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A large tunnel under construction. The tunnel walls are lined with a grid of steel reinforcement. A roadheader is visible at the far end of the tunnel, and two workers in high-visibility vests are standing in the foreground.

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The 2011 Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference is set for June 19-22 in San Francisco, CA. About 1,500 attendees are expected, along with 127 exhibitors, page 23. Stephen Liu discusses the challenges and successes in the final tunnel lining phase at the Devil's Slide Tunnel project, near San Francisco, page 12. Cover photo courtesy of Brian Fulcher.

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Leadership changes take place on UCA of SME executive committee

At the January 2011 Executive Committee meeting in New York City, the UCA of SME held its annual election for new executive committee members and for a new chairman and vice-chairman. Effective June 23, 2011 Jeff Petersen will be the new chairman and Bill Edgerton will be the new vice-chairman of the UCA of SME. This will be my last quarterly Chairman's Column as I will become the past chairman with a more limited role. This is good because an association such as the UCA of SME needs change in the make-up of the executive committee to remain vibrant and responsive to the tunnel industry.

I would like to welcome Nasri Munfah, Len Worden, Judy Cochran, Michael Roach and Heather Ivory to the executive committee. On behalf of the executive committee, I would also like to express our appreciation to departing members Brenda Bohlke, Tom Clemens, Gregory Raines and Mark Kritzer who have served with distinction and have contributed to the continuing success of the association. Their contributions will be recognized at the June 22, 2011 executive committee meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Each June, SME holds its annual tunnel conference. This year it is the RETC and it will be held in San Francisco, CA from June 18 to 22, 2011. The RETC Committee has put together a very informative and interesting program plus the various exhibitors will highlight the latest technology that is available to the industry. I would encourage all companies involved in this industry to attend the RETC. I would also encourage companies to send young people if possible because I think they receive more from these conferences than us "gray hairs." The RETC and the NAT are good

venues for mentoring purposes to educate our next generation.

The UCA of SME is the formal representative to the International Tunnel Association (ITA). The ITA is an internationally recognized organization of member nations that promotes the tunnel industry on a worldwide basis. The organization has working groups that generate technical reports that are available to the international tunneling community. As a sponsoring association, the UCA of SME contributes to the ITA through the dues paid by our members. Thus, members need to be aware of the activities of the ITA and how this can benefit them.

To improve communications between the UCA and ITA, the UCA executive committee solicited nominations from the industry and Randall Essex, director of tunneling, Hatch Mott MacDonald Consulting Engineers, was elected to be the new UCA/ITA representative. To assist the ITA representative in his duties, David Kanagy was named assistant ITA representative and Mary O'Shea was named UCA/ITA communications liaison. Essex, Kanagy and O'Shea attended the ITA World Tunnel Congress meeting in Helsinki, Finland in May.

The UCA Scholarship Committee has awarded its first scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 that will be for the 2011/2012 school year. I want to thank Brenda Bohlke, chair, and the other members of the scholarship committee for developing the structure of committee and starting this important process. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made directly to the UCA or when you pay your annual dues by indicating the additional

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**David R. Klug,
UCA of SME Chairman**

Indianapolis to seek bids for Deep Rock Tunnel Connector

Indianapolis city officials are seeking bidders for the first phase of the largest-ever public works project in the city, an underground tunnel system equipped to store millions of gallons of raw sewage and prevent the excrement from flowing into local waterways.

The project is part of a 2010 settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It calls for a system of five wastewater storage tunnels to be built by 2025 at a total cost of more than \$1 billion, the *Indianapolis Business Journal* reported.

The first phase, the Deep Rock Tunnel Connector, would be built 76 m (250 ft) below ground and stretch 11 km (7 miles) north from the Southport Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant on the southwest side. It would hold up to 204 million L (54 million gal) of raw sewage, and cost up to \$300 million to build.

The Department of Public Works announced plans to begin seeking bids for the work on May 16, and is set to open bids July 19. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2011 or early 2012.

The other four storage tunnels

will run along White River, Fall Creek, Pleasant Run and Pogues Run. The city's agreement with the EPA requires the system be operational by 2025.

City and federal officials reached a deal in 2010 that paved the way for the tunnel system. The agreement includes an accelerated construction schedule for the city's efforts to reduce sewage overflows from systems that carry both storm runoff and sanitary waste.

The new plan is expected to reduce overflows from about 29 billion L (7.8 billion gal) to about 1.5 billion L (414 million gpy). ■

New York projects are advancing well

New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that boring for two parallel subway tunnels of the No. 7 Subway Extension, which will provide new subway service to 34th Street and 11th Avenue is complete. The contract, which also includes excavation of a three-block long cavern for the subway station, a station platform and mezzanine level, is 85 percent complete. It has a contractual completion date of September 2012.

The concrete pours that create the main cavern arches for the station have been completed.

A systems contract, which will include rail track, all mechanical, electrical and related systems throughout the tunnels, station, ventilation buildings and the main subway entrance at 34th Street is currently in procurement, with a forecasted award date of July 2011. This is the last contract needed to initiate service on the No. 7 Line Extension in December 2013. An additional contract for a secondary entrance to the subway station will be awarded in the future, but

its completion is not necessary for service to begin on the new subway extension.

A new terminal station will be located at 34th Street and 11th Avenue, allowing convenient access to the adjacent development and the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

The 7 line extension will introduce subway service to an emerging mixed-use community in Midtown West, fostering transit oriented development in one of Manhattan's most underserved and underdeveloped areas. The city created two local development corporations, the Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corp. (HYIC), which is contributing \$2.1 billion to the project, and the Hudson Yards Development Corp. (HYDC), which oversees planning and development in the Hudson Yards on behalf of the city.

Two key new water tunnels completed

New York City's Department of Environmental Protection has announced the completion of two 2.74-m- (9-ft-) diameter tunnel boring

machine- (TBM) bored tunnels that will convey water to and from the \$3 billion Croton Water Filtration Plant currently under construction. The announcement was made on Feb. 28 by Environmental Protection Commissioner Cas Holloway.

Begun in August 2006, the two tunnels have a combined length of 2.4 km (1.5 miles) and will connect the plant with the Croton reservoir system in Westchester County. Around 1 billion l/day (264 million gpd) of treated water will eventually flow through the tunnels to supply nine million people in New York City and the neighboring counties of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester.

In addition to the two main tunnels, the project also includes the construction of a 3.65-m- (12-ft-) diameter untreated water tunnel that was drill-and-blasted through 268 m (880 ft) of solid rock; three newly excavated shafts as well as the lining of five shafts with depths ranging between 27-35 m (88-115 ft). Completion of the tunnels is seen as a key part of the plant's construction

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Final breakthrough at Gotthard tunnel leads to next stage of work on world's longest tunnel

Five months after the holing through in the east tube of the Gotthard Tunnel in Switzerland, AlpTransit has announced that final breakthrough was achieved in the west tube.

The last few meters were excavated on March 23 between Faido and Sedrun. Both single-track tunnels have been excavated along their entire 57-km- (35-mile-) length. Work will now begin on installing the tunnel lining, infrastructure systems and railway installations.

The breakthrough concludes the tunnel excavation that began in 2001 in the southern section at

Bodio, although in 1996, logistical access tunnels had been constructed at Amsteg, Sedrun, Faido and Bodio, in addition to two 800-m- (2,600-ft-) deep shafts at Sedrun.

"With the end of excavation under the Gotthard, a further important milestone has been reached in the construction of the world's longest railway tunnel," said Renzo Simoni, chief executive officer of AlpTransit Gotthard.

Of the Gotthard's 152-km (94-mile) tunnel system, including all passages and shafts, around 56 percent has been excavated by tunnel boring machine and around 44 percent by drilling and blasting.

During the excavations, around 28 Mt (30 million st) of rock were transported out from the mountains.

As the excavation of the tunnels concludes, the finishing work will begin. ABB has won an order worth about \$21 million from AlpTransit Gotthard AG (ATG) to provide a ventilation system for the Gotthard Base Tunnel. In total, the project's network of tunnels, shafts and passages equals 152 km (94 miles). The order was booked in the first quarter of 2011.

Technical rail systems are scheduled to be installed and operational by 2017. Once completed, an estimated 200 to 250 trains per day will travel through the tunnel.

Together with TLT Turbo GmbH (Germany), ABB represents a consortium that was awarded the project, which is worth about \$45 million. The consortium is responsible for developing, producing and installing what will be the largest tunnel ventilation system ever built, providing fresh air for the entire tunnel network. ABB technologies will ensure it operates at the highest levels of reliability and energy efficiency.

"System reliability, safety and quality are critical in this tunnel project. The ventilation system meets ATG's highest safety requirements, while ensuring energy efficient operation," said Veli-Matti Reinikkala, head of ABB's Process Automation division. "This project demonstrates how our comprehensive solutions and application know-how developed in process industries can help improve efficiency of other operations."

ABB's scope of supply includes medium- and low-voltage switch-

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Chairman's column

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contribution on the payment form. I would encourage all UCA of SME members who have family members or know of young people who have an interest in underground heavy construction to go to the UCA website: uca.smenet.org, and submit a scholarship application.

Since my last column, I have had the opportunity to visit some interesting tunnel projects that are reflecting the capabilities of our industry by overcoming design, managerial and technological challenges. In New York, I visited the East Side Access program — projects CM009 and 019. The running tunnels have been mined and the two stations and escalator construction is underway. The completed project will improve the quality of life for the commuters and the people of New York City.

In Switzerland, I had the opportunity to visit two interesting tunnels under construction. A tunnel is being built for a hydroelectric project where the contractor is driving an 8-m- (26-ft-) diameter hardrock TBM up a grade of 13.5° with belt haulage down slope. The other project was for the southern section of the AlpTransit Gotthard Rail Program. This project has four drill-and-shoot tunnel headings with conveyor haulage to the surface. Both project managers told me that they are having difficulty in attracting young people to their industry and they have an apprentice program.

The industry continues to be strong in the U.S. with major tunnel projects bidding in San Francisco, CA, Austin, TX and Indianapolis, IN. Major tunnel construction programs are continuing in Louisville, KY, Washington, D.C. and Columbus, OH. Please refer to the Tunnel Demand Forecast in this issue of the magazine (Page 28). You may want to monitor the funding of many of

the projects listed and write your member of the House of Representatives or Senate as some projects may be impacted by the budget negotiations that are occurring in Congress.

We have made some changes in the UCA Education Committee and these were detailed in my last Chairman's Column. I have written an article detailing the new mission and organization (Page 33). For those interested in serving on the committee, please read the article and respond accordingly.

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tance. I feel that everyone should contribute to the industry in which one derives his livelihood. I would encourage everyone to contribute in some manner and it does not have to be through the UCA of SME. For those interested in being part of a UCA committee, please contact me or any UCA executive committee member. It has been a pleasure. ■

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Drilling work finished on Vancouver water tunnel project

The drilling work was completed on twin water tunnels that are part of Metro Vancouver's \$800-million Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project. The tunnels, inside Grouse Mountain, are 4-m- (13-ft-) in diameter and about 7-km- (4.3-miles-) long. They are expected to be completed in 2013.

A tunnel boring machine (TBM) broke through to daylight on April 15.

The project halted in 2008 when the original contractor stopped because of ground issues. The job was retendered by Metro Vancouver.

The filtration plant itself started filtering water from the Seymour

reservoir more than a year ago but additional work is being done to complete the tunnels and begin filtering water from the Capilano reservoir.

The cost of the tunnels went \$170 million over the original budget, but Metro is suing Bilfinger Berger, the original contractor, over the contract termination and aims to recover some costs if it wins a trial slated for late 2012.

The system, which also disinfects using ultraviolet light and chlorine, should eliminate rare bouts of turbid, cloudy water that sometimes occur when storms or mudslides stir up silt in the North Shore reservoirs.

Once Capilano is on stream, the

Work begins this summer on a \$110-million ultraviolet light disinfection plant for the Coquitlam Reservoir. That project is to be finished by late 2013.

plant will filter up to 1.8 billion L/day (of water a day, serving 70 percent of Metro Vancouver residents).

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Dulles Airport Station to be underground

On April 6, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors approved the underground location for the Metrorail station at Washington Dulles International Airport.

In reaching its decision, the board determined the location offers a more cost-effective version of the original station planned in 2005 while also retaining the features and underground location of the original station. This modified option will save up to \$330 million from the original design estimate for the rail project Phase 2, the board said in a release.

Savings were obtained through engineering changes that include a revised tunnel and station design,

reduced tunnel length and depth, the use of a different construction method for excavation, providing air conditioning from an existing airport facility and moving the required electrical substation above ground.

However, since the decision was made opponents to the plan, including Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell, have spoken out with the hopes of getting the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority board to reconsider its decision.

McDonnell sent a letter to authority board chairman Charles D. Snelling asking that the 13-member board of directors "promptly reconsider and change its vote" to build a \$912 million underground rail station.

He said the station had "rela-

tively minimal positive logistical or aesthetic benefit" and it would financially burden Northern Virginia taxpayers more than expected.

McDonnell's transportation secretary, Sean T. Connaughton, had already issued a letter opposing the project and they have been joined by other state officials, the *Washington Times* reported.

The station is part of the second half of the 17-km (23-mile) long Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, which will extend Metro service to Dulles and eastern Loudoun County.

The Phase II project had an original price tag of \$2.5 billion but has since increased to \$3.5 billion. The above-ground station at the airport would cost about \$612 million. ■



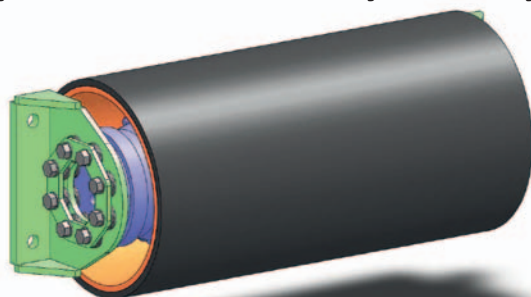
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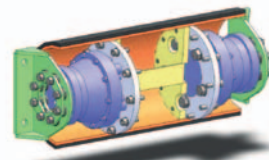
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gear other electrical equipment, 800 x A control systems, sensors and other digital field devices to measure air flow and temperature, drive systems and other automation equipment. ABB is also responsible for cable design and delivery, as well the installation, assembly and commissioning of the other components.

Balfour Beatty Rail, as part of Transtec Gotthard joint venture, is providing total project management involving the design, installation and commissioning of rail infrastructure equipment for the tunnel as well as equipping the two 57-km (35-mile) single track tunnels and the adjoining, open north and south sections that connect to

the existing rail network.

The work on the track, the overhead line system and elements of the supply system is being carried out in joint venture by Balfour Beatty Rail and various other partners (Alpiq InTec AG, Alcatel-Lucent Schweiz, Thales Rail Signalling Solutions and Alpine Bau GmbH).

The Transtec Gotthard Team work for Alp Transit Gotthard Ltd, the main constructor, who is responsible for the overall task of building the Gotthard Base Link between Zurich and Lugano.

The Transtec Gotthard team took two years at the design stage to plan its methodology and integration using a 250-m (820-ft) test track. Complete semi-permanent

bases have been set up some 5 km (3.1 miles) outside the northern Erstfeld portal and in Biasca in the south, again about 5 km (3.1 miles) from the Bodio portal.

Computerized logistic controls are installed, workshops, aggregate and cement stores and loading bays.

The rail track work illustrates the detailed and disciplined logistical organization needed to do the work. Transtec Gotthard has invested in a carefully designed set of specialized plant and mobile machinery, some completely new, and on a large scale.

The machines are specially designed and developed for the construction of the slab track in the tunnel. ■



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New York: TBM begins second run

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and a milestone in the provision of clean water. The Croton plant is on track for completion in 2012.

Second Ave. Subway

Excavation work on the eastbound tunnel of the Second Avenue Subway project began earlier this year as the TBM used for the first tunnel was positioned for its second run.

Starting again from 92nd Street, this second tunnel will be 2,400 m (7,800 linear ft) long.

The second tunnel will include tight, westerly curve into the existing 63rd Street Station. Once completed, the tunnel will receive the concrete lining which provides the permanent tunnel structure.

During the first 61 m (200 ft), the TBM will be mining through ground which has been frozen.

The TBM previously mined 2,183 m (7,162 ft) for the first tunnel. The

44 t (485-st), 137-m- (450-ft)-long machine began mining in June 2010 from 92nd Street to 65th Street and was then disassembled and pulled back to 92nd Street where it started its second run on the second tunnel. The subway line is on schedule to be completed by December 2016.

Phase I of the Second Avenue Subway will serve more than 200,000 people per day, reducing overcrowding on the Lexington Avenue Line and restoring a transit link to a neighborhood that lost the Second Avenue Elevated in 1940. When Phase I is complete, it will decrease crowding on the adjacent Lexington Avenue Line by as much as 13 percent, or 23,500 fewer riders on an average weekday. It will also reduce travel times by up to 10 minutes or more (up to 27 percent) for those on the far east side or those traveling from the east side to west midtown.

The line is being built in phases, with Phase I providing service from 96th Street to 63rd Street as an extension of the Q train, with three new ADA-accessible stations at 96th, 86th and 72nd Streets. New entrances to the existing Lexington Av/63rd Street Station will also be added at 63rd Street and Third Avenue. Further phases of the project will extend the line from 125th Street in Harlem to Hanover Square in the Financial District. The configuration of the tracks will allow for possible future extensions into Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. ■

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Final lining at Devil's Slide Tunnel

Tunnel excavation while mining is not often performed in North America primarily due to access constraints in both operations. Referencing European approaches for long distance tunneling, the Devil's Slide Tunnel project has applied innovation and technology to provide the ability to overcome this unique challenge. The Devil's Slide Tunnel requires the construction of twin bore tunnels excavated based on sequential excavation method (SEM) construction methods using New Austrian Tunneling Methods (NATM) principles. The twin tunnels are approximately 9 m (30 ft) in diameter and 1,250 m (4,100 linear ft) in length. The purpose of this project is to reroute Route 1 from around the Devil's Slide through the San Pedro Mountains crossing from Montara, CA along the south and into Pacifica, CA in the north.

The Caltrans project was awarded in December 2006 for a total of \$272,366,000. The job is an A+B job, thus the estimate scheme of final lining while tunnel excavation is important to save time. A+B is a method of rewarding a contractor for completing a project as quickly as possible. By providing a cost each working day, the contract combines the cost to perform the work (A) with the cost of impact to the public (B) to provide the lowest cost to the public.

Concurrent mining while lining is achieved through a series of gantries and a set of tunnel forms allowing the pass-through of the excavation equipment. The tunnel lining operation passes through several phases of work that are dependent upon the progress of the tunnel excavation process. This involves unique milestones, such as the evolution of the ventilation system, development of an enlarged cross passage to allow equipment to access each tunnel from within the tunnel and, finally, the installation of an invert prior to arch lining that limits the continuity of the final lining operation.

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Tunnel final lining

The tunnel liner is a 38-cm- (15-in.-) thick liner using a 4,000 psi concrete peastone mix. Rebar reinforcement calls for double matted rebar. Both inner and outer mat is detailed at # 4 rebar at 15-cm

Service gantry at the Devil's Slide Tunnel project.



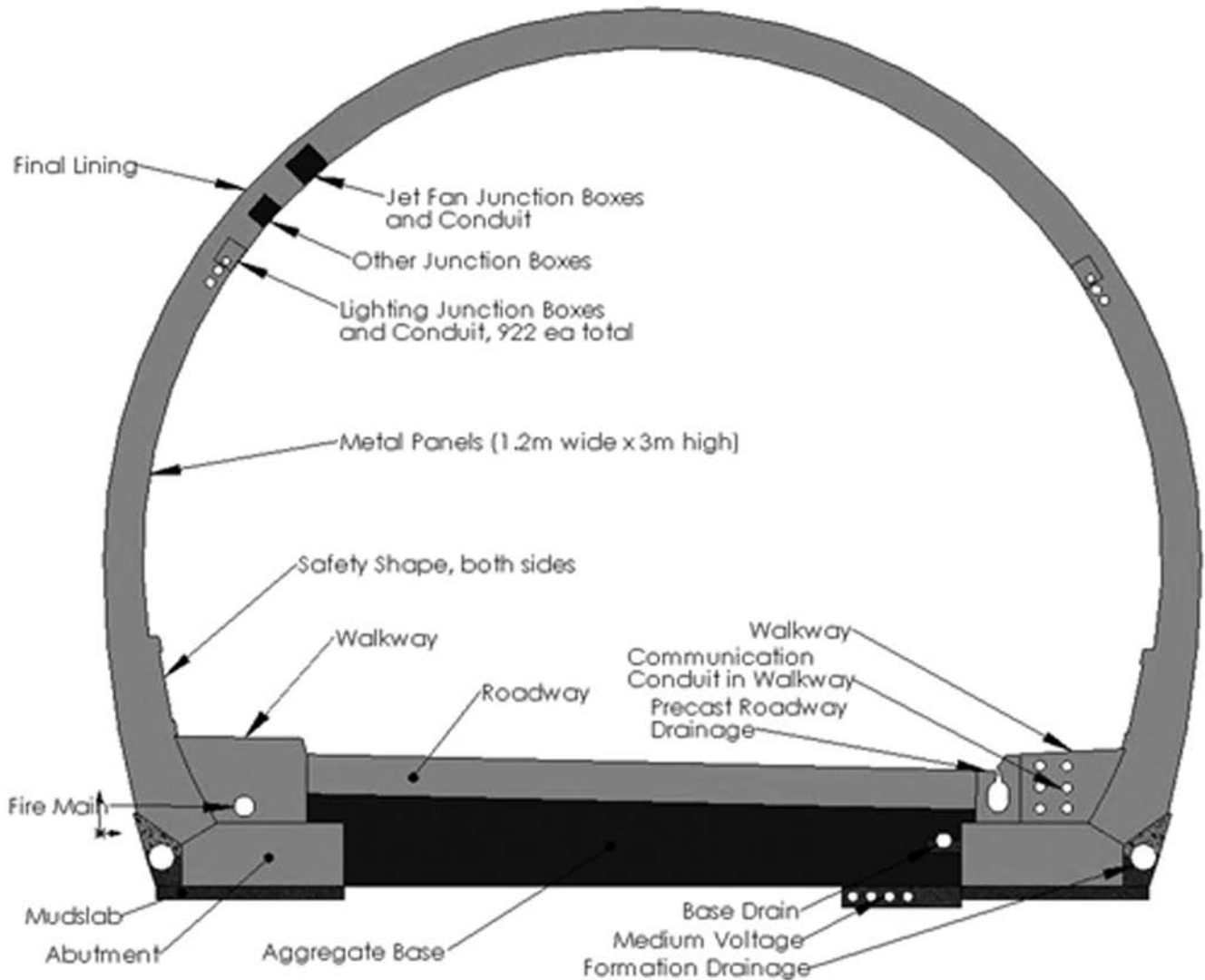
(6-in.) spacing. The electrical embed installation calls for an average of 145 m (475 linear ft) of conduit per 12 m (40 ft) pour along with an average of four junction boxes per block. Each concrete "block" pour is 12 m (40 ft) in length. These block lengths were chosen based on the location of a series of 42 repeating service niches, formation drain cleanout (FDC) niches as well as the 10 cross passages located throughout the alignment of the tunnel. With every block pour, all of the niches and cross passages are projected to fall within the limits of each of block pour. There are a total of 200 block pours, 99 on the southbound tunnel and 101 along the northbound tunnel.

Sequence of installation

The entire final liner goes through many installation steps before the final product is achieved. The following is a brief description of the construction sequence for an independent final lining, block pour:

- The shotcrete initial liner is prepared via smoothing shotcrete. This involves both the surface preparation and the application of smoothing shotcrete.
- This is followed by the installation of 61-cm (24-in.) abutments that span the length of the tunnels.
- A 25-cm (10-in.) continuous formation drain is cast outside the abutments, which ties in the PVC waterproofing membrane.
- Once the smoothing and surface preparation steps are completed, a PVC waterproofing membrane is

Devil's Slide tunnel liner schematic.



installed along the arc-length of the initial liner. This waterproofing membrane ties into the abutment and over the formation drain system to allow water seepage into the drain system.

- Once the waterproofing membrane is installed, a contact grout system is attached to the membrane along the arches.
- This is followed by the installation of a double mat of rebar over two distinct steps, once before the electrical sub installs the conduit and once after the conduit is installed.
- The concrete is then placed into the arch liner forms with the mechanical and electrical conduits, anchors and junction boxes embedded.
- Prior to the arch forms arriving, on every fifth pour, a set of FDC and service niche forms are

erected using separate formwork.

- On every tenth arch pour, a cross passage adapter is mounted on the cross passage (CP) inverts in order to mate it with each passing arch pour.
- Stretched across various locations throughout each tunnel are areas where a full arched invert must be placed in order for the continuity of the arch concrete to pass through these areas. Thirty-five percent of the length of the tunnels are estimated to require a full arched invert.

Waterproofing the initial shotcrete liner involves a detailed process of both surface preparation and surface application of smoothing shotcrete.

The contract requires the application of a universal 2.5-cm (1-in.) layer of nonfiber-reinforced shotcrete (NFRS)

the tunnel forms required many months of pre-engineering and pre-planning. Each gantry needs to be flexible enough to perform different tasks such as storage of rebar as well as the installation of it.

Meanwhile, the electrical and mechanical subs need the gantries to install embeds. Each gantry was analyzed and determined to have specific requirements that matched its intended operational goals based on the original estimate. Meanwhile, specific height and width clearances need to be addressed to not only allow traffic to pass underneath, but also be capable of sustained utility connections throughout the gantry operations.

The arch forms required even more engineering and attention to detail as each form is intended to perform 100 concrete placements. It also had to sustain a liquid head around the entire perimeter of the forms while providing for a bulkhead design that allows the rebar and the electrical/mechanical embeds to pass through. Along the lower quarter Arch, a textured elastomeric panel was mounted to the side elements to produce a textured look above the safety walkway. In addition to this requirement was the need to be able to remove these panels on a regular basis (every fifth pour) to allow for the installation and concrete placement of the niche formwork that repeated 42 times in the tunnel.

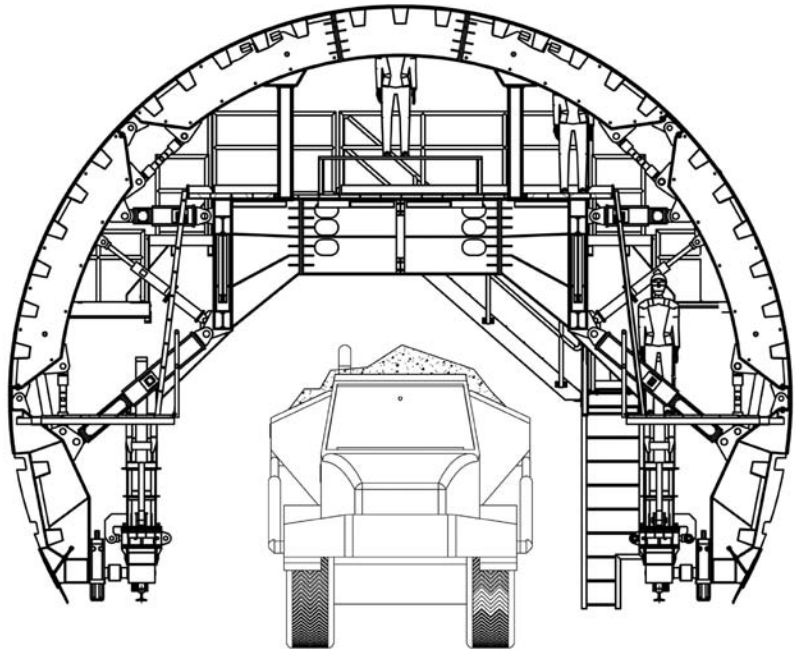
The forms were also designed to accommodate the differential settlement post the pour. Based on past experiences with this type of lining, the forms were oversized by 18 mm (0.7 in.) to allow for this settlement. Other unique features were the inclusion of a steel chamber system that produces clean defined construction joints (CJ) around the perimeter of each joint.

A key takeaway in the procurement stage is ensuring that all intended users of either the gantry system or in the formwork system have thoroughly scrubbed the original design for their scope of work or involvement in the system. This includes everything from the supplier of the elastomeric panels and the arch formwork designer to the rebar installer and the gantry capabilities. Specific conflicts like fit-up, access, code regulation or integration of the intended installation process versus physical obstacles become difficult to manage once the process has started.

Arch concrete placement

The final liner concrete is placed by concrete mixer trucks and pumped using an electric Schwing 750. The concrete pump is capable of pumping up through a 12.7-cm- (5-in.-) diameter concrete slickline. The concrete is distributed through the formwork using a unique concrete distribution unit by ACME. The concrete distributor has eight outlets that are fed by a main turret that can swivel around and be connected to a series of ports that are

Tunnel arch form with equipment driving through.



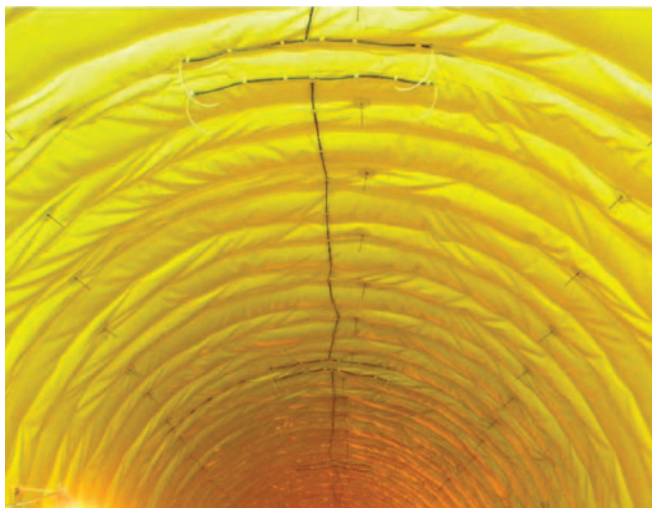
plumbed to different guillotines. Concrete is deposited in the formwork through a series of guillotine ports that allow differential settlement along each side of the form. The forms are designed to accommodate 1 m (3.3 ft) lifts loaded uniformly until the arch form is full. The leading end of each new block is contained using a 2 x 4 fantail bulkhead stacked radially along the arc-length of the tunnel form. These fantails are braced using C-channels and coil rod along its entire radius. The bulkhead must also allow for the double matted rebar to penetrate through along with all the conduit lines for the electrical and mechanical systems. Out of the entire erect and strip process, the majority of complexity and man-hours are directed to this specific piece of work.

Key challenges

Access. One of the primary challenges for the final lining operation is access. Each tunnel drive contains a top heading excavation as well as a bench excavation spread. Each of these heading operations requires support equipment on a regular basis. The following are examples of challenges that were addressed daily:

- The construction of concrete abutments concurrent to the excavation process and the impacts to access during each respective cycle.
- A minimum of 152 m (500 ft) is required to adequately park and stage all excavation equipment in each tunnel drive.
- Haul truck traffic is impeded when placing arch concrete.

Waterproofing membrane installation.

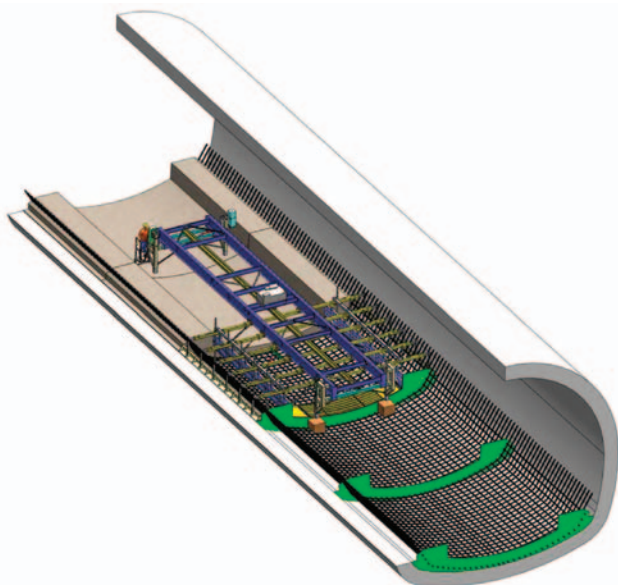


to cover any protrusions or sharp edges. Another criterion is the depth to wavelength ratio of the initial liner which helps ensure that pronounced dips and undulations are smoothed out, thus preventing the waterproofing from stretching too far. Upon final surface acceptance, a 2.5-cm- (1-in.-) thick PVC membrane is pinned to the initial liner in a series of 2- x 23-m (2-x 75-ft) transverse strips.

These strips are then heat welded together. Upon its completion, a series of template anchors are installed through the PVC membrane to serve as the template bar for the rebar mats that are installed immediately after this.

Following the lining placement, the mechanical and

Customized invert arch liner form shows the need to install the invert concrete prior to the arch form tunnel liner.



electrical packages represent a large portion of work post tunnel concrete. The mechanical package requires the installation of a 30-cm- (12-in.-) diameter water main and a 25-cm (10-in.-) fire main down the length of each tunnel. The electrical package consists of six sets of electrical plans (utility and grounding plan; lighting plan; power plan; traffic system plan; fire life safety plan and instrumentation plan). These six systems consist of approximately 40,000 m (130,000 ft) of conduit and approximately 800 junction boxes of various sizes.

A thorough QC program for verifying embed location, quantity and its secure placement is critical to the success of the factory testing and commissioning stage of this project.

Gantries and tunnel forms

The Devil's Slide Tunnel purchased a series of six identical working gantries and two tunnel forms from Ceresola tls. All of the respective gantries and forms are fabricated out of steel.

Each working gantry is 15 m (50 ft) in length, 8 m (26 ft) wide and 27 t (30 st) in weight. The advantage to having large gantries of this size allows for increased material stocking of up to 9,100 kg (20,000 lbs) and the ability to have up to 10 people working simultaneously. Up to six working gantries are planned to be in use in both tunnels.

This allows for concurrent work to occur for waterproofing installation, rebar installation (inner vs. outer mat); mechanical and electrical embeds. The four post gantries are run hydraulic over electric using a 25-kW diesel generator that is incorporated in the body of each gantry. They are designed to travel up the 2 percent slope of the tunnel at a maximum speed of 6 m/min (20 ft/min). There are several unique features to the gantries. Access can be made to several different levels along the arch working at different levels concurrently. Second, a 7.3-m- (24-ft-) long trolley is mounted to an I-beam that can stock both the rebar bundles as well as electrical conduits for a capacity of 9,100 kg (20,000 lbs).

The tunnel arch forms are 118 t (130 st) in weight and 12 m (40-ft) long. The forms also are mounted on a four-post carrier frame that rides on 38 kg (85 lbs) rail that is gauged at 6 m (20 ft). The tunnel form operates hydraulic over electric and is capable of 11/7 MPa (1,700 lb/sq ft) of concrete loading.

The steel form is hinged at two locations that allow for stripping of the tunnel forms. The forms are secured during a concrete pour using eight jacked legs and two sets of float pins, four on each end of the form.

The unique aspect of these float pins are that they are placed entirely outside each pour. One set is on the trailing end on pre-existing concrete. The other set is on the initial liner. Once the arch concrete is placed, the forms are stripped and moved forward in its entirety with all of the form accessories and bulkheads and reestablished in the next pour.

The procurement process for both the gantries and

FIG. 10

Fantail bulkhead braced by C-channel and coil rod.



- Ventilation system orientation does not allow lining operations to proceed past 1.3 way through the tunnel (Cross Passage 3).

General facts

- 23,670 m³ (835,893 cu ft) of final lining concrete ; 2,200 m³ (77,690 cu ft) of portal concrete
- 135 NCY per 12 m (35 ft) placement (8.6 m³ or 304 cu ft TM)
- Concrete mix design
 - 7 sack mix 39.4 MPa (4,000 psi)
 - 12.7 mm and 9.5 mm (0.5 in. and 0.375 in.) aggregate
 - Chemical admixtures (VMA and Glenium) for dealing with high slump
 - High early strength testing and monitoring (strip at 8 MPa)
- Placement rate 0.8 m³ (30 CY per lift) at 1 m (3.3 ft) displacement per side
- 2,331,000 kg of rebar (1,604 st) OR 400 #/LF
 - Outer mat is #19 at 325 mm (13 in.) spacing (variance from specification)
 - Inner mat is #13 at 150 mm (6 in.) spacing
- 65,900 m² (709,000 cu ft) of waterproofing
 - Cross passage concrete (10 each at 17-m- (55-ft-) long)
- 3 chambers (SEC, CEC, NEC)
- Curing requirements
 - Seven-day form in place method
 - Curing compound

- The installation of a noncontinuous final arch invert in each of the tunnels.

Material handling

The quantity of material to be installed and coordinated concurrently within each tunnel varies between subcontractor and between different operations.

In order to balance the production advancement between subcontractors, each day is carefully coordinated between operations.

- Tunnel waterproofing requires the daily handling of either fleece or waterproofing membrane. These deliveries consist of stocking 2- x 23-m (2- x 75-ft) rolls of waterproofing membrane and 10 to 12 rolls of fleece onto a tube scaffold.
- The stocking of #4 rebar x 9 -m- (30 ft-) long directly from the delivery truck onto the steel 15-m- (45-ft-) long gantries.
- Requires the use of a intermodal trailer towing a flatbed of 13,600 kg (30,000 lbs) twice-weekly during the day shift.
- Rebar is bundled into 907 kg (2,000 lbs) loads 9-m- (30-ft-) long. Ten bundles are hoisted onto the gantries by a trolley hoist that lifts the bundles up onto the top deck of the gantries.
- Electrical conduit, junction boxes and other electrical embedded items are also required to be stocked weekly for the electrical subcontractor.
- The unique aspect of coordination between electrical and rebar subcontractors is keeping them well paced apart so that they do not run into each other.

Conclusion

The complexity of final lining reflects the many challenges for building a final product “right the first time.” The key lesson has been to plan the final lining operations with accurate detail to reflect the complexity of the work. This requires the need for detailed brainstorm sessions early in the pre-engineering phase.

The number of concurrent operations between different subcontractors and Kiewit operations all sharing the same space but working at different paces require constant surveillance and adaptation.

Success involves early coordinated planning with the subcontractors and getting their buy-in on the proposed means and methods for access and material handling.

When choosing the right form design and engineering issues, it is important to ensure that the completed engineering design performs as intended. Taking advantage of key opportunities such as a preliminary mockup and having key operations personnel stay with both the design and the fabrication phase ensures any fit-up conflicts are minimized before it departs the supplier.

Finally, the benefits to concurrent mining while lining provide a key advantage to future tunnel projects. Understanding the sequence and flow of work on what is achievable versus what is impractical will be a valuable lesson. ■

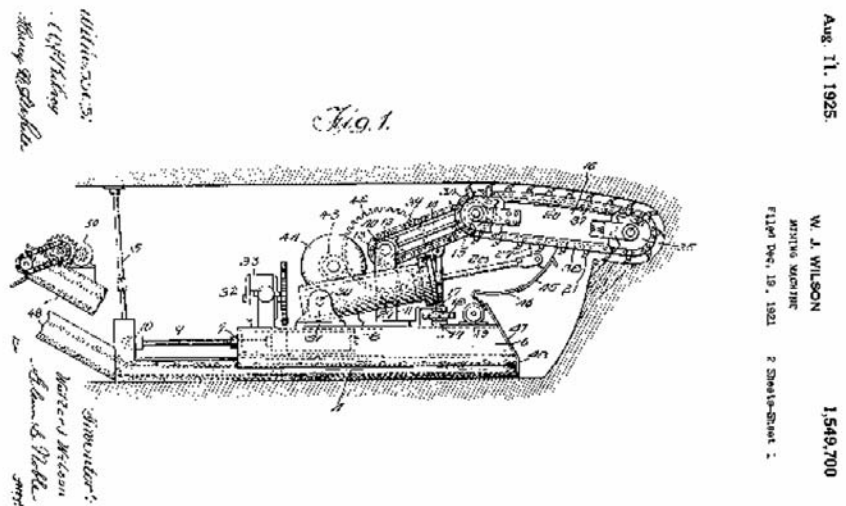
FEATURE ARTICLE

Versatility of roadheaders in tunnel construction

Roadheaders are gaining widespread acceptance in North America as a means for mechanical tunnel excavation. Until recently, almost all of the large-scale North American tunnel projects were excavated one of two ways — the tried and true drill-and-blast method or with the use of tunnel boring machines (TBM), the hi-tech super-excavators. TBMs enjoyed fast-growing popularity worldwide as TBM manufacturers offered greater technology to meet the demand of the civil tunnel industry in the late 20th century. Recently, though, more tunnel projects, large and small, can thank the brute force of a roadheader for getting the job done.

FIG. 1

From the 1925 U.S. patent for the mining machine.



Brief history

Similar to the TBM, it is not very far back in history that the origin of the roadheader can be found. In 1949, Dr. Z. Ajtay applied for a patent for the first roadheader machine in Hungary. However, there are patents for equipment that looks similar to roadheaders dating back as far as the 1920s. The U.S. patent for the patent for the “Mining Machine” by W.J. Wilson (Fig. 1) is one such example.

The illustration in Fig. 1 looks similar to a current roadheader machine. The roadheader was probably not born a civil tunnel excavator but, instead, as a mining machine. The evolution of the roadheader can almost be seen in Figs 2-4 from later U.S. patents (spanning from 1973 to 1978).

The earlier cousin to the roadheader is called the continuous miner. The continuous miner became popular in Europe around 1950 and was probably first introduced in North American coal mines in the mid to late 1950s. Soon, the continuous miner was adapted for civil construction, creating the modern day roadheader. At first, roadheaders were slow to gain popularity among the civil contractors because the early machines were unreliable, often broke down and were difficult to maintain.

Today's roadheaders

Throughout the recent years, roadheader manufactures have come and gone and some have merged as well. Fol-

lowing is a list of some of the most common names seen on roadheaders:

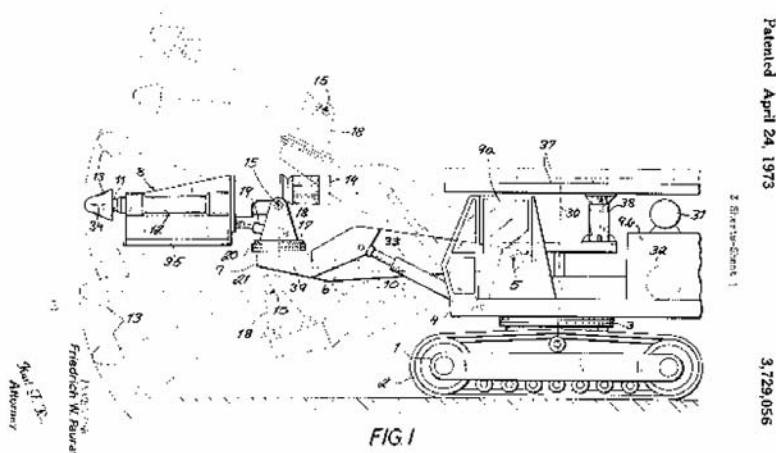
- Paurat – German manufacturer of heavy duty roadheaders (acquired by Wirth in 1999).
- Dosco – manufactured in the U.K. (affiliated with Meco-Moore), www.dosco.co.uk.
- EBZ – manufactured in China.
- Mitsui Miike – manufactured in Japan since 1968 (affiliated with SLB roadheaders, www.mitsui-miike.co.jp).
- Sandvik – German manufacturer (acquired Tamrock, Voest Alpine and KR roadheaders www.miningandconstruction.sandvik.com/us).
- Alpine – early North American distributor and manufacturer of excavator attachments, www.alpinecutter.com.
- Wirth (now a division of Aker Solutions), www.wirth-erkelenz.de/.

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FIG. 2

From the 1973 U.S. patent for the tunneling machine.



- Eickhoff – German roadheaders, www.eickhoff-bochum.de/en/.
- KSP Roadheaders – manufactured by the Yasinovatsky Machine Building Plant(Ukraine), www.jszym.com.
- Antraquip – U.S. roadheader manufacture since 1984, www.antraquip.net.

Each manufacturer offers several different machine sizes and will likely customize an existing roadheader model to contractor's specifications. Table 1 is a comparison of four Antraquip models and offers a brief example of typical roadheader options.

The Model AQM 200 is Antraquip's heavy duty model for civil or mine work in hard to medium hard rock. A heavyduty roadheader is usually chosen for its brute strength and large size and fits the requirement for most large cross-section tunnel openings. The Model AQM 150 is the medium class model and the AQM 100 and AQM 50 are the light duty models. The AQM 50 claims to be the narrowest roadheader in the world. This is actually a virtue for jobs that require small tunnel openings and have tight underground spots.

There is an abundance of roadheader specifications for each model provided on each of the manufacturers' websites. This vital machine information is required when choosing the right machine for the job at hand. This information includes machine descriptions, parameters, capacities, reach profiles, roadway profiles and often videos describing the mechanics. It is most important to get the roadheader manufacturers involved with the details of the tunnel project to be sure that the machine is sized and fitted for the project.

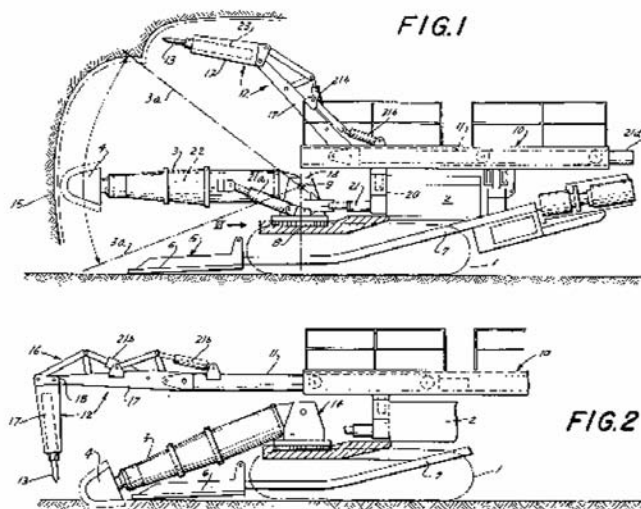
Table 1

Antraquip roadheaders.

Model	Weight (tons)	Total power (kW)	Cutter power (kW)
AQM 200	55	350	200
AQM 150	35	239/264	150/175
AQM 100	25	198/200	110/132
AQM 50	13	60/132	30/60

FIG. 3

From the 1976 U.S. patent for the tunneling machine.



Why a roadheader?

There are good reasons for contractors to choose a roadheader for their tunneling jobs. Here are some of the main reasons (in no particular order):

- **Cost:** A roadheader is a fraction of the cost of a TBM. Having to choose between a TBM and a roadheader on a particular tunnel project, some experts would say the price tag associated with a roadheader generally becomes more attractive when the tunnel length is less than 1.6-km- (1-mile-) long.
- **Mobilization:** A brand new roadheader is often procured much faster than a TBM. Generally, they can be mobilized

like any other piece of heavy construction equipment.

- **Project specifications:** When working in an urban area or when vibration is a concern, a roadheader can often take the place of conventional drill-and-blast excavation.
- **Geology:** Roadheaders are well suited for most ground conditions.
- **Tunnel shape:** A TBM will always create a circle for a tunnel cross section. Roadheaders offer flexibility with tunnel excavation profiles.
- **Versatility:** Roadheaders can be modified to fit almost any project. They work perfectly inside open shields for circular tunnel bores. Roadheaders can be fitted with special booms for drilling, bolting or a man-basket.

There are also potential drawbacks to roadheader excavation, including:

- **Tunnel length:** A roadheader will probably drive tunnel just as fast as conventional drill-and-blast excavation (maybe even faster) but usually will not excavate as fast as a TBM. Generally, the benefits of a roadheader start to go away when the tunnel length is measured in miles instead of thousands of feet.
- **Bad ground:** Roadheaders do not work well when there is high ground water inflow. Similar to conventional drill-and-blast excavation, roadheader excavation requires adequate stand-up time. For this reason, the roadheader will never be able to do the job of a slurry TBM or earth pressure balance machine.

Roadheaders at work

Here are a few examples of recent projects that have been completed with a roadheader or are currently being built with a roadheader:

- **The Big Dig in Boston, MA.** A massive concrete box tunnel was jacked beneath the railroad tracks in frozen ground. The tunnel was excavated with a roadheader from inside the box.
- **Devil's Slide Tunnel, Highway 1, CA.** A roadheader was used to perform sequential excavation on this tunnel in difficult ground requiring constant monitoring and complicated combinations of ground support.
- **Caldecott Tunnel, 4th Bore, CA.** The fourth tunnel is currently under construction using one of the world's largest roadheaders, a Wirth T.3.20 (Fig. 5).

FIG. 4

From the 1978 U.S. patent for the tunneling machine.

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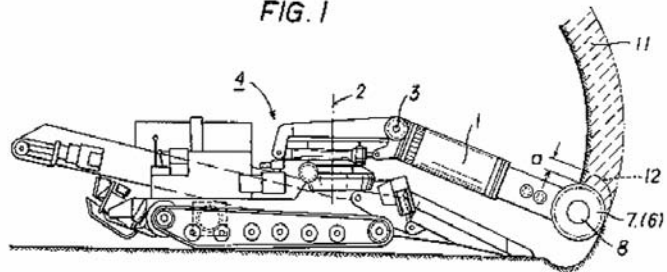
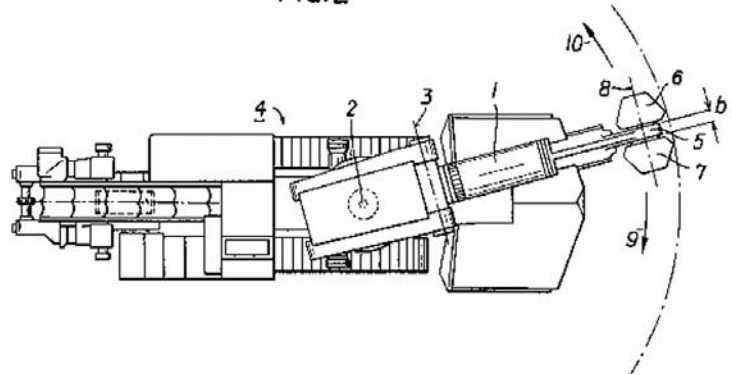


FIG. 2



- **New Irvington Tunnel, San Francisco, CA:** About 5.8 km (3.6 miles) of tunnel are under construction near Fremont California for new water tunnels. TBM excavation was prohibited by the owner because of the risk of getting it stuck squeezing ground conditions. As a result, the tunnel will be excavated

FIG. 5

A Wirth T.3.20 heavy duty roadheader.



FIG. 6

Backed up from the face, a Voest-Alpine AM 50 (Alpine Miner) roadheader.



FIG. 7

A Wirth T.3.20 heavy duty roadheader cutting rock with ease.



by conventional drill-and-blast and roadheader excavation.

- Lake Pleasant Water Tunnel, Phoenix, AZ: This tunnel represents many smaller tunnel jobs around the country. This tunnel was 3 m x 3 m (10 ft x 10 ft), horseshoe shaped and approximately 550-m- (1,800-ft-) long. The ground conditions consisted of crushed to blocky and seamy granite and was perfect for the Voest-Alpine AM 50 roadheader shown in Fig. 6.

Choosing a roadheader

Most often, a roadheader will be selected based on the size of the tunnel. A small roadheader will often be adequate for small tunnel openings; 3-m- to 4.5-m- (10-ft- to 15-ft-) high and wide. When the tunnel cross section is larger, 6 m (20 ft) and more, heavy duty roadheaders are generally required. Size is usually the first thing considered when selecting a roadheader, although it is very important to understand that there is a lot more to roadheader selection than just the size of the machine.

The single most important condition for choosing the right roadheader is the type of ground that will be excavated. A wise contractor will always consult an engineer who has experience interpreting tunnel contract documents as well as the type of ground that will be encountered during construction. How the ground will behave has everything to do with how the roadheader will perform. Notice in Fig. 7 how the rock is ground up by the roadheader. This roadheader is well suited for these ground conditions.

Besides ground type and roadheader size, there are some additional things to consider when selecting a roadheader.

- Tunnel grade: Most roadheaders can effectively operate on a 12° grade. Some models can even go up to 18°. Any steeper and the weight of the machine will work against it.
- Rock strength: Even though rock strength is included with ground type, it is noteworthy that most roadheaders can excavate rock that is up to ~70 MPa (10,000 psi) and some of the newer heavy duty roadheaders can excavate rock up to ~150 MPa (22,000 psi). Some manufactures may give even higher numbers, but

machine performance is seriously reduced as rock strength goes up.

- **Machine reach:** Every roadheader has a different reach. Some machines can provide extra reach with a telescopic boom.
- **Permissibility:** Most of today's newer roadheader models will meet the explosion proof requirements of gassy or potential gassy environments.
- **Automation:** Some of the newer roadheaders can operate automatically. The tunnel shape is preprogrammed and the machine excavates based on input survey data. Some machines can also be controlled remotely so the operator can stay farther away from unsupported ground.
- **Longitudinal vs. transverse cutter head:** The contractor can often choose between the two types of cutterheads. The longitudinal cutterhead is the cone shaped spiral head with cutter picks as shown in Fig 7. The transverse cutterhead looks like a rolling barrel with cutter picks. The transverse cutter head is shown on Fig. 8. ■

FIG. 8

Continuous miner, Sandvik MH 620 (formerly the AHM 105).



NEW TECHNOLOGY

Onsite first time assembly used to build hybrid earth pressure balance machine

Onsite first time assembly (OFTA) of a 10 m (32.8 ft) Robbins Hybrid earth pressure balance machine was completed in Madhya Pradesh, India on March 14, 2011. A commissioning ceremony celebrated the launch of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) at the 12-km- (7.5-mile-) long Sleemanabad Carrier Canal, a water transfer project being built by contractors M/s Patel Engineering, SEW and Coastal Projects Ltd (CPL).

The launch ceremony also marked the first time OFTA has been used on a hybrid EPB. The Robbins-developed method allowed the TBM to be initially assembled on location, rather than in a manufacturing facility. Critical subsystems, such as the electrical and hydraulic systems, were tested before being shipped to the jobsite.

The unique TBM is a fully functional hard rock single shield and soft ground EPB, built to bore in long sections of 180 MPa (26,000 psi) UCS jointed rock and marble, interspersed with clay and gravel. In sections of soft ground, the TBM runs as a standard, pressurized EPB with an abrasion-resistant, shaft-type screw conveyor. When short sections of rock or mixed ground are encountered, the machine can be run in non-pressurized open mode. In longer sections of rock, the machine can be converted to a hard rock single shield setup by switching out the screw

conveyor with a TBM belt conveyor.

The crew began excavation on March 31 in full EPB mode, as the first 3 km (1.8 miles) is expected to consist of mainly soft ground. After the initial section, the machine will be operated as a non-pressurized EPB or as a hard rock single shield TBM depending on the ground conditions.

Ole Pederson, Robbins India jobsite manager, cited the remote project location and transport of parts as challenging aspects of the assembly and launch. Local support is easing these difficulties while providing an economic boost to the area. "The launch of this project has brought extra work to local farmers in the region, who supporting operations at the jobsite. Parts delivery and food at the jobsite are also being provided by local businesses," said Pederson.

The Sleemanabad Carrier Canal is part of the larger Bargi Diversion Project for the Narmada Valley Development Authority, a division of the Madhya Pradesh Government. The major trans-valley canal will stretch 194 km (120 mile) from the existing Bargi Dam on the Narmada River to arid areas. Once complete, the Bargi Diversion Project will transfer 152 m³ (40,000 gallons) of water per second to Katni, Satna, Panna and Jabalpur districts, irrigating over 100,000 hm² (250,000 acres) of land. ■

FEATURE ARTICLE

San Francisco area projects will be highlighted at RETC

San Francisco, CA will host about 1,500 tunneling and underground construction professionals from around the world during the biannual Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC), June 19-22.

These professionals are gathering in a city that has seen much underground work throughout its history. And, today, the San Francisco region has more than \$4.6-billion in tunneling projects under way.

The RETC will include three-and-a-half days of technical programming, complete with proceedings, two short courses, two field trips and a host of social activities. In addition, the accompanying exhibit has attracted 127 exhibitors in 152 booths, an RETC record.

The following is a brief list of activities that will take place during the conference. A more complete program is provided in the official showguide that is bound into this issue of *Tunneling & Underground Construction*.

Short courses

The 2011 RETC will include two one-day short courses, "Grouting in Underground Construction" and "Large Diameter Tunneling Technologies." Both will be held Sunday, June 19 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel.

"Grouting in Underground Construction" will present an overview of the materials, equipment and grouting methods that are used in underground construction in soils and rocks. Content includes an introduction and overview, cements and admixtures, equipment, jet grouting, compaction and permeation grouting, backfill and contact grouting, cellular grouts, chemical grouts, grouting to protect pre-existing structures, and probe hole drilling and pre-excavation grouting. Continuing education credits will be awarded to each attendee.

The course is being coordinated by Ray Henn. Instructors include Henn, Chris Gause, Joe Schatz, Tim Avery, Brad Crenshaw, Rich Palladino, Brian Iske, Paul Schmalt and Brian Fulcher.

"Large Diameter Tunneling Technology" will provide

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an overview of the technological developments involving large diameter tunneling, 14 m (45 ft) in diameter. Conventional and mechanical tunneling methods will be covered. The course is recommended for engineers, contractors, owners and consultants who are involved in the design and operation of large tunneling projects.

Course topics include site investigations for large tunnels, selection of excavation methods, tunnel boring machine (TBM) operation and design, tunneling under high water pressures, and machine advance rates and tool life estimations. Other topics include segmental concrete liner design and production, New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM) design and operation, ground support and stabilization and pipe umbrella techniques. Reviews of several case studies will be part of the course.

Technical programming

The technical programming at the RETC will include 115 papers in 21 sessions. The 1,608-page proceedings volume of the 2011 conference is available from SME Customer Service, 12999 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood,

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The following is a list of the program topics and their chairs. A complete list of papers and their abstracts are in the official RETC Showguide, bound into this issue of *Tunneling & Underground Construction*.

The technical programming begins at 1 pm, Sunday, June 19 with two sessions. The Contracting Practices/Costs session will be chaired by L. Maday, King County DNRP, Bothell, WA; and J. McNally, McNally Construction, Toronto, ON, Canada. The Owner's Forum will begin at 2:30 pm. It will be chaired by Chris Dixon, Tutor Perini, Seattle, WA.

Monday, June 20. The Large Span Tunnels/Caverns session begins at 8:30 am on Monday. It will be chaired by M. Smithson, Kenny Construction, Northbrook, IL; and N. Sokol, Arup, New York, NY. Also on Monday morning is the Pressure Face TBM Technology session, chaired by M. Krulc, Traylor Brothers, Lakeside, CA; and E. Gemin, Frontier Kemper, North Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Another session on Monday morning is the San Francisco Bay Area Projects session. It will be chaired by C. Ferraz, Caltrans, Oakland, CA; and J. Funghi, SFMTA, San Francisco, CA. The SEM/NATM session rounds out Monday morning's session. It will be chaired by R. Shetty, Frontier Kemper Constructors, Seattle, WA; and A. Rule Aecon Constructors, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Monday afternoon's sessions begin at 1:30 pm. The Difficult Ground session will be chaired by R. Bennett, Frontier Kemper, North Vancouver, BC, Canada; and D. Metcalf, Kiewit Construction, Park Ridge, NJ. The New and Innovative Technologies, running concurrently, will be chaired by F. Ismail, Frontier Kemper, North Vancouver, BC, Canada; and A. Eliooff, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Los Angeles, CA.

A session on Pressure Face TBM Case Histories will be chaired by S. Sullivan, Obayashi, Atlanta, GA; and M. Wong, SFPUC, San Francisco, CA. The Risk Management session ends the Monday program. It will be chaired by P. Cassouf, Triad Engineering & Contracting, Walton Hills, OH; and J. Rosteck, J.F. Shea Construction, New York, NY.

Tuesday, June 21. The Design and Planning session begins at 8:30 am. It will be chaired by J. Slavin, Sound Transit, Mississauga, ON, Canada; and B. Zelenko, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Boston, MA. The Geotechnical Considerations session will be chaired by D. Dobbels, Jacobs Associates, Burlington, MA; and V. Paternon, Skanska USA Civil, New York, NY.

Ground Support/Final Lining, also on Tuesday morning, will be chaired by I. Pawlik, Jacobs Associates, San

RETC's accompanying exhibit will feature 127 exhibitors in 152 booths, a conference record.



Francisco, CA; and J. Kabat, Michels, Portland, OR. The final morning session will be Water and Gas Control, chaired by J. Johnson, Jacobs Associates, Seattle, WA; and P. Schmall, Moretrench, Rockaway, NJ.

The Drill-and-Blast session begins Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. It will be chaired by S. Lipofsky, J.F. Shea; and L. Jennemyr, Skanska USA, Whitestone, NY. The Future Projects session will be chaired by J. Kirk, CH2M Hill, Vashon, WA; and T. Stirbys, Parsons, Woodinville, WA. A session on Hardrock TMB's will be chaired by A. Mekkaoui, Jay Dee Contractors, Livonia, MI; and D. Jezek, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Vancouver, BC, Canada. A third afternoon session, Tunnel Rehabilitation, will be chaired by G. Klein, URS, Oakland, CA; and K. Fleming, Michels, Menlo Park, CA.

Wednesday, June 22. The final day of the RETC will include four sessions, each beginning at 8:30 am. The Environment, Health and Safety session will lead off. It will be chaired by S. Tzobery, Parsons, Henderson, NV; and J. Hawley, Hatch Mott MacDonald, San Jose, CA. The Grouting and Ground Modification session will be chaired by C. Heinz, Kenny Construction, Chicago, IL; and R. Guardia, Shannon & Wilson, Seattle, WA.

The Microtunneling and Trenchless session will be chaired by R. Shoulders, Mole Constructors, Beachwood, OH; and T. Abkemeir, Shannon & Wilson, St. Louis, MO. Shafts and Mining will end the technical program of the 2011 RETC. That session will be chaired by B. Roberds, J.S. Redpath, Fernley, NV; and R. Hutton, McNally Construction, Hamilton, ON, Canada.

In addition to the 115 technical presentations, the exhibit will feature the latest in tunneling technology.



Field trips

In addition to the pair of technical sessions and short courses, two field trips to San Francisco area underground construction projects are planned.

The tour on Sunday, June 19 will be to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's New Irvington Tunnel project. This tunnel is being driven parallel to the existing Irvington Tunnel at a depth of 9 to 213 m (30 to 700 ft). The 5.6-km- (3.5-mile-) long tunnel will have an internal diameter of 2.6 m (102 in.).

Southland/Tutor Perini is the contractor. It is using conventional mining methods including several roadheaders and controlled detonations. The tour will focus on the Alameda West Portal, one of the project's three main tunneling locations.

The second tour, the Sunnysdale Auxiliary Sewer Project, will be take place on Wednesday, June 22. The Sunnysdale tunnel is designed to prevent flooding of residences near San Francisco Bay during storm events. The 2.4- to 3.7-m- (8- to 12-ft-) diameter tunnel is 1.2 km (4,000 ft) long. It will require a single-pass, segmentally lined earth-pressure-balance drive, a microtunneled drive,

a jacked-shield and a short cut-and-cover section. The tunnel crosses through a variety of soft ground and highly variable Franciscan Formation bedrock.

Social events

The welcoming luncheon, scheduled for Monday, June 20, will feature James Stefanic as the speaker. Stefanic, with Geotec Boyles Bros., was one of the principals involved in the rescue of the 33 miners trapped in Chile's San Jose Mine last year. He will discuss the rescue and the technology involved.

The Underground Construction Association of SME's breakfast is set for Tuesday, June 21 at 7 am. UCA Chairman David Klug will discuss UCA activities this past year. He will also report on the division's activities with the International Tunnelling Association. And Klug will introduce incoming UCA of SME chair, Jeff Petersen.

The RETC dinner will begin with a reception at 6 pm in the Marriott Marquis Hotel. The dinner is sponsored by MWH Global and Herrenknecht Tunneling Systems USA.

RETC Executive Committee

The 2011 Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference is the result of a large amount of hard work by its executive committee. Members include Dave Rogstad, chair, of Frontier Kemper; Red Robinson, vice chair, of Shannon & Wilson; John Hutton, of S. McNally International; Gary Almeraris, of Skanska USA Civil Northwest; Bill Mariucci, of Kiewit Construction; Chris Dixon, of Tutor Perini; John Townsend, of Hatch Mott MacDonald; Michael Traylor, of Traylor Brothers; Victor Romero, of Jacobs Associates; Steve Redmond, of Frontier Kemper; and Michael A. DiPonio, of Jay Dee Contractors.

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Upcoming UCA of SME meetings

The UCA of SME's 2012 North American Tunneling Conference is scheduled for June 24-27 at the J.W. Marriott Indianapolis Hotel in Indianapolis, IN. The biannual meeting includes technical programming, a proceedings volume and an exhibit.

The annual George A. Fox Conference will once again be at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. This one-day technical paper conference is set for Jan. 24, 2012. For information on both conferences, contact SME Meetings Department, phone 800-763-3132, 303-948-4200, e-mail sme@smenet.org. ■

Robbins double shield breaks through on Sochi project

In early March 2011, a 6.2 m (20.3 ft) diameter Robbins Double Shield tunnel boring machine (TBM) crossed the finish line in Sochi, Russia. The machine completed a 4.5-km- (2.8-mile-) long section of tunnel that will ultimately become part of the transportation infrastructure for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. The TBM advanced through difficult ground at average rates of 100 to 120 m/week (330 to 390 ftpw) for contractor OJSC Bamtonnelstroy, a division of the SK Most Company.

The section of tunnel will ultimately become a service tunnel for Complex #3 — a section of Sochi's transportation infrastructure under construction, which includes road and rail tunnels. A second, 10 m (32.8 ft) diameter Robbins Double Shield TBM is currently excavating the parallel 4.6-km- (2.9-mile-) long main railway tunnel using a continuous conveyor system for efficient muck removal. A 13.2 m (43.3 ft) diameter highway tunnel is also under construction.

The 6.2 m (20.3 ft) Robbins TBM achieved high rates despite difficult conditions. The tunnels run through mixed ground including massive to completely fractured limestone with clay seams. Some sedimentary rock including sandstone and siltstone is present, along with fault zones consisting of breccias and conglomerates. In May 2010, the machine was stopped after encountering a significant fault zone consisting of broken rock and running soft ground. Field service personnel and crew successfully freed the machine by excavating a bypass tunnel around the TBM, freeing the cutterhead. Following the restart, a combination of continuous probe drilling and ground treatment with cement silicate and foam kept the machine moving forward.

While the service tunnel is now complete and lined, work still remains on the main rail tunnel. The 10 m (32.8 ft) diameter double shield was modified and repaired by Robbins site personnel prior to the start of excavation. The TBM is currently 726 m (2,382 ft) into its portion of tunnel, with an expected completion date of March 2012.

All together, more than 20 road and rail tunnels totaling 40 km (25 miles) are under construction from Adler to Alpika areas, in anticipation of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. Project owner DCRC-Sochi, a subsidiary of Russian Railways, hopes to complete all rail and road infrastructure by June 2013.

Robbins TBM sets record in China

One of two 6.3-m- (20.7-ft-) diameter Robbins earth pressure balance tunnel boring machines (EPB TBM) working at for Zhengzhou's Line 1 in Zhengzhou, China, achieved a project record of 720 m (2,362 ft) in one month. Daily rates have been as high as 22 rings (33 m/108 ft) in

A Robbins Shield is excavating the 4.6-km (2.9-mile) main railway tunnel at Sochi, Russia's Complex #3.



two 10-hour shifts. The rates are not only a project record amongst nine other machines on the project, but also rank as some of the highest rates ever recorded for Chinese EPB TBMs in the 6 to 7 m (20 to 23 ft) diameter range.

The Robbins machines were launched in November and December 2010, and have each achieved intermediate breakthroughs into a cut-and-cover station site, most recently on March 29, 2011. The TBMs emerged into the station at the 1,300 m (4,250 ft) mark after excavating in conditions including soft, powdery soils — a benefit for swift tunnel boring. “The breakthroughs went perfectly. Machine downtime during tunneling has been very minimal, and the organization of this project has been very good,” said Zhou Shuqing, general mechanical and electrical engineer for contractor CRCC, 11th bureau. Ground in later sections of the tunnels is expected to consist of clay, fine sand, loess, and some pebbles, with little groundwater.

Both EPBs, for the 11th Bureau of the China Railway Construction Corp. (CRCC), are excavating under downtown areas with cover as low as 8 m (26 ft) for nearly half of the tunnel length. The parallel 3.6-km (2.2-mile) long tunnels are passing through four intermediate stations between Kaixuan and Tongbo areas of the city. All sections are expected to be complete by September 2011.

The high advance rates are being achieved despite challenges including a section of tunnel just 7 m (23 ft) below Xi Liu Lake, and nearby structures such as building foundations and a highway interchange bridge. In order to reduce settlement, foam and bentonite are being injected for soil conditioning. The advance rates and muck removal volume are being closely monitored to prevent subsidence. ■



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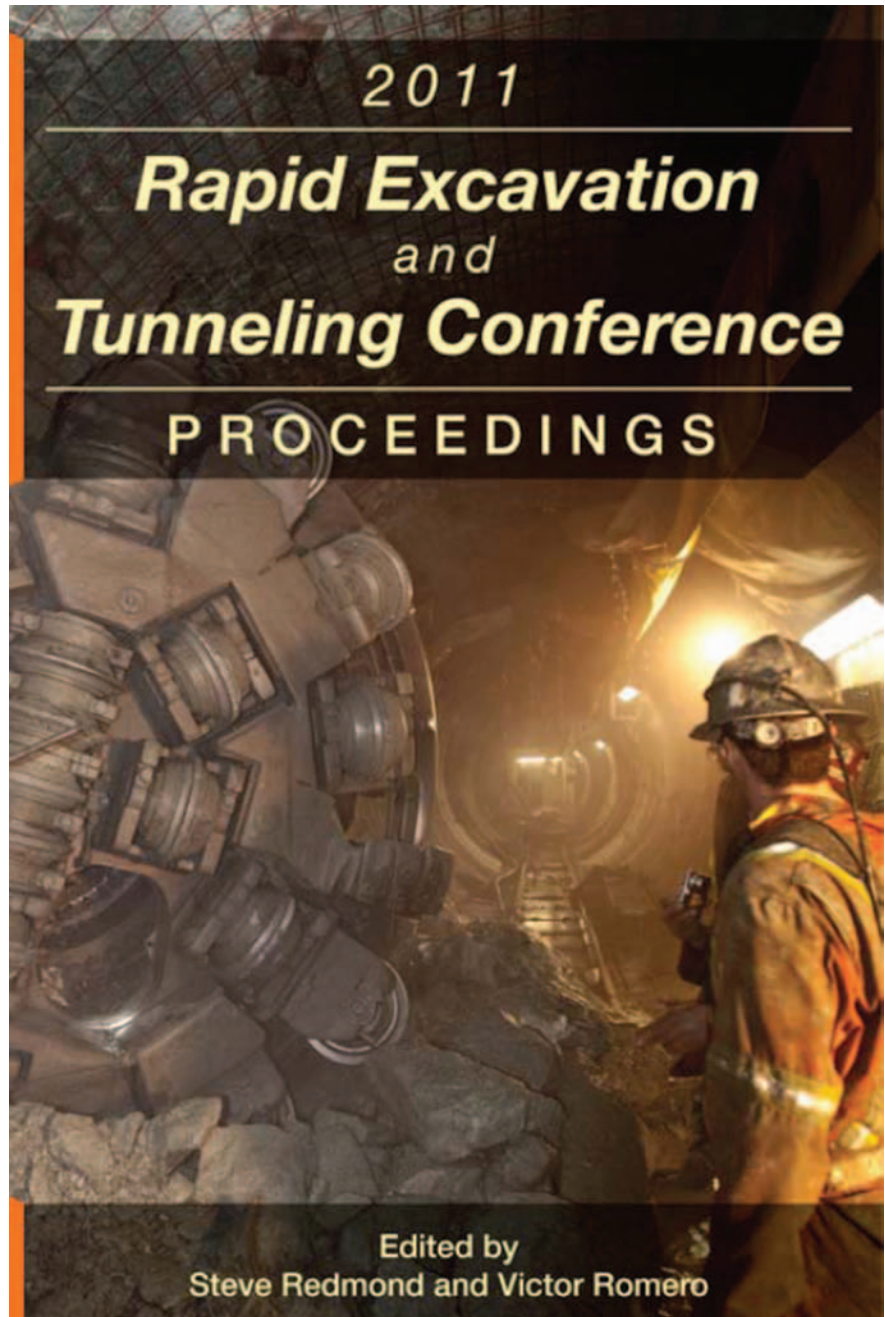
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TUNNEL NAME	OWNER	LOCATION	STATE	TUNNEL USE	LENGTH (FEET)	WIDTH (FEET)	BID YEAR	STATUS
Gateway Tunnel project	Amtrak	Newark	NJ	Subway	8,000 x 2	24.5	2014	Under study
2nd Ave. Phase 2-4	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	105,600	20	2012-20	Under design
Water Tunnel #3 bypass tunnel	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	20,000	15	2015	Under design
Water Tunnel #3 Stage 3 Kensico	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	84,000	20	2017	Under design
Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel	NYC Reg. Develop. Authority	New York	NY	Highway	25,000	30	2013	Under design
Cross Sound Link Highway Tunnels	Sound Link	Long Island	NY	Highway	190,000	55	2014	Under design
Clinton CSO Tunnel	City of Syracuse	Syracuse	NY	CSO	2,000	17	2011	Advertising 05/12/2011
Silver Line Extension	Boston Transit Authority	Boston	MA	Subway	8,400	22	2013	Under design
Hartford CSO program	MDC	Hartford	CT	CSO	32,000	20	2013	Under design
East-West Subway Extension	Baltimore MTA	Baltimore	MD	Subway	32,000	18	2012	Under design
WASA CSO Program Blue Plains Tunnel Anacostia River Tunnel Northeast Branch Tunnel Northeast Boundry Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO CSO CSO CSO	23,400 12,500 11,300 17,500	23 23 15 23	2011 2013 2018 2021	T-S- JD JV Under design Under design Under design
North/South Tunnel	Georgia DOT	Atlanta	GA	Highway	77,000	41	2015	Under design
ISCS Dekalb Tunnel	Dekalb County	Decatur	GA	CSO	26,400	25	2013	Under design
Lockbourne Interceptor Sys. Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	10,000	12	2012	Under design
Olentangy Relief Sewer Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	58,000	14	2012	Under design
Alum Creek Relief Sewer Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	74,000	10 - 18	2014	Under design
Black Lick Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	32,000	8	2013	Under design
Euclid Creek Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	18,000	24	2010	McNally/ Kiewit JV
Dugway Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	16,000	24	2014	Under design
Lower Mill Creek CSO Tunnel	M.S.D. of Greater Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH	CSO	6,350	30	2015	Under design
Black River Storage Tunnel	City of Lorain	Lorain	OH	CSO	5,700	19	2011	Advertize July 2011
Water Treatment Plant #4	City of Austin	Austin	TX	Water intake	45,000	7 to 9	2010	Obayashi/ Manson

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TUNNEL NAME	OWNER	LOCATION	STATE	TUNNEL USE	LENGTH (FEET)	WIDTH (FEET)	BID YEAR	STATUS
Jollyville Water Trans. Main	City of Austin	Austin	TX	Water intake	25,000	12	2011	Bid date 06/07/2011
Deep Rock Connector Tunnel	City of Indianapolis DPW	Indianapolis	IN	CSO	40,000	18	2011	Bid date 07/12/ 2011
Pogues Run Tunnel	City of Indianapolis DPW	Indianapolis	IN	CSO	11,000	18	2013	Under design
Drumanard Tunnel	Kentucky DOT	Louisville	KY	Highway	2,200 x 2	35	2012	Under design
North Link Light Rail Extension	Sound Transit	Seattle	WA	Transit	34,000	21	2013	Under design
Alaskan Way Highway Tunnel	Washington DOT	Seattle	WA	Highway	10,500	54	2011	Seattle Tunnel Partners
Central Subway Tunnel	S.F. Municipal Trans. Authority	San Francisco	CA	Subway	16,600	20	2011	Bid date 05/25/2011
San Francisco DTX	Transbay Joint Powers Authority	San Francisco	CA	Transit	6,000	35 to 50	2012	Under design
L.A. Metro Regional Connector	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	Subway	20,000	20	2012	Under design
LA Metro Wilshire Extension	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	Subway	24,000	20	2013	Under design
SVRT BART	Santa Clara Valley Trans. Authority	San Jose	CA	Subway	22,700	20	2011	Under design/ delayed
BDCP Tunnel #1	Bay Delta Conservation Plan	Sacramento	CA	Water	26,000	29	2014	Under design
BDCP Tunnel #2	Bay Delta Conservation Plan	Sacramento	CA	Water	369,600	35	2016	Under design
Kaneohe W.W. Tunnel	Honolulu Dept. of Env. Services	Honolulu	HI	Sewer	15,000	13	2012	Under design
Spadina Line Extension - South Tunnel	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	11,000	18	2010	McNally/Kiewit/ AECON
Spadina Line Extension - North Tunnel	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	11,000	18	2010	OHL/FCC JV
Eglinton West Tunnel	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	10 km	6 m	2011	Under design
Yonge Street Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	15,000	18	2013	Under design
Downtown LRT Tunnel	City of Ottawa	Ottawa	ON	Transit	10,000	20	2013	Under design
Port Mann	Greater Vancouver Regional District	Vancouver	BC	Water	3,300	10.5	2010	McNally/AECON JV
Evergreen Line Project	Trans Link	Vancouver	BC	Subway	10,000	18	2012	Under design
UBC Line Project	Trans Link	Vancouver	BC	Subway	12,000	18	2014	Under design
Kicking Horse Canyon	BC Dept.of Trans.	Golden	BC	Highway	4,800 m x 2	45 x 32	2012	Under design
LRT Expansion North	City of Edmonton	Edmonton	BC	Subway	370 m x 2	6 m	2011	Bid date 2Q 2011

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UCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

UCA Executive Committee announces new members

Five new members will join the Executive Committee of the Underground Construction Association (UCA) Division

of SME during the Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference this June. They will begin their terms on June 23, 2011.

The committee also welcomes Jeff P. Petersen as incoming committee chair and William W. Edgerton as incoming vice chair.

Jeff P. Petersen, Committee Chair

Petersen is vice president of Kiewit Construction Co., a subsidiary of Kiewit Corp. He also serves as district manager for Kiewit's nationwide underground contracting operations. He is responsible for the overall planning and direction of construction, engineering, estimating, bidding and administration

of all work for the underground district. Petersen joined Kiewit in 1988 after receiving his construction engineering degree from Oregon State University. He began his career in Kiewit's operations in the Pacific Northwest, serving as project engineer, superintendent, project manager and sponsor

on some of Kiewit's largest and most challenging projects. Petersen became a member of The Moles in 2006.



PETERSEN

William W. Edgerton, Committee Vice Chair

Edgerton is a principal with Jacobs Associates, headquartered in San Francisco, CA. For the past 10 years, he has served as the president, directing strategic planning, business development and administration. He also acted as the principal-in-charge and worked in a technical capacity on various underground projects. He served as chair of the UCA of SME Steering Committee, which recently completed "Recommended Contract Practices for Underground Construction," and currently serves on the UCA

of SME Executive Committee. He also serves as an American Society of Civil Engineers program evaluator on behalf of ABET. He received his B.S. in civil engineering at Tufts University and his M.B.A. in procurement and contracting at George Washington University. He is licensed as a professional engineer in 10 states.

During the first 17 years of his career, he worked in project management, cost estimating and dispute resolution for construction contractors on projects throughout

the eastern United States. In the more than 20 years he has worked for Jacobs Associates, he has represented owners and contractors as a dispute resolution consultant.

He has worked on design-build and design-bid-build projects for contractors and for owners.



EDGERTON

Judy Cochran

Cochran manages the construction program for the Brightwater conveyance facilities for the King County, WA Wastewater Treatment Division. The conveyance program includes 20.8 km (13 miles) of tunnels and the influent pump station that will pump wastewater to the new Brightwater Treatment Plant, beginning in summer 2011. From

1996 to 2005, she was project manager (design through construction) of the Denny Way/Lake Union combined sewer overflow control project, which included the Mercer Street Tunnel and microtunnels in the south Lake Union area of Seattle, WA. Prior to that, she was program manager for the West Point Secondary Facilities Project.

Cochran holds a master's degree in urban studies from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College.



COCHRAN

Heather Ivory

Ivory is a leader in the URS tunnel and underground structure

practice, a registered member of SME and has authored or co-au-

thored 14 technical papers. She has served the underground industry

UCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



IVORY

through her involvement on the organizing committees for the North American Tunneling (NAT) conferences in 2008, 2010 and 2012 and as the NAT 2012 conference chair. She has an M.S. degree in engineering and a B.S. degree in

geology with experience in all aspects of underground management, planning, risk analysis, design and construction.

Ivory has acted as the design manager on more than \$8 billion in tunnel projects, and she has held a significant role in another \$4 billion worth of projects. She has developed and managed tunnel design field services. She is experienced in construction engineering, management and the design of cut-and-cover, TBM, EPBM, NATM/SEM,

microtunnel, drill-and-blast, hand mining, HDD and pipe-jacking tunnels. Her rehabilitation experience includes more than 304,800 m (1 million ft) of pipe assessment and rehabilitation work and cured-in-place relining, slip lining, pipe bursting, pipe reaming and structural grouting and patching projects. She has held a significant role in more than 354 km (220 miles) of tunnel projects with total estimated construction cost of more than \$12 billion.

Nasri Munfah



MUNFAH

Munfah is a senior vice president and the national tunneling practice leader for Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB). He oversees all of PB's tunneling and underground projects in North and South America. He is a member of several tunneling and underground societies,

including the UCA of SME and the International Tunnelling Association. He has experience in the project management, engineering management and construction management of multibillion dollar underground and tunneling projects, from feasibility and conceptual engineering through final design and construction. He was a principal author of the Federal Highway Administration's *Tunnel Design Manual*, the first of its kind in the United States. Munfah has been involved in the Central Subway in San Francisco,

CA, the Access to the Region's Core in New Jersey, the East Side Access in New York, the Eurasia Tunnel in Istanbul, Turkey and the 63rd Street Connector in New York. Munfah is currently an adjunct professor at Columbia University and teaches a graduate-level course on the design and construction of tunnels and underground structures. He has written more than 40 articles and technical papers. He is recipient of several awards, including the American Council of Engineering Companies' Grand Conceptor Award.

Michael F. Roach



ROACH

As chief engineer of Traylor Brothers' Underground Division, Roach is responsible for construction engineering, cost estimates and CPM de-

velopment and analysis. Throughout his 24-year career with Traylor Brothers, he has also worked as a field engineer, project engineer, project manager and quality assurance auditor.

A graduate of University of Michigan, Roach obtained his B.S. in civil engineering and passed the engineer-in-training exam in 1986. He has been recognized for his

expertise in soft ground and hard rock tunneling, design work, grouting, precast and cast-in-place liners and ground conditions. As a part of Traylor's Underground Division, he has been instrumental in making the company into one of the nation's top contractors. Roach has held conference leadership roles with RETC and NAT and has written many publications.

Leonard A. Worden

During the past 40 years, Worden has founded more than a dozen successful companies and launched

innovative products serving the heavy construction, telecom and defense industries. He founded the

market-leading precast concrete products company in the Northeast

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

UCA Education Committee makes changes**David R. Klug, UCA of SME chair**

The objective of the Executive Committee of the UCA of SME is to make the division responsive to the needs of the industry while being realistic on what can be done by industry volunteers who serve as committee chairs and committee members. The committee has recently made some changes that will affect how it responds to the needs of the membership and the underground construction industry.

The Education Committee is currently chaired by William Edgerton, president of Jacobs Associates of San Francisco, CA. Edgerton was recently elected vice chair of the UCA of SME and will be stepping down as chair of the committee. The new chair of the Education Committee will be David Chapman, president of Lachel & Associates in Morristown, NJ.

The education of new engineers and technicians is very important to the growth and future success of our industry. SME has decided upon a path that will make the association a tool in this process as our membership has the knowledge that must be transferred to the new generation of people entering into our industry. The new scope and mission of the Education Committee will make these industry resources available to educators. These may include traditional university courses, short courses at conferences, Internet course offerings or company in-house seminars.

The Education Committee will not develop specific industry programs but will focus on serving in a review capacity and provide input. This input will include the course offerings needed by the underground design and construction industry, at which levels various courses should be taught, the content of proposed courses and industry experts to lecture on specific subject matter.

Using the new focus of the Education Committee, Chapman will select committee members to assist him and the UCA Executive Committee in the new endeavor. The Education Committee will be restructured as a steering committee, it will not prepare course offerings. The primary tasks will include:

- Soliciting feedback from UCA members on desired educational programs.
- Determining the criteria that should apply for a UCA-approved course offering.
- Evaluating submittals from education providers, providing comments and approvals.
- Maintaining a list of approved course offerings.
- Maintaining a list of industry experts for specific industry lecture subjects.
- Maintaining a list of International Tunnelling Association programs that are available to the UCA members.

The objective is not to compete with academia but to provide access to the industry. Educators may request input from the UCA regarding proposed course offerings. The Education Committee will review the material provided, provide comments and approve the course offering. The education provider would be permitted to advertise the course offering as "UCA Approved."

New committee members

The committee is soliciting expressions of interest from industry personnel who desire to assist Chapman and contribute to the industry by serving on the Education Committee. New committee members will be selected by the new chair and UCA Executive Committee members. All committee

members will be new, as the mission of the committee has changed. The goal is to have a diverse group from all sectors of the industry, owners, contractors, design engineers and suppliers.

If you desire to be a member of the UCA Education Committee, please send the UCA an expression of interest on or before July 15, 2011 with your name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone, cell phone, company affiliation, a short biography, a short statement on how you can contribute to the committee and a short statement on what the UCA committee needs to do. Submit your application to Mary O'Shea, SME, 12999 E. Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, CO 80112-4167, phone 303-948-4211, e-mail oshea@smenet.org. If you have questions or want to discuss committee matters, contact David R. Klug, president, David R. Klug & Associates, phone 724-942-4670, e-mail dklug@drklug.com.

Meeting at RETC

The UCA Executive Committee will assist in choosing the new Education Committee members after a sufficient number of letters of interest have been received. This process should be complete by Aug. 1, 2011, at which time the new members will be notified.

The UCA Education Committee will hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. on June 22, 2011 in San Francisco, CA during the RETC that will be open to anyone. The meeting will be chaired by Klug and assisted by Edgerton and Chapman. The purpose is to outline a new strategy for the committee, give potential committee members an opportunity to ask questions and solicit industry input. Chapman will be formally installed as the new committee chair during the UCA Executive Committee meeting that will follow in the

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PERSONAL NEWS

HAMID NAZERI (SME), Advanced Terra Testing, received the Richard S. Ladd Standards Development Award from ASTM International for the development of a rock mechanics testing standard on the measurement of rock abrasivity for tunneling purposes. He was recognized for the time and effort spent in preparing ASTM standard designation D7625 "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Determina-

tion of Abrasiveness of Rock Using the CERCHAR Method."

BETHAN HAIG has joined Tam-Normet as a project manager for tunneling and mining in the United Kingdom. Haig is a chartered civil engi-



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neer with experience in the design of tunnels with Mott MacDonald. Most recently, she worked on the C121 sprayed concrete lining design contract of Crossrail. Her design experience includes the primary linings of the A3 Hindhead road tunnels using the numerical modeling techniques developed for the Crossrail lining design. She is a member of the British Tunnelling Society's Young Members Group. ■

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WORDEN

and the premier precast concrete tunnel liner company in North America. His companies have supplied precast concrete products for a variety of major high-

way and bridge projects.

Worden entered the precision precast concrete segmental tunnel

liner business in 1991 by supplying segmental tunnel lining for the Boston Harbor Effluent Outfall Tunnel project. His tunnel segment production system produced segments with quality and efficiency. He formed CSI Tunnel Systems to supply tunnel segment design and production to more than 12 tunnel projects, including the Subway Transit Expansion project for the Toronto Transit Commission, the Big Walnut Augmentation/Rickenbacker Sanitary Interceptor project in Columbus, OH and the King County Brightwater Conveyance

System Tunnels. CSI Tunnel Systems is currently involved in four segmental tunnel projects in California, Ohio, and New York City.

Worden is past chair of the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA), a recipient of the Yoakum Award, the NPCA's highest honor for leadership and inspiration in the precast industry, and a past board member of the American Concrete Pipe Association. He is a member of various committees of the American Society for Testing and Materials and a member American Society of Mechanical Engineers. ■

AWARDS

ACEC honors Hatch Mott MacDonald projects

Four projects of Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) were finalists in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 45th Annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition.

- Overpeck Creek Relief Sewer for the Bergen County, N.J., Utilities Authority.
- Norfolk Southern Railroad's Heartland Corridor Project at locations in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio (with team members STV; HDR Inc. and Anderson & Associates).
- Edison Force Main Tunnel project for the Middlesex County, NJ, Utilities Authority.
- North Dorchester Bay Combined Sewer Outfall Tunnel Project in Boston, MA (a joint venture of HMM and Shaw).

The projects were among 161 engineering projects recognized by ACEC as pre-eminent engineering achievements for 2010. Judging for the Engineering Excellence Awards, known as the Academy Awards of the engineering industry, took place in February 2011 by a panel of more than 30 engineers, architects, government representatives, media member and academics. Criteria for awards include uniqueness and originality, technical, social and economic value, complexity and success of the projects in meeting goals. ■

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same room at 11 a.m. The Education Committee is re-forming itself to be more beneficial to the industry, while recognizing that our members are volunteers with limited time and resources. The committee believes that fully accredited academic programs are required for the tunneling in-

dustry, but that these are best left to academia. They have the personnel and financial resources to develop such programs. We want the new Education Committee to provide access to knowledgeable people who want to contribute to the future of the industry. ■

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19-22, RETC, San Francisco, CA. Contact: Meetings Department, SME, 12999 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood, CO 80112 USA, phone 800-763-3132 or 303-979-3461, e-mail sme@smenet.org, website www.smenet.org.

September 2011

19-21, Colorado School of Mines Tunnel Short Course, Golden, CO. Contact: Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education, Colorado School of Mines, 1600 Jackson Street, Suite 160A, Golden, CO 80401, phone 303-279-5563, fax: 303-277-8683, e-mail: space@mines.edu, website www.csmospace.com.

February 2011

19-22, SME Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. Contact: Meetings Department, SME, 12999 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood, CO 80112 USA, phone 800-763-3132 or 303-979-3461, e-mail sme@smenet.org, website www.smenet.org.

More meetings information can be accessed at the SME website —
<http://www.smenet.org>.

March 2012

27-29, INTERtunnel 2012, Lingotto Fiere, Turin, Italy. Contact: Romeland House, Romeland Hill, St Albans, AL3 4ET, Great Britain, phone 440-1727-814-400, fax 440-1727-814401.

14-16, International Symposium on Tunnel Safety and Security 2012, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY. Contact: SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden, Box 857, SE-501 15 Borås Phone +46 10-516 50 00, e-mail info@sp.se, website www.istss.se/en/Sidor/default.aspx.

27-31, NASTT's 2012 No-Dig Show, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Contact: Michelle Hill, Benjamin Media, Inc. 1770 Main St., P.O. Box 190, Peninsula, OH 44264-0190 USA, phone 330-467-7588, fax 330-468-2289, e-mail mmagyar@benjaminmedia.com, website www.benjaminmedia.com.

May 2012

18-23, ITA World Tunnel Congress, Bangkok Thailand. Contact: Thailand Underground & Tunnelling Group (TUTG), e-mail: info@wtc2012.com, website www.wtc2012.com. ■

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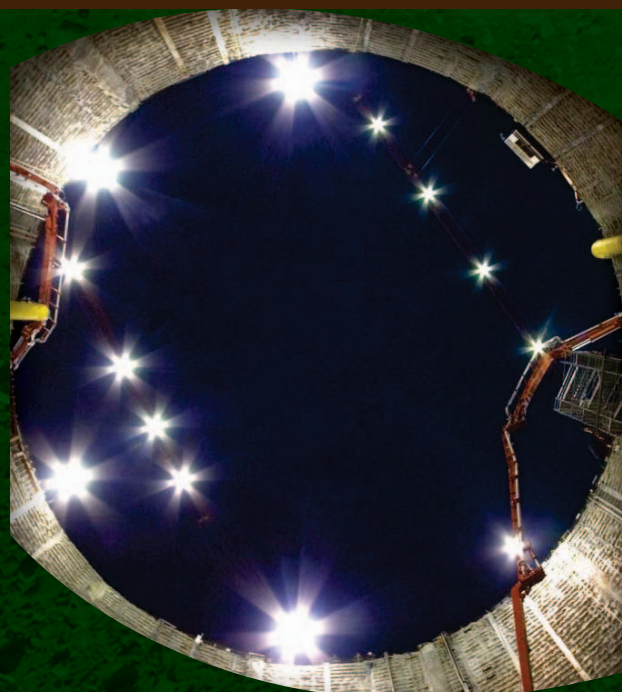
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