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Discover the People and Insights Behind Important Tunneling Projects at George A. Fox 2027

On January 19, 2027, a roster of the world's leading tunneling and underground infrastructure experts will convene in New York, NY to exchange technical knowledge and updates on a series of transformative tunnel projects. These ambitious efforts—featured throughout a best-in-class technical program—are shaping the future of mass transit, water resiliency, and sustainable urban connectivity.

Recognized as the most engaging one-day event in the field, the Underground Construction Association's George A. Fox Conference offers tunneling professionals unparalleled access to engineers and contractors whose work is improving daily life across the globe. In addition, registrants will earn Professional Development Hours (PDHs) by attending this event.

The upcoming conference will kick off with a keynote presentation by Tom Prendergast, CEO of Gateway Commission, the agency responsible for one of the most urgent infrastructure projects in the nation: the Hudson Tunnel Project. Prendergast is overseeing ten major construction packages to build a new passenger rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey and fully rehabilitate the existing century-old tunnel, finally delivering reliable rail transportation to the region.

"Only at George A. Fox can you find this kind of quality programming and exclusive access to the industry's thought leaders within a single day period," said David Dorfman, 2027 George A.

Fox Conference Chair and Tunneling Construction Manager, National Heavy/Civil Division Group at Walsh Construction. “All attendees will walk away with new knowledge and connections needed to advance their careers and drive underground infrastructure forward.”

Beyond the keynote presentation, the conference technical program will include the following presentations:

- Palisades Tunnel Project: Andrea Codalli, Engineering Manager, Schiavone Lane Dragados JV
- Ellicott City: Preserving History, Safeguarding Tomorrow – Benjamin Seling, Project Manager; Dan Virgilio, Construction Manager, Kiewit
- East River Tunnel Rehabilitation: Bridget Arnott, Project Manager; Jim Cantwell, General Superintendent, Skanska
- Ground Stabilization for the Hudson River Tunnels – a Project Update: Dennis Boehm, Senior Vice President, Keller; Timothy Steinhilber, Senior Program Manager, STV
- Lessons Learned: Italian High-Speed Rail Long Tunnels Design and Construction: Andrea Pigorini, Head of Infrastructure Design, FS Engineering
- Manhattan Tunnel Update: Cory Voorhis, Project Manager, Frontier-Kemper; Eileen Test, Senior Associated, Delve Underground; Steve Wightman, Project Manager, PANYNJ
- Design, Execution and Lessons Learned: Jet Grouting Safe Havens on the Lower Olentangy Tunnel Project: Maria Chastka, Senior Project Engineer, Granite Construction
- Update on VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project: Sarah Wilson, Director of Construction, VTA; Sarah Hersom, Strategic Advisor to VTA for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Program, HNTB
- Redundancy Runs Deep: Inside MWRA’s Metropolitan Water Treatment Tunnel Program: Paul Savard, Acting Director, Tunnel Redundancy Program, MWRA; Ian Chaney, Senior VP, WSP
- U.S. Tunneling Industry Update: Jim Rush, Editor and Publisher, TBM Magazine

For more information and to register for the conference, visit GeorgeFoxConference.org

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