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## **Putting the focus on workforce sustainability**

The title of this issue's Chairman's Column reflects one of the three key pillars of the UCA's new strategic plan. Workforce Sustainability is a key thrust in our strategic objectives to promote the industry and provide a competent workforce. Now, I tend to sometimes shy away from "sustainability" because it tends to be used too often. In this case, I really like it because there is a bit of a double entendre effect: our programs have the joint objective of sustaining a workforce for the industry, as well as sustaining members within the workforce.

There are five UCA programs that are part of the Workforce Sustainability pillar. These are important programs for the future of the industry, that all hold special emphasis for me as Chair. Listed alphabetically:

- Down for That
- Inclusion and diversity
- Teach the Professors
- Women in Tunneling
- Young Members

It's my duty as Chair to directly support these initiatives. Each program revolves around drawing people to our great industry and empowering and supporting them when they get here.

Down for That, helmed by Paul Schmall of Keller, can best be understood by visiting www. undergroundcareers.com, which I encourage you to do. It's a robust platform for students, professors and industry professionals, providing a myriad of resources to understand what's going on in tunneling and to help inform and inspire curious students to learn more, to put tools in their hands, and to encourage them to join the industry upon graduation. Scholarship opportunities can be found at Down for That. Tunnel project tours can be arranged and industry profiles are provided.

Mike Mooney of Colorado School of Mines leads the Teach the Professors program. Recognizing that their school/college mentors impact heavily on what career path a student will take, we understand that we, in turn, need to impact and empower those mentors with knowledge of tunneling and what a career can offer their protégées. This program runs annually, is associated with our conferences in the summer (RETC and NAT), and is back on for NAT 2022 (June 19-22, Philadelphia, PA) after a COVID-19 pandemic hiatus.

The Young Members (YM) group is designed for the industry's great minds in the age group of 35 and under. Vojtech Ernst Gall, of Gall-Zeidler, currently chairs this committee. Building from an ITA initiative, our UCA group is known for its ongoing webinar series and social gatherings at conferences that enable this cohort to network and support each other.

The rest of us need to assist as many young members of the industry to connect with the YMs. As I travel to various projects, I meet new entrants to tunneling. Curious, bright, energetic all, I'm always a bit disappointed to find how many of them do not know about the YMs or even the UCA. So, fellow UCA members, please consider making a special effort to encourage your young colleagues to join UCA, to join the YMs and to attend conferences. Yes, there is a cost involved and funds. are not unlimited. I understand. At the same time, isn't it better to make that investment now and retain that resource in the industry to sustain the growth that we are seeing? We are always challenged in seeking people. Let's develop what we have. Some

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## **US House passes \$1 trillion infrastructure bill**

The U.S. House approved a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill that includes billions of dollars to improve the nation's transportation networks, water and power systems and Internet connections.

The infrastructure bill includes about \$16 billion for "major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs," but that have big economic benefits, according to the White House.

The legislation includes at least \$12.3 billion for New Jersey's roads, bridges and transit, which would include billions of dollars that can be tapped to build the Gateway Tunnel under the Hudson River, *NJ.com* reported

The vote was 228-206, with 13 Republicans joining all but six Democrats in voting yes.

The Senate passed the infrastructure measure in August, but House leaders rebuffed demands from moderate lawmakers to take up the legislation without also voting on a separate bill that would fight climate change, expand health care and increase funding for child care and preschool, the *Washington Post* reported. In addition to new spending on highways and bridges, the broader infrastructure package includes what the White House calls the nation's biggest investment in transit and clean energy transmission in U.S. history, as well as billions for replacing lead pipes and extending broadband. It includes investments in passenger rail, electric vehicle infrastructure, and programs to address past environmental damage, reduce road deaths and improve airports and waterways.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg called it "the most significant investment in jobs and infrastructure in my lifetime," saying the bill will "rebuild and replace infrastructure that is decades, or even a century, old."

There would be more than \$60 billion set aside for Amtrak, some of which could fund new passenger routes, including through New Jersey to connect Scranton, PA and the Lehigh Valley with New York City.

Stephen Sigmund, spokesman for the Gateway Program, said the first two projects — a planned Portal North bridge over the Hackensack River in New Jersey and a new tunnel under the Hudson River — have financing plans in place and are not dependent on the infrastructure bill. Still, Sigmund added, the billions in additional funds the bill will provide to the U.S. Transportation Department's Capital Investment Grants program will be "a great help to the project."

Later phases of the Gateway Program, including far-reaching track improvements and other bridge projects, could benefit from the megaprojects fund and other large pots of money in the bill, Sigmund said.

The critical Northeast rail corridor "narrows down to this old straw that gets crimped in various places," Sigmund said. "The whole idea is to establish a four-track system between New York and New Jersey, which would replace the current two-track system — one track in, one track out — which is 110 years old."

The bulk of transportation funds in the infrastructure bill will flow through existing programs in which states get money according to federal formulas and have discretion over how they use the money. It will allow states to make progress on routine projects, such as repaying roads, upgrading bridges and buying new

#### **Rio Tinto's hydropower tunnel project breaks through**

tunneling project that began in the early 1990s reached a major milestone for Rio Tinto's Kemano T2 hydropower project in British Columbia, Canada when the Herrenknecht tunnel boring machine (TBM) broke through to complete its journey.

The Kemano T2 Project completed a second tunnel to carry water into the Kemano Powerhouse, to ensure the long-term reliability of the power supply for Rio Tinto's BC Works smelter in Kitimat.

The TBM cut 7.6 km (4.6 miles) through the rock in remote mountains over 30 months, completing the route for a 16-km (10-mile) tunnel that was

started in the early 1990s.

"This is a significant milestone toward finishing the second tunnel and securing the long-term reliability of hydropower for Rio Tinto's smelter in Kitimat, which produces some of the world's lowestcarbon aluminium," Kemano T2 project manager Alex Jones said in a release. "Boring this tunnel is a highly skilled and technical feat that has been achieved in an extremely remote location that is only accessible by air or sea. We thank all of our partners who are supporting this important project from our employees, to contractors, First Nations, government and

community members. It will ensure our operations continue to make a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy into the future. We look forward to celebrating the completion of the project next year."

The 1.3-kt (1,400-st) Herrenknecht tunnel boring machine is named tl'ughus by the Cheslatta Carrier Nation after a legendary giant monster snake and is decorated with artwork by Haisla Nation students. It is 190 m (623 ft) long and more than 6 m (20 ft) in diameter.

The tunnel will be filled with water in the middle of next year, with the project expected to be complete in the second half of 2022.■

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# NEWSNEWS

### **BART Phase II Project receives federal funding**

The Federal Transit Administration selected the Bay Area Rapid Transportation (BART) Phase II Project through San Jose, CA for expedited funding of more than \$2 billion, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) announced.

The project funding plan includes 25 percent of the costs to be funded with federal grants and the remaining 75 percent from state and local sources.

BART's Phase II Project, which includes four stations, a maintenance facility, and five miles of subway tunnel, will extend BART service from the newly opened Berryessa Station in northeast San Jose through downtown San Jose into the City of Santa Clara. Passenger service is planned to begin in 2030.

The letter of intent announced Oct. 25 affirms the federal government's intention to obligate federal funds for the project, according to the VTA. This step is the precursor to the actual funding.

"After decades of planning and

strong public support, VTA is honored to have the Federal Transportation Administration acknowledge the substantial merits of the BART extension to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara," said Glenn Hendricks, chair of VTA's board of directors. "We are excited to continue to move this important project forward."

This step gives VTA the authority to incur costs for advancing engineering activities, utility relocation, real estate acquisition, construction, and other nonconstruction activities such as the procurement of vehicles. This milestone also defines the confidence the U.S. Department of Transportation has in VTA's technical capacity and capability to effectively manage the Phase II Project.

VTA said it will proceed with contract advertisements and awards, including the largest procurement, the tunnel contract, which includes the design and construction of the subway through downtown San Jose with a large-diameter tunnel boring machine.

"This auspicious milestone

gladdens the hearts of all of us who have been working — and many more who have been waiting — to bring BART to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, who is also a member of the VTA board of directors and former chairperson.

VTA's funding plan, developed in 2020 and submitted to federal transportation officials, included an expedited funding request of \$1.735 billion based on a \$6.9 billion eligible budget, and this could increase as construction materials increase in cost in future years.

Federal transportation officials intend to obligate up to \$2.287 billion or 25 percent of the final project cost, whichever is less.

The letter will be in effect for two years, and during that time VTA will continue to advance design, receive actual contractor bids, identify and mitigate or eliminate perceived risks, finalize an overall cost estimate, and solidify the funding plan to ultimately achieve full funding. ■

#### **Crossover TBM sets world records in Turkey**

In October 2021 a 13.77-m (45.18ft) Robbins XRE tunnel boring machine (TBM) set world records for fastest boring by day, week and month at the Esme-Salihli Railway Tunnel in Turkey. The machine set records of a best day of 32.4 m (106 ft), a best week of 178.2 m (584.6 ft), and a best month of 721.8 m (2,368 ft). Launched in March 2021, the machine bored 3.05 km (1.90 miles) on the Esme-Salihli Railway Tunnel as part of the Ankara-Izmir High Speed Railway Project for the TCDD.

"When the strength, force and torque generated by our Crossover TBM are taken into account, we consider it to be a beast. It has performed extremely well in this tunnel," said Onur Kansu, TBM manager for project contractor Kolin Construction. He added "We are proud we have accomplished such high performance."

The machine began its bore in altered gneiss, then passed through mélange consisting of gneiss, sandstone, claystone, mudstone, quartz and silt. By the end of the bore the machine was excavating in mainly mudstone. Core drillings were taken every 200 m (656 ft) prior to boring so the crew felt confident with the geologyjust one of several factors that contributed to the record rates. "A proper geological analysis, choosing the right TBM, a professional crew and a contractor who believes that they can break records are all key," said Kansu. "Scheduled maintenance periods, an expert team, availability of sufficient spare parts, and good logistics also made it possible for us to reach our targeted advance rates."

The project is particularly important for the Turkish tunneling industry, showing what is possible at larger TBM diameters. "We have disproved the idea that it is difficult to reach high advance rates while boring in EPB mode with largediameter TBMs. Crossover TBMs enable us to find quick solutions in changing ground, so we believe they will be the preference for future projects," said Kansu.

With tunnel excavation finished, work will continue on the 508-km (316-mile) line that will connect Polatli in Ankara Province to Izmir, the third most populous city in Turkey. Once complete, the Ankara-Izmir High Speed Railway will be the longest rail line in the country, conveying passengers at top speeds of 250 km/h (160 mph) in a railway journey of about 3.5 hours.

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**Liebherr reaches new tunneling milestone** 

which its main bearing for Shanghai Tunnel Engineering (STEC), a Chinese system provider of tunnel boring machines (TBMs), Liebherr has reached the next dimension in tunnel construction. With a diameter of almost 8 m (26 ft) and a weight of 40 t (44 st), the roller bearing is to be used in one of the largest TBMs. At the same time, the bearing is the largest TBM main bearing of its kind produced by Liebherr to date.

Used in the cutter head of a TBM, it helps to bore a tunnel about the height of a six-story building. This is possible due to its double rollers in the bearing track, extremely precise internal gearing, as well as due to 20 pinions that drive the bearing on the inner ring.

In addition to the main bearing, Liebherr also manufactures the erector bearing for the TBM. With a diameter of 7.3 m (24 ft) and a weight of 5.2 t (5.7 st), it may not seem quite as big in comparison, but it still has an important function in tunnel construction. It sits behind the cutter head and ensures that precast concrete elements are placed all around the wall during tunneling. The concrete elements primarily have the task of securing the tunnel. In the second step, these concrete elements support the TBM when moving forward.

With a height of 15.5 m (51 ft)the 8-km (5-mile) tunnel in the city of Foshan in the south of China will ensure that vehicles can travel back and forth in three lanes on two superimposed roadways. In more and more cities, the infrastructure is being newly developed and expanded. Therefore, the demand for subway construction or road tunnels is growing worldwide. Also tunnel systems for mining, hydro power, as well as supply and disposal systems are currently in great demand, showing strong growth. For Liebherr, the production of the TBM main bearing is a step in the right direction.

### **Expanded plans for Las Vegas Loop approved**

evada's Clark County approved plans for 46-km (29-mile) network of tunnels beneath Las Vegas, NV.

The tunnels will be built by the Boring Co. and are an extension of the 2.7-km (1.7-mile) Las Vegas Loop that currently shuttles passengers beneath the Las Vegas Convention Center via Telsa autos driving through the tunnels.

The Las Vegas Review Journal

reported that the approval of a 50year franchise agreement between the county and the Boring Co. sets the stage for the permitting process to begin, which would lead to the start of construction of the dual loop system that would operate mainly in the resort corridor with stations at various resorts and connections to Allegiant Stadium and UNLV.

The county's approval is only for the alignment of the proposed route.

Each one of the planned 51 stops will need separate land use permits approved before being developed.

The Boring Co. also will need a separate franchise agreement with Las Vegas for the portion of the system that runs underground in the city.

The approval of the Vegas Loop is the largest project to date of the Boring Co., which has ambitious plans to build underground roadways in a number of cities.

### **Chair's Column: Growing the workforce**

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companies, I have observed, are very good at this. Let's all aspire to that goal.

Leadership of the Women in Tunneling (WIT) committee has recently changed into the hands of Elisa Comis, of McMillen-Jacobs. She has also accepted double-duty and represents the UCA on SME's Inclusion and Diversity Committee. WIT has grown from earnest beginnings into a flourishing team with increasing membership and plans for the future. Anyone who attended the WIT event at RETC in Las Vegas had the opportunity to network, hear good speakers and feel the momentum that is building. I expect the events at future conferences to only grow, and anyone is welcome to attend. I hope that all women in the industry may engage with this group. I guarantee that there will be mutual benefit.

Inclusion and Diversity (I&D) is a very important topic for us all, and a very broad one. Much has been and will continue to be written about it, and forward-thinking discussions take place on an ongoing basis across all facets of society and industry. I'm pleased that we have dynamic representation from the UCA, leading our perspective with the SME. I&D is the right thing to do, for individuals, groups and the industry as a whole. At the end of the day, it's also good business.

All of these programs are at various stages of gestation on their journeys to grow, to evolve, to contribute, to make a difference. All are open to input and participation. Should you wish to learn more, or contribute, please do not hesitate to reach out to the leaders mentioned above, or to myself. You'll find a receptive audience.

Tunnel on. ■

Mike Rispin UCA Chair

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### TBM completes first mile of London's HS2 tunnels under Chilterns

The first mile of tunneling on the HS2 high-speed railway linking London, the Midlands, the North and Scotland was completed near the end of September by the Herrenknecht tunnel boring machine (TBM) named Florence.

Launched in May, the 170-m (560-ft) long TBM covered the first mile cutting through a mix of chalk and flint beneath the Chiltern hills just outside of London, HS2 said in a release.

A second machine, named Cecilia is a short way behind, with both TBMs expected to break out in around three years' time.

Designed specifically for the geology of the Chilterns, each machine is a self-contained underground factory, digging the tunnel, lining it with concrete wall segments and grouting them into place as it moves forward.

Welcoming the progress, HS2 Ltd project client Rohan Perin said: "The 10 mile Chiltern tunnel will take HS2 underneath the hills and safeguard the woodlands and wildlife habits above ground as well as significantly reducing disruption to communities during construction and operation of the new railway. Once complete, HS2 will offer low carbon journey options linking London with the major cities of the north and releasing capacity for more freight and local trains on our existing mainlines. It's great to see how much progress has been made over the summer and I'd like to thank the crew of Florence and all the tunneling team for their hard work."

The first two TBMs are operated by HS2's main works contractor, Align – a joint venture formed of Bouygues Travaux Publics, Sir Robert McAlpine, and VolkerFitzpatrick.

A crew of 17 people keep the machines running, working in shifts and supported by more than 100 people on the surface, managing the logistics and maintaining the smooth progress of the tunnelling operation.

"I am delighted with the progress that Florence has made since its launch in May, with Cecilia not far behind. All the spoil from the TBMs is converted into slurry before being pumped back to our South Portal site, just inside the M25, where it is processed and used for landscaping on site. This is, and will continue to be, a huge logistical challenge, as Florence and Cecilia continue their journey through the Chilterns," Align project director Daniel Altier said: "Florence reaching the 1 mile point is a great achievement, however we still have a long way to go."

Each of the separate northbound and southbound tunnels will require

56,000 precision engineered, fiberreinforced concrete wall segments, which are all being made at the south portal of the tunnel, next to the M25. During the first mile, Florence and its crew have installed more than 5,500 separate segments, each weighing around 8.5 t.

Approximately 2.7 million m<sup>3</sup> of material will be excavated during the construction of the tunnels and used for landscaping around the south portal site. Once construction is complete, this will help create around 90 hectares of wildlife-rich chalk grassland habitats. Chalk grassland used to be widespread across the hills of southeast England and are considered habitat of international conservation significance with just 700 ha left across the Chilterns.

In total there will be 10 TBMs on the HS2 project working to create 64 miles of tunnel between London and the West Midlands including major tunnels on the approach to London and Birmingham.

More than 20,000 jobs and over 650 apprenticeships are already being supported by HS2, which is set to transform transportation links between Britain's major cities, free up space on the rail network for more freight and local services and support the UK's transition to net-zero carbon emissions.





### **Gateway Tunnel project work could begin in 2023**

The Gateway Project connecting New York and New Jersey could be one of the first major tunneling projects to benefit from the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November with construction on the tunnel beneath the Hudson River starting as soon as 2023.

Financing for the project could be in place by the end of 2022, said Balpreet Grewal-Virk, Gateway Development Corp. (GDC) cochairwoman.

"It's been an incredible few months and a productive year with the Biden administration moving it forward," said Grewal-Virk. "We are looking to enter into engineering next year and hope to get a (federal) full funding grant by December and a summer of 2023 start." The cost of the project stands at \$9.8 billion for new tunnel construction and \$1.8 billion to rehabilitate old tunnels, for a grand total of \$11.6 billion.

Construction of new tunnels and rehabilitation of the existing tunnels is estimated to be completed in 2035, said Frank Sacr, GDC interim executive director.

*NJ.com* reported that there are still hurdles for the project. Officials said the project's ranking needs to be raised by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to qualify for federal grants.

"We're under review. We hope it will come next year," Grewal-Virk said. "We have a great working relationship with the FTA and we're in constant communication and answering any questions they have." The tunnel project had received a low rating under the Trump administration that precluded it from qualifying for federal funding.

Railroad and other infrastructure loans that would comprise New Jersey and New York's share of the project also need to be applied for and approved.

The states received a boost from changes to those programs that would allow the loans to be paid off over 75 years, considering the lifespan of major railroad infrastructure projects, instead of an original 35-year payback period.

A "letter of interest" to start the application process for an estimated \$6 billion in infrastructure loans is being prepared and could be submitted in the next couple of months, Sacr said.

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## **High-speed 3D subway tunnel inspection;** A San Francisco BART case study

The trend in tunnel condition assessment is toward comprehensive 3D measurement combined with high-quality images that document and quantify damages to a tunnel's surface. This work can create a photogrammetry and light detection and ranging (Lidar) remote sensing technology. Performing an assessment with this system enables users to gather data in tunnels and the system can operate at speeds of up to 96.561 km/h

#### FIG. 1

The stop-and-go scanning system on a BART subway tunnel.



cohesive set of data of the structural conditions of a tunnel and can also be gathered throughout the tunnel's lifespan. In addition, the faster such on-site measurements can be made, the less of an impact they have on the traffic conditions of these sophisticated subway systems.

One such device used to conduct these measurements, the Dibit high-speed 3D scanning system, is based on

#### Heiner Kontrus, Jérôme Steinkühler and Thomas Peal

Heiner Kontrus and Jérôme Steinkühler are president and engineering director with Dibit Messtechnik GmbH and Thomas Peal is project manager with Dibit Measuring Technique USA, Inc., email jerome. steinkuehler@dibit-scanner.com. (60 mph). Tunnel shutdowns can be drastically reduced while tunnel safety is increased because of the high rate of speed in which the system can operate. The photorealistic texture of the 3D-models generated also allows for the identification and analysis of small material damage to the tunnel (e.g., cracks > = 0.3 mm wide).

This article illustrates the technology and 3D results of this innovative system and is based on measurements performed in the subway tunnels of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System (BART) in San Francisco, CA (total length 66.23 km (4.1 miles).

## Advantages of subway tunnel scanning and monitoring

Subway tunnels undergo assessment testing in distinct time intervals. This is primarily conducted manually by surveying critical cracks and other features of the tunnel, thus reducing its usability and reliability. Traditionally, tunnels must be closed for surveys and inspections, which



The cameras of the FSC 6100-SRmF10 and the LED flashlights are aligned perpendicular to the surface to be measured as shown here at the BART 19th Street/Oakland railway station.



is difficult to do in busy cities and on modern subway systems. Therefore, shutdowns usually occur at night, when traffic is reduced. On larger projects, inspection crews may work several days or weeks at night, thus requiring resources and leading to higher costs because the work is performed outside of regular work hours.

Modern scanning systems can significantly reduce tunnel closure times because they employ enhanced survey speeds. Because this requires less effort than traditional modes of measurement, the structural health and monitoring of the tunnel can be intensified. More frequent measurements increase the overall safety of subway tunnel systems. With 3D models, the tunnel operator receives precise and comprehensible data for determining needs like maintenance, revision and construction (Kontrus and Mett, 2019).

Thus, 3D tunnel scanning is economical and efficient. Time, personnel and tunnel closures can be reduced or even avoided. The time it takes to conduct measurements and the preparation needed are short as well.

Another positive aspect of using digital scanning systems is that most of the inspection time is shifted from the tunnel to a virtual 3D environment in an office. Cracks, tunnel installations and other issues can be analyzed independently from the often rough and sometimes dangerous tunnel environment. The faster tunnel scans can be conducted, the better for tunnel operating companies.

The main task of tunnel scanning systems is the continuous survey of tunnel surfaces and the subsequent 3D reconstruction of tunnel structures. In addition, modern scanning systems provide information about the surface of the tunnel in the form of high-resolution photos that enable recognition of even the finest cracks (> = 0.3 mm) and the classification of tunnel objects, such as construction joints and further installations.

#### Scanning systems used for tunnel monitoring

There are currently three approaches for the 3D measurement of tunnel structures and the monitoring of their surfaces.

The oldest and most common approach is laser scanning. Laser data images are available in gray scale. Thus, laser scanners cannot capture tunnel surfaces in true colors or red, green or blue (RGB) values. In laser scanning the measurement of crack profiles of relevant crack widths (0.3 to 1 mm) is possible because of the intensity and contrast differences in the images. Established laser scanning systems can achieve geometrical accuracies of up to 5 x 5 mm for the measurement of clearance profiles, etc.

The second approach is the use of photogrammetric systems, where 3D geometry and photo surfaces are created from the photos of digital cameras. Photogrammetric systems can be used for 3D reconstruction (e.g., tunnel construction) (Bauer et al., 2015) and can operate at high speeds (Mett et al., 2019). However, when the measurements are conducted at speed, a bright illumination and flash technique are required in these inspections. Therefore, such devices are not well established in the market. In general, only a few photogrammetric systems are currently used in the field



FSC 6100-SRmF10 mounted on a railway truck during the BART measurement campaign.



of tunnel construction. These devices are stationary and operate from a fixed point without movement. One such example is the 3GSM shapemetrix (with commercially available cameras) and the Dibit Handheld 3D-complete system. The shapemetrix TBM is used for documenting the digital rock-face for tunnel boring machine (TBM) rock excavation.

The third approach is a hybrid system that combines geometric data from the laser measurements and photo textures received from digital cameras. These can either be operated as stop-and-go systems, which scan one tunnel section from a constant position and then proceed to a further position (Fig. 1), or as kinematic systems, which scan the tunnel while continuously moving. Some wellestablished systems include the SPACETEC TS3 and the Dibit LSC 4100-SRMF2. Both are configurable for road and track use, achieve geometric accuracies of around 10 x 10 mm and photo resolutions of up to 1 x 1 mm. Both systems reach speeds of up to 4 km/h (2.5 mph) at walking speeds. The newly developed Dibit dynamic system contains industrial cameras and light-emitting diode (LED) flash technology for the 3D measurement and monitoring of tunnel surfaces at walking speed.

## Dibit high-speed system for monitoring subway tunnels

The Dibit high-speed 3D measuring system FSC 6100-SRmF10 is able to measure tunnel structures at speeds of up to 96.561 km/h (60 mph). It can be operated in various configurations in subway, rail and road tunnels. The scanner consists of a photogrammetric unit with highspeed cameras and LED flash technology, a laser and an optional thermal imaging unit.

In this measuring system, the longitudinal axis is arranged horizontally, which means that cameras and lasers are aligned orthogonally to the tunnel surface to be measured (Fig. 2). The high-performance cameras are installed in a helical arrangement, which enables 360-degree coverage of the surface. The flash modules are designed with such an intensity that the overall illumination of a two-lane railway/subway tunnel is guaranteed.

The focus ranges of the lenses are set by default in such a way that tunnel surfaces in an area between 2 and 6 m (6.6 and 19.7 ft) can be shot with sharp photo resolution. The focus area can be adjusted for special tunnel cross-sections or for short or long distances to the tunnel surface.

The FSC 6100-SRmF10 system can be flexibly arranged and operated in different configurations during measurement in subway tunnels. If the entire tunnel space is to be covered 360 degrees all around, the system is attached to a carrier vehicle on a specially developed, extendable and height-adjustable support arm around 2.5 m (8.2 ft) above the track bed.

For the BART project, Dibit USA used a hybridvehicle measuring system that can drive on the road and on tracks. This so-called railway truck was operated at speeds of up to 50 mph (Fig. 3).

#### The BART project

Dibit Measuring Technique USA, Inc. was contracted



#### A 3D-view of the BART tunnel surface in the Dibit8 mapping software profile with a 2D view on the left.



to provide a detailed inspection of approximately 40.23 km (25 miles) of the tunnels within the BART subway system in San Francisco and Oakland, CA.

In February 2020, Dibit scanned 19.3 km (12 miles) of M-Line BART tunnels. This inspection was done using a system that combines Lidar scanning and photogrammetry to create a high-definition and accurate 3D model of the tunnel, which can be used to assess deficiencies, spalling, cracks, etc. These data were acquired with a customized cart that can be pushed along the rails at about 1 mph. The subway tunnel was accessed via a station platform that was used as a staging area. Once the scanning system was assembled and the last train for the night had passed through, the system was lowered on a rail cart and onto the track. After a quick system calibration, the data acquisition was initiated. This scanning took eight four-hour nightshifts to complete.

In July 2020, Dibit scanned 13 additional miles of M-Line, R-Line and the Oakland Wye BART tunnels using the FSC 6100-SRmF10, a new photogrammetric system. In the week prior to the scanning, Dibit and BART employees worked to mount and secure the 159kg (350-lb) scanning device onto the back of a high-rail vehicle. Each night, once the operating window began, the high-rail vehicle was set on the rails at a maintenance way and driven to the desired track area for scanning. The scanning was performed during track shutdown and took five four-hour nightshifts to complete.

The final submittals to the client included a highresolution 3D point cloud and tunnel maps showing the lining deficiencies (Fig. 4). The client also received the Dibit8 mapping software to classify features such as corrosion, leakage and cracks as tunnel information system (TIS) objects. Any tunnel features like emergency doors, lights or power supply cables can be mapped in the software (Fig. 5).

#### Software computation of 3D tunnel models

Processing and analysis of the 3D data are performed with Dibit8 tunneling software, which is designed for use with the high amount of measurement data generated from the high-speed FSC 6100-SRmF10 system.

The database part of the Dibit-TIS is a core component of the software. In combination with the Dibitviewer, 3D tunnel data can be analyzed and visualized. Within the scope of the BART project, Dibit-TIS enabled the recording and mapping of components (blocks, niches, etc.), installations (lamps, traffic control systems, etc.) and damaged areas (cracks, spalling, etc.).

To analyze the data, images are drawn either manually on the 2D orthophoto of the tunnel or on the photo-textured, high-resolution 3D tunnel data (Fig. 5). The software allows the user to make linkages with measurement or inspection images and can then determine needed inspection or remediation protocols (e.g., injection protocols of crack remediation).

Changes in the tunnel's surface can also be made visible by overlaying photorealistic tunnel images of different epochs (or phases, i.e., recording times) in the Dibit-viewer. Spatial and temporal changes can be quantified (4D change detection) and serve as a basis for subsequent inspection and rehabilitation activities.

One of the features of the Dibit-TIS is its ability to capture the structured, spatially thematic assignment and



A 2D view of the 3D data of the BART tunnel surface in Dibit8 mapping software including TIS objects.



visualization information found in complex tunnels. The information gathered is assigned to object classes and layers. Depending on the task involved, the data can be systematically included in tunnel analysis and exported by means of automated reports or used for next steps and planning.

The objects are saved with coordinate information in Dibit-TIS, and can be annotated in the form of open and closed polylines. The marking of objects as surfaces, circles and points is also possible. The positions, lengths, areas and various other parameters of individual objects can be exported in tabular form from the TIS, and thus can be further statistically evaluated.

The measurement data can also collect images of objects with freely selectable descriptive attributes, e.g., water occurrences, the appearance of sintering, crack width and much more. This allows for thematic filtering and individual aspect evaluation.

It is also possible to link a large number of different sensor data with the spatial tunnel models. In the future, these could include Georadar data, thermographic data, and multi- or hyper-spectral data, as well as conventional manual measurements and structural information.

The Dibit8 software processed the BART measurement data with true-color 3D point clouds and/or textured 3D mesh models that were exported in various data formats (e.g., E57, LAS, OBJ) or ortho image data (i.e., TIFF, JPG) for further analyses in CAD (computeraided design) or BIM (building information modeling) software (Mett et al., 2019).

#### Conclusion

This high-speed tunnel monitoring project conducted on the BART was the first time this type of work was done in the United States. The FSC 6100-SRmF10 defines new technical standards regarding measurement velocity, measurement accuracy and image resolution. Use of this high-measurement capability has the potential to reduce and minimize tunnel closure times.

With the help of Dibit8 software, tunnel characteristics such as cracks, surface damage and tunnel installations, for example, can be analyzed in a virtual 3D environment. The results are valuable information for objective tunnel analysis conducted by engineers. By comparing tunnel measurements of different epochs, change detection (i.e., the growth of cracks) can be performed and developed for future maintenance and rehabilitation work. Furthermore, this digital tunnel surveillance project had a positive effect on tunnel safety and the proper operation of the BART system.

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## **High-frequency InSAR displacement** monitoring and trend detection analysis

emote sensing data, and particularly space-based interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR), is being integrated into many monitoring programs for tunneling projects. Interferometry is a remote sensing technique employed to detect and track deformation of the ground's surface over time (Gabriel et al., 1989; Massonnet and Feigl, 1998; Bamler and Hartl, 1998; Rosen et al., 2000). The technique provides regional-scale data on ground settlement with millimeter accuracy, which allow it to be analyzed alongside ground leveling and other conventional survey techniques.

Early InSAR techniques were applied to study ground settlement in cities shortly after the launch of the first

in geotechnical programs for tunneling projects. The birds-eye view of the alignment, its surroundings and the greater region allow InSAR to complement measurements collected by in situ instrumentation such as GPS stations, extensometers and total stations.

This article offers a short overview of InSAR technology and focuses on recent advances in techniques for identifying and categorizing key areas in InSAR datasets over urban tunneling projects. The future of SAR satellite missions and their impact on InSAR technology for tunneling projects is also discussed.

FIG. 1

synthetic aperture radar (SAR) satellite in the early 1990s (Solari et al., 2018; Ferretti et al., 2006) and since the early 2000s, multitemporal stacks of SAR imagery have been processed with advanced techniques to track ground deformation as often as every new satellite passes. Frequent monitoring updates have generated a requirement for new methods of data management and analysis given the increasing size of InSAR datasets.

Widely adopted

An illustration showing the relationship between ground displacement and signal phase shift. This is the basic principle of InSAR for measuring ground movement.



industry guidelines, such as the "ITAtech Guidelines for Remote Measurements Monitoring Systems" (Schneider et al., 2015), give recommendations on the inclusion of earth observation and other remote sensing techniques

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#### InSAR technology

Satellites equipped with SAR sensors continuously circumnavigate the earth on a polar orbit and acquire images of the Earth's surface by emitting electromagnetic waves and recording the reflected signal.

Basic Differential InSAR (D-InSAR) techniques compare two SAR images acquired at different times over the same area. The difference in phase between these two images is related to the displacement of the radar target along the direction of the sensor-target line-of-sight (LOS) (Fig. 1).

The emergence of advanced D-InSAR (A-D-InSAR) techniques in the late 1990s, allowed for processing multiple images acquired over the same area, providing the ability to estimate and remove the largest sources of



Low-resolution Sentinel-1 data (left) and high-resolution TerraSAR-X data (right) over a same urban area. The displacement patterns are in agreement despite the difference in measurement point density.



noise affecting D-InSAR outputs, including signal traveltime delays caused by the atmosphere. This provided more accurate displacement measurements, with a precision in the order of less than a millimeter. Persistent scatterer interferometry, the first A-D-InSAR technique, identifies point-wise permanent scatterers (PS), allowing for pixels that show both consistent amplitude and coherent phase in the entire stack of analyzed images to be monitored

#### FIG. 3

SqueeSAR results over a railway tunnel in the Alps (Italy). The preliminary planned entrance of the tunnel was modified to avoid an area with evidences of active slope movements.





SqueeSAR monitoring during the contruction of an underground high-speed rail station in a historical city center. The removal of pre-existent masonry buildings on the surface caused the ground surface to rebound, with movement extending beyond the area monitored by the insitu instrumentation (leveling benchmarks and total stations).



#### FIG. 5

over time (Ferretti et al. 2000, 2001). PS, or natural radar targets, are typically manmade structures (buildings, streetlights, transmission towers, etc.) as well as rocks, bare surfaces, and linear structures such as roads or bridges that can reflect a signal back to the satellite.

With the aim of increasing measurement point density in rural areas with less infrastructure and the presence of some vegetation, a new technique known as SqueeSAR was presented by Ferretti et al. in 2011. This technique supplements the PS approach by obtaining information from distributed scatterers (DS). Together, the PS and DS measurements provide a network of radar benchmarks, much like a global positioning system (GPS) network. Such datasets can be employed to monitor the displacement of individual buildings or infrastructures as well as entire cities, regions or states.

There are many low-resolution SAR image archives going back to the early 1990s that are now in the public domain, making InSAR highly accessible and leading to its extensive use. Since the mid-2000s, several commercially operated satellites have collected highGround deformation maps showing the results of the high-frequency SqueeSAR monitoring service currently being provided to the regional government of Tuscany, Italy using data from two satellite orbits. (Source: Raspini et al., 2018)





High-frequency monitoring results in Tuscany. The anomalies are color-coded according to the cause of displacement: slope instability, subsidence, geothermal activity or uplift. (Source: Raspini et al., 2018)



planning stage, this is often used to examine pre-existing ground deformation near the proposed alignment.

In the case of the railway from Venice to Trieste in Italy, historical InSAR data were used to characterize landslides along the proposed alignment. Modifications to the proposed alignment were made based on the detection of an active landslide (Fig 3).

Once tunnel construction is underway, InSAR is employed to complement the in situ monitoring instrumentation. It offers wide-area coverage beyond the tunnel alignment, potentially capturing displacement induced by the tunnel excavation, dewatering or reactivated slope instabilities. These types of movement can extend for hundreds of meters or even kilometers from the project area. An example of ground settlement more than one city block from a tunnel excavation in a historical city center in Europe is shown in Fig. 4.

Once excavations have been completed, InSAR is employed

resolution imagery, contributing to spatially dense InSAR data over many tunneling projects. In urban areas, InSAR provides a density of thousands of measurement points per square kilometer (Fig. 2). With the increased frequency of satellite data availability and new developments to processing algorithms, it is possible to receive highly precise ground displacement data updates with each new image acquisition (Raspini et al., 2018).

#### **InSAR** monitoring of tunnels

Many contemporary geotechnical monitoring programs for tunnel excavation projects now incorporate InSAR data. The synoptic, birds-eye view provided by the highdensity point cloud output typically complements a selection of total stations, GPS and other instrumentation installed at discrete locations. The measurement density of InSAR datasets depends on the natural reflectivity of the ground, and in urban environments, buildings and infrastructure act as strong reflectors of the satellite's radar signal.

SAR data have been collected for more than two decades, and large archives exist in many parts of the world, thus providing an opportunity to study historical ground deformation since the early 1990s. At the tunnel as a longer-term monitoring tool for periodic checks of ground stability, supporting structural health monitoring and providing early warnings of changes in settlement rates.

#### **High-frequency updates**

Significant advances to data processing algorithms, coupled with cloud computing, can now produce updated measurements within hours of each new satellite image acquisition. With new image acquisitions occurring every six to 12 days from a single satellite, the combined use of multiple satellites can provide near-daily revisits. This increased image frequency, along with major advances to InSAR processing algorithms and the advent of cloud computing have made it possible for updated measurements to become available the same day that a satellite image is acquired.

These advances in delivery speed and frequency have brought new challenges related to the management of large amounts of datasets and the extraction of relevant information. Every update typically includes hundreds of thousands to millions of measurement points in urban environments, meaning that it is necessary to design tools to identify and highlight critical information in a timely



Example of high-frequency monitoring coupled with trend detection analysis over a tunnel excavation in an urban enviroment. Updated ground deformation maps are provided every 11 days and the trend variation analysis is set to  $v \ge 3 \text{ mm/yr}$ .



#### FIG. 8

Examples of time series flagged by the trend detection tool. Both points show a change in the deformation rate in the last 90 days.



manner.

The regional government of Tuscany, in central Italy, was one of the first public administrations to implement the use of a high-frequency InSAR service. Figures 5 and 6 show time series of displacement that are continuously updated with every new image acquisition from the Sentinel-1 satellite, every 12 days. These advances in delivery speed and frequency have brought new challenges for timely data interpretation and implementation, particularly in urban environments, where datasets can contain millions of measurement points. A method for identifying and highlighting key areas quickly is critical.

## Deformation trend variation algorithm

The development of a deformation trend variation tool designed to rapidly examine millions of points, and flag only those where changes in ground deformation trends have occurred, has become an integral part of risk mitigation procedures in high-frequency monitoring. The tool triggers an alarm that draws the attention of the stakeholder and potentially activates further investigation.

The deformation trend variation algorithm uses a series of parameters and movement thresholds that are application dependent and customized to the project, and are continuously updated and refined throughout the life of the project. Urban environments are particularly sensitive to risks and constraints associated with tunneling activities due to the high density of elements at risk and public safety requirements. Even relatively small displacements need to be flagged, thus necessitating very low sensitivity thresholds for the trend variation tool, typically in the range of 2 to 4 mm, within a one- to three-month period.



Figure 7 shows an example of a current high-frequency monitoring service for a twin tunnel excavation. The service uses high-resolution satellite imagery and provides updated deformation time series for close to 1 million measurement points every 11 days. The service is coupled with an automated trend variation analysis to automatically identify and flag measurement points with a change of at least 3 mm/yr in the displacement rate (Fig. 8). The output highlights areas of acceleration (pink circles) over the entire tunnel alignment and is compared to the localized in situ monitoring results.

#### The future of InSAR monitoring

Advances in SAR technology have seen a drastic reduction in the size of satellites along with improvements in their capabilities. Early SAR satellites weighed in the order of tons while the new satellites being developed weigh tens of kilograms, making them much more affordable to launch. Furthermore, while previous satellites were mainly owned and operated by national space agencies, new private startups have started designing constellations of satellites that may soon revolutionize SAR remote sensing.

The next few years will see the advent of hundreds of so-called "nano-satellites" orbiting the earth that will provide SAR imagery on a daily and even hourly basis, allowing near-real time, satellite-based ground displacement monitoring, coming closer to mirroring the data update frequencies of other geotechnical monitoring methods.

#### Conclusions

Surface deformation monitoring is a key component in the identification and mitigation of risks related to tunnel excavation. Space-based InSAR is now being regularly included into comprehensive geotechnical monitoring programs for tunneling projects as it offers a synoptic, wide-area view that, coupled with localized, sparse in situ real-time systems, offers a comprehensive solution for spatially and temporally dense ground deformation data.

Ground deformation updates can now be available within hours of each new satellite image acquisition. The advent of high-repeat updates has spawned the development of sophisticated deformation trend variation tools to sift through very large, spatially dense datasets and immediately identify critical areas of concern. Future SAR satellite missions will give the geotechnical monitoring community access to daily and hourly InSAR ground deformation data, placing even more importance on trend variation tools that can analyze and highlight critical areas during tunnel excavation work.

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#### by William Gleason, Editor

t Mexico's oldest silver mine, Fresnillo Plc., in Fresnillo, Mexico the Robbins Company is unveiling the latest innovation in tunnel boring machines (TBM), with its rectangular TBM, known as the MDM5000 (standing for Mine Development Machine with dimensions of 5 m by 4.5 m or 16 ft by 15 ft).

The MDM5000 is making headway at the mine, according to Robbins. Fresnillo chose the MDM5000 because it is capable of excavating a flat tunnel invert for immediate use by rubber-tired vehicles. The MDM5000 is boring a mine access tunnel in andesite and shale with quartz intrusions that have defied earlier attempts using roadheaders. The successful operation is the result of extensive discussions between Robbins, which designed and supplied the machine, with TOPO machinery and Fresnillo Plc.

Developed by Robbins for use in rock up to 200 MPa UCS, the MDM5000 excavates with a reciprocating cutterhead and swinging cutterhead motion to create a rectangular cross-section tunnel.

"We decided to work with Robbins for their experience. A lot of people have tried to provide these kinds of machines but nobody has done it. Robbins used their experience and their skills to provide us with a rectangular profile machine," said Fidel Morin, projects superintendent for Fresnillo Mine.

The technology is not only useful for the mining industry, but also for many applications in civil tunneling. While other machines have been developed for soft ground, the MDM5000 represents the first successful foray into rectangular hard rock tunneling.

"We're very pleased to add noncircular tunneling to our wheelhouse of solutions that continues to include TBMs, conveyors, cutters, and more. We see applications for the MDM wherever a rectangular profile is needed, such as train tunnels requiring a flat invert. In a traditional circular tunnel, the invert is filled or an invert segment is needed, but with the MDM 30 percent less rock is required to be removed from the profile," said Robbins president Lok Home.

With more than 1,700 m (5,575 ft) of advance thus far at rates of up to 52 m (170 ft) in one week and 191 m (627 ft) in one month, the MDM is significantly faster than drill and blast excavation. "We're making history. Fresnillo is always looking for new technology, and we believe that the usage of the MDM5000 is going to be something extremely successful,

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not only for our company but also for the industry," said Morin.

The MDM5000 has undergone major component enhancements during the course of its successful bore at Fresnillo mine. It was first transported to the -695 m level of the mine and underwent final assembly and launch in a cavern, where sections of the MDM were moved by crawlers and pieces were lifted by hoist. The machine is now boring a 270-degree spiral that will end above the original tunnel. It will then be backed up to the original tunnel and continue driving straight ahead.

The MDM5000 is particularly useful wherever a rectangular profile is needed, such as train tunnels requiring a flat invert. The rectangular profile requires 30 percent less rock to be removed as compared with a circular cross section.

The MDM5000 utilizes disc cutter technology proven on traditional, circular TBMs. During excavation, a reciprocating cutterhead and swinging cutterhead motion create a rectangular cross-section tunnel. The MDM offers a number of advantages over drill and blast. MDM tunneling has advance rates of roughly twice those of a drill and blast heading, and results in smooth tunnel walls, less overbreak, and minimized ground support. The increased advance rates are partly due to the machine's continuous progress, unlike drill and blast operations, where crews must exit the tunnel during blasting for safety. In addition, simultaneous ground support installation further increases overall advance rates compared with drill and blast operations that must install ground support sequentially.



## UCA creates Tunnel Watch List to highlight the benefits of tunnels and underground construction

#### by William Gleason, Editor

S imply stated, modern society could not exist as we know it without the many benefits that come from the tunnels beneath our feet. However, for many people their only exposure is to the transportation tunnels in the world's most densely populated areas and many people are unaware of other benefits, like providing freshwater or for the storage of wastewater for treatment.

These many benefits of tunnels are well known to members of the Underground Construction Association (UCA), a Division of SME, and this year the Division formed a committee to create the inaugural Tunnel Watch List, a list of some of the most important tunneling and underground construction projects in the United States with a goal of shining a light on the positive impact these projects bring the general public.

The projects on the list cover the entire United States, from the east coast such as the MBTA Red Line Blue Line Connectors to the Ala Moana tunnel in Honolulu, HI and LA Westside Purple Line Extension in Los Angeles, CA. The 30 projects include well-known multibillion-dol-

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2021 Tunnel Watch List								
Project	City	State	Owner	Status	Tunnel use			
Ala Moana	Honolulu	н	City of Honolulu	Planning	Wastewater			
Ballard to West Seattle	Seatlle	WA	Sound Transit	Planning	Railroad			
Banks Lake Pumped Storage Project	Grand Coulee	WA	Columbia Basin Hydropower	Planning	Energy			
Delta Conveyance	Sacramento	CA	California Dept. of Water Resources	Environmental Im- pact Assessment	Water			
Detroit-Windsor	Detroit	MI	CRG	Planning	Railroad			
Floyd Hill Tunnel - 170	Denver	СО	DOT	Planning	Highway			
Ft Lauderdale Connector	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	City of Ft Lauderdale	Planning	Transit			
Gordon Butte Pumped Storage Hydro Project	Martinsdale	MT	GBEP	Design	Energy			
Harlem River Drive Ramp	New York	NY	NY DOT	Planning	Highway			
Houston Flood Control Tunnels	Houston	ТХ	Harris County Flood Control District	Planning	Water			
Howard Street Tunnel	Baltimore	MD	CSX	Planning	Freight rail			
I-35 Capital Express Cen- tral Project	Austin	ТХ	Texas DOT	Planning	Highway			
LA Westside Purple Line Extension - Phase 4	Los Angeles	CA	LA Metro	Planning	Transit			
MBTA Red Line Blue Line Connector	Boston	MA	Mass. Bay Area Transit Authority	Planning	Transit			
NEC - Northeast Corridor	Philadelphia	PA	Federal Railroad Administration	Planning	Railroad			
Northeast Maglev Project Phase 1	DC to Baltimore	MD	SCMAGLEV	Planning - EIS on going	Railroad			
Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard	San Francisco	CA	City of San Francisco	Planning	Transit			
Sepulveda Pass	Los Angeles	CA	LA Metro	Feasibility design	Transit			
Steel Bridge Replacement Tunnel (Tri-met Tunnel)	Portland	OR	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet)	Planning	Transit			
Vermont Transit Corridor	Los Angeles	CA	LA Metro	Planning	Transit			



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lar transportation projects that will eventually carry millions of people underground as well as combined overflow sewage projects that very few people will ever see the inside of.

"Each project has its own unique benefits, these vary in type from economic, to job creation, improved mobility, reliability/resilience, improved efficiency and environmental benefits," said Mike Rispin of Strata Worldwide and UCA chair and member of the selection committee. "The projects provide everything from providing safer water supply and sewage disposal systems, cleaner rivers, to inter-state rail and road links and transit systems that are safe and do not interfere with surface activities."

Rispin is joined on the committee by Robert Goodfellow, Aldea Services Inc.; Grover Vargas, Sika Corp.; Jonathan Klug, David R. Klug and Associates; Michael Vitale, Mott MacDonald; Mark Johnson, Jacobs; Michael Roach, Traylor Bros. Inc.; Jim Rush, Benjamin Media and Erika Moonin, Moonin and Associates. The committee, which has combined professional tunneling experience of more than 275 years, considered a number of factors when picking projects for the list including cumulative benefits of the project both regionally and nationally with an emphasis on societal and environmental benefits and not just economic benefits. Geography was a factor as well as the need to help promote projects that may need funding or are particularly important to their local community, or any other reason to justify why the public needs to be aware of the need for this infrastructure.

A pass/fail criteria was used to prioritize projects that have passed the initial concept design hurdle and are at least into preliminary engineering, the committee said.

The overall goal of the project is to raise awareness of the importance of tunnels to the United States.

"For every pair of eyes it reaches, it raises awareness," said Vargas. "That's our most significant challenge with the public — what we've done, what we are doing, what we need to do ... and the benefits these all have provided or will provide to society. Depending on the public's infrastructure needs, there is always an answer that the tunneling industry can provide, since there is no onesize-fits-all solution."

"Far too often the benefits of tunnel remain out of view and out of mind. It is very important for the public to understand that tunneling has been and still is a critical enabling technology for some of the most important infrastructure projects in history," said Goodfellow. ■

## A call for UCA volunteers

alling all UCA Members. We need your expertise and participation as a division representative to several SME committees, including: Government & Public Affairs, Information Publishing, Journal Oversight, Research, and the Robert E. Murray Innovation Award. These are typically three-year terms starting March 1, 2022, immediately following the MINEXCHANGE 2022 SME Annual Conference & Expo in February.

If you are ready for more serious involvement, we are also seeking members for the UCA Executive Committee to start July 1, 2022 for a four-year term ending June 30, 2026. The UCA Executive Committee comprises of four officers, serving two-year terms, and 16 members serving alternating four-year terms. The executive committee is intended to represent owners, contractors, engineers, suppliers and other membersat-large.

Specifically, for this round, we need nominations for the categories of contractor and owner. Once on the executive committee, you will be eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms. It is a challenging role requiring a current membership in the UCA, a time commitment to attend a minimum of two executive committee meetings annually held in conjunction with the George Fox Conference and the North American Tunneling Conference (NAT) or the Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC) biennial conference. Additionally, you should also be able to demonstrate a desire to be involved in the leadership of the organization and have a strong interest in one or more UCA activities including educational conferences, publications, promotion, and outreach of the tunneling business, and/or interest in international activities such as the International Tunneling Association.

Despite the challenge and time

commitment, most members find serving on the executive committee to be extremely fulfilling and want to serve a second term.

If you have an interest in volunteering on an SME Committee, please reach out to Genny Homyack (homvack@smenet.org) for more information at any time. If you would like to be nominated for the UCA Executive Committee, or know of someone who might, please think about submitting a letter of interest, a photo and brief bio for consideration to Homyack (homyack@smenet. org). To see the current members please visit www.smenet.org/UCA/ About-Us/UCA-Committees/UCA-Executive-Committee UCA of SME Executive Committee. Thank you in advance for your participation in this very important society activity. We appreciate your membership and commitment to the underground community.



## **ITA award finalists named**

fter the success of the six first editions of the ITA Tunnel-Ling and Underground Space awards, in Switzerland, Singapore, France, China, the United States and last year as a digital event, the ITA Awards 2021 will be this year again a digital event. The event last year gathered altogether 700 participants with an exhibition with eight sponsors. This digital event has been a success allowing people who generally do not participate to take part in the celebration of the tunneling industry success. The finalists have been unveiled. The digital award winners will be celebrated on Dec. 2, 2021.

### Major project of the year - budget more than 500 million $\ensuremath{ \ensuremath{ \in} }$

- Ismailia Tunnels under Suez Canal, Egypt
- Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) Putrajaya Line Underground Works, Malaysia
- Shantou Bay Tunnel Project, China

## Project of the year - Budget between 50 and 500 million $\ensuremath{\varepsilon}$

• Large-diameter shield tunnel

engineering project in karst strata of sea area, China

- Ping'an Tunnel on Chengdu-Lanzhou Railway, China
- South extension of the metro Line 14 in Paris – GC02 contract, France

## Project of the year including renovation - budget up to 50 million €

- Long Term Recycled Water Release Plan Stage 1 – Gold Coast Seaway, Australia
- Relocation of Shatin Sewage Treatment Works into Caverns Hong Kong, China
- Tangjiawan Dananshan Emergency Shelter Project, China

#### Technical innovation of the year

- A cloud-based intelligent system for fully automated realtime design of tunnel supporting system, China
- MISSIONOS for the Shaft & Tunnel Excavation Monitoring System for the DTSS2 Project, Singapore
- O'Dive PRO services: decompression procedures monitoring, France

- Riachuelo Lote 3 Innovative method for the construction of sea outfall projects – The Risers Concept, Argentina
- Virtual Master Rings, Replacing a tradition, Germany

#### **Beyond Engineering**

- Is shield tunneling spoil a waste? A novel solution says no, China
- Xueshan No.1 Tunnel Project of Huashixia-Dawu Highway, China

## Innovative and contributing underground spaces

- Fuxin Parking Lot of Shenzhen Rail Transit Line 14, China
- Lefdal Mine Data Center The Norwegian Solution – where scale and flexibility meet resiliency, Norway

#### Young tunneler of the year

- Chiranjib Sarkar, India
- Gianluca Comin, Italy
- Keith Bannerman, Australia
  - Michael Mains, Canada
  - Nick Hatzibousios, Australia
  - Zhuanzhuan Zhang, China. ■

## **2022 Moles award winners named**

Ifonso "Al" Daloisio Jr. and Frederick P. "Fred" Salvucci have been selected for Outstanding Achievement Awards by The Moles, a national heavy-construction industry professional organization. The awards will be presented at The Moles' Annual Award Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown on Jan. 19, 2022. Daloisio will accept The Moles Member Award and Salvucci will receive the Moles Non-Member Award.

Al Daloisio has worked in every facet of heavy construction including field supervision, cost estimating and project management, and is currently the chief executive officer at Railroad Construction Company (RCC). Under his leadership, RCC has grown from a relatively small, \$2 million company mainly focusing on railway installations, into the multidisciplinary major construction firm of today, with an annual revenue of nearly \$200 million. Daloisio also owns and manages several companies specializing in building construction, electrical contracting, steel fabrication, and specialized equipment manufacturing. RCC has performed numerous major contracts for public agencies such as the Port Authority of NY and NJ; NJ Transit; NYC Transit; LIRR; SEPTA and the NJ Department of Transportation, among others. He has served on numerous Moles committees.

The Moles 2022 Non-Member Awardee for Outstanding Achievement in Construction is **Fred Salvucci**. A native of Massachusetts, Salvucci received his bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and attended the University of Naples as a Fulbright Scholar.

Salvucci is a true quintessential industry leader, instrumental in facilitating numerous infrastructure mega projects which enhanced the Boston skyline over the past 40 years. Through his personal efforts, he has enabled billions of dollars in economic development to take place in the greater Boston area while also making it easier and safer for commuters to travel throughout the downtown area. During his tenure as Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation, he devoted particular emphasis to the expansion of the MBTA transit system, the development of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project (Big Dig), all while implementing strategies consistent with the Clean Air Act. He is often referred to as, "The Man Behind the Big Dig." ■

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## Anna Merkulova, the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" CEO: We ensure infrastructure breakthrough



The rate of Moscow rapid transportation system expansion is one of the fastest in the world. Its' length has already reached 780 km.

Commuter rail system has been partly integrated into the city's metro network, thus increasing development potential of the metropolitan area.

Tunnelling and Underground Construction has discussed the solutions that provide consistently rapid pace of designing and construction with the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" CEO and a personal member of ITA in Russia Anna Merkulova.

The Group of Companies' engineers are involved in implementation of crucial segments of this megaproject.

#### What changes has been introduced to the transportation system of the Russian capital in the last several years?

 We've managed to make an outright transportation breakthrough. It has taken us 10 years to perform, and the development program continues.

The off-street rail transportation network remains the centerpiece of the Moscow transportation framework, and in this field the attention has been predictably focused on the metro. 7 million passengers use it daily.

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The metro network expansion by its' sheer scale is unparalleled in the history of the Moscow underground. It required concentration of vast technical and engineering resources. The success of the project and consistently high pace of the Moscow metropolitan area urbanization has incentivized the city's government to develop commuter rail system that practically assumes the function of ground-level metro lines.

To implement large-scale transportation projects, within our Group of Companies we've formed a team of top tier specialists that provides solutions for the most challenging tasks.

#### - What stages of the program has already been implemented?

- Firstly, the outreach of the metro network has been expanded to cover remote areas. To achieve this goal 7 already existing radial lines has been extended, receiving about 20 new stations, and the construction of 5 new lines has been commenced.

Nevertheless low flexibility of passenger traffic patterns remained obvious. Pronounced commuting effect inherent to Moscow was amplified by the lack of lateral connections between radial lines. To change lines passengers had to use stations in the city center.

To mitigate this effect the Moscow government has launched two projects that create alternative routes.

The first one is the Moscow Central Circle, or MCC. It has been implemented more promptly thanks to the existing freight rail infrastructure that had been modernized and adapted for passenger transportation.

The network of transportation. The network of transport hubs developed by the engineers of the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" helped to seamlessly entwine the new line into the city landscape and connect it to other transportation systems. Unified ticket system and metro-like train operating mode made it possible to fully integrate the line with the Moscow underground. Nowadays MCC caries more than 120 million passengers a year.

The second project is the "classic" underground Big Circle Line, or BCL, that will become the longest metro circle in the world. More than 70 km long, it'll have 31 stations.

Two sections of the line designed by engineers the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" are to become operational this year. With the launch of these sections passengers will have access to 2/3 of the line. Once complete, we expect BCL to take up to 30% of passenger traffic from radial lines.

#### - What solutions make it possible to implement these largescale projects within such a short time frame?

- Implementation of such an ambitious program has become a real challenge for the Russian construction industry and has required involvement of all the specialists in the country as well as engagement of foreign experts.

We've increased the pace of implementation by switching to construction of close-to-surface stations that allowed more extensive use of TBMs.

As of today Moscow metro builders employ more than 30 TBMs. 23 of them were simultaneously engaged in construction of BCL – a registered World Guinness Record.

Engineers of the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" has also adjusted the Spanish technology of double-track tunnel boring with 10-meter TBMs to be used in complex geological conditions of the Russian capital.

More rapid construction of metro stations has become possible due to the use of standard designs. It allows continuous flow production of different elements of station structures.

At the same time it is important to preserve unique architectural identity of the stations that grants the Moscow metro its inimitable glamour. For that reason standard designs are used only for structural and planning layout while exterior is developed individually for each station, and our specialists constantly look for approaches that are new and unconventional for the Moscow metro. E.g. for south and south-east sections of BCL has been designed in parametricism – a style that give up on traditional geometric figures in favor of dynamic elements, which require complex mathematical formulas and 3D-modelling programs to calculate their forms.

### - What advanced technologies do you use in designing process?

 Our team puts the emphasis on digitalization of designing process - primarily BIM-technologies and common data environment. Specialists of the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3"

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are engaged in development of application methods and promotion of information modelling in the field of infrastructure construction. Russian customers and industry players have acknowledged the advantages of BIM: this approach enhances transparency and quality of projects, improve their cost efficiency and time frame.

Program interoperability is one of key focuses of our BIMexpertise development. We've decided on using open formats that give possibility to employ software from different manufacturers. Thus we expand capabilities of digital models and facilitate cooperation while working on large-scale projects with several contractors.

At the same time we consistently study and test new software that appear on the market, evaluating the possibility of its' implementation in our workflow.

### - How long have you been using information modelling technologies?

- We were aware of BIM advantages early on and started to proactively implement these technologies while engaging in creation and introduction of industry standards even before the government has set course on digitalization of the field. As of today we have experience in designing huge infrastructure objects like part of a Moscow metro line completely within BIM environment – such expertise is unique for Russia. Tremendous amount of work done by our specialists helped us to secure the title of BIM-leader in Russia.

In the process of transferring to information modelling we've run into a problem of the lack of standard tools for tunnel design. Our specialists have found a solution by implementing visual programming technologies.

We've also optimized the workflow in BIM environment inside the Group of Companies. Design of various engineering systems is allocated to several departments. To increase cooperation efficiency we've codified our BIM frameworks that regulate the rules of exchange and administration of information about facilities under construction.

Moreover, a BIM-competency center has been formed within the Group of companies. It is entrusted with the task of expanding database and component library. In such a way engineers can use effectively the practices developed while working on previous BIM projects. All technical data is already included into component description. This facilitates calculations and compilation of data sheets.

BIM potential becomes completely evident while designing facilities to be constructed in densely built-up urban areas packed with utility lines. Accumulated knowledge and expertise helps engineers of the Group of Companies "Mosproekt-3" to blend new structures in the crowded metropolitan landscape with no impact on operation of existing infrastructure.

### - What about the future of the Moscow metro development program?

- City's government has already announced ambitious plans aimed at development of the Moscow metropolitan area transportation network. Construction of two new metro lines (Rublevo-Arkhangelskaya and Biryulevskaya) will be launched in the near future.

Furthermore the process of commuting system integration into the rapid rail transportation network is still under way. Within the next several years the number of MCD lines will increase from 2 to 5, adding 240 km of tracks and 115 stations.

The success of the Moscow metro expansion program has prompted administrations of other cities to consider an array of transportation network development options. Such future projects include the creation of both "classic" underground and hybrid systems. The latter is now under development in Chelyabinsk, where the infrastructure left after an unfinished metro program is going to be merged with the tram network.

Meanwhile the underlying concept of MCC and MCD – adaptation of railroad network for metro-like passenger transportation – can be further adjusted for other Russian cities.

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#### **Project Quick Facts:**

Consulting Engineer: Norman Disney Young (NDY)

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- Site Engineer: Jessica Keogh
- Number of Deluge Systems:
- Tunnel height: 5.3m (17.4 ft)

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The Herrenknecht Group achieved a total output of 1,069 million euros in 2020. The independent family-run business employs around 5,000 people worldwide, including around 200 trainees. With around 70 subsidiaries and associated companies working in related fields in Germany and abroad, Herrenknecht is able to provide a comprehensive range of services close to the project site and the customer, quickly and in a targeted way. Under the umbrella of the Herrenknecht Group, a team of innovative specialists offers integrated tunnelling solutions with project-specific equipment and service packages upon request: separation plants, belt conveyor systems, navigation systems, rolling stock systems as well as segment moulds and even turnkey segment production plants.

As a reliable project partner, Herrenknecht supports its customers with an extensive range of services from the beginning of the project to breakthrough. From the initial project idea through manufacturing, transport, assembly, tunnelling support and spare parts service to disassembly, Herrenknecht accompanies the process at the customer's side. Even personnel solutions for the temporary supplementing of jobsite crews are provided if required. With competent service specialists and more than 40 years of experience in the tunnelling industry, the company regularly supports around 300 jobsites worldwide and offers customized service packages tailored to individual project requirements. **Road, metro, and railway tunnels for efficient traffic network.** By the middle of this century, the world's population is expected to reach nine billion, and two thirds of these people will live in large conurbations. To keep people and goods on the move, the way ahead for new efficient infrastructures is leading underground. With state-of-the-art technologies, efficient infrastructures are created exactly where they are needed, even in cramped and complex jobsite conditions. Herrenknecht technology pushes the boundaries of feasibility and creates new tunnelling standards worldwide. Herrenknecht technology extends existing transport networks and creates new connections in urban and rural areas – under mountains or deep beneath water.

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# The Robbins Company

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### U.S. TBM Supplier is Focused Forward

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Adaptability has been key for ongoing projects across the U.S. and Canada into 2021. Last year Robbins assembled a 7.95 m diameter Single Shield TBM at a facility in Mexico and conducted the company's first ever fully remote machine acceptance testing. The Robbins machine was disassembled and transported to the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Outfall in Ontario, Canada, where it is in the process of being launched alongside a continuous conveyor system. This tunnel will be bored through shale interbedded with limestone, siltstone and sandstone to replace a 70-year-old existing outfall.

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In Dallas, Texas the largest hard rock TBM ever to operate in the U.S. is undergoing a size conversion. The Main Beam TBM, which is partway through its bore on the Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel, is being changed underground from its original 11.6 m diameter to a more streamlined 9.9 m. Designated essential by the City of Dallas, the tunnel's purpose is to provide 100-year flood protection for east and southeast Dallas; both areas affected by severe storms in the past. Launched in April 2020, the Robbins TBM and continuous conveyor system have excavated around 2,500 m of the 8 km long tunnel for Southland/Mole JV thus far.

#### From Disused Gold Mine to World Class Research Facility

There are more than just TBM tunnels in progress in the U.S. this year. A Robbins conveyor system is currently being readied for a Spring 2021 startup at the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF), a project for Fermilab in Lead, South Dakota. Contractor Kiewit will use the conveyor to revamp a disused gold mine into a world-class neutrino research facility. Crews will be excavating two caverns by drill & blast and roadheader, both 1.5 km below the surface. A cable hoist will transport rock up the 1.5 km deep Ross Shaft to a rock crusher at the surface using much of the original but refurbished mining equipment. The crushed rock will then be transported via conveyors. The Robbins conveyor system is designed for the unique application and includes the longest overland conveyor Robbins has ever provided (550 m), which travels over a main road, city park, and near a residential area. The system includes sound dampening, dust filters, sound-proofed transport points, and monitoring systems, among other features.

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### Moving forward, one tunnel at a time.

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# Terratec

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- Innovating for Performance means delivering produc-2. tivity with leading-edge solutions and technology.
- 3. Partnering for the Future - means that our whole team is committed to our customers' goals, and we build capacity for agile cooperation.

We work in close collaboration with our customers. The process expertise amassed over thousands of mine and tunnel projects all over (and under) the globe translates into experience and expertise about what should and should not be done to achieve the optimum results. We utilise our process expertise into concrete actions and financial results for our customers.

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Normet has delivered over 13.000 built-for-purpose underground machines which are serviced and supported with a broad service portfolio.

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Normet is a Finnish company operating globally with over 50 locations in 33 countries worldwide. This breadth allows rapid response and reliability to all customers whenever and wherever in the world they may be. Company revenue in 2020 was over 300 M€.



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The 27-ton locomotives' special safety features include air start, an enclosed engine block, an exhaust filtration system, wiring and piping guards, and an intake flame arrestor, among other upgrades, to fully comply with MSHA's permissibility



requirements. Featuring an 8.3L Cummins six-cylinder diesel engine and four-speed transmission, the 185-horsepower locomotives operate on 36-inch rail gauge underground for Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors.

"BROOKVILLE was selected based on past performance, simplicity of operation and diagnostics, their ability to communicate locally with MSHA, and knowing we would be dealing with the good people of Brookville, PA, U.S.A," said Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors Tunnel Construction Manager David Girard, P.E.





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"We are very happy to represent Traylor Bros. and act as their market channel partner in the distribution of these technologies," said Mike Berube, President and CEO of Strata Worldwide. "This is a very unique and novel line of products that will be the perfect addition to our Geotech offerings."

The Boraid line is a collection of specifically designed ground conditioning agents for sands, silts and clays in tunnel boring excavations, along with a proprietary tail shield sealant for TBMs.

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The curriculum offers comprehensive safety training for both new and experienced tunnel professionals; classes focus on tunnel safety, rail, and utilities.

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Gateway Tunnel	Amtrak	Newark	NJ	Subway	14,600	24.5	2022	Awaiting funding
2nd Ave. Phase 2	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	16,000	20	2023	Under design
2nd Ave. Phase 3-4	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	89,600	20	2024-29	Under study
Kensico-Eastview Connection Tunnel	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	10,500	27	2024	Under study
Flushing Bay CSO	NYC_DEP	New York	NY	CSO	13,200	20	2026	Under study
Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel	NYC Reg. Develop. Authority	New York	NY	Rail	25,000	30	2025	Under study
Metro Tunnel Program - Northern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	Water	23,760	10	2027	Under study
Metro Tunnel Program - Southern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	CSO	50,160	10	2028	Under study
Silver Line Extension	Boston Transit Authority	Boston	MA	Subway	8,400	22	2024	Under design
Narragansett Bay CSO Phase III - Conveyance Tunnel	Narragansett Bay Commission	Providence	RI	CSO	8,800	10	2024	Under design
Amtrak B&P Tunnel	Amtrak	Baltimore	MD	Rail	40,000	32	2023	Awaiting funding
Ellicott City North Tunnel	Howard County	Ellicott City	MD	CSO	5,800	15	2022	Under design
Potomac River CSO Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO	24,000	18	2022	RFQ 1Q 2022
Superconducting Maglev Project - Northeast Corridor	TNEM/BWRR	Washington	DC	Rail	146,520	43	2023	Under design
Alum Creek Relief Tunnel Phase 1 Phase 2	City of Columbus	Columbus	ОН	Sewer	30,000 21,000	18 14	2022 2023	Under design Under design
Southerly Storage Tunnel	NEORSD	Cleveland	ОН	CSO	18,000	23	2024	Under design
Big Creek Storage	NEORSD	Cleveland	OH	CSO	22.450	18	2026	Under design
Northside Interceptor Tunnel	City of Akron	Akron	ОН	CSO	6,850	24	2024	Under design
Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel	Enbridge	Traverse City	MI	Oil	23,760	12	2020	delayed
Minneapolis Central City Parallel Tunnel	City of Minneapolis	Minneapolis	MN	CSO	4,200	10-19	2021	Final planning
ALCOSAN CSO Ohio River Allegheny River Mononghahela River	Allegheny Co. Sanitary Authority	Pittsburgh	PA	CSO	10,000 41,700 53,900	14 14 14	2023 2027 2030	Under design Under design Under design

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Stormwater Control Program	Harris Co. Flood Control District	Houston	ТХ	CSO	52,800	25-40	2021	Under design
Project Connect Subway Program	City of Austin	Austin	TX	Subway	8,500	20	2023	Under design
Section 19 Long Tunnel Crossing	City of Dallas	Dallas	TX	CSO	12,310	10	2021	Bid date Sept.
D2 Subway - 2nd Light Rail Alignment	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Dallas	ΤХ	Highway	3,000	22	2020	Under design
Mill Creek Trunk Improvements	City of Nashville	Nashville	TN	CSO	13,800	10	2023	Under design
I-70 Floyd Hill Highway Tunnel	Colorado Dept. of Transportation	Denver	СО	Highway	15,840	60x25	2022	Under design
West Seattle to Ballard Extension	Sound Transit	Seattle	WA	Transit	10,500	18	2024	Under design
LA Metro Speulvada Pass Corridor	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	High/Trans.	55,500	60	2024	LOI received
Folsom Area Storm Water Improvement	SFPUC	San Francisco	СА	CSO	4,000	12	2022	Under design
BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Tunnel	Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority	San Jose	СА	Subway	26,400	56	2021	Under design
California Waterfix 1 California Waterfix 2	Delta Conveyance Design and Const.	Sacramento	СА	Water	39,905 403,400	28 40	2020 2020	Delayed Delayed
Yonge St. Extension	Toronto Transit	Toronto	ON	Subway	15,000	18	2022	Under design
Massey Tunnel	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	20,000	18	2022	Under design
Inner Harbour West	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	18,400	19	2022	Under design
Scarborough Rapid Transit Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	25,000	18	2018	Strabag low bidder
Elington Crosstown West Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	40,000	18	2020	West End Contractors JV awarded
Ontario Line North Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	29,500	20	2022	Under design
Ontario Line South Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	29,500	20	2021	Shortlist announced
Blue Line Extension	Societe de transport de Montreal	Montreal	QC	Subway	19,000	20	2021	Under design
Green Line LRT	City of Calgary	Calgary	AB	Transit	26,250	20	2021	RFQ submitted
Nose Hill Project	City of Calgary	Calgary	AB	CSO	10,800	10	2020	Under design
Annacis Water Supply	City of Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	Water	7,500	15	2021	RFQ requested
Millennium Line Broadway Extenstion	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	Subway	18,700	18	2020	Acciona/Ghella JV awarded
Eagle Mt. Pipeline	Fortic BC Woodfibre	Vancouver	BC	Oil	29,500	13	2021	Awaiting final award
Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel	City of Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	Water	5,000	15	2021	Under design





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