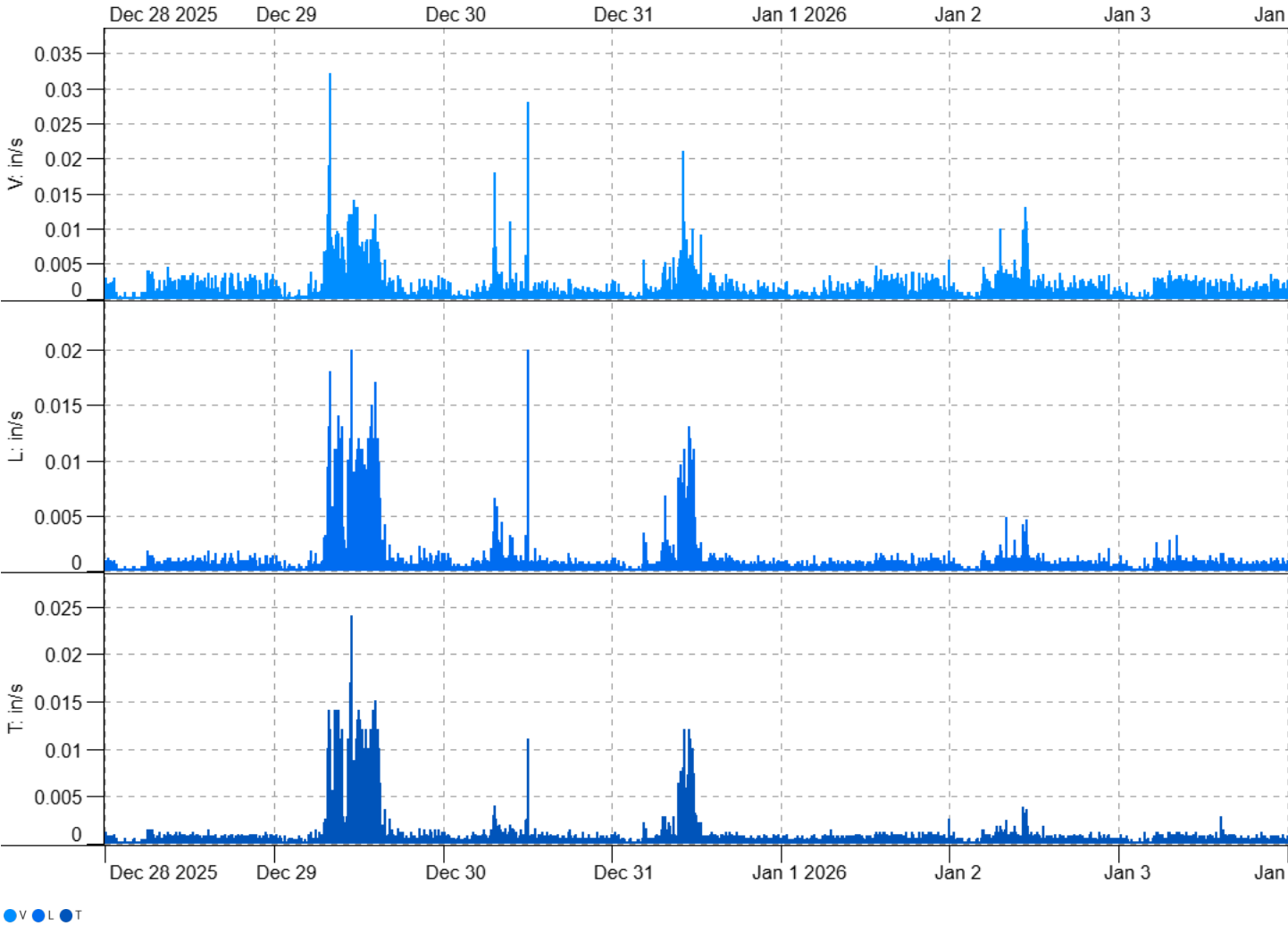
Riv1, Bradbury Building [22 Bradbury St.], C22, Serial number: 110294, Calibrated: 2025-07-30,



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Y-span	V: 0 - 0.02 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.02 in/s		
	V	L	T
Max	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s
Date	2025-12-29	2025-12-30	2025-12-29
Time	07:57:30	12:07:30	10:57:30
Hz	5	4.65	2.85

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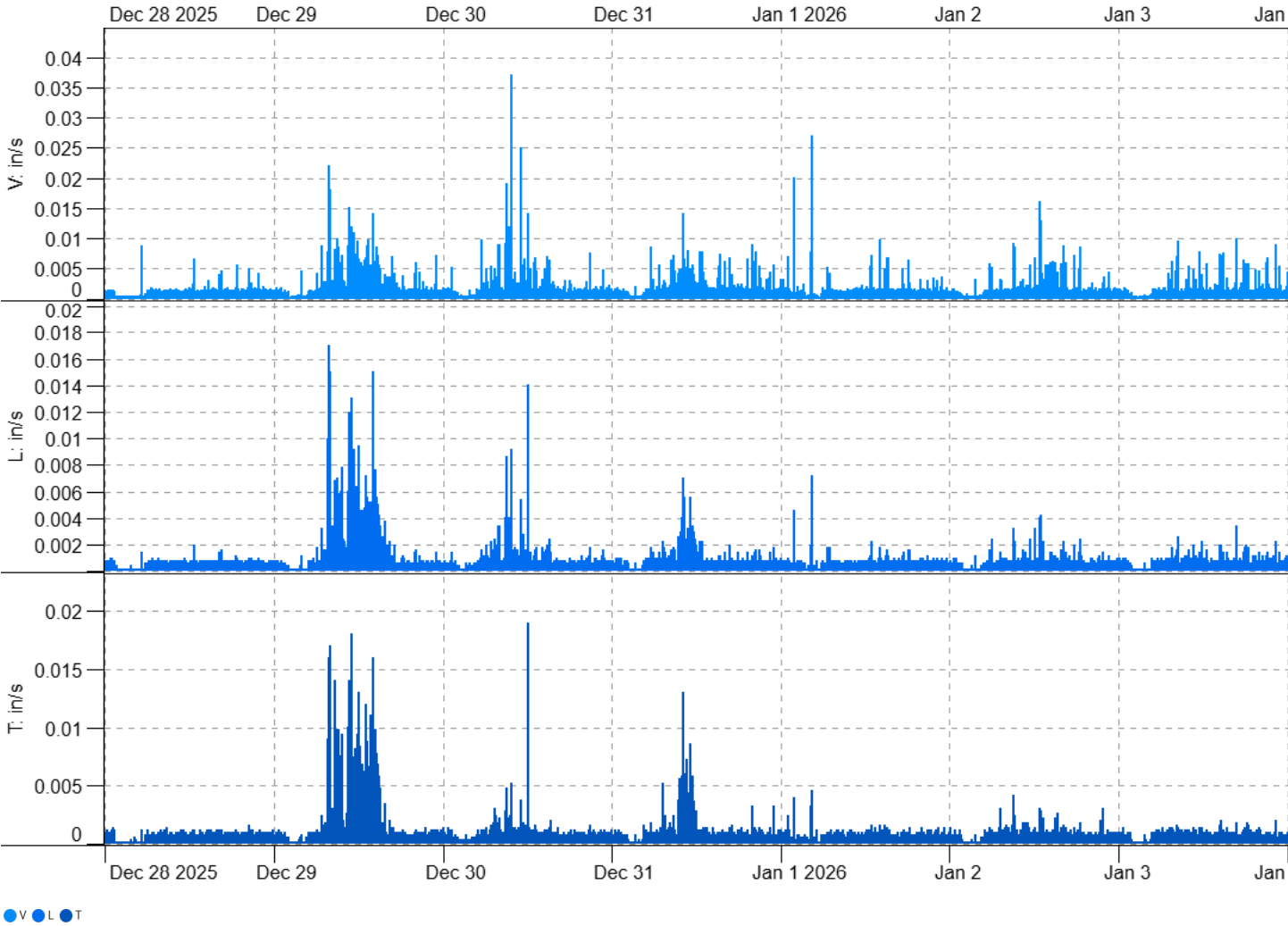
Riv2, 205 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA, C22, Serial number: 102013, Calibrated: 2025-07-23,



X-span	2025-12-28 00:00 - 2026-01-04 00:00		
Y-span	V: 0 - 0.03 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.02 in/s		
	V	L	T
Max	0.03 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s
Date	2025-12-29	2025-12-29	2025-12-29
Time	08:02:30	10:57:30	10:57:30
Hz	5.55	2.55	2.95

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



X-span	2025-12-28 00:00 - 2026-01-04 00:00		
Y-span	V: 0 - 0.04 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.02 in/s		
	V	L	T
Max	0.04 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s
Date	2025-12-30	2025-12-30	2025-12-30
Time	09:42:30	07:47:30	12:07:30
Hz	12.3	4.8	4.6

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

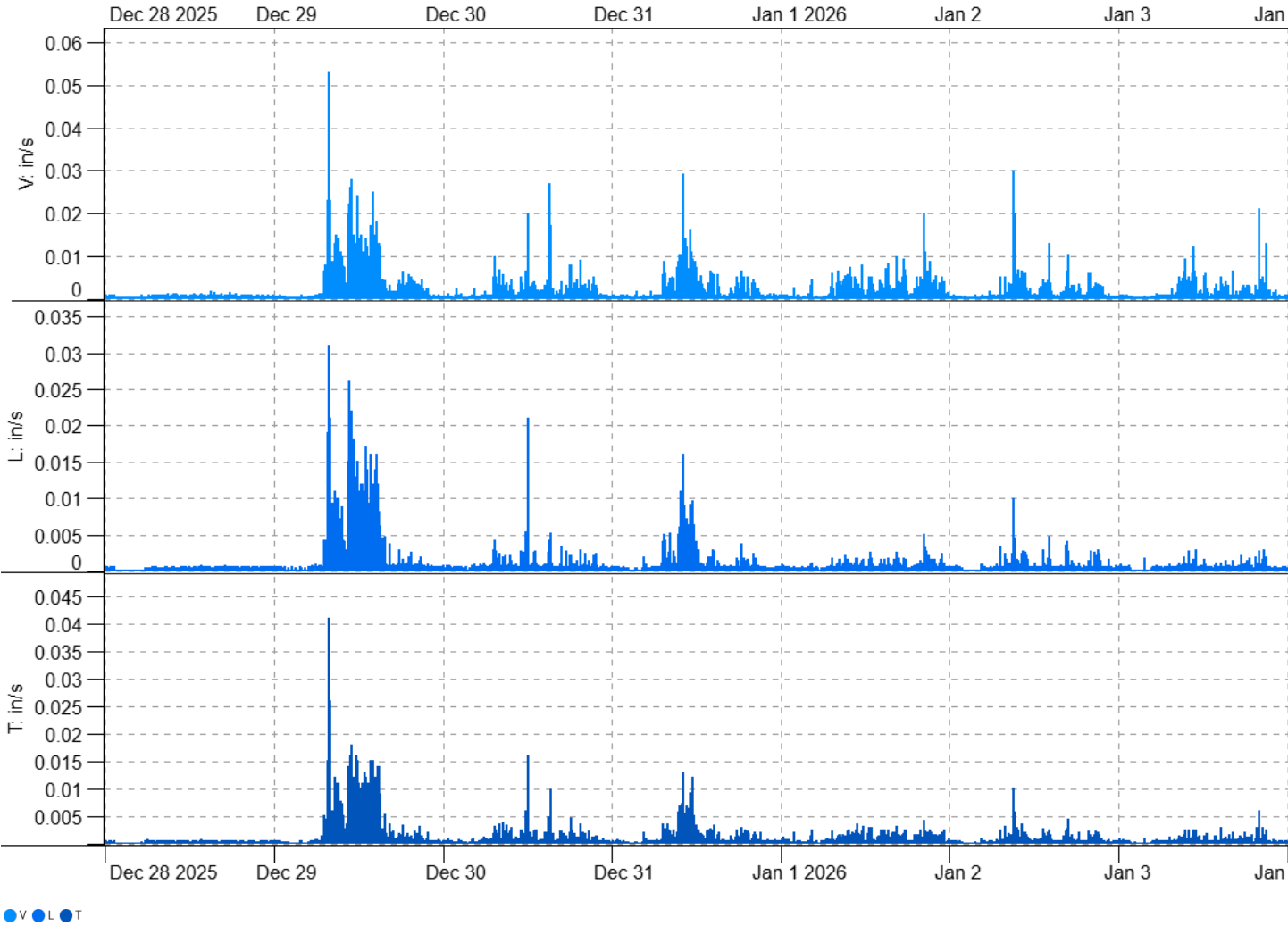


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Y-span	V: 0 - 0.13 in/s, L: 0 - 0.02 in/s, T: 0 - 0.06 in/s		
	V	L	T
Max	0.13 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.06 in/s
Date	2025-12-29	2025-12-29	2025-12-29
Time	07:52:30	10:57:30	07:52:30
Hz	11.4	3.7	5.4



Project Riverview Demo  
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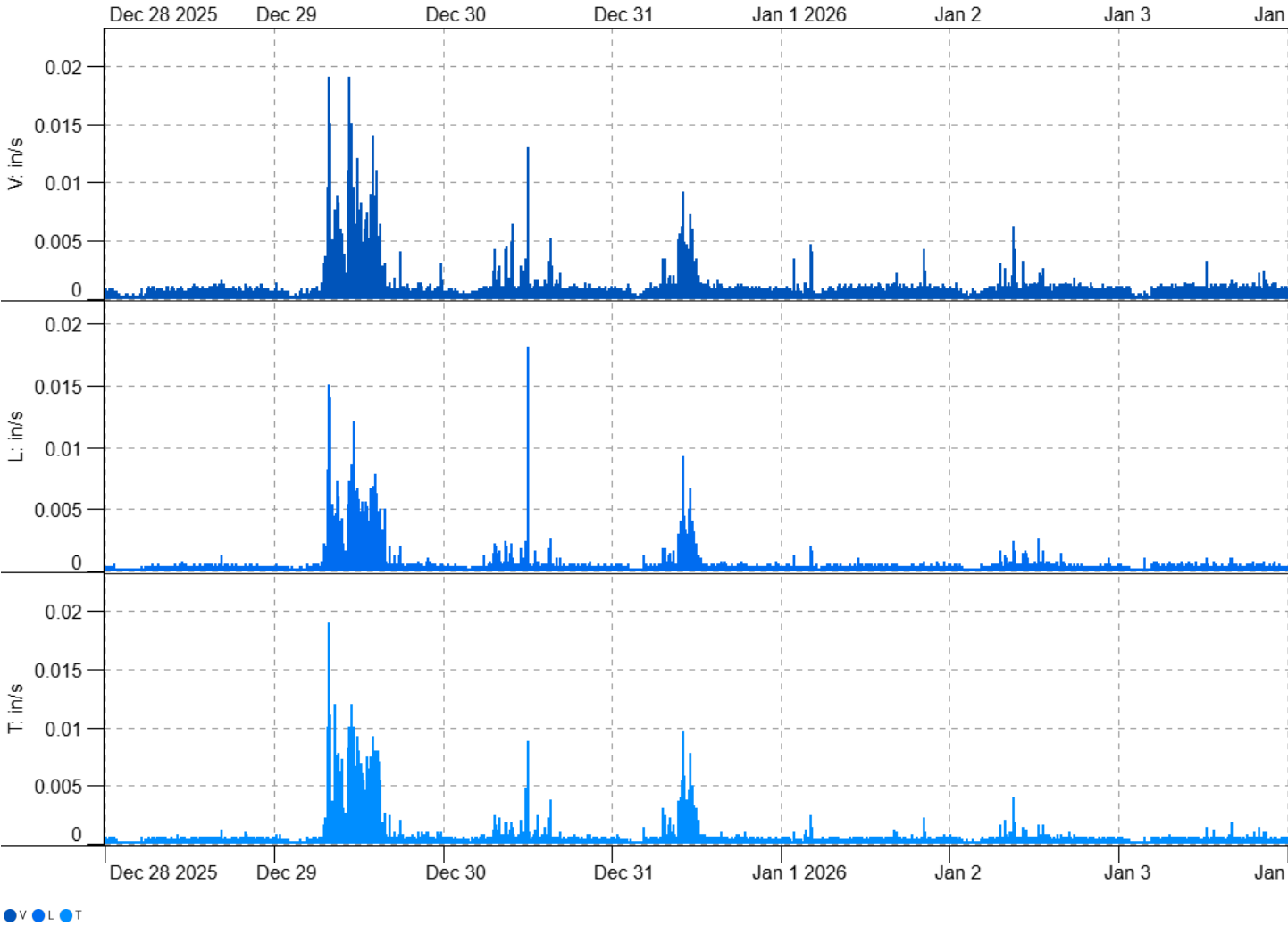
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	V	L	T
Max	0.05 in/s	0.03 in/s	0.04 in/s
Date	2025-12-29	2025-12-29	2025-12-29
Time	07:52:30	07:52:30	07:52:30
Hz	5.85	4.6	7.8

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



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	V	L	T
Max	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s	0.02 in/s
Date	2025-12-29	2025-12-30	2025-12-29
Time	07:52:30	12:07:30	07:52:30
Hz	6.05	5	6.15