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Underground construction: A local activity, a global business

As I write this article, I’m attending the ITA’s 2015 Tunnelling Awards Conference and Banquet in Hagerbach, Switzerland. This event recognizes outstanding tunneling and underground projects from around the world.

This year, four U.S. projects were shortlisted for possible winners. You can see those projects and their participating companies, and the various categories, on page 8 of this magazine.

Unfortunately, the awards don’t go far enough to recognize the impact that the United States and UCA of SME member companies have on the global tunneling industry. While we can be proud of these projects, and we should be, there are consultants, equipment manufacturers and owners from around the United States who are recognized around the world for their expertise and reliability on projects near and far.

However, the ITA does offer us a chance to learn from projects outside of the United States, in physical environments different from ours, in regulatory environments different from ours, with workforces and equipment different from ours. Access to that pool of international knowledge and experience, and making U.S. knowledge available to companies around the world, are the prime reasons the UCA of SME is so involved with the ITA.

As I mentioned in my previous column, the United States is hosting the ITA’s flagship event, the World Tunnel Congress (WTC), in San Francisco April 22–28, 2016. (You can register at www.wtc2016.us.) This is a clear example of the overlapping relationship between the United States and the world. The world is coming to San Francisco, and the U.S. underground construction and tunneling industry has a chance to see the world.

As people who focus on incredibly complex projects, often costing billions of dollars, working with local owners and communities, we can sometimes forget that ours is an industry with local projects taking place all over the earth, sometimes facing challenges very similar to ours. Events like the ITA Tunnelling Awards Conference and Banquet and WTC aren’t just opportunities for celebration. These are the places where the best and the brightest of the industry share ideas and make us all more effective in our businesses.

Be sure to stay engaged with the UCA of SME as a member, and take advantage of the channel that UCA of SME offers to the ITA and its global leaders.

WTC update: The Young Members of the UCA of SME have created a special, one-time scholarship program for students to attend the WTC in April. The scholarship is intended to help defer the cost of travel for students who are planning a career in civil engineering or underground construction. If you know of students or programs that might want to take advantage of this program, be sure to visit the web site at www.wtc2016.us.

WTC registration update: By the time you read this, the online WTC registration page should be working properly. If you’ve had any troubles trying to register earlier, please revisit the website and register today. And be sure to secure your hotel reservation at the same time.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco April 22-28 at WTC2016.

Artie Silber, UCA of SME Chairman
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Next phase of Second Ave. Subway project falls victim to budget cuts

New York’s Metro Transit Authority (MTA) board passed a five-year, $26.1-billion capital improvement program that’s about 10 percent leaner than its original plan.

In order to make the budget work, the MTA cut a billion dollars from the next phase of the Second Avenue Subway, about two-thirds of what the agency had proposed spending a year ago. The cut reflected “funding availability and the ability to implement scope within the plan period.”

Despite the cuts, MTA chairman Ton Prendergast said he was grateful and relieved to get the budget passed, WNYC reported.

The first segment of the Second Avenue Subway, scheduled to open at the end of next year, will go from 63rd Street to 96th Street. The agency had originally planned to pay for the tunneling north from 96th to 125th streets by 2019. But under the revised plan, that work will be deferred until 2020 or later.

MTA spokesman Adam Lisberg said the move was a practical one, not a financial decision: the agency realized it was unlikely it could get to the tunneling work during the current capital program, so it reallocated the money.

But Nicole Gelinas of the Manhattan Institute said the cut would have long-term consequences. “By stretching these things out, and sort of acting like they’re doing something, it ends up costing more in the long run,” she said.

She added that the MTA did not adjust funding levels for another of its ongoing megaprojects downward. “If you look at the expansion part of the capital plan, East Side Access gets the bulk of that, and there is very little for projects that really help people who live in the city,” she continued.

Funding for that project, which will bring Long Island Rail Road trains into Grand Central Terminal, is holding steady at $2.57 billion.

But the de Blasio administration took pains to stress that the revised plan did incorporate some of its priorities. In return for contributing an unprecedented amount of city money, the MTA will build a transfer between the Livonia Avenue stop on the L line with the Junius Street station on the No. 3 line in East New York. The agency will also study extending a subway line down Utica Avenue to a transit-starved part of Brooklyn, and begin planning for a bus rapid transit line on Staten Island’s North Shore.

“These investments ensure that almost every MTA transit priority we outlined in OneNYC can now move forward,” Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement, “representing a huge win for NYC riders across the five boroughs.”

Another new addition to the capital plan: the MTA will award a contract to revamp the Times Square Shuttle, reducing the number of tracks it uses and making it ADA-accessible.

Next, the capital program must be submitted to a state board for review. But Prendergast’s steeplechase race isn’t over yet. The governor hasn’t said where the state’s $8.3 billion contribution is coming from, and the de Blasio administration is hoping that funding mechanisms like value capture can supply $600 million of its $2.5 billion contribution.

TBM operations on New Zealand motorway tunnel completed after nearly two years

The tunnel boring machine (TBM) named Alice completed its 4.8-km (2-mile) journey in Auckland, New Zealand, that will create three-lane traffic tunnels connecting Southwestern and Northwestern motorways along Auckland’s 48-km (29-miles) Western Ring Route between Manukau and Albany.

The nearly two-year project is for New Zealand’s longest road tunnels, each twice the length of the Auckland Harbour Bridge and overtaking the 1.97-km (1.2-mile) traffic link through Christchurch’s Port Hills to Lyttelton.

The $55-million machine has doubled as a subterranean factory, lining the tunnels as it went with more than 24,000 prefabricated concrete segments, each weighing about 10 t (11 st) and churned out of a batching plant in East Tamaki, which has already been decommissioned, The New Zealand Herald reported.

It has been trailed both ways by an expanding conveyor belt which has carried about 800,000 m³ (1.1 million cu yd) of spoil out of the tunnels to a drying plant, for transfer by trucks to a disused Wiri quarry.

That included a 180 ° turn in a tight space at Waterview, where 200 L (52 gal) of sheep’s lanolin was used to ease the various segments of the tunneling machine around the bend.
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State files suit against Seattle Tunnel Partners

The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) filed a lawsuit on Oct. 9 against the contractor hired to dig the Alaskan Way tunnel, saying in a news release that it needed to protect its right to future claims.

WSDOT said the suit, filed in King County Superior Court, was prompted by recent court filings by Seattle Tunnel Partners, the contractor hired to dig the nearly 3.2-km (2-mile) tunnel set to replace the aging Alaskan Way Viaduct.

“Taking action to preserve WSDOT’s rights in court was a necessary step,” the state said.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that the recent filings are in all likelihood a response to a suit by Seattle Tunnel Partners insurers filed in New York. That action seeks to avoid paying the $143 million in estimated cost overruns for the access pit, plus repairs necessary to get the tunnel boring machine Bertha back up and running after it broke down nearly two years ago, Seattle PI reported.

According to a letter sent by WSDOT to the insurers and filed with that suit, the state has already incurred more than $3 million in overruns and expects another $75 million due to the stoppage.

The state said that it would ask the court to stay its suit against Seattle Tunnel Partners until the project is finished and was asking the contractor to make the same request.

Bertha broke down in early December 2013, just 304 m (1,000 ft) into the tunnel.

WSDOT also released a new time frame for the restart of the tunnel boring machine was pushed out a month further than anticipated. On Oct. 22, the department issued a release saying mining will resume on Dec. 23, one month later than the previous scheduled restart.

“Accordingly, the tunnel opening date in the new schedule also has moved by one month, to April 2018. STP has told us the changes in the schedule reflect the current emphasis on giving crews the time they need to complete the tunneling machine repairs successfully,” WSDOT said in a statement.

George A. Fox Conference returns to New York Jan. 26

The annual George A. Fox Conference will be held Jan. 26 at the City University of New York Graduate Center. This year the conference will focus on technological advancements in the tunneling and underground construction industries.

Talks will range from lessons learned from large tunnel boring machines to the newest technology in fire protection and to international innovations in pre-cast segmental linings.

Randy Essex, executive vice president-tunnels practice, Hatch Mott MacDonald, will deliver the keynote address to the conference.

The one-day conference will include papers on contracting models, rescue and fire life safety and will conclude with a session on new technical developments with talks focusing on innovations in pre-cast segmental linings; Instrumentation of the CSX Virginia Avenue tunnel and lessons learned in large-diameter tunnel boring machines.

In recognition of George A. Fox’s accomplishments in tunneling and underground construction, the UCA of SME holds this annual conference to help today’s industry professionals learn from their peers about the challenges and the strategies for tunneling in populated areas.

To learn more about the conference, including how to register, please visit the conference home page at www.georgefoxconference.com.
Plan on attending this three-day conference in sunny California and experience the world-class technical sessions on the Advances of Tunneling Innovation. Presented by top-notch industry experts, this is one conference you will want to register early!

Sponsorships and exhibit opportunities are also available. Sign up today at www.ucaofsmecuttingedge.com and reserve your spot for this unique tunneling conference.
With the growth of infrastructure needs and requirements for better use of space and resources, the development of underground options have often proved to provide relevant solutions to these challenges.

As part of this endeavor, the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) has taken the initiative to launch its own dedicated Tunnelling Awards to identify outstanding achievements in the field of tunneling and underground space use, and provide international recognition to these remarkable contributions.

The ITA Tunnelling Awards ceremony was held Nov. 19, 2015 in Hagerbach, Switzerland.

More than 100 project and initiatives were considered in the ITA Tunnelling Awards 2015 selection, among which were four projects in the United States:

- **Lake Mead Intake No. 3** - Engineering: Arup and Brierley Associates; Contractors: Impregilo/S.A. Healy Joint Venture, dba Vegas Tunnel Constructors (VTC).
- **Second Avenue Subway Project** - Engineering: AECOM (67 percent), ARUP (33 percent); Contractors: Skanska, J.F. Shea, Kiewit, Schiavone, Traylor
- **Indianapolis Deep Rock Conveyance and Storage Tunnel Project** - Engineering: AECOM; Contractors: J.F. Shea, Kiewit, Southland
- **Caldecott Fourth Bore Project** - Engineering: Parsons and Jacobs Associates; Contractor: Tutor-Saliba Corp.

The full list of finalists is listed on this page.

### Major Project of the Year (more than euro 500 million)
- Eurasia Tunnel Project - Turkey
- Futian Station of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong - China
- New York City’s Second Avenue Subway Project - USA

### Tunneling Project of the Year (between euro 50 and 500 million)
- 1st Phase of Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Construction - South Korea
- Indianapolis Deep Rock CSO Tunnel Project - USA
- Lake Mead Intake No. 3 - USA

### Outstanding Project of the Year (up to euro 50 million)
- Grosvenor Decline Tunnels - Australia
- Norsborg Metro Depot - Sweden
- North Strathfield Rail Underpass - Australia

### Technical Innovation of the Year
- An innovative vehicle-mounted GPR technique for fast and efficient monitoring of tunnel lining structure conditions
- Combination of techniques for immersed tunnel
- Development of the new joint (SB joint) for shield tunnels
- Monitoring tunneling induced ground displacements using distributed fiberoptic sensing
- New innovative system for layer thickness control on spray mobiles
- The evolution of the “Nazzano” method to widen tunnel without interrupting traffic flow

### Environmental Initiative of the Year
- Brenner Base Tunnel - Lot Isarco River undercrossing lot - Italy
- Innovative overhead conveyor belt for urban environmental benefit - Qatar
- The Corrib tunnel Project - tunneling in environmentally sensitive area - Ireland

### Safety Initiative of the Year
- MineARC Systems compressed air management solution
- Safety cabin of tunneling drill
- Semiautomatic tubular steel arch: an innovation on safety

### Innovative Use of Underground Space
- Reviving burial in tunnel - Israel
- Sydney Opera House vehicle access and pedestrian safety project - Australia
- Toledo Metro Station on Line 1 in Naples - Italy

### Young Tunneler of the Year
- Fortsakis, Petros
- Liu, Hao
- McCarron, Ryan
- Perez Lupi, Ponciano
The World Tunnel Congress (WTC) is headed to the United States. Scheduled for April 22-28, 2016, the congress will be held in San Francisco, CA. So, it’s time to get registered, make hotel reservations and get prepared for a week of learning, networking and socializing with your peers from around the world. Online registration is now open. Go to www.wtc2016.us.

The Underground Construction Association of SME (UCA of SME) is putting on the conference. The UCA represents the tunneling industry in the United States. It is part of an organization that includes owners, contractors, engineers and suppliers; the full spectrum of tunneling services is represented in the UCA. Members operate around the world, so there are opportunities to hear from partners, clients and prospects throughout the industry while attending the conference.

WTC 2016 is unique in that it will be held in lieu of the UCA’s biennial North American Tunneling (NAT) conference. The advantage of this is that the resources, talents and participants of the NAT will now be found at the WTC in San Francisco.

Tunnelers and underground construction professionals all face common challenges, no matter where they operate around the globe. An industry united will best serve governments, companies and communities because of the knowledge and experiences they have shared.

With as many as 600 unique technical presentations, short courses and breakout sessions, attendees will have the chance to interact with more than 200 exhibiting equipment suppliers from around the world, and companies representing all types of products and services for the tunneling and underground construction industry.

The 2016 WTC program/scientific committee has developed a program that will feature more than 500 oral and poster presentations. The primary focus of the technical program is to add value to the industry through examination of the most innovative practices and products currently in use. The program committee is dedicated to shining a light on new, novel and unique innovations and projects. The emphasis is on real-life applications of techniques as applied to real problems.

Additionally, rigorous quality controls were in place to ensure top-quality papers and presentations. All final manuscripts have been peer-reviewed and will be available as electronic proceedings and/or hardcopy.

The final programming will be published in the April issue of Tunneling & Underground Construction (T&UC) magazine. That’s right, the April issue. Normally published in March, this WTC issue has been moved to April to allow for more up-to-date preshow coverage.

Some of the topics at WTC16 include case histories, contracting practices, design/analysis, drill and blast, environmental and urban planning, ground improvement, hard rock tunneling and high stress tunneling, to name just a few.

In addition to the technical program, WTC16 will offer two ITA-CET training courses; Monitoring and control in tunneling and underground space use.

Monitoring and control in tunneling provides the purpose, methods and examples of monitoring the effects of tunneling, including the monitoring of tunnel machine performance, to control tunneling to achieve acceptable excavation performance with stable underground structures, and prevent damage to existing structures and utilities.

Underground space use will serve as valuable introduction for engineers, architects, planners and public administrators to the use of underground space to increase livability and sustainability in urban areas and in other key public resource regions.

The next issue of Tunneling & Underground Construction, normally published in March, will be published in April next year to allow for more up-to-date advance coverage of the upcoming World Tunnel Congress, scheduled for April 22-28, 2016 in San Francisco, CA.

#WorldTunnelCongress
On July 22, 2015, a 3.5 m (11.5 ft) Robbins main beam tunnel boring machine (TBM) began a new chapter in its storied 32-year career. Originally built for the Terror Lake project in Alaska, the veteran machine has been used all over the world, most recently in Hong Kong. Including its new 6.3 km (4.0 mile) long tunnel for the Mid-Halton Outfall in Ontario, Canada, the machine will have bored nearly 30 km (18.6 miles) of tunnels since 1983.

The machine’s latest endeavor will not be without challenges. The rebuilt TBM has been beefed up for high-capacity tunneling in hard rock. Geology is expected to consist of laminated shale with interbedded limestone and siltstone layers and a maximum rock strength of 120 MPa UCS.

“We have kept this a simple, streamlined main beam machine, but we modified the cutterhead with larger muck buckets, so material can be moved through it faster,” explained Robbins project manager Lynne Stanziale. In addition, the TBM was outfitted with fully modernized VFDs, electronics and high-capacity gearing and motors. The back-up system was also modified to make it more mobile through two 130 m (427 ft) radius curves that the TBM will have to navigate, one in each direction.

“The concept of using refurbished TBMs bears great opportunities for value-for-money constructors,” said Christian Zoller, commercial project manager for contractor Strabag. “Our TBM ‘Peggie’ is evidence of that — when well-maintained and professionally refurbished, the lifespan of these machines is extensive. We’re pleased to see that our client, Halton Region, has the forward-oriented mindset that allows Strabag to provide its renowned high level of skill and quality, paired with the good value for money that a refurbished TBM yields.”

Contractor Strabag, who has had several projects in Canada including the epic Niagara Tunnel project, is in charge of the works. In addition to the tunnel, Strabag had to construct two deep shafts for the launch and exit of the TBM. The scheme involves two sections of tunnel designed to carry treated effluent water from a treatment plant in Oakville into Lake Ontario. The completed system will upgrade water treatment capacity in the Halton Region of Ontario.

The TBM was launched from a 12 m (39 ft) diameter, 62 m (203 ft) deep shaft and is ramping up production, having excavated more than 300 m (980 ft) by early September 2015. “An ongoing challenge associated with the tunneling on this project is the requirement to drive the TBM downhill for the first 4 km (2.5 miles) of the tunnel. Keeping the water that infiltrates the tunnel from flowing directly to the cutterhead requires significant effort,” said Terry McNulty, technical project manager for Strabag.

Management of water inflows is not the only challenge. A portion of the drive will curve to run directly under Lake Ontario for 2.1 km (1.3 miles), though the tunnel is deep enough that it will remain in bedrock. Once the machine has completed its final bore under Lake Ontario, it will be backed out of the blind heading and removed from an 8 m (26 ft) diameter shaft in a local park.

“We can already see the potential performance that this TBM will have, once fully assembled and tested. We look forward to the continued support and cooperation with our partner Robbins on this endeavor,” said Zoller. Though the TBM has only recently started up, crews are moving forward with a plan to line the tunnel with mesh panels and ring beams if necessary. A cast-in-place liner will follow on after tunneling is completed in August 2017.
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In 2015, Robbins proudly announced its Crossover Series of TBMs, a line of field-tested, rugged Dual Mode-type machines. Crossover TBMs feature aspects of two TBM types, and are ideal for mixed ground conditions that might otherwise require multiple tunneling machines. The first North American Crossover TBM was launched for the Túnel Emisor Poniente II (TEP II) Project in Mexico City, a complex wastewater scheme, on August 10, 2015. Assembled using OFTA, the 8.7 m (28.8 ft) dual-mode type machine is an XRE TBM that is capable of “crossing over” (X) between two modes, rock (R) and EPB (E), and represents of the latest in Crossover technology. Designed with field-inspired features including a single-direction cutterhead, multi-speed gearboxes, and improved probe drilling capabilities, the machine is prepared for the incredibly complex ground conditions, including competent to weathered volcanic rock, clay and sand at the TEP II site.

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Malcolm’s list of core services as it relates to tunneling includes access shafts, excavation support systems, cutoff and secant pile walls, jet grouting, deep soil mixing, cutter soil mixing and dewatering. The company has augmented its construction and engineering expertise along with a strong safety record into an equally impressive resume that represents a significant number of high-profile, highly challenging tunneling projects throughout North America.

Malcolm crews recently completed work on the Alaskan Viaduct Replacement Project (SR 99), in Seattle where we installed the support of excavation (SOE) which incorporates large-diameter secant piles to construct the portal for Bertha, the world’s largest tunnel boring machine (TMB). Various ground improvement techniques were used to construct several TBM Safe-Haven’s in challenging glacial till with a myriad of undocumented obstructions. At the Port of Miami Tunnel Project in Florida, Malcolm installed the launch and retrieval pit for the TBM incorporating various Soil Cement Mixing techniques for the SOE as well as the break-in and break-out structures in highly permeable limestone. For the New Irvington Tunnel in California, we drilled very deep Secant Piles to construct the access shaft in rock with verticality requirements which until recently were unachievable.

Our large equipment fleet and highly skilled personnel affords Malcolm the unique ability to comply with the most rigorous schedule compression, while delivering a high quality product in the most difficult ground conditions. Our experience facilitates a Design/Build approach to projects and allows for timely collaboration with owners and contractors. We provide these services nationwide through our regional offices. We welcome the opportunity to work with you in developing the most efficient and cost effective solution to your next project.

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PSE&G Crossing 10A, Camden, NJ

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Construction of the Brightwater Conveyance System required surgical jet grouting to facilitate tunneling operations. Utilizing their proprietary jet grouting equipment, Hayward Baker created soilcrete blocks outside of four deep vertical shafts to assist with both TBM and hand-mined tunneling operations. The ground improvements allowed TBMs to be launched or received into and out of the shafts without the risk of water and ground run-in. Overlapping columns to depths of 94 feet compose the soilcrete blocks.

Los Angeles, CA
Lower North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation Project
Rehabilitation of the 82-year-old Lower North Outfall Sewer included grouting around the outside of the tunnel to densify and strengthen the soil above the tunnel in order to protect the overlying structures from settlement. Hayward Baker performed permeation and fracture grouting through over 3,500 holes from within the tunnel, stabilizing the overlying structures. State-of-the-art survey technology and proprietary grouting instrumentation allowed Hayward Baker to first probe the soil to determine existing conditions, and then observe the soil response during grouting, while monitoring the ground surface in real time.

Los Angeles, CA
Metro Gold Line C800
Construction of twin subway tunnels for the LA Metro’s Gold Line would cause ground loss, endangering overlying structures unless the soils surrounding the tunneling zone were treated prior to excavation. Using conventional horizontal drilling to install steel and PVC sleeve port grout pipes, Hayward Baker performed chemical grouting to stabilize soils, and fracture grouting to protect overlying structures. Heave and settlements were monitored by exterior remote robotic total stations and interior wireless tiltmeters.

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Inside the passages, the machine delivered tremendous force with a hydraulic breaker to excavate hard soil, some of which was artificially reinforced with grout or through a freezing process to add stability. The next step was to place support ribs at 3½-foot intervals. The machine grasped the top section of each steel rib with a beam manipulator retooled specifically for the job, carried it to the installation point, lifted and positioned it, then held it in place while miners bolted on the lower sections.

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Excavation of the twin tunnels was performed with two TBMs, with both TBMs driving northward from the launch box. TBM excavation was performed such that the location of the machines was staggered to separate the active excavation faces by a minimum of 91 m (300 ft) between headings. This minimum separation was maintained until the first TBM arrived at the retrieval shaft plug, at which time the separation requirement was relaxed. Excavation began with the “southbound” (SB) tunnel, which will ultimately accommodate the southbound TBM light rail trains followed by the second TBM in the “northbound” (NB) tunnel. With the completion of the drives in June 2014, cross passage excavation then began and was completed in April 2015. Overall, construction of the Central Subway tunnels was a success considering the nature and complexity of the project. Additional details of the completion of the Central Subway tunnels are presented in another paper from the RETC 2015 conference (Leong et al., 2015).

Site/geologic setting. San Francisco is located in the central Coast Ranges of the greater Coast Ranges Geomorphic Province of California. The project area lies east of the San Andreas Fault. The geology of the San Francisco North Quadrangle is characterized by recent (historical) artificial fills and Quaternary sediments (i.e., deposits that are up to 1.6 million years}
old) unconformably overlying bedrock of the Franciscan Complex. Bedrock is exposed locally in the isolated hills that occur throughout the city and along parts of the coastline. Franciscan rocks typically are strongly deformed (faulted, fractured and folded). In the project vicinity, Franciscan bedrock generally comprises three predominant rock types: including sandstone (typically greywacke), shale and mélange. The surficial quaternary deposits flanking the bedrock outcrops comprise colluvial, aeolian (dune) and near shore sedimentary deposits. A comprehensive summary of the geotechnical factors that influenced the tunnel design and construction is summarized in Yang and Johnson (2011).

A generalized interpreted geologic section depicting the subsurface stratigraphy along the project alignment is shown in Fig. 2. Eight geologic units were encountered on this project, with Qc and KJf being the two units within which the major portion of the tunnels were driven.

**Role of instrumentation**

For the Central Subway project, the primary goals of the instrumentation program included building protection, protection of existing underground transit facilities, protection of existing utilities and documentation of construction/excavation activities, including compensation grouting. Overall, the instrumentation system was intended to:

- Provide data to support building protection program.
- Monitor ground water control programs.
- Monitor existing underground utilities.
- Monitor ground deformations related to construction and excavation activities.

Instrumentation is particularly important for this project because the tunnel alignment passes beneath the heart
of San Francisco’s commercial and shopping districts at Union Square and in Chinatown, passing near a variety of building sizes and foundation conditions as well as numerous underground utilities and transportation facilities.

**Building protection and compensation grouting.** Based on estimates of tunnel-related settlement developed during the final design, a number of structures and facilities along the tunnel alignment had the potential for settlement to a degree that would be unacceptable. For the buildings that were most susceptible, termed Group A buildings, settlement mitigation methods were designed (including compensation grouting), such that protection of these structures could be maintained during construction. The actual position of grouting pipes depended on the foundation type and the relationship of the building or facility with actual tunneling activity. Examples are tunneling adjacent to pile supported foundations, tunneling beneath spread footings/mat foundations and tunneling beneath existing operating transit systems. A discussion of compensation grouting and protection of Group A buildings and the BART facilities was described in Piek et al. (2014).

**Ground water control and monitoring of dewatering.** Piezometers were installed along the alignment and near cross passages to provide information regarding water pressures during construction of the launch box, retrieval shaft and cross passages. Along the alignment the primary water-bearing units include the Qd, Qu and Qc deposits, and the sandy strata in Qo.

Excavation support that provided hydraulic cutoff was designed and constructed to minimize drawdown outside of the excavation to minimize the potential for dewatering-related settlement. These hydraulic cutoff systems worked well. However, there were two instances where a piezometer suggested cutoff was not performing as expected, as discussed in case study D.

**Monitoring existing utilities.** Monitoring and protection of key underground utilities was also a significant part of the overall instrumentation program. In addition to the use of multiple position borehole extensometer (MBX) installations, surface settlement arrays, inclinometers and utility monitoring points were installed at various key utilities that had the potential to be impacted by tunneling activities. Utilities that were monitored included water mains with diameters from 205 to 750 mm (8 to 30 in.), auxiliary water supply system (AWSS) pipes with diameters between 305 and 460 mm (12 and 18 in.), AWSS cisterns and sewer pipes with diameters between 305 and 2,440 mm (12 and 96 in.). Condition assessments were performed on large-diameter sewer pipes prior to tunneling. Utility monitoring point data indicated very small movements, typically less than 2.5 mm (0.1 in.), and at a few locations rising to 5 mm (0.2 in.).

**Construction/excavation activities.** In addition to the monitoring of buildings and utilities along the tunnel...
alignment, structures and utilities in the vicinity of the launch box and retrieval shaft were also monitored to assess potential excavation-related movement. In particular, deep foundations for the I-80 overcrossing as well as the surrounding buildings and structures were included in the program. Instrument movements in these areas were generally below 2.5 mm (0.1 in.) and significant impacts have not been observed.

Description of key instrument systems

Instrumentation for the Central Subway project included a variety of instruments to monitor the effects of tunneling on the utilities and structures along the tunnel alignment. Recent advances in telecommunications and Automated Data Acquisition Systems (ADAS) have enabled the development of integrated systems used for real-time construction monitoring. Remote access via the internet and the use of automated alerts have simplified the task of monitoring hundreds of instruments. Following is a brief description of the major systems used.

AMTS and BSP systems. Automated Motorized Total Stations (AMTS) and Building Settlement Monitoring Prisms (BSP) are the backbone of the monitoring system used for the buildings along the alignment as well as the BART tunnels. The AMTSs are composed of an electronic theodolite with an electronic distance meter (EDM). Angles and distances are obtained by firing an infrared beam at a reflective target and processing the return. The three-dimensional location can then be calculated to determine whether the reflective target has moved in relation to a reference point. One can then extrapolate whether a structure has moved based upon the movement of the reflective targets anchored directly on the structure. The instruments installed on the Central Subway project included robotic total stations (Fig. 3) using automatic target recognition capable of accuracies of 1 arc second and 1 mm (0.04 in.) + 1 ppm up to 200 m (656 ft).

The AMTS can be placed within the settlement zone of influence and still accurately measure the deformation of the other prisms by the process of resection. The AMTS looks back to a constellation of reference prisms and recalculates its own position prior to each cycle of readings of the BSPs. A typical layout for the AMTS and constellation of references and BSPs is shown in Fig. 4. The total number of AMTS units was not specified in the contract, but it was left to the contractor to optimize the system so that the four corners of each building as shown on the plans could be monitored. A total of 629 BSP prisms were read by 17 AMTS units. The three-dimensional displacement vectors were required to have a measurement precision of 1.6 mm (0.0625 in.) for sight distances of up to 91 m (300 ft).

Conventional survey systems. Conventional surveys were utilized to provide a level of redundancy for the vertical deformation component of the AMTS/BSP systems as well as to monitor utilities, roadways, and other structures along the alignment. To provide first-order accuracy of the surveys, a series of five deep benchmarks extending to a depth of 15 m (50 ft) below the tunnel invert were required to be installed along the tunnel alignment. Specifications required that the manual surveys start and end on two different deep benchmarks and that the accuracy of an elevation measurement be plus or minus 3 mm (0.01 ft) (at 95 percent level of confidence).

The types of instruments read by conventional survey and the total number of each installed are as follows:

- Surface Settlement Points/Arrays and Utility Settlement Points/Arrays (SSP/SSAs and USPs): 175.
- Utility Settlement Monitoring Points (UMPs): 95.

Vertical multiple position borehole extensometers (MBXs). A total of 24 MBXs were installed along the tunnel alignment. The MBX consisted of either three or five anchors at various positions above the tunnel crown. These precise instruments provided real-time measurements of the ground behavior before, during and after the passage of each TBM.

Piezometers. Twenty-five open standpipe piezometers,
located along the tunnel alignment, were installed during the exploration phases of the project and were monitored throughout the tunneling contract. One additional standpipe piezometer was drilled at the retrieval shaft. Two of the existing piezometers encroached within the paths of the TBM and were damaged during passage of the TBM. Another piezometer was damaged during utility work. Three vibrating wire piezometers were installed: two replacing the damaged piezometers and one installed at the retrieval shaft.

**Liquid level systems (LLSs).** It was specified that LLSs be installed in buildings where compensation grouting was used as a mandatory building protection system. LLSs were required to measure relative vertical displacement of plus or minus 50 mm (2 in.) with a system accuracy of plus or minus 0.3 mm (0.001 ft). The liquid level gauges used vibrating wire transducers and were monitored remotely using a data collection system. A total of 71 LLSs were installed in nine buildings.

**Tiltmeters and tilt beams.** A total of 10 biaxial tiltmeters were installed in six buildings for additional tilt monitoring of the structures and 14 tilt beams were installed within the existing BART tunnels to monitor rail movements. The electrolytic tiltmeters have an angular range of plus or minus 1 degree ith a static repeatability of plus or minus 2 arc seconds. In addition, a motion sensor was placed at each end of the instrumented section in each BART tunnel to record the passage of trains.

**Tape extensometers.** Tape extensometer readings were required at only two structures. A hook-and-eye bolt system with a digital reading tape was used to monitor the change of distance between two points with measurement repeatability of 0.25 mm (0.01 in.).

**Inclinometers.** Seven inclinometer casings were installed adjacent to the walls of the launch box and four were installed adjacent to the retrieval shaft. Readings were performed manually with portable biaxial inclinometer probes.

**Strain gauges.** Strain gauge arrays were used to monitor strut loads at each level of support: 19 installed at the launch box and 12 at the retrieval shaft. The weldable vibrating wire strain gauges were configured to be read remotely in real time.

**Seismographs.** Seven portable seismographs were provided for monitoring the velocities of ground vibrations resulting from construction activities. About 50 buildings along the alignment were designated as Historic Structures with a maximum vibration limit set at 3 mm (0.12 in.) per second peak particle velocity (PPV).

**Acoustic leak detection system.** In addition to the monitoring of potential settlement using the UMPs, an acoustic leak detection system was specified for water mains and the auxiliary water supply system (AWSS). The leak detection system provided continuous monitoring using acoustical leak detection technology and was required to precisely locate a leak.

**Further discussion of BSPs and MSPs.** Having both the AMTS system and the conventional survey of MSPs provided a redundancy that ensured coverage of the buildings and an important verification of the monitoring results. Both systems have advantages and disadvantages. The combination of using both systems was beneficial in overcoming some of the shortcomings of either system. An example of an ideal indication of redundant instrumentation systems is shown in Fig. 5. Here, the major changes displayed by the BSP, MSP and LLS at one portion of this structure are generally quite consistent, showing contemporaneous similar movements, albeit with different levels of noise in the data sets.

The primary advantage of conventional surveys (MSPs) based on reference to the deep bench marks is that they provide verifiable deformation measurements to compare with AMTS/BSP data. However, the primary disadvantage of relying on MSPs is that it is not always possible to monitor MSPs at the back or sides of the buildings due to access constraints. For example, neighboring buildings with walls immediately adjacent on the property line prevent installation of MSPs on the back of buildings. Another disadvantage is that MSP monitoring is more labor intensive requiring more time per measurement.

The primary advantage of an AMTS system is that it is capable of frequent three-dimensional measurements.
viewable on the web-based program in near real time. Additionally, for this project, the AMTS was more successful in achieving coverage of all the building corners, although complete coverage was still challenging in some cases because of sight obstructions by trees, billboards and buildings with varying heights. A disadvantage of an AMTS system is that it can be adversely affected by weather conditions. For this project, the instrumentation subcontractor elected to mount the system on the rooftops rather than the building facades. This simplified coverage of the BSPs at the back of the buildings, but resulted in limitations of the prism mountings. Ideally, the prisms would have been securely anchored to structural members. However, most of the property owners would not allow any penetration of the roofing materials, so the prisms were adhered to the roofing material or metal flashing with silicone adhesive.

Much of the AMTS data displayed a significant and undesirable level of noise. Sources of noise may include the mounting details of the AMTS and prisms, lines of sight, sight distances, vibration and atmospheric conditions. Despite the level of noise, it was possible to discern a trend line through the oscillating data, but instantaneous readings were of diminished value. In some cases, the level of “noise” in the BSP readings was reduced by adjusting a prism orientation and changing the AMTS used to monitor it, as shown in Fig. 6.

The BSPs were also required to provide horizontal deformation data. The northing and or easting component of the BSP data often had a much wider noise band than the vertical deformation data. Further discussion of the horizontal measurement system is presented in Case Study C.

Lessons learned and case studies

Many of the lessons learned described in this article may seem familiar to practitioners with years of experience in the field. They are presented here to identify essential principles to be included in developing and implementing excellent instrumentation systems for future projects. Considering the case histories that follow, the importance of these principles is underscored.

Lesson 1: Which way is up?

Understanding exactly what the instruments are measuring and how that information is plotted is critical for the proper interpretation of instrumentation data. Defining the sign conventions used and labeling these on the data plots will facilitate the correct interpretation. Tilt beams and tiltmeters are one example. Saying “positive to the east” does not fully define the direction of motion; “down to the east is positive” fully describes the sign convention.

Most often, settlement plots are constructed to show settlement plotted in the negative “y” direction. MBXs are basically extensometers that record the change in distance (rod length) between the reference head and anchor. The sign convention provided by the manufacturer is positive for an increase in the rod length. However, if the data are plotted with this sign convention, settlement would be displayed in the positive “y” direction. Clearly, the data reduction must incorporate and document this convention to avoid misinterpretation.

Lesson 2: Relative motion.

Monitoring instruments do not measure absolute movement but, rather, a movement relative to some reference. A simple example is a conventional survey where benchmarks are used as a reference for elevation control. Ideally, the reference is fixed and does not change. MBX measurements present a more complicated example. The MBX measurements are relative to the reference head. To interpret the movement of the lower anchors during tunneling, we typically assume that the reference head is stable and that we are observing movement of the anchor and not movement of the reference head. However, as the loosening of ground around the tunnel progresses upward, we may also see movement of the reference head. Therefore, the reference head must also be frequently measured by conventional survey to determine if and how much it moved. Too often in an urban environment with paved streets, the potential for reference head movement is assumed to be negligible.
and carries significant possible consequences as described in Case Study A.

**Case Study A: The devil is in the details.** Lessons 1 and 2 are illustrated in a case study involving the MBXs. To measure the settlement trough induced by the twin TBMs, surface settlement arrays were installed along intersecting streets perpendicular to the tunnel alignment. One MBX string, consisting of three to five anchors, was also installed above the centerline of each tunnel. The lowest anchor is located about 1.5 m (5 ft) above the tunnel crown. During tunneling, movements of the lowest MBX anchors were minimal, generally on the order of a few hundredths of an inch.

After TBM tunneling was complete, MBX 3 began showing renewed movements nine months after the passage of the TBMs. All the anchors, including the lowest anchor, just above the tunnel crown, started to show a settlement trend in discrete steps with a total magnitude on the order of 6 mm (0.25 in.). Deep settlements above the tunnel raised concerns, and this response was mysterious given that no tunneling had occurred during this time period. Other construction activities in the area included slurry wall construction for a future station, which could account for deep settlements, but was considered too far away to have an effect on MBX 3. Sewer work with trenches about 3 m (10 ft) deep was also ongoing adjacent to the MBX. The trench was not deep enough, however, to affect the lower anchors of the MBX. To further investigate, other MBX data were reviewed and assumptions and sign convention were double-checked. Data reports with interpretation were submitted weekly by the instrumentation subcontractor. The MBX data plots primarily showed positive movements that were interpreted as heave. It became evident that the plots were inverted when heave-inducing activity (ground freezing) was simultaneous with a slow settlement trend at a nearby MBX. While the plots were consistent with the manufacturer’s sign convention (elongation in the positive “y” direction), the plots were inconsistent with time-settlement plots of other instruments that interpreted settlement in the negative “y” direction. Therefore, the lower MBX 3 anchors were really showing heave, not settlement. In addition, since the movement is relative between the anchors and the reference head, a plot showing heave on the anchor would be consistent with settlement of the reference head (shortening). So, after inverting the plots (Fig.7), and using a survey of the reference head to correct its elevation, the mystery was solved. The trenching had settled the reference head about 6 mm (0.25 in.) and there were no deep-rooted settlement issues.

**Lesson 3: Did the reference move?** Similar to Lesson 2, recognizing that the potential for movement of a reference exists, how do we confirm the accuracy of the reference values? In instrumentation systems where the measurements are relative to a reference sensor, it is necessary to also tie the reference sensor back to another reference outside the zone of influence, preferably on the project datum. For example, in an LLS system, each monitoring sensor is measured relative to a reference sensor. If the reference sensor is not routinely checked against the outside reference, some uncertainty in the accuracy of the settlement measurement will be introduced. The magnitude of the uncertainty or error cannot be determined until the check is made with the outside reference. If the reference sensor is shown to have not changed, intermediate readings will be directly valid. If the reference sensor has changed in elevation, some judgment must be used to correct the intermediate readings. This is also a key issue for MBX and AMTS systems, as previously mentioned.

**Case Study B: Separate LLS reference from construction work area.** Lessons 2 and 3 are illustrated in a case study involving LLS. For the project, Group A buildings, such as the one in this case study, required mandatory mitigation measures, specifically compensation grouting and associated preconditioning was deemed necessary to protect the buildings from settlement during tunneling. Because of their rapid response capability, LLS instruments were specified as the primary method
of monitoring. To account for daily fluctuations within the static water level of the system, all the LLSs were measured relative to a reference sensor. To account for possible movements of the reference sensor, it was required that the reference sensor also be surveyed relative to a stable point outside the zone of influence, preferably one of the deep benchmarks. However, for this location, the system was installed in the basement of a building that presented a challenge to surveying of the control. Consequently, the reference sensor was not tied to an outside reference point.

The curving path of the TBM would pass directly beneath the corner of this Group A building. The plan for compensation grouting was facilitated by drilling subhorizontal holes beneath the basement of the building from a shaft in an adjacent parking lot. A liquid level system of 10 sensors (one reference and nine monitored points) was installed and base-lined as the primary monitoring system. The deformation limit for settlement or heave of Group A buildings was specified as plus or minus 13 mm (0.5 in.) and an angular distortion limit of 1/600; the compensation grouting specification set a preconditioning target to limit heave to 3 mm (0.125 in.).

During installation of compensation grouting pipes and preconditioning, the instrumentation was closely monitored. During preconditioning, heave was observed in only three of the sensors, while a settlement trend was indicated in six of the sensors. Heave was anticipated because of the ongoing grouting, but no construction activity was occurring that could be responsible for a settlement trend, and the TBM was nowhere near the building at this point. Because the LLS measurements were relative to the reference sensor, a heave of the reference sensor would appear to be a settlement in those sensors that did not heave, or had heaved less than the reference sensor. Based on the data and the type of activity at the site, it appeared that the reference sensor was in the zone impacted by construction and a correction was needed.

Typically, the LLS sensor readings could have been corrected by simply surveying the reference sensor and adding the amount of the reference heave to each of the sensor readings. However, since the reference sensor was not tied to an outside reference, there was no direct measure of the magnitude of the reference heave. An additional LLS sensor was installed as a new reference in a location further from the grouted zone, and the original reference sensor was converted to a monitored sensor. After the new reference was installed, all the LLS sensor readings were “temporarily” reset to zero (Fig. 8) to initiate measurements relative to the new reference. Concern about the zero reset was that the readings being made from that point were no longer related to the approved baselines and that the heave experienced during precondition grouting was no longer reflected in the data set. Heaving the center of the building relative to the front also induced an apparent angular distortion, which would likely worsen with additional settlement during passage of the TBM. Therefore, an accurate understanding of the vertical deformation of the building was necessary to calculate and monitor the angular distortion.

To develop a means of correcting the LLS data, a floor level survey of the basement was performed and compared to the preconstruction floor level survey required by the project specifications. The results confirmed that the floor heaved more than what was indicated by the initial LLS with a maximum of 16 mm (0.64 in.) in an area near the original reference sensor. Based on a contour map of the floor level survey results the floor adjacent to the reference sensor was estimated to have heaved 5 mm (0.2 in.). However, use of this estimated value to directly correct the LLS readings
was not considered appropriate because the floor slab could have heaved differently than the columns on which the LLSs were mounted. Other instrumentation, including MSPs and BSPs, was reviewed, but these points were located near the corners of the building and were not measuring the heave experienced in the central area of the basement. Considering that the columns were lightly loaded and were founded on spread footings, and that the soil mass between the grout pipes and the column footings would tend to even out the deformation, the amount of heave experienced by the slab would likely be similar to that experienced by the columns. However, an independent measurement of the reference heave would still be necessary to confirm this assumption.

Given the lack of an external reference, an alternative method to estimate the amount of the reference sensor heave was developed by looking at the LLS data which showed an apparent settlement trend. If we assume no settlement actually occurred in any of these sensors, the magnitude of the apparent settlement would indicate the reference heave. The sensors that show the maximum apparent settlement would be the best approximation of the reference heave. Four LLS sensors, installed along the north wall of the building, experienced little to no heave and totals of the apparent settlement were approximately 5.5 mm (0.22 in.) in each sensor. This is also in close agreement with the results inferred from the floor level surveys. Where the LLS data showed heave, however, it was observed that there was some relaxation of the heave after the precondition grouting stopped. Considering that the reference sensor heave occurred over a period of several days followed by relaxation, the estimated reference "correction" was slightly reduced to account for this gradual relaxation. A reference sensor correction value of 4 mm (0.165 in.) was agreed upon. The LLS data plots were then reestablished to the previously approved baseline and the offset was added to account for the original reference sensor heave. The revised LLS survey data and the floor level survey results as well as the MSP and BSP data are presented in Fig. 9. These revised LLS data, confirmed by the floor level surveys, clearly document heave in the central portion of the building. As indicated in the figure, the BSP and MSP data did not capture the extent or the magnitude of the floor and column deformation in the building interior.

Lesson 4: Floating world: Is the measured movement real? When the data do not look right, how can we determine if the movement indicated by the instrumentation data is really representative of the structure’s movement? Redundancy with other monitoring systems and the ability to verify measurements are critical in confirming whether or not the data represent meaningful movement.

Case Study C: “Floating” systems still need to be tied down. The AMTS systems on the Central Subway project generally produced reliable vertical data to monitor settlements induced by tunneling. Noise within the reported data was very noticeable but, as mentioned previously, trends were usually discernable when a series of measurements were viewed. However, the horizontal data, particularly the easting component, showed greater variability. While not ideal, this was generally acceptable provided that the lateral movements of the structures were clearly indicated by the trend lines.

After completion of tunneling, adverse trends began to develop in several AMTS systems, indicating movements in the easting component. Given the absence of construction activity and the fact that the magnitude of the horizontal movement did not seem consistent with the corresponding vertical settlement, other explanations for these trends were sought. One possible explanation for a horizontal roof movement higher than the vertical movement may be related to the aspect ratio of the building. Since the BSP prisms are located on the rooftops, there may be an "amplification" of the horizontal movement related to the height of the building when a building is taller than it is deep. As shown in Fig. 10, if the building is twice as tall as it is deep (aspect ratio equal to 2), we would expect to see a horizontal movement at the top of the building roughly twice the measured settlement. While buildings will not generally behave as a rigid body as assumed by the example, this comparison provides a useful screening tool to evaluate the consistency of horizontal movement indicated by the AMTS system.

An example of an adverse easting trend, exhibited long after tunneling was completed, is presented in Fig. 11. The data suggest horizontal (westerly) movements of 35 mm (1.3 in.), but less than 13 mm (0.5 in.) of settlement. The horizontal movement continued even after the vertical
settlement stopped. The project specifications limit the horizontal movement of structures to 20 mm (0.75 in.). This building has an aspect ratio of 1.0, so there is clearly more to the reported movement than consideration of aspect ratio. Other BSPs on the same building and adjacent buildings on the block showed similar movement; in addition, BSPs on the building across the street also showed a small movement in the same westerly direction. Given the well-known geometry of tunnel-related settlement, we would expect buildings to tilt toward the center of the settlement trough, with buildings on opposite sides of a tunnel showing inward movement symmetric about the tunnels (i.e., opposite directions). Having horizontal movement in the same direction on both sides of a tunnel may be better explained by a systematic discrepancy.

Figure 4 shows the layout plan of the AMTS in this example. The AMTS unit is located at the northeast corner of a building. Five reference prisms are used for control of this AMTS; one is located to the north, two to the southeast, and two to the west. The two closest reference prisms are located on the same building as the AMTS unit. Each of these reference prisms is located in close proximity to BSPs. Several of these BSPs show movement, specifically about 5 mm (0.2 in.) in the easting direction. This is a strong indication that the adjacent reference prisms used for control were not “fixed” and stable. Therefore, the adverse easting trend does not appear to be “real” movement, but is likely related to the survey control of the AMTS monitoring system. Movement of a control point or poorly constrained control (reference prisms) will introduce errors into the AMTS system.

For some project AMTS installations, it may be adequate to assume that only localized “relative” displacements are required. In these cases, at t=0 the AMTS can be set at a convenient set of coordinates (typically N, E, Elev, all = 1000.00), and the horizontal angles are set to site North (at 000° 00’ 00”). The reference prisms are treated like monitoring points, and their 3-D positions are calculated relative to the AMTS and are assumed to retain those values throughout the project. This type of floating system is not tied to the project coordinate system, and is generally not independently verifiable.

For the Central Subway project, however, the specifications required that all instrumentation be georeferenced and as-built coordinates be surveyed for all instruments with an accuracy of 2.5 mm (0.1 in.). Given the floating nature of the system installed for this project, verification of BSP measurements can therefore best be obtained by performing a postconstruction survey and comparing final BSP positions with the as-built coordinates from when the system was originally installed.

Because the horizontal AMTS data were more difficult to confirm than the vertical data, a series of steps were developed to assess where horizontal movement issues were significant and where they were not during the project.

- Compare the lateral movement with the vertical movement indicated, considering the aspect ratio of the building. Are the magnitudes reasonable?
- Compare the movements with other prisms (1) on the building, (2) on adjacent buildings and (3) across the street. Are they all moving in the same direction? Are the movements consistent with the expected deformation from construction activity?
- If not, a more detailed review of the AMTS system and data is needed, along with conventional manual surveying methods to confirm whether the reported movements are representative.

A detailed description of the resection procedures for AMTSs can be found in Bassett (2012). Bassett also provides guidance on the selection of the control, stating: “This correction [resection] is conveniently carried out by back-reference to a number of ‘fixed,’ stable locations, which are considered to be outside the influence zone of any engineering work. However, as every building is subject to daily, monthly, seasonal and yearly cyclic movements, the choice of these fixed locations must be made with considerable care. They should be on or near...
the foundations of major structures and they should preferably be in the
shade and not subject to external
vibration.”

Good quality control points
are especially critical for long-term
monitoring. A robust survey control
for the AMTS network used nearby
at the Transbay Transit Center in
San Francisco, CA, is described
in (Gouvin, 2014). As described
in this article, “The establishment
of a physical control network was
invaluable to a monitoring program
that required geospatial referencing,
and it proved to be the best practice
for verifying AMTS network
measurements.”

Lesson 5: Is all construction
dewatering drawdown bad? Ground
water control is a very common
element of underground excavation
projects. Significant problems can
arise if ground water control is
carried out in a haphazard manner, especially in a dense
urban environment. For this reason, specifications typically
outline limits on drawdown associated with dewatering
to reduce or minimize potential adverse effects. Such
precautions are generally warranted, especially when the
true three-dimensional nature of ground water flow and
hydrogeology is not fully appreciated.

In any excavation where the excavation support
is intended to cut off or greatly reduce dewatering
requirements it is critical to appreciate the three-
dimensional nature of the system. This is important not
only for the aquifers and aquitards included in a monitoring
program, but also for the base of an excavation support wall
and the bottom of dewatering wells used to lower the water
table within an excavation. In cases where the dewatering
well depth approaches the depth of a slurry wall or cutter-
soil-mix (CSM) wall used for excavation support, the degree
of cutoff is reduced, and increased drawdown outside a
cutoff wall may result. Whether this amount of drawdown is
problematic depends on the specific situation at hand.

Case Study D: Understanding the hydrogeology is
key to good piezometer data interpretation. Launch box.
Piezometers were installed outside of the excavation
support within the shallow aquifer (Qc) and a deeper
aquifer (Qo) to monitor water levels and potential impacts
to a compressible strata overlying the shallow aquifer. Near
the TBM launch box, the ground water level is less than
3 m (10 ft) bgs, which is close to sea level. Data from the
piezometers showed that, while the shallow aquifer water
levels remained within the design tolerance, one of the
deep piezometers exhibited a larger decline of water levels
related to dewatering inside the slurry wall and this decline
was in excess of the tolerance. The primary reason for the
tolerance level was to limit drawdown that might induce
settlement in the compressible strata, thus potentially
impacting adjacent buildings and structures. The water
levels in the shallow aquifer closest to the compressible
strata were within tolerance during this time. Additionally,
the dewatering operation was a temporary construction
activity that ceased after the base slab of the structure was
poured and cured. As a result, the potential for dewatering-
related settlement was considered minimal, and the project
proceeded without delay or other mitigation measures.

Retrieval shaft. The ground water table is about 3 m
(10 ft) bgs (elevation of approximately 18 m or 59 ft) near
the TBM retrieval shaft. Piezometer installation at the final
retrieval shaft location was limited to one vibrating wire
piezometer installed outside of the CSM excavation support
wall and two additional standpipe piezometers up to a few
hundred feet away from the excavation. The potential for
dewatering settlement was expected to be much lower at
the retrieval shaft because of an absence of compressible
layers at the site and the fact that the base of the excavation
encountered Franciscan Formation sandstone. As
excavation dewatering progressed, the adjacent external
piezometer indicated more drawdown outside the wall than
expected; mimicking the changes in water level inside the
excavation, as pumping fluctuated during different stages of
the project (Fig. 12). The two open standpipe piezometers
located near the excavation exhibited a similar trend in their
water levels, although the magnitude of the responses was
greatly reduced compared to adjacent to the excavation. The

FIG. 12
Water levels in the vicinity of the retrieval shaft during excavation and TBM hole-
through.

![Graph showing water levels in the vicinity of the retrieval shaft during excavation and TBM hole-through.](image)
rapid response of this instrument is thought to be related to hydraulic communication through the fractured sandstone rock mass. Dewatering-related settlement was not an issue at the retrieval shaft, as was documented by the AMTS-BSP system and LLS systems included in the instrumentation program.

Lesson 6: Who controls the data? The question of control and accountability for the data generated from a complex system of many instruments in a complicated project is not a trivial matter. There are excellent reasons for the project owner to retain the ultimate control over the data set. There are other situations where the owner sees advantage to having the contractor retain ultimate control, or alternatively a neutral third party can be retained for the sole purpose of operating and maintaining the instrumentation system for the benefit of the project. For the Central Subway project, the instrumentation subcontractor was retained by the tunnel contractor to support construction activities.

It was recommend that the ultimate control of the instrumentation system be retained by the owner, either directly or with an independent third-party arrangement. Just as with any inspection or testing services, an impartial independent perspective should be maintained. A conflict of interest can easily arise when data show adverse trends and approach or exceed project limits. Strict guidelines should also be developed and maintained for situations when modifications to historic data are warranted. When an error in the instrumentation or data processing occurs, it is essential that all anomalies, changes, or modifications be documented to maintain data integrity. Since real-time direct access to the reduced data is now typically available via a web-based system, it presents challenges to adjust or modify algorithms or edit erroneous or unrepresentative data without verifiable documentation. It is critical to thoroughly label and document any changes or modifications to the data. With the ultimate management and maintenance of the instrumentation system in the owner’s control, the process of collecting, reviewing, processing, and reporting can clearly be maintained with an eye on overall project success.

Recommendations and conclusions

- The instrumentation installed for the Central Subway project turned out to be somewhat different than the original design. Changes to elements of the project and enhancements suggested by the contractor were combined with negotiated changes in the overall system components. This is not unusual for a project of this magnitude and complexity.
- Overall, the instrumentation system allowed the major objectives of the project to be met, although attention to details and some creative approaches to using different data sets were needed to develop comprehensive interpretations.

- A comprehensive approach and methodology should be applied to designing, installing, operating and managing an instrumentation system from design through construction.
- An understanding of the site geology and the anticipated ground movements is essential in interpretation of the instrumentation data.
- High quality instrumentation data are essential to achieve on a low bid budget! A qualifications based selection process with the owner contracting directly with the instrumentation specialty firm is recommended.
- Don’t compromise on the specifications. The bid process is based on the specifications included in the bid package and should be accounted for. Shortcuts or modifications to procedures and requirements typically come with unforeseen costs or implications.
- Owner-retained instrumentation contractors will typically provide independent data monitoring and interpretation free of potential conflicts, with the contractor’s goal being to reduce cost and complete the job.
- Good quality instrumentation data provide an important basis from which to better understand and further develop tunnel design and construction technology for future projects and advance the profession.

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In 2008, the world quietly hit a milestone that did not receive much fanfare or publicity, but it hit one that marked a turning point in the history of mankind and the way the planet is and will be inhabited in the future. It was in 2008 that, for the first time, more than half of the world’s population, an estimated 3.3 billion people, resided in urban areas. The world’s population had moved from being a majority of agricultural and rural society to an urban society. Andrew Whalley, deputy chairman for Grimshaw Architects, said this change in where and how people live will continue to increase urban populations and, by 2050, it is estimated that more than 6.4 billion people will live in urban areas. To meet these needs, Whalley, speaking during the keynote session of the 2015 Cutting Edge conference in Denver, CO, said future cities will have to be reimagined and redesigned to be more efficient. A large part of that design will be in the infrastructure of those cities.

At the Fourth Annual Cutting Edge Conference, Sept. 21-23, much of the discussion was around how the tunneling and underground construction industries improve cities in a number of ways, including societal, environmental and in overall efficiency. There was talk, not just about the improvements that society enjoys at the completion of such projects, but also about the challenges faced by the owner and contractor in the construction of such projects.

The conference, titled Urban Tunneling, brought together some of the top minds in the industry to not only discuss the issues faced today, but also those that will shape the industry in the future.

For his part, Whalley spoke about a number of projects around the world and how they have impacted society in ways beyond simply providing a better means for transportation of people or water. Notably, he spoke about the Crossrails project in London.

London is a city of 8.6 million people and a history that dates back nearly 2,000 years. It is a great example of the challenges the industry faces in bringing modern efficiencies to an established city.

Running more than 100 km (62 miles) with more than 42 km (26 miles) of tunnels passing through 40 stations, including 10 new stations, the project is the largest in Europe and will transform the way people move about the city.

To build the project, eight tunnel boring machines (TBM) were used for five, twin-borehole tunnel drives to increase London’s rail capacity by 10 percent, creating a better means of transportation.

Likewise, New York City presents its own challenges. The city’s underground transportation systems has long been its lifeblood, but there are improvements that can be made. One of those is the new Fulton Center.

Fulton Center is a new subway station in lower Manhattan that features open direct paths, widened corridors and new mezzanines to separate entering, exiting and transferring customers.

This better distributes passengers, decreases overcrowding and vastly reduces train loading and unloading delays, improving the overall customer experience. It is a station that helped transformed the subway from dark and scary to light and airy.

Another New York City project was covered by Andy Thompson, vice president, Hatch Mott MacDonald, who discussed the $10.4-billion East Side Access Project. The project included the construction of an underground terminal beneath Grand Central Station. Thompson spoke about the restraints imposed by the congested urban setting and how those restraints impacted everything from scheduling to construction.

It is these kinds of projects that help drive the industry forward, and, while the industry still faces an array of public relations challenges, well-thought-out projects can help stem the tide of negative publicity.

Seattle is a city that knows all too well what kind of publicity can come to rest on the doorstep of a project manager when things don’t go as planned. The SR 99 project has been on the front page of the local and national media far too often for the likes of Dave Sowers,
Edgerton elected to National Academy of Construction

The National Academy of Construction (NAC) has elected William W. Edgerton, a principal with McMillen Jacobs Associates, as a member of its 2015 class. He was inducted Oct. 23 at the NAC Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC. The 2015 class includes 26 inductees. More than 250 industry leaders were considered for the NAC’s rigorous nomination and election process.

Edgerton holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Tufts University and an MBA from George Washington University. He also is a registered professional engineer. From 1999-2011, he served as president of Jacobs Associates, where he directed strategic planning, business development, and administration, and served in a technical capacity on various underground projects. McMillen Jacobs Associates is headquartered in San Francisco, CA.

He currently serves as the manager of tunneling for the DC Water $2.6 billion Clean Rivers Project in Washington, D.C. He is the immediate past chair of the executive committee for the Underground Construction Association of SME and currently serves on the SME Board of Directors. He was recognized as the Outstanding Individual in the Underground Industry at the 2002 North American Tunneling Conference, and, in 2012, received the Golden Beaver Award for Engineering from the prestigious industry group The Beavers. He also has received several distinguished service awards from Tufts University and serves as a program evaluator for civil and construction engineering programs on behalf of ABET. He resides in St. Inigoes, MD.
Confessions of a millennial on the job site

M illenials. Doesn’t the word just make your blood boil? You’ve probably encountered one of those kids who think they know best despite a lack of any real experience.

Hi, my name is Erica, and I am a Millennial.
We often get a bad rap, sometimes for good reason. But we do have qualities that are often overlooked. For example, I am happy to share with my generation a real desire to make a difference in the world and a commitment to innovation. Does this mean I think we always have good ideas? No – especially not right away. After all, few of us came anywhere near a piece of construction equipment until arriving for our first job, as was the case for me. We may have fancy degrees, but not many of us learned to run a jackleg drill in school.

Two weeks after graduating college in 2011, I packed up my bags and moved to New York City to work as a field engineer for Traylor Bros. Inc. on the Queens Bored Tunnels project (Granite/Traylor/Frontier Kemper, JV), part of NYC MTA’s multi-billion dollar Long Island Railroad East Side Access project. It was here I became acquainted with the notorious New York City union workers. Perhaps the greatest challenge of my career thus far was earning the respect of the field supervision and craft workers on this first project.

The first time I asked a maintenance mechanic to clean a piece of equipment in accordance with our maintenance protocol I got a flat-out “No.” It was the most powerless I had ever felt. But why should these experienced workers trust a 21-year-old girl with her civil engineering degree and no prior experience? I realized no employee on the job had any reason to listen to me — not until I proved my worth. Fortunately, I arrived on the job site just as we were commissioning the slurry plant for the first tunnel drive. I dove into learning as much about the slurry tunneling process as possible and was able to quickly pick up the ins and outs of running the slurry separation plant. As none of the other engineers or management had first-hand experience on a slurry tunneling job, I soon became the go-to engineer in the slurry plant. No one questioned me if I asked to have something done around the plant after that, or if they did, they quickly learned that I had a convincing answer as to the need for the task. I was even able to play a large role in shaping our slurry monitoring and control methodology.

After almost a year in the slurry plant, I asked to be reassigned to the tunnel and had my first opportunity to work on a tunnel boring machine. That first experience was not your typical one. About a month in, we clogged our rock crusher and spent four weeks mucking out the cutterhead in compressed air. This was an unplanned stop in sandy ground conditions. It is only now, years later, that I understand the full magnitude of the risks we were forced to undertake to save the job. Once, I even entered the bubble chamber under compressed air myself with a miner to reset a switch after all the other miners on site had already completed their one allowed daily intervention. The Queens Bored Tunnels project ended up being a great success thanks to the hard work and determination of the whole team on the job. And although it was not an easy start for me, I was able to make a significant contribution to the success of the project.

I’m glad I did not lose heart at the first sign that I was out of my element. I can’t wait to one day ride the Long Island Railroad through the tunnels I helped build. I look forward to completing more, yet-to-be-identified projects that will make a lasting difference for the next generation to follow us millennials. Lastly, I want to say: Thanks, construction industry, for giving me a chance. But thanks for not making it too easy.

The author faced challenges, and learned lessons at New York’s East Side Access project.
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Atlas Copco’s Meyco Versa shotcrete rig offers accurate spraying

Wet mix shotcrete in midsized tunnels can now be applied accurately by a single operator with the self-contained mobile Atlas Copco Meyco Versa concrete spraying system. The stable spraying platform cuts project time while increasing operator comfort and safety.

The new rig comes with a sturdy mezza telescoping boom that provides stability during spraying operations. The theoretical pump capacity of the Versa system is 19.9 m³/hr (26 cu yd/hr) at 4,999 kPa (725 psi). Its concrete hopper holds 250 L (66 gal).

Low pulsation and high dosing accuracy from the unit’s highly accurate Dosa system and data-logging feature means lower costs from material wasted in over-application. Dosa also adjusts liquid accelerator volume and flow instantly during operation and has an auto-stop function to prevent under-spraying. The Versa 4-by-4 carrier with crab steering is powered by a 56-kW (75-hp) Deutz EPA Tier 4 Final, four-cylinder engine. Its entire design shares components in common with other Meyco machinery, ensuring ready availability of parts. Components are arranged to minimize setup and cleaning time. All key functions are carried out through radio remote control.

The Meyco Versa is 2.6 m (8.5 ft) tall, 7.8 m (25.6 ft) long and has a turning radius of 6.7 m (22 ft) outer and 3.5 m (11.5 ft) inner.

Akkerman P100E offers alternative to Tier 4 diesel standards

The P100E Power Pack from Akkerman was developed to provide contractors with an alternative to address regional requirements of the EPA’s mandate for Tier 4 diesel emission standards. The P100E is powered by a 75-kW (100-hp) motor to match the hydraulic requirements of Akkerman’s guided boring machine jacking frames. The electrical motor allows contractors to capitalize on the unit’s useable horsepower, nearly 30 percent more than the diesel version, due to a higher input horsepower to the pump. The soft-start feature makes it possible to couple the unit with an array of generator sizes, down to the recommended operating minimum requirement of 125 kW/150 kVA.

To contend with the demanding environments where pipe jacking systems are used, the unit features a totally enclosed fan-cooled electric motor. The fan-cooled motor is a robust and more reliable power source and has also been integrated into the tunnel boring system’s 5200 pump unit.

The control panel is located on the container’s door for accessible operation. Power pack startup can be initiated from the control panel or with the in-shaft pendant. The unit’s three-phase indicator provides a visual indication of correct connections to the generator. The power supply cable is secured to the control panel and conveniently stored on the container door.

The P100E is comparable to the diesel version in the Power Pack family.

Eric Eisold, PG, has been named vice president of Bradshaw Construction Corp. He has more than 20 years of experience in heavy civil construction. Previously, he held the position of area manager, responsible for the day-to-day management of estimating and project management departments. In his new position, Eisold will be responsible for expanding the pipeline of new business and building the company’s market position as well as continuing his management role in estimating and operations.

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