

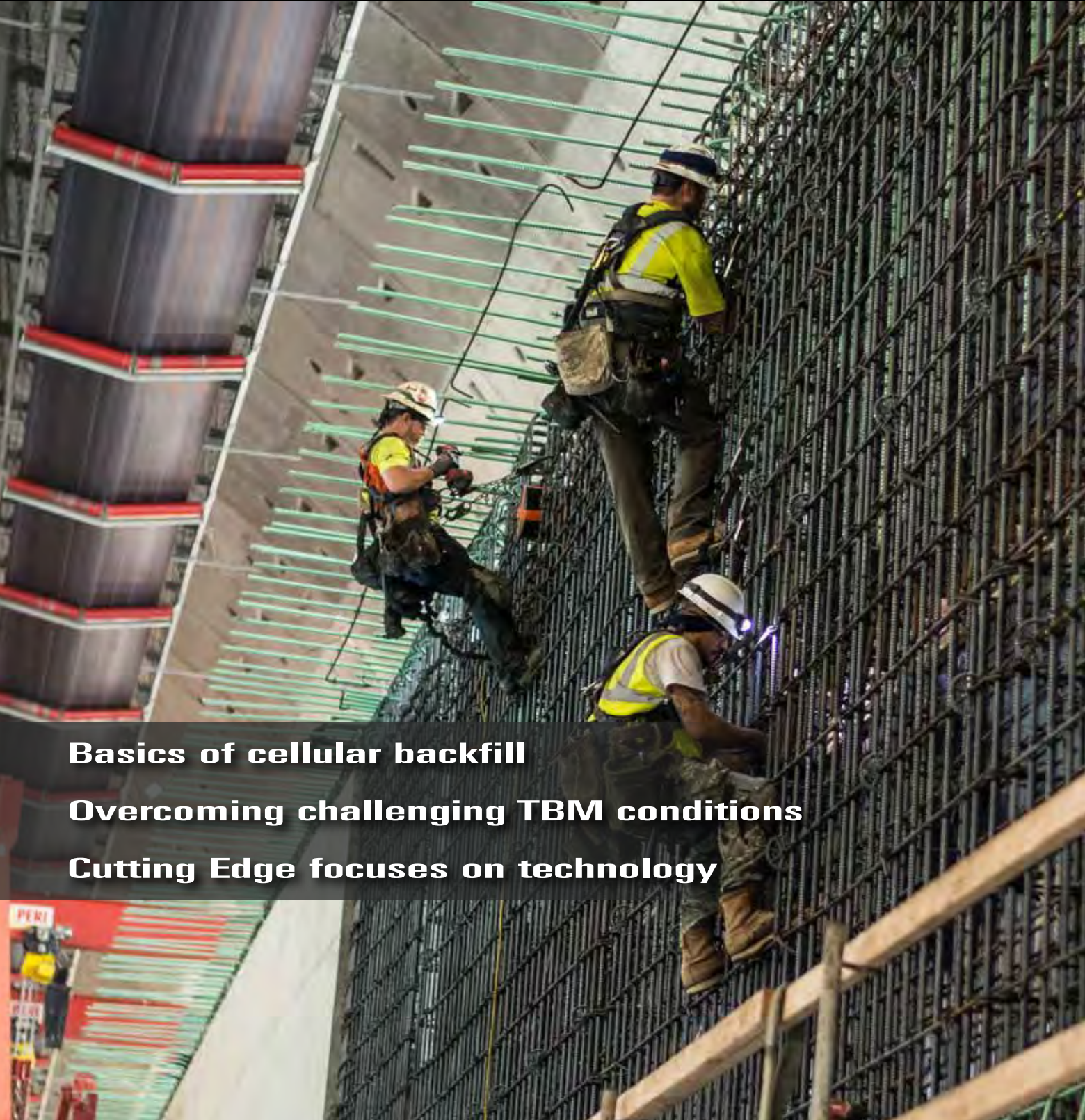
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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

UCA of SME membership soars and industry events flourish

Over the past few months, we have seen an unprecedented increase in our membership. Our current membership stands at 1,468 – the largest in UCA history. Most remarkable is that our numbers totaled 971 at the end of last May. This is a 51-percent increase in just a few short months. Thank you, and welcome to our nearly 500 new members. Your membership dues allow us to host multiple conferences per year and provide thousands in annual scholarships, all for the education and advancement of the U.S. underground construction industry.

The UCA's recent Cutting Edge Conference was again an industry success. Held in Seattle, WA, the conference included a site visit to the SR-99 Tunnel Project. This year's Cutting Edge was attended by more than 240 of our industry colleagues. Further demonstrating the growing popularity of Cutting Edge, all exhibit space and sponsorships sold out. An added feature for 2017 was the Young Member Regional Event, allowing those 35 and younger to attend to conference at a discounted cost, along with an additional visit to the Downtown Bellevue Tunnel construction site. This portion of the program was hosted by the UCA, the International Tunnelling Association (ITA) and the Tunnelling Association of Canada. It's encouraging to see so many of our next generation of leaders attending our conferences. Thanks to Joe O'Carroll, his organizing committee, and SME staff for producing another top-notch industry event.

I recently returned from the 2017 ITA's Awards event in Paris. There were three nominees from the United States.

- Blue Plains Tunnel (Project of

the Year, € 50 million - € 500 million)/

- Anacostia River Tunnel (Sustainability Initiative of the Year).
- Anthony Bauer (Young Tunneller of the Year).

Shane Yanagisawa (Impregilo Healy Parsons JV) and Carlton Ray (DC Water) were on hand to accept the Anacostia River Tunnel's Sustainability Award. The 4th edition of the awards will be held in Chuzhou, China in November 2018. I am proud to announce to you that UCA has secured the 5th annual awards event for the United States, to be held in conjunction with the 2019 Cutting Edge Conference.

The George A. Fox Conference should already be on your calendars for Jan. 23, 2018 in New York City. This long-standing, annual one-day event features our industry's top professionals as speakers and attendees. Engaging technical sessions and networking opportunities make this one of our most popular events. Be sure to register soon, as this limited seating venue will sell out.

Also on your calendars should be the 2018 North American Tunneling (NAT) Conference June 24-27 in Washington, D.C. A mix of short courses and technical sessions, NAT is the premier biennial tunneling event for North America. UCA will continue to bring dozens of up and coming tunneling professionals to NAT through our cash and attendance scholarship programs. The UCA Young Members will once again host a reception for their current and future membership.

Finally, all of us on the UCA Executive Committee wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. ■

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Baltimore grants permit to Elon Musk for proposed hyperloop tunnel

It seems that one cannot do a Google search of tunneling or tunneling projects these days without Elon Musk's name popping up. In the past few months, the man best known as the chief executive officer of Tesla cars and SpaceX has thrown his hat into the tunneling ring.

It began, as so many things do now, with a tweet saying he was frustrated with traffic and was going to build a tunnel boring machine. Now it appears that it was more than just frustration. Since then Musk developed The Boring Co and, in October, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan gave Musk permission to dig tunnels for the high-speed, underground transit system known as a hyperloop that Musk wants to build between New York and Washington.

The Baltimore Sun reported that Hogan administration officials said the state has issued a conditional utility permit to let Musk's tunneling firm, The Boring Co., dig a 16.5-km (10.3-mile) tunnel beneath the state-owned portion of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, between the Baltimore city line and Maryland 175 in Hanover.

It would be the first portion of the underground system that Musk says could eventually ferry passengers from Washington to New York, with stops in Baltimore and Philadelphia, in just 29 minutes. Maryland's

approval is the first step of many needed to complete the multibillion-dollar project.

Gov. Larry Hogan toured a site in Hanover that aides said could become an entry point for the hyperloop. The state does not plan to contribute to the cost of the project, aides said.

Hogan said on Facebook he was "incredibly excited" to support the project proposed by Musk, founder of the electric car company Tesla and the rocket firm SpaceX.

"This thing is real. It's exciting to see," Maryland Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn said. "The word 'transformational' may be overused, but this is a technology that leapfrogs any technology that is out there today. And it's going to be here."

The Boring Co. thanked officials for their support and declined to comment further.

Musk announced on Twitter this summer that he had received verbal approval from government officials for his giant East Coast infrastructure project.

Hogan announced his support for the project on Oct. 26. He posted photos of himself, Rahn, Boring Co. executives and Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh touring the fenced-off site near the intersection of Maryland 175 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in Hanover where the tunneling is

expected to begin.

Administration officials said they will treat the hyperloop like a utility, and permitted it in the same way the state allows electric companies to burrow beneath public rights-of-way.

"We have all sorts of utilities beneath our roadways," Rahn said. "In essence, this didn't need anything more than a utility permit."

Hogan spokesman Doug Mayer said the "vast majority" of the lines in the project will run under existing state highways.

The Boring Co. aims to reduce traffic congestion by creating a low-cost, efficient system of tunnels. The company has developed tunneling machines it says will drill quickly through soft soils at a fraction of the cost of traditional tunneling.

The hyperloop technology uses electric motors and magnets to transport train cars through a low-pressure tube.

The firm has proposed building a similar hyperloop in Southern California.

To reduce the cost of tunneling, The Boring Company says it will reduce the diameter of a one-lane tunnel from approximately 8.5 m (28 ft) to less than 4.3 m (14 ft). To make this safe for vehicles to travel in, cars would be placed on a "stabilized electric skate" and propelled through the tunnels by an electric motor. ■

Howard Steet Tunnel expansion is halted

The plan to expand the Howard Street Tunnel in downtown Baltimore, MD so that trains could pass through with shipping containers stacked two-high came to a halt when CSX Transportation, the railroad that owns the tunnel, said it could not justify its share of the \$425 million project, roughly \$155 million.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said his administration will continue to

work to advance the project, and said "It's a worthwhile project and we'll be pursuing it from every direction."

The Baltimore Sun reported that, while government officials could offer incentives such as shouldering more or all of the cost, analysts said they have little power to force the railroad to expand its century-old tunnel enough to stack shipping containers two-high on its trains — a project long sought

for the port of Baltimore.

Hogan and the state's congressional delegation both said they hoped to meet with CSX management to discuss the railroad's reasoning for turning its back on the tunnel expansion.

The project, which would have raised the ceiling and lowered the floor

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California sets aggressive timeline for high-speed rail line from San Jose to Los Angeles

The California High-Speed Rail Authority has set an optimistic timetable for the proposed high-speed rail line from San Jose to Los Angeles, but a 21.7-km (13.5-mile) tunnel that would cut under Pacheco Pass has many questioning if the line can indeed be completed by 2025.

The *Los Angeles Times* did an analysis of the project and found that the timetable and the budget for the project could be hard to meet given the complex geology of the 21.7 km (13.5 mile) passage and other issues that could arise.

Under the rail authority's more recent timeline, the Los Angeles to San Francisco line will start running

in 2029, requiring a 2.1-km (1.3-mile) tunnel under the heart of San Francisco and potentially 58 km (36 miles) of tunnels under the Southern California mountains.

The need to build the starter system's 21.7-km (13.5-mile) tunnel was identified earlier this year.

According to the report in the *Los Angeles Times*, some of the world's top tunnel experts put the cost of the tunnel at anywhere from \$5.6 billion to \$14.4 billion, reflecting the high cost of boring through tricky geology and seismically active areas.

The Gilroy-to-Chowchilla route also requires a 2.4 km (1.5-mile) tunnel just east of Gilroy, itself a major infrastructure project.

State officials acknowledge that unless they demonstrate a financially successful starter system, private investors will not commit money to help build the rest of the line to Los Angeles.

At best, the rail authority's existing funds are stretched thin. It has \$21 billion to build the starter system.

The funds include \$6.8 billion from a 2008 bond, \$3.2 billion in federal grants, \$5.3 billion from California's greenhouse gas fees through 2024, and \$5.2 billion from bonds issued against greenhouse gas fees after 2024.

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Herrenknecht's apprenticeship class of 2017 includes five refugees

In the autumn of 2017, 56 young men and women began their careers with an apprenticeship at Herrenknecht AG. They are training for occupations such as mechatronics engineers, industrial, structural and machining mechanics, electronics engineers, industrial business administrators, specialists for metal technology, technical product designers or IT specialists. Altogether, Herrenknecht AG offers up to 180 apprenticeships and is, thus, at the forefront in the qualified training of urgently needed skilled workers.

More than 100 apprentices have already been in training at Herrenknecht to date. As the new apprenticeship year got under way in early September, they were joined by another 56 young men and women embarking on a dual training system apprenticeship at the Schwanau-Allmannsweier site, most of them in the industrial sector. This is precisely where there is the greatest demand for well-trained and highly qualified specialists. For the first time, Herrenknecht is also giving five refugees the opportunity to join the company and get one of the coveted apprenticeships.

World record-setting machines, imposing factory buildings and a state-of-the-art training workshop – when they first start on their new path the 30-ha (74-acres) company headquarters in Schwanau must be impressive and fascinating to the young people just launching their careers. This is especially so for the five beginners who only left their homelands of Syria, Gambia and Guinea about two years ago. For them, Herrenknecht's training is both a challenge and an opportunity for integration at the same time. At the express wish of the Board of Management, the young refugees came to Schwanau via the municipal employment program, the government employment agency, refugee aid

Herrenknecht makes it as easy as possible for beginners to get started in their careers. After initial practice workpieces they have a state-of-the-art machine park at their disposal in the training workshop.



and social workers at the vocational school in Lahr. They are now creating a future for themselves at their new domicile in the Ortenau region. All of them speak a little German already. Additional extra tuition will help them improve their language skills as quickly as possible. Wasef Katmawi, 25, wants to become an IT specialist. In contrast, 19-year-old Mohammed Hoto is training as a specialist in metal technology. In their homelands, the young men often only had incomplete schooling and kept their heads above water with odd jobs. "I am very happy about the training at Herrenknecht and hope to be taken on when I finish, and later work on international projects around the world," said Katmawi.

Herrenknecht makes the career start as personal as possible for the beginners. "We provide all our apprentices with individual support," emphasized Herrenknecht's head of training, Klaus Himmelsbach. A young team of trainers gives the junior staff practical instruction. In the training workshop a state-of-the-art machine park is at their disposal, with which practical skills and knowledge across all areas of application are taught – from practice workpieces to projects for actual production. With in-house

lessons in English, professional and business studies, the apprentices are prepared for everyday working life in an international company. "If necessary, we also offer extra tuition for the challenges at the vocational school," said Himmelsbach. An annual bonus for particularly good performance creates additional incentives.

With the training, Herrenknecht gives the prospective future employees a promising perspective for their professional life. "Young people are our future. We can never do enough with regard to skilled workers, because what use is the highest level of engineering achievement if no one can build and produce it. We are, therefore, committed to supporting anyone who wants to actively work with us to build the best tunnel boring machines in the world," said company founder Dr.-Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht. The dual training system is one of the success factors of the German economy and ensures the supply of new skilled workers it needs.

Herrenknecht is one of the largest trainers in the Ortenau region. In April, the company was named "Germany's best training company in the plant and mechanical engineering sector" by the magazine *Focus Money*. ■

Howard Street Tunnel: Railroad stops project

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of the tunnel, was long considered a mutual goal of the port of Baltimore and CSX. An expanded tunnel would allow for significantly more shipping containers to be moved through the port and along the railroad.

The railroad and the state had agreed to kick in \$270 million of the cost, and seek the remaining \$155 million from the federal government.

"We had a great plan put together with CSX, the federal government and the state government sharing in the cost of that," Hogan said during a news conference in Annapolis. "It would have a transformative effect on our economy."

The state's congressional delegation sent a letter to CSX Transportation chief executive officer Hunter Harrison requesting a meeting and an explanation for the decision. The bipartisan letter, signed by every

member of the delegation, took a frustrated tone with the Jacksonville, FL-based railroad, which pledged support as recently as December for Hogan's plan.

"We seek to understand how a project that has been a top priority for CSX, multiple local, state and federal representatives and the business community for many years — to the exclusion of other local needs and projects — is suddenly no longer of importance to CSX," the delegation wrote in its letter.

The railroad said that the tunnel project "no longer justifies the level of investment required from CSX and our public partners at this time," prompting the state to cancel its federal funding request for it.

The company, which is the successor of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, has not explained the reasoning behind its calculation. It

attributed the decision to "Precision Scheduled Railroading," the new operating plan Harrison implemented in May, which involves reviewing "use and development of existing and planned infrastructure projects."

Since CSX hired Harrison as chief executive officer in March, the company has slashed its management ranks by 950 people and spent \$1.5 billion to buy back shares of its stock. Last week, it announced plans to buy back another \$1.5 billion of its stock.

Baltimore is among the only ports on the East Coast that can handle the super-sized ships now transiting the larger Panama Canal carrying Asian-manufactured goods, the congressional delegation noted. Freight volumes are expected to grow significantly in the coming decades, and safety and infrastructure improvements to accommodate that growth are "critical," members wrote. ■

China tests techniques for world's largest tunnel

Chinese engineers are testing techniques to build the longest tunnel in the world to alleviate drought conditions in northwest China.

Quartz India reported that the 1,000-km (621-miles) tunnel would be a water diversion project involving Brahmaputra, one of India's largest rivers, and could become another point of tension between the two Asian neighbors.

The tunnel would divert water from Yarlung Tsangpo River in southern Tibet to Xinjiang, a barren region in northwest China, to the Taklamakan desert in Xinjiang, according to a report in the *South China Morning Post* (SCMP). The Yarlung Tsangpo River turns into the Brahmaputra once it enters India.

"The proposed tunnel, which would drop down from the world's highest plateau in multiple sections connected by waterfalls, would 'turn Xinjiang into California'," the SCMP

reported, quoting an anonymous geotechnical engineer. Xinjiang, China's largest administrative division, comprises vast swathes of uninhabitable deserts and dry grasslands.

The feasibility of the proposed Tibet-Xinjiang project is being tested along a 600-km (372-mile) tunnel in China's Yunnan region.

"The water diversion project in central Yunnan is a demonstration project," Zhang Chuanqing, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Rock and Soil Mechanics, told the SCMP. Chuanqing, according to the newspaper, has played a key role in many major Chinese water tunnel projects. "It is to show we have the brains, muscle and tools to build super-long tunnels in hazardous terrains, and the cost does not break the bank," he said.

The Yunnan project comprises over 60 sections, all of which are wide

enough to fit in two high-speed trains that will pass through high-altitude mountains. "Fault zones are our biggest headache," Zhang explained. "If we can secure a solution, it will help us get rid of the main engineering obstacles to getting water from Tibet to Xinjiang."

Over the years, China has developed exceptional infrastructure-building capabilities, some of which have been implemented in the Tibet region. "Nobody thought that there could be a railway line in Tibet, but the Chinese government has done so. So, there shouldn't be any doubts about China building the tunnel," Lobsang Yangtso, a research associate at the non-profit coalition, International Tibet Network, told Quartz.

But Yangtso warned that the Tibet Plateau has been witnessing climate change, with water crises in many parts of the Himalayan region. ■

Robbins produces 100th continuous conveyor

On Oct. 18, 2017, a Robbins 9.26-m (30.4-ft) diameter crossover machine started up at the Akron Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) in Ohio. But the startup wasn't the only milestone. Running behind the crossover tunnel boring machine (TBM) is the 100th Robbins continuous conveyor system supplied for muck removal. The side-mounted conveyor is a design standard, but the landmark is a significant one. "With this system, we have provided more conveyors than any other TBM conveyor supplier," said Dean Workman, Robbins director of conveyors, cutters and SBUs. Counting conveyor systems the company has on order but has not yet delivered, that number is now well above 100, Workman added.

The Akron OCIT conveyor system consists of the belt plus a main drive, splice stand, storage unit and advancing tailpiece, operating through several curves requiring patented self-adjusting curve idlers that correct themselves based on varying belt tension and belt load. The system discharges onto a customer-supplied overland conveyor, which delivers the muck to a large storage yard near the portal site. The belt was designed to handle variable geology, from soft

soils to partial face rock and finally full-face shale rock.

The 100th conveyor system has been refurbished and customized for the job in a process that Robbins has been perfecting for decades. "We design our conveyor systems to last for five to 10 years, but many last for decades longer," Workman said. "We have systems utilizing components that have been in operation for 30 years. We haven't reached a limit for many of our systems — for example we had a specialized conveyor system built more than a decade ago for the Parramatta Rail Link in Sydney, Australia. Those components were refurbished for a job in Atlanta, GA, and now they are being used at the Dig Indy tunnels in Indianapolis, IN. These are long and challenging tunnel drives and the components are up to it." While the Akron OCIT conveyor is just beginning to haul muck, it is sure to be a benefit throughout the project's varying ground conditions.

The conveyor in Akron is also

The landmark continuous conveyor system is just the latest in a long history dating back to the first Robbins continuous conveyor used in a TBM tunnel in 1963.



part of a long history for Robbins conveyors — the first of which (not counted in the list of 100) was the first ever continuous conveyor system used behind a TBM. That prototype, developed by founder James S. Robbins in 1963, was successfully used behind the 11.2-m (36.7-ft) diameter main beam TBM at the Mangla Dam project in what was then known as West Pakistan. While conveyors would not be adopted as a standard method of muck removal for many years afterward, the project laid the groundwork for future success. ■

California rail: Final plan to be adopted next year

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Under the current plan, the state wants to begin the 386-km (240-mile) starter system in San Jose and end in an almond orchard south of Wasco. The state estimates the system would begin operating in 2025 and carry about three million passengers a year.

The final environmental plan, which sets the exact route, is supposed to be adopted next year, and only then can the state begin soliciting bids and awarding a construction contract.

The contract process will take at

least another year.

Once a contract is issued, the builder will have to order a custom-made tunnel boring machine, which takes about one year to build and set up at the site.

The authority would need at least three years to bore the tunnel, possibly much more, and then three more to outfit it with high-voltage electrical systems, ventilation, signals and track, according to outside experts.

Meeting deadlines will depend on the geology of the route.

The rocks in the Diablo Range

were left when the Pacific tectonic plate dove under the North American plate. The tunnel, which in some spots will be 300 m (1,000 ft) below ground, will have to traverse hard sandstone interspersed with weak shale, a geological structure known as the Franciscan Complex.

As the route passes near the massive San Luis Reservoir, the tunnel will cross the Ortigalata fault, which is estimated to have the potential for a magnitude 7.1 earthquake. Tunnels through faults require detailed and costly engineering. ■

Cellular backfill — a review of some of the basics

The need to fill the void space or annulus created between an excavated tunnel or shaft and the final lining system has long been a requirement in underground construction. Most of those types of voids are created as a result of employing the two pass tunneling lining method. Filling of this void is called backfilling. For many years the materials used as backfill were primarily reinforced and non-reinforced concrete, sanded grout, neat cement grout, or blown-in sand/pea gravel. However, in the past 20 years the use of cellular grouts/cellular concrete as the backfill material has greatly increased. Most cellular grout is made of a mixture of water, Portland cement (with or without the addition of fly ash), a foaming agent and admixtures such as a water-reducer or superplasticizer.

It is the authors' preference to use the term cellular grout as opposed to cellular concrete since by ACI Concrete Terminology an ACI Standard (ACI CT 13), concrete contains aggregates. Normally cellular grout does not contain sand (finite aggregate), but almost never contain coarse aggregates.

The authors believe there are several reasons for this increased use of cellular grout as backfill, such as:

- The increase utilization of the various trenchless tunneling methods. Tunnels constructed using trenchless method tend to be smaller in size, excavated diameter or cross sectional area. Making man-entry for placing backfill from inside the secondary liner, utilizing pre-installed grout posts, more difficult if not impossible. It is these workspace restrictions that are the drivers as to when to utilize grout ports installed during the pipe/liner fabrication versus grout delivery pipes installed within the void/annulus space.
- The ability of cellular backfills to be pumped

and flow longer distances.

- The unit weight of cellular grouts can be controlled by mix design and generally can range from 560 Kg/m³ (35 lbs/CF) to 1040 Kg/m³ (65 lbs/CF).

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FIG. 1

Buckled steel pipe.



in mind that plain concrete has a unit weight of approximately 2,240 Kg/m³ (140 lbs/CF). Using cellular grouts with a lower unit weight helps reduce material costs as well as reduce buoyancy (floatation) forces and loads on the final tunnel lining systems. The authors, who specialize in the design and construction of grouting programs used for tunneling and underground construction application, have noticed that within the past several years there have been problems associated with cellular backfill grouting programs in general.

This article will focus on two conditions that the authors believe can have the biggest negative impact on the quality of the in-place backfill and cause the most serious problems. These are flowing and standing water in the void space being backfilled. These conditions need to

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Table 1

Recommended cellular backfill performance criteria.

Performance criteria	Range of values	Comment
Strength	1-5+ MPa (145-725 psi)	Dependent on external structural loads
Max heat of hydration	43-72 °C (109-162 °F)	Dependent on structural tolerance
Shrinkage	0.03-0.05% Max	Dependent on structural tolerance
Foamed density	>1040 kg/m ³ (65 PCF) or < 1040 kgm ³	Presence of water or no water

be addressed during design, when writing the specifications and in the field during preplacement/placement of the backfill. Allowing cellular grout and other types of cement based backfills to be placed in flowing water should never be allowed. However, with proper design and preplacement/placement methods, backfilling can be done to displace standing water and minimize damage to the cellular backfill during its placement.

Flowing water can be best controlled by employing techniques such as: installation of panning in combination with dewatering piping and/or a French drain system. Standing water is best handled by first removing the water and then filling in the low spots in the invert with dental concrete prior to installing the carrier pipe or other final lining systems. Allowing backfill to be placed into flowing or standing water can result in having a total absence of, or at the very least, poor quality in-place backfill behind the liner, particularly in the invert and up to the spring line areas of the tunnel. These conditions, if left uncorrected, can lead to carrier pipe failure (buckling) or liner distress which may materialize either during construction or at some point in the future after the project has been put into service. Figure 1 shows a buckled steel pipe due to damaged cellular backfill and inadequate confinement under hydrostatic loads.

Any and all of these conditions can result in a defective final product, time consuming and expensive rework, scheduling delays, disputes and even a catastrophic failure of the liner system.

It is important to understand that backfill grouting and contact grouting are two different processes (methods) performed for different reasons. The textbook AUA Guidelines for Backfilling and Contact Grouting of Tunnels and Shafts (Henn, 2003) offers definitions of these two grouting processes. This article deals only with cellular grout backfills.

Design criteria for cellular backfill

The design criteria of the cellular backfill will vary depending on the design and use of the carrier pipe or other types of final liner. It will also vary based on amount of ground load, external hydrostatic head and ground load sharing with the initial support, such as steel sets and lagging, steel casing, exposed rock, shotcrete, pre-cast concrete segments, etc. The highest risk pipe is large diameter steel pipe with external hydrostatic loads. Large

diameter steel pipe becomes more flexible and sufficient restraint behind the pipe and maintaining suitable circularity is more critical. The pipe must be sufficiently restrained uniformly around the pipe.

Backfill with insufficient strength or highly variable strength, such as stratified layering of weak and stronger zones, can lead to the pipe to go out of round or buckle due to inadequate confinement.

Confinement of the pipe is also provided by limiting the amount of gap development behind the pipe. The minimum performance criteria which should be specified for the cellular backfill are presented in Table 1 that is

FIG.2

Stratified cellular backfill of variable strength and density due to the presence and damage of water.

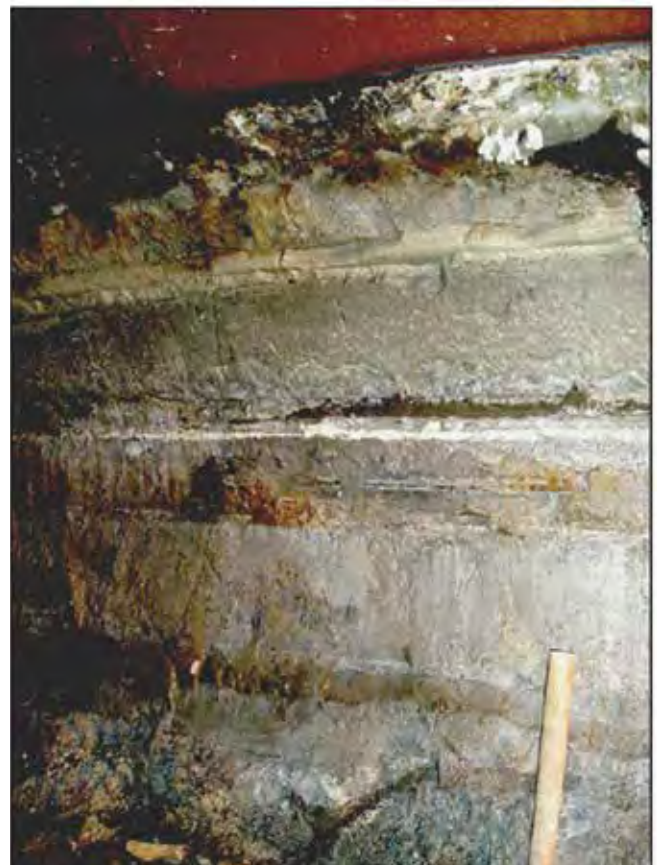


FIG.3

Erection of intermediate bulkheads within the tunnel alignment.



typical for steel pipes. For other pipe materials, such as fiberglass pipe, Reinforced Concrete Cylinder Pipe, and others, the values will vary depending on material selection and project requirements.

In addition to the requirements described in Table 1, corrosion protection of steel pipe in aggressive ground

FIG.4

Portal bulkhead.



water, including saline or high sulfide conditions by substitution of up to half of the cement with fly ash. The use of fly ash reduces the permeability of the cellular backfill, as well as the rate of development of heat of hydration.

Effects of water present during placement on cellular backfill

Water can either be flowing or standing or both within the annular space being backfilled. Fresh cellular backfill, as it is introduced into water, can be weakened by dilution as it moves through the water or if flowing water comes into contact with the backfill, the cement can be completely washed out. Dilution can cause the cellular backfill to become stratified in density and strength within the annular space. An example of this is shown in Fig. 2, where the backfill, after removing a damaged steel pipe, is not uniform in density or strength. The variability of strength is typically much less than the target strength requirements.

If the compressive strength requirements are not met, the pipe will not be restrained sufficiently to withstand external hydrostatic pressures without buckling or damage. Likewise, if the cellular backfill strength is too low, long term ground loads may not be reliably carried by the final lining without the lining distorting. The plain steel pipe is not designed to carry hydrostatic or ground loads on its own, the composite effect of sufficient cellular backfill strength and steel pipe are designed to carry these forces. If the pipe is not properly restrained, the pipe can deform, loose circularity and the factor of safety reduced relative to buckling.

The cause of damage during placement of the cellular backfill is due to the presence of water and the travel distance of the cellular backfill through the water. The travel distance can be reduced by creating closed cells or bulkheads along the length of the pipe. Figure 3 shows the erection of an intermediate bulkhead, to create a cell along the length of the tunnel. The use of intermediate bulkheads limits the distance that the backfill has to travel along the length of the tunnel and helps preserve the integrity of the cellular backfills strength. Figure 4 shows a very well designed, constructed, and organized portal bulkhead. In Figure 5 shows bottom in-place half of a tunnel backfill placement after allowing the backfill material to harden. The contractor constructed the bottom "half- bulkhead" utilizing a stay-in-place sandbag/dry pack type wall. Doing so allowed the workers to observe the backfill placement of the bottom backfill lifts as they were being placed, this helped to ensure complete encapsulation of the carrier pipe.

In Figure 6 a section view of a tunnel shows intermediate and portal bulkheads and the backfill injection piping installed through the bulkhead and in the annulus between the excavated tunnel and the carrier pipe. If flowing water is present, panning should be placed securely on the tunnel wall or segments to shield

the water from the cellular backfill. The panning needs to drain into dewatering piping and or a French drain system. Likewise, if standing water is present, every effort should be made to evacuate the water prior to placing the cellular backfill to limit the exposure to water. Every effort should be made to minimize the exposure of the cellular backfill to standing or flowing water. If standing water is present, the mix design should have a wet density greater than water as indicated in Table 1.

Limiting gap development behind pipe

Another critical component to the performance of the placed cellular backfill is the limitation of a gap immediately behind the wall of the pipe. This assumed gap allows deformation of the steel lining in response to external pressure, forming a lobe whose stability or factor of safety is determined (Fig. 7). Two methods of analysis are Amstutz, (1970) and Jacobsen, (1974) which are based on prevention of single lobe buckling of steel pipes and apply a factor of safety of 1.5 against buckling. Both methods for plain cylinder steel pipes assume a minimum gap exists between the outside surface of the steel lining and the surrounding backfill. The magnitude of this assumed gap accounts for backfill shrinkage and thermal deformations in the steel lining due to heat of hydration. To meet this

FIG.5

Bottom half of backfill placement after backfill material has hardened.



requirement of minimized gap, thermal rise due to heat of hydration of the cellular backfill and shrinkage must be limited to prevent enlargement of the gap. An excessive gap growth, if not treated, can result in reduced factors of safety against buckling due to external pressures.

FIG.6

Section view of tunnel.

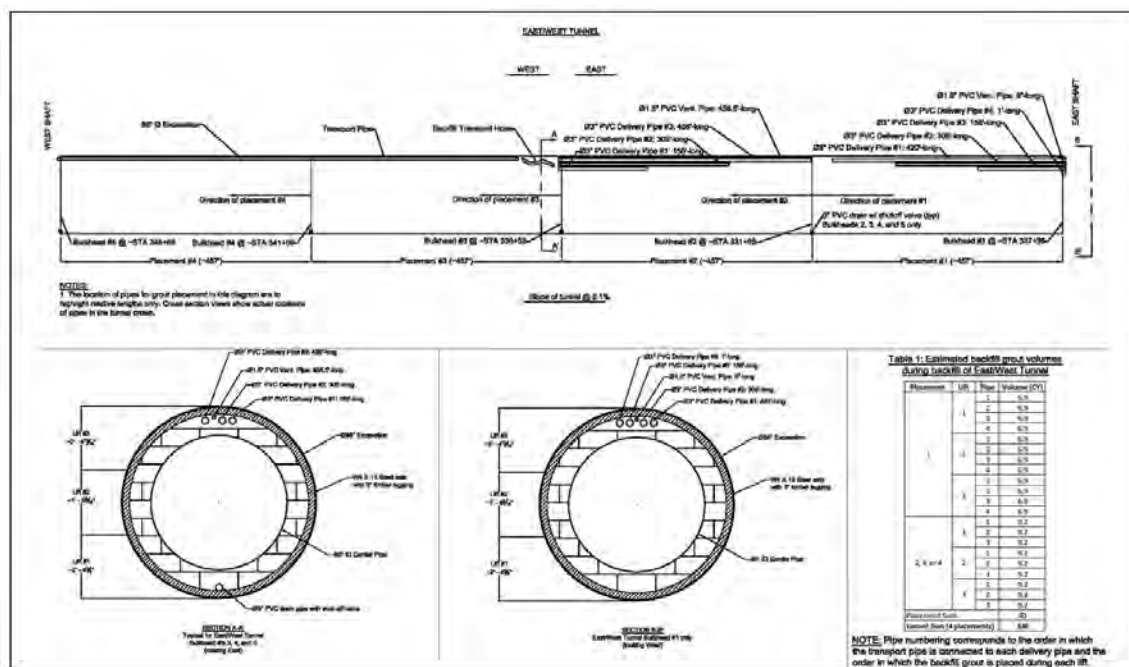
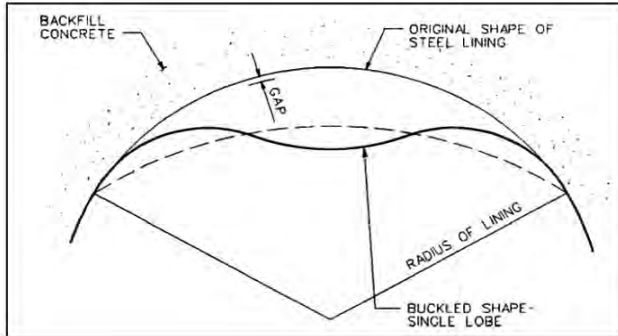


FIG.7

Single lobe buckling principal.



Mitigation of gap development should be based on specifying maximum shrinkage and heat of hydration performance requirements which should be determined based on final lining design. The specification should specify the maximum temperature rise of the placed backfill as a performance requirement. The mix designs should be tested in accordance with ASTM C186, Test Method for Heat of Hydration of Hydraulic Cement.

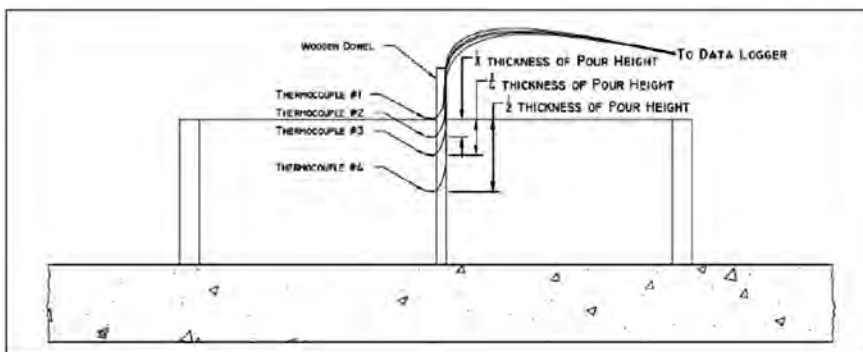
Heat of hydration (HoH) can be limited a number of ways. The most reliable methods is replacing cement content with fly ash in the mix design. Another method is to restrict or limit lift heights during placement. Another procedure, which is less effective, is using chilled water as part of the mix water, or filling the carrier pipe with water.

Testing for heat of hydration should be performed in a fashion which mimics the volume of mass cellular placement in the field. Figure 8 shows a 1 x 1 m (3 ft x 3 ft) square block with a height thickness of 375 mm (15 in.) as an equivalent lift height.

Heat of hydration should be addressed first and foremost in the mix design and lift height. Tests have shown that using a 100 percent cement and water mix designs will result in excessive temperatures. Figure 9 (top) shows a 425 mm (16 in.) lift height test with a mix design using 100 percent cement, 0 percent fly ash in the mix.

FIG.8

Heat of hydration testing arrangement.



The test shows an approximate temperature rise of 99.7° C (211° F). Figure 7 (bottom) shows a 375 mm (15 in.) lift height test with a mix design using 50/50 percent cement and fly ash. The test shows a reduced HoH of 64° C (147° F), peak value which meets a specified target of no more than 72° C (162° F).

While it can be difficult to predict the in situ maximum core temperatures, other factors will have an impact on the placed field HoH temperatures including:

- Use of fans and cooling water on the inside surface of the pipe to keep pipe/ concrete temperatures down.
- Surface temperatures of previous placed lifts.
- The effects of heat sink through either rock or precast concrete tunnel segments.
- Humidity of the curing environment and the amount of water present.
- Location of lift behind the pipe as the highest lift toward the crown produces more heat than the invert lift.

If a large gap behind the steel pipe does form, as evidenced by excessive measured heat rise and sounding of the pipe, skin grouting procedures would have to be conducted. The process of skin grouting requires the drilling and taping of holes through the steel lining, which then have to be sealed. This process should avoided by using all available tools to limit the HoH in the first place and ensure that the gap growth is limited.

Recommendations

Various possible deficiencies have been identified in the placement of cellular backfill for tunnel and shaft and the performance of various lining designs. The design of these linings is based on performance requirements of specified strength and gap limitations. These performance requirements should be highlighted in the design documents along with anticipated methodologies to meet these requirements for the installed backfill product. It is recommended that provisions should be

made in the contract documents that the following requirements be made:

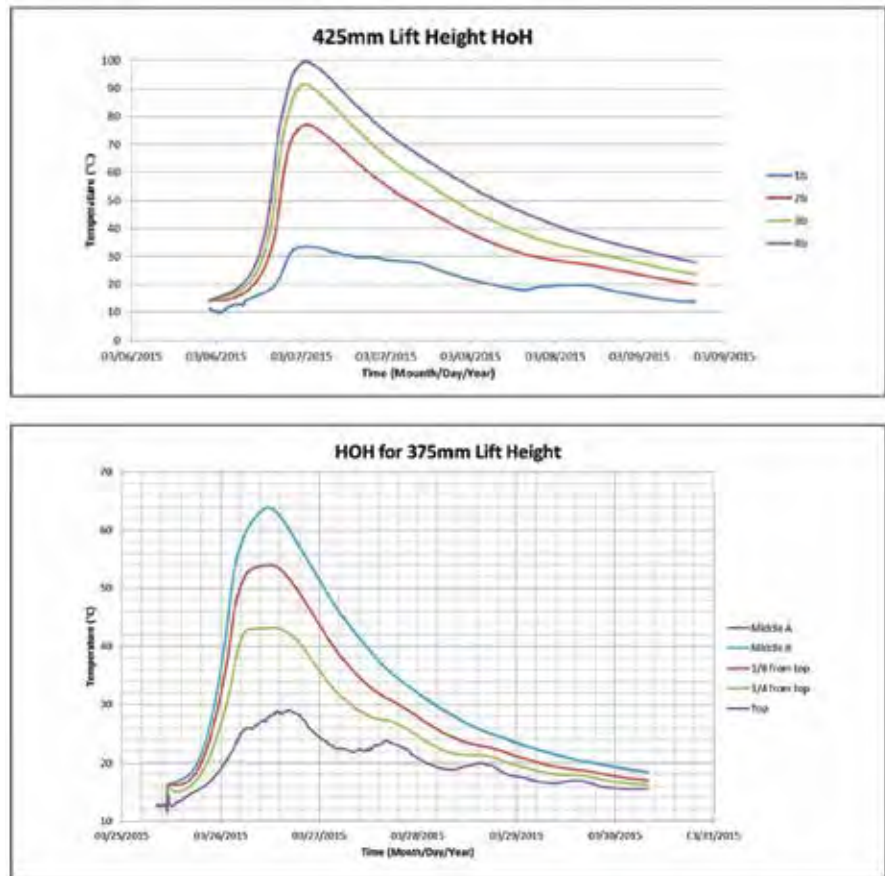
- Placement in flowing water should never be allowed. If flowing water is present some means of controlling it, such as panning, dewatering piping or a French drain system should be used.
- In the case of standing water the low spots in the invert should be filled in with concrete prior to placing the carrier pipe.
- In the presence of standing water, wet density of cellular backfill should be greater than water

throughout the \pm tolerance range of its wet density. This will be necessary to displace the water.

- In the presence of standing water, placement cells should be created to limit the longitudinal travel distance of the cellular backfill through water. The spacing of these cells will depend on the ability or inability to remove the water prior to placing a lift and the amount of standing water. Spacing can range from as little as a few hundred feet to three to four thousand feet if the water depth is reduced and the backfill wet density is significantly greater than water.
- Heat of hydration rise should be specified and methods to control it including modified mix designs using upward to 50 percent fly ash and restricting lift heights. Testing procedures which mimic field conditions should be required to ensure that the selected mix designs and installation procedures will reliably meet the temperature restrictions under in situ placement conditions. ■

FIG.9

Comparison of lift height and flyash content.



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FEATURE ARTICLE

A way forward through challenging tunnel boring machine conditions

When boring a tunnel, homogeneous hard rock is the exception rather than the rule. While contractors can set goals such as meters per month and performance incentives, it is also prudent to plan for difficult ground. A properly designed tunnel boring machine (TBM) can tackle fault zones, water inflows, squeezing ground, or whatever the risk may be. The alternative is not a good one: modifying the machine in the tunnel after bad ground is encountered. Not only does this result in increased downtime, but it also needlessly exposes the crew to the tunnel conditions. In the worst case scenario, the entire operation grinds to a halt.

However, an accurate GBR cannot always be obtained, particularly for mountainous, high cover tunnels in remote locations. And even with a thorough GBR, unforeseen geological events can occur. What can be done in these situations? Difficult Ground Solutions (DGS) is ground investigation system with a suite of options that can be added to a shielded hard rock machine or dual-mode, Crossover machine to better enable advance when conditions are unknown or difficult conditions are anticipated.

DGS consists of a set of integrated features tailored to a specific project's geology. The main components of the system allow for ground investigation ahead of the TBM, increased monitoring and methods to keep a machine shield from becoming stuck.

In fault zones and squeezing ground

If fault zones or squeezing ground are known or suspected, or if there is even a possibility of encountering them, this can greatly affect the TBM operation. Shielded machines protect the crew from the surrounding rock, and they can bore and line a tunnel efficiently, but in fault zones and converging material their shields can be their downfall. Avoiding a stuck machine is paramount to project success. DGS employs several features to avoid the problem of a machine becoming stuck. The first of these is multi-speed cutterhead drives. These drives effectively give the machine multiple modes of operation—high speed, low torque for hard rock, and low speed, high torque for difficult ground. Designing a machine with high-torque, continuous boring capabilities allows that machine's cutterhead to restart with break-out torque in difficult ground. The net effect is that the machine can keep boring in the event of a face collapse and can bore through fault zones and running ground where

Difficult Ground Solutions (DGS) enables shielded hard rock machines to get through challenging conditions.



the potential for cutterhead jamming exists. Going one step further, multi-speed gearboxes give the machine the ideal earth pressure balance- (EPB-) type torque if larger sections of soft ground are anticipated.

Secondly, TBMs can get through squeezing ground and faults using Continuous Shield Advance. This design utilizes a stepped shield configuration — where each successive shield is slightly smaller in diameter — to avoid becoming stuck in converging ground. External shield lubrication is an added insurance against becoming stuck, using a series of radial ports that can pump Bentonite into the annular space to act as a lubricant in squeezing material.

As a last effort, if a machine has already become stuck the TBM can utilize augmented, or “super” thrust. Additional thrust jacks can be added to supply an extra boost in a short stroke, generating enough force to break loose a trapped shield.

In conditions where large water inflows may occur

Water is an ever-present part of tunneling underground, but unexpected large inflows can damage a machine and grind a TBM operation to a halt. In the event of a large inrush of water, a guillotine gate on the muck chute can

effectively seal off the muck chamber to keep the crew safe as well as keep the machine from becoming flooded out. Additional inflatable seals can seal the gap between the telescopic shield and outer shields of a double shield TBM to keep everything water tight. This system is termed passive water protection because the TBM is stopped in place (not actively operating). During that time the crew can then work to grout off water inflows and dewater the chamber to control the flow before they begin boring again. The grouting crew also have the added assistance of back pressure to assist in grouting.

Improving visualization around the TBM

Probe drilling is an essential part of visualization, and, combined with grouting, it can also fall under the heading of water control. We've learned that, in difficult ground, more is better. Multiple probe drills, and more drill ports in a 360° radius, will typically give an advantage. Shielded machines with DGS features have been designed with this enhanced probe drilling in mind, with ports to provide probing patterns in a 360° radius. High-pressure grout injection can be done through these same ports to stabilize ground up to 40 m (130 ft) ahead of the face (or more if using specialized drills). The type of grout injected can also be specialized — for example chemical or polymer grout can be used to seal off groundwater. Lastly, a rotary forepole drill can be installed behind the cutterhead support to allow for ground consolidation around the shield periphery. The forepole drill is of particular use in fractured rock and fault zones. These drills are the mainframe of a visualization plan that can ultimately create an in-tunnel GBR as the machine advances: of particular use when no accurate GBR can be created due to topography, high cover, etc.

Other visualization tools are available as well. For squeezing ground detection, a hydraulic cylinder can be mounted on top of the shield and connected to the TBM's PLC. It measures the shield gap in the tunnel crown, so that if squeezing or collapsing ground is detected the crew can take countermeasures. These measures include using bentonite lubrication, crown or face rock conditioning, or planning ahead to use another system in the area before the machine can become stuck. For getting a better look at conditions ahead of the machine, a cutterhead inspection camera can be used to remotely inspect the boring cavity without intervention, and to check water levels ahead of the TBM. While these cameras have been used to monitor mixing chambers and perform cutterhead inspections in soft ground TBMs, their use in hard rock machines has been much more limited. In the new ground investigation system, the probe and injection holes in the cutterhead and front shield are specifically designed to accept these cameras.

Conclusions

The old adage the best-laid plans can go astray applies particularly well to tunneling. There are many unknowns, even with an adequate GBR in hand. Making an initial investment on DGS features when a TBM is still in the shop

The Robbins Crossover machine for Túnel Emisor Poniente II is equipped with drills including a probe drill and forepole drill for ground consolidation.



is far less costly than installing them in the tunnel after a major stoppage. These features can mean the difference between a successful operation and a stuck TBM requiring a bypass tunnel or worse. TBMs with DGS features also produce better advance rates in adverse conditions such as fault zones — recent examples of this include Turkey's Kargi Hydroelectric Project and Mexico's Túnel Emisor Poniente (TEP) II tunnel).

In general, contractors and owners must strive to provide geological reports that are as accurate as feasible so that TBM designers can build appropriate TBMs. In-tunnel excavation continues this geological exploration. Owners and contractors should give full consideration to building in ground investigation and treatment features when difficult conditions are a possibility. With these features, it is possible for a shielded machine to keep advancing, whether the concern is high cover mountainous tunneling with squeezing and rock bursting, water inflows, fault zones, or all of the above. ■

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Cutting Edge conference turns a focus to advances in technology

On April 4, 2017, the largest earth-pressure-balance tunnel boring machine (TBM) ever built finally completed its 2.7-km (1.7-mile) journey beneath Seattle, WA, nearly four years after it began boring the SR-99 tunnel that will eventually replace Seattle's Alaskan Way Viaduct.

By now, readers of this publication are familiar with the ordeal that began on Dec. 6, 2016, when the machine overheated and shut down. Until that point, the TBM, named Bertha, had grabbed headlines for being the largest in the world with a 17-m (57.6-ft) diameter face. But after the incident that stopped the progress, the headlines suddenly stopped focusing on the engineering marvel of the tunnel project and began asking what went wrong. Just 300 m (1,000 ft) into the tunneling journey the machine was stuck, unable to move forward and impossible to retract.

The project's contractors, Seattle Tunnel Partners, (STP JV) – a design-build consortium comprised of Dragados - USA, Tutor Perini, say a 20-cm (8-in.) steel well-casing buried in the path of the machine caused the problems that halted the TBM. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) disagrees, and the issue over who ultimately pays for the repairs is now with the courts.

Eventually, engineers determined the best way to get Bertha back to work was to dig a 36-m (120-ft), deep concrete lined shaft pit in front of the machine and lift the 1.8-kt (2,000-st) cutterhead out for repairs. The repairs took two years but eventually the machine resumed mining in January 2016. In April 2017, the TBM finished building the tunnel, breaking through at the tunnel's north end near Seattle's Space Needle, with little to no ground surface movement measured on the entire alignment.

While the cause of the TBM breakdown and who should pay for repairs was debated above ground, the work below ground continued. David Sowers, deputy program administrator, engineering and program management with WSDOT, told *Mining Engineering* during the 2017 Cutting Edge Conference in Seattle that in addition to the technical marvel that the tunnel became, the fact the parties involved were able to work through the unprecedented challenge is a great example of how to overcome challenges on massive projects.

"There was a lot of work involved in building the shaft

As of November, the upper deck of the SR-99 tunnel that will carry traffic southbound was nearly completed. The tunnel is expected to open to traffic in 2019. Photo by William Gleason.



to repair the machine and it kind of took our focus away from what went wrong and the second-guessing and got us focused on fixing the machine," said Sowers. "We still had a big job to do and it got everyone galvanized around the common goal to finish the project and that continued after we completed the rescue shaft. We finished the project, we went under the viaduct and the city in a very successful way. Everyone got behind it and it was impressive. Of course, everyone is satisfied now that it

William Gleason, Senior Editor

After a two-year delay, the boring of the SR-99 tunnel was completed in April. The 17-m (57-m) diameter tunnel in the largest diameter tunnel in the world. Photo courtesy of WSDOT.



is completed but there were times that we wondered if we would complete the project. Hats off to everyone the contractors, the state, consultants, everyone involved.”

With the tunnel bored, crews are now working to complete the double deck highway inside the 16-m (52.5-ft) diameter tube, complete with lighting, ventilation and fire detection systems.

The upper deck of the double deck tunnel, which was cast in place, was nearly completed as of November. The lower deck, which will carry traffic northbound, is made up of 1,152 precast panels that are being trucked into the tunnel and assembled. The lower deck is expected to be completed in March 2018.

Greg Hauser with Dragados USA told the 240 attendees of the Cutting Edge Conference that the northbound lower walls started late 2014 and finished Nov. 6 2017. The southbound deck, upper deck started in 2015 and should be done December 2017. Upper walls started in February 2017 and are scheduled to finish in 2018 and lower northbound precast started Nov. 6, 2017.

As for all the operational and safety systems inside the tunnel, WSDOT says inspectors will test more than 7,600 components and 50 different systems over the next two years. STP’s schedule shows substantial completion of the tunnel in late October 2018.

When the tunnel is substantially complete, WSDOT will then begin work to realign the existing highway to the tunnel. The new tunnel is expected to be open to traffic by early 2019.

On Nov. 13, about 100 attendees of the Cutting Edge Conference in Seattle, WA were given a tour of the project by Seattle Tunnel Partners and WSDOT prior to the conference and a good portion of the conference was dedicated to the project.

In a presentation that was part of a session titled Advancements & Success - The Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project, Sowers spoke about the challenges of coordinating the project. He noted that the tunnel passed beneath a densely populated part of the city with about 160 property owners above the tunnel path.

“We had to speak to all of these people,” he said. “We had to purchase the rights to the property directly underneath. And we had to come up with a way to value those pieces of property for loss of potential development.”

To earn the trust of the property owners, Sowers said they were all invited to a meeting and were told that if there were any property damage due to tunneling, WSDOT would take full responsibility.

Bob Donegan, president of Ivar’s, a seafood restaurant group with dozens of locations around Seattle, since 1938, also spoke about stakeholder engagement during the keynote session. He was active in many municipal matters including the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project Stakeholders Committee, the City’s Seawall Committee, and the committees to design and manage the new Waterfront Park when the project is completed and Colman Dock’s

Crews were working on the lower deck of the SR-99 tunnel that will carry traffic northbound through the tunnel. Photo by William Gleason.



Citizen's Advisory Committee as well many other community committees.

Among the efforts, Donegan said it was important to educate elected officials about the project.

"We made sure we educated them early and that there were no surprises," Donegan said. "Opposition for the tunnel came from some commuters, the community of Magnolia and PWC – they were loud and vocal. We started to build a coalition of 300 different organizations to build a fence around the opponents of the project and then asked them what their problem was and how we could address it."

Cutting Edge

The Cutting Edge Conference is an annual affair hosted by the UCA of SME and *Tunneling Journal*. This year, organizers chose Seattle, not just for the SR-99 project, but for the many projects taking place along the West Coast, including the multi-billion Sound Transit light rail program that is making the Seattle area and the West Coast a hotbed of activity for the tunneling industry.

In the opening session, Joe Gildner, executive project director, Sound Transit, spoke about the \$54-billion Sound Transit 3 (ST3) system plan that will expand the region's light rail system from more than 32 km (20 miles) to more than 80 km (50 miles) as part of the 25-year, \$53.8 billion project that will include a new 5.3-km (3.3-mile) bored tunnel in downtown Seattle.

"In the years ahead, we will be more than doubling our service," said Gildner.

While there was a lot of discussion about the projects

that are reshaping cities along the west coast the theme of the conference was Advances in Tunneling Technology and the program continued its six-year tradition of in-depth technical sessions over two days.

Within the theme of advances in technology was the Innovations in Underground Digital Technology session that focused on the rapidly growing fields of building information modeling (BIM), data management and analysis and digital technology. The session included talks that looked how BIM and 3D technology is being used on the Arenastaden, Stockholm project in Sweden and what the future of BIM might be.

The conference also had a session on advances in tunnel linings and technology and one that focused on tunneling technology and safety.

Among the talks was one that focused on the unique challenges of mining under the Chesapeake Bay, and another about the advances in

high-pressure compressed air working conditions.

There were also panel discussions that focused on using technology to reach the goal of zero settlement, and another on approaches to risk management.

During the panel discussion on risk management, Bill Edgerton, McMillen Jacobs Associates; Joe Gildner, Sound Transit; Patricia Galloway, Pegasus Global Holdings; Chris Herbert, Traylor Brothers and Rob Labbe, Zurich NA discussed common risk management issues and development approaches.

The discussion about zero settlement featured Mike DiPonio, Jay Dee Construction; Glen Frank, EPC Consultants; David Girard, J.F. Shea; Daniele Nebbia, Salini Imprigilo; Cody Painter, WSP and Jack Nakagawa, McMillen Jacobs Associates discussing issues such as TBM overcut, avoiding sinkholes or settlement events and soil conditioning.

The conference concluded with a presentation about the proposed multi-billion California WaterFix project. John Bednarski said the project would include 96 km (60 miles) of tunnel to transport water from Northern California to the south.

Bill Hansmire gave the final presentation, a West Coast Project update in which he looked at current and potential future projects in California, Washington and Oregon.

The Cutting Edge Conference has established a tradition of moving to locations where there is vibrant and important tunnel projects in the works. Look for more information about the 2018 conference in the coming months. ■

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Delivering liquid nitrogen to the Port Mann off-shore working platform.

Port Mann Water Main: Ground Freezing

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High mobility grouting of karstic rock enabled dry excavation of the OARS CSO shafts.

OARS Relief Sewer Phase 2 Shafts: High Mobility Grouting

Drill and blast installation of three deep shafts through highly variable karstic conditions was the challenge facing the design and construction teams for Phase 2 of the CSO project in Columbus, OH. The shafts extended through shale underlain by three distinct strata of karstic limestone. With the water table 20 ft below the surface, and the high hydraulic conductivity of the rock evident from pumping tests, it was estimated that inflows of thousands of gallons per minute could be anticipated during shaft excavation under hydrostatic head of up to 150 ft. Pre-grouting was therefore required. A Moretrench-designed alternate to the original in-shaft staged grouting plan allowed all grouting to be accomplished around the shaft perimeter from the surface. A suite of four, balanced-stable grouts developed by Moretrench catered to the highly variable subsurface conditions. With grouting complete, excavation proceeded with only minimal shaft inflow.



Jet grout cut-off for installation of the Mulry Square vent plant.

Mulry Square Vent Plant: Jet Grouting:

The Mulry Square emergency vent plant is designed to serve a portion of both the 8th and 7th Avenue subway lines in Manhattan, New York. With offsite groundwater drawdown during construction prohibited, a perimeter cut-off was required. This was designed as secant pile walls, with jet grouting specified for closure where the vent plant penetrated the wall of the subway tunnel. Groundwater modeling by Moretrench demonstrated that the jet grouting would need to extend only to a minimum depth of 53 ft to achieve cut-off, rather than the 100 ft originally anticipated, reducing the quantity of secant piling and jet grouting required. Subsequent groundwater monitoring during excavation to full depth within the secant pile/jet grout cut-off structure confirmed the accuracy of the groundwater modelling and offsite drawdown did not exceed the specified limits.

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- 1960s - Dry-process rotary gun developed.
- 1970s - Swing-tube technology used on wet-process shotcrete equipment, making application and use more practical.
- 2007 - Company acquired by Putzmeister America, Inc., resulting in most comprehensive line of sprayed concrete equipment. Name changed from Allentown Equipment to Allentown Shotcrete Technology, Inc.
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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.



Brightwater Conveyance System

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.

St. Louis, MO

Baumgartner Tunnel Alignment

Water-bearing rock formations in the path of the Baumgartner Tunnel Alignment needed to be sealed. Unsafe levels of hydrogen sulfide forced the grouting to be performed from the surface in advance of the tunneling operation. Hayward Baker drilled and grouted the water-bearing rock formations along a 1,200-foot-long segment of the proposed 20,000-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter combined sewer tunnel. A total of 40,000 feet of grout holes was drilled to complete the project. Depths of the drill holes were approximately 170 feet from ground surface.

Big Bend Tunnel Improvement

Big Bend, WV

Big Bend rail tunnel, constructed in 1932, required extensive ground and wall improvements over a 1,200 foot stretch due to its age and frequent use. Hayward Baker stabilized the tunnel walls with cement-bentonite structural grout, several rows of rock bolts and dowels, and compaction grout underpinning. Epoxy and cement grouting were utilized to repair an existing fracture of the tunnel liner along the spring line. Hayward Baker also stabilized the invert with compaction grouting at approximately 4,000 locations.



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An 8.7 meter (28.5 ft) diameter Robbins Crossover (XRE) TBM, made its final breakthrough in June 2017 and set multiple national records while boring Mexico City's Túnel Emisor Poniente (TEP) II Project. The TBM navigated fault zones, variable ground, low cover, and more to achieve a national record of 57 m (187 ft) in one day as well as maximum rates of 231 m (758 ft) in one week and 702 m (2,303 ft) in one month. The 5.8-kilometer (3.6 mi) tunnel will supplement an existing and overtaxed wastewater line built in the 1970s. The deep drainage tunnel will serve to prevent recurrent flooding in three key areas of Valle Dorado, benefiting a population of 2.1 million inhabitants.

Another Robbins Crossover (XRE) TBM, measuring 9.26 m (30.4 ft), is the first of its kind in the U.S. The TBM has recently begun boring the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) in Akron, Ohio. The TBM was launched from a 12 m (40 ft) deep portal site and will build the first 68 m (226 ft) in soft ground, transitioning to a 183 m (600 ft) long zone of partial face shale before switching to hard-rock mode for the remainder of the drive in full face shale. Probe drilling will be done continuously using two probe drills to determine which mode the TBM should be in.

Milestone for Continuous Conveyors

The startup of the Akron machine was a milestone, but not the only one: running behind the Crossover TBM is the 100th Robbins Continuous Conveyor system supplied for muck removal—more than any other TBM conveyor supplier. The

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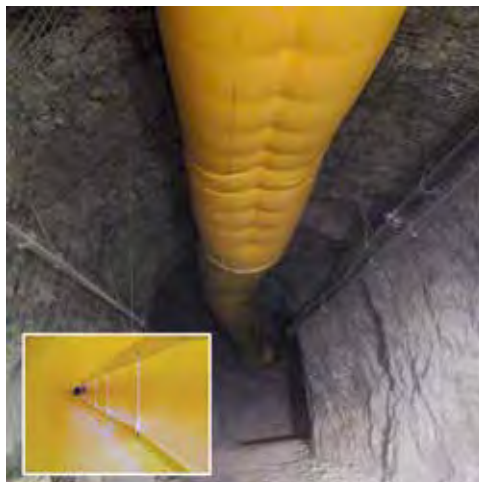
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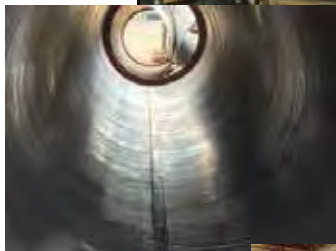
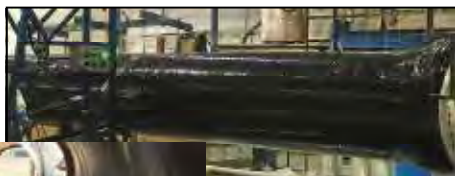
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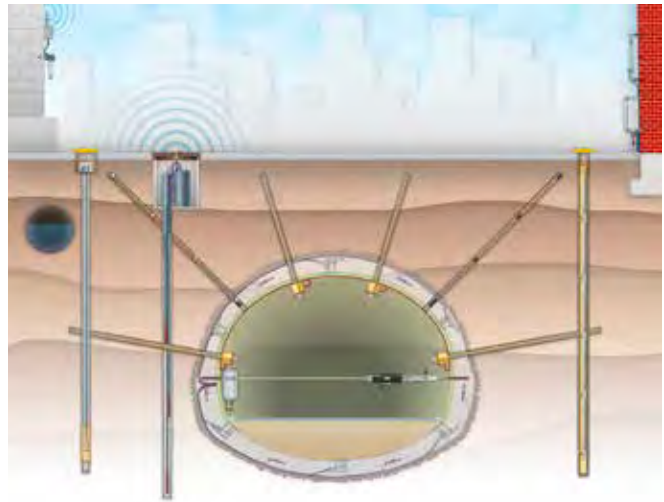


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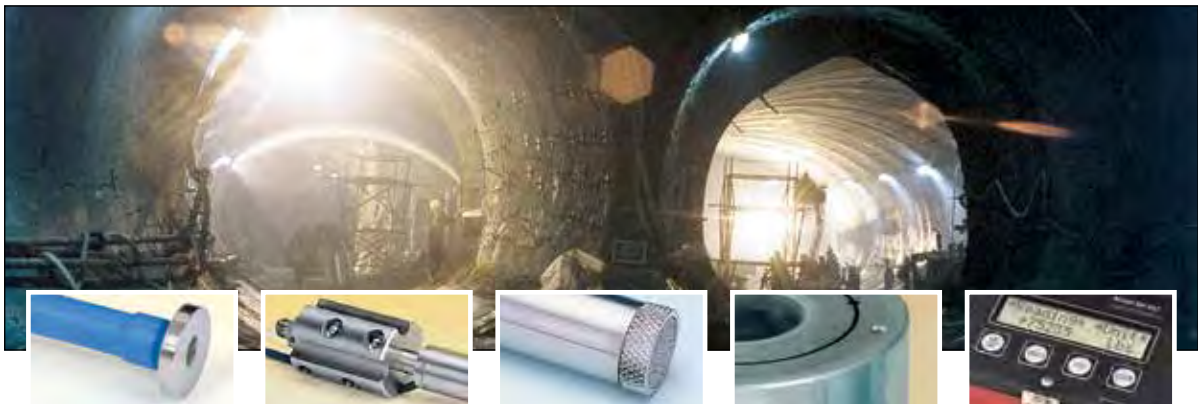
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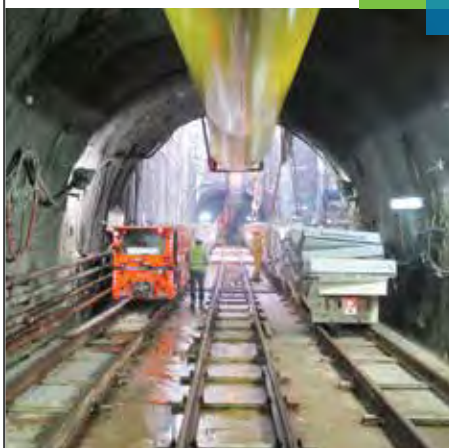
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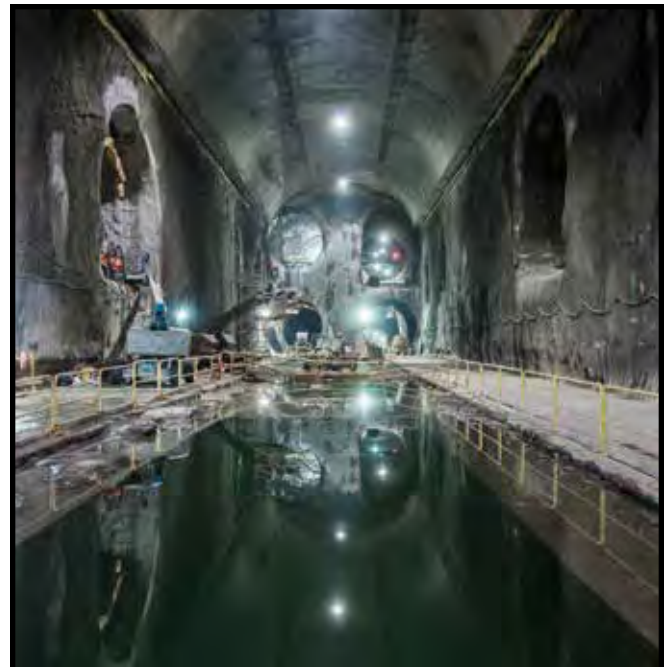
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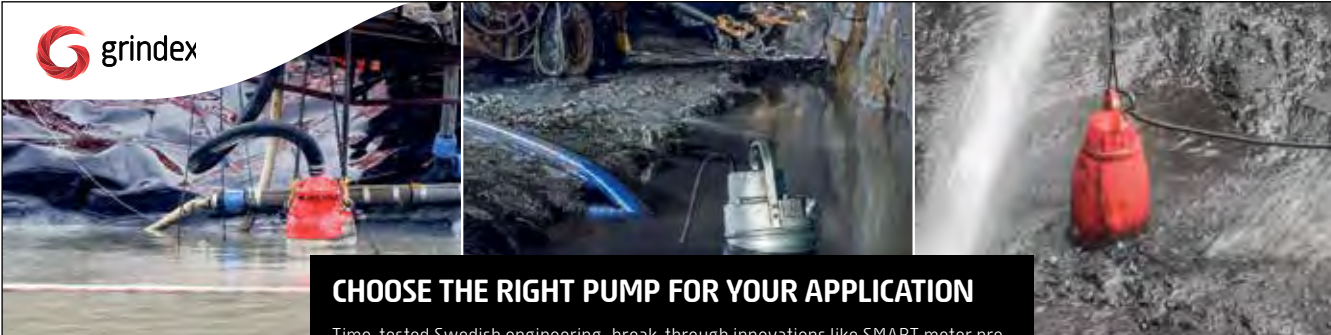
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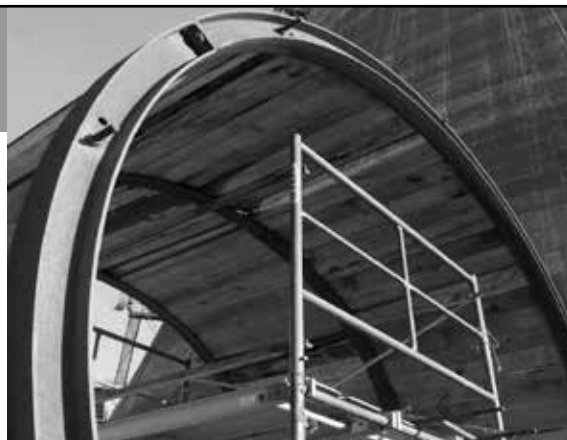


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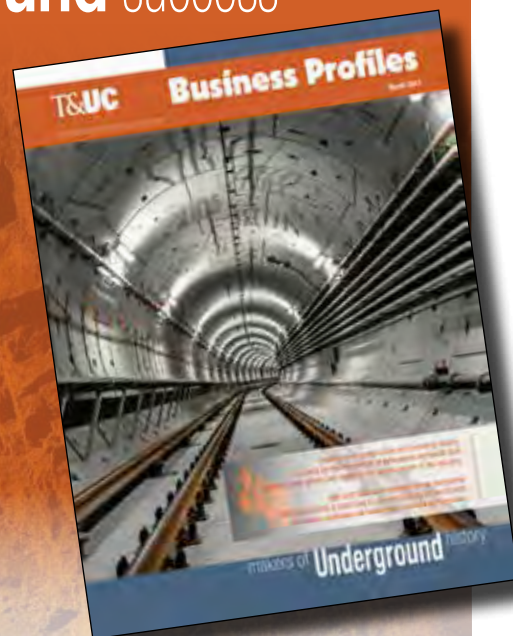
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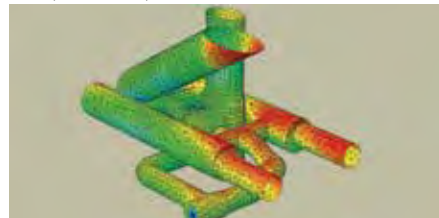
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Gateway Tunnel	Amtrak	Newark	NJ	Subway	14,600	24.5	2018	Design study
2nd Ave. Phase 2	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	16,000	20	2020	Under design
2nd Ave. Phase 3-4	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	105,600	20	2017-22	Under study
Water Tunnel #3 Stage 3 Kensico	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	84,000	20	2020	Under study
Bergen Point Wastewater Outfall	Suffolk Co., DPW	Babalon	NY	Sewer	14,200	12	2017	Judlau/OHL JV awarded
Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel	NYC Reg. Develop. Authority	New York	NY	Rail	25,000	30	2022	Under study
Amtrak B&P Tunnel	Amtrak	Baltimore	MD	Rail	10,000	30	2018	Under design
Thimble Shoal Parallel Tunnel	Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel Dist.	Chesapeake	VA	Highway	5,700	45	2016	Dragados/ Schiavone awarded
Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project	Virginia DOT	Hampton Roads	VA	Highway	7,500	42	2018	Under design
Northeast Boundary Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO	17,500	23	2017	Impregilo/Healy JV awarded
Potomac River CSO Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO	4,500	33	2022	Under design
Olentangy Relief Sewer Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	58,000	14	2017	Under design
Alum Creek Relief Tunnel Phase 1 Phase 2	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	30,000 21,000	18 14	2018 2019	Under design Under design
Doan Valley Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	10,000/ 9,400	18/18.5	2017	McNalley/ Kiewit JV awarded
Westerly Main Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	12,300	24	2020	Bid date 1/16/18
Shoreline Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	16,100	21	2021	Under design
Shoreline Consolidation Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	11,700	9.5	2022	Under design
ALCOSAN CSO Ohio River Allegheny River Monongahela River	Allegheny Co. Sanitary Authority	Pittsburgh	PA	CSO	10,000 41,700 53,900	30 30 30	2019 2020 2021	Under design Under design Under design
Three Rivers Protection/Overflow	City of Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	IN	CSO	26,400	12	2016	Salini/Impreglio/ Healey awarded
Louisville MSD Tunnel	Lousville MSD	Lousville	KY	CSO	13,200	22	2018	Shea/Traylor low bidder
Blacksnake Creek Tunnel Project	City of St. Joseph	St. Joseph	MO	CSO	6,650	10	2017	Super Excavators awarded
KCMO Overflow Control Program	City of Kansas City	Kansas City	MO	CSO	62,000	14	2018	Under design

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Mill Creek Peaks Branch Tunnel	City of Dallas	Dallas	TX	CSO	5,500	26	2014	Southland/Mole JV low bidder
Ballard to Wallingford Tunnel	Seattle Public Utilities	Seattle	WA	CSO	14,250	14	2018	Under design
L.A. Metro Westside Phase 2 Phase 3	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	Subway	26,500 26,500	20 20	2016 2017	Tutor Perini/O&G JV awarded Proposals 12/11/17
Speulvada Pass Corridor	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	High/Trans.	55,500	60	2018	Under study
Northeast Interceptor Sewer 2A	LA Dept. of Water and Power	Los Angeles	CA	Sewer	18,500	18	2014	Delayed indefinitely
River Supply Conduit - Unit 7	LA Dept. of Water and Power	Los Angeles	CA	Water	13,500	12	2015	Advertise 01/18
JWPCP Effluent Outfall Tunnel project	Sanitation Districts of LA	Los Angeles	CA	Sewer	37,000	18	2015	Bid date 1Q 2018
Two Mile Bar Tunnel	Oakdale Irrigation	Oakdale	CA	Water	5,950	11.5x13	2017	SMCI low bidder
Freeway 710 Tunnel	CALTRANS	Long Beach	CA	Highway	26,400	38	2016	Re-design activated
BDCP Tunnel #1 BDCP Tunnel #2	Bay Delta Conservation Plan	Sacramento	CA	Water	26,000 369,600	29 35	2018 2019	Under design Under design
SVRT BART	Santa Clara Valley Trans Authority	San Jose	CA	Subway	22,700	20	2016	Redesign activated
Silicon Valley Clean Water Tunnel	Silicon Valley Clean Water	Silicon Valley	CA	CSO	17,500	13	2017	Barnard/Bassac JV awarded
Coxwell Bypass Tunnel program	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	35,000	12	2015	Bid date 12/20/17
Highway 401 Rail Tunnel	Metrolinx	Toronto	ON	Subway	580	35x28	2017	EllisDon/Strabag JV awarded
Keswick Effluent Outfall	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	11,600	23	2018	Under design
Yonge St. Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	15,000	18	2016	Under study
Taylor Massey Tunnel	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	20,000	18	2018	Under design
Inner Harbour West	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	18,400	19	2021	Under design
Scarborough Rapid Transit Extension	Toronto Transit Commission	Toronto	ON	Subway	25,000	18	2018	Under design
REM Transit Tunnel	City of Montreal	Montreal	QC	Subway	27,000	22	2017	Bidders selected
Newfoundland-Labrador Fixed Link	Gov. of Newfoundland/Lab	Newfoundland	NL	Transit	56,000	40	2020	Under study
Green Line LRT	City of Calgary	Calgary	AB	Transit	26,250	20	2018	Under design
Second Narrows Tunnel	City of Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	CSO	3,600	14	2013	Under design
Annacis Island Outfall	City of Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	Water	8,000	10	2017	Under design
Burnaby Mountain	Kinder Morgan	Vancouver	BC	Oil	8,000	12	2017	Under design
Broadway Sky train extension	Trans Link	Vancouver	BC	Subway	25,000	18	18	Under design
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Boyce is a supervising tunnel and geotechnical engineer with more than 30 years of professional experience covering every aspect of tunnel, shaft and geotechnical engineering, including exploration and assessment.

He has published book, manuals and articles about trenchless technology and was chosen as *Trenchless Technology* magazine’s 2009 Trenchless Technology Person of the Year. He holds a Ph.D. in geological engineering from University of California, Berkeley.

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Parkes was most recently with WSP

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Hayward Baker, Inc. has announced promotions for several staff members. **JUSTIN LEWIS, PE**, was promoted to division man-

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RAYMOND FRANZ, PE, D.GE., was promoted to vice president in the Chicago office. Franz has more than 31 years of extensive and varied experience in the design and construction of specialty geotechnical projects, including the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges project and the Thornton Composite Reservoir. **SHANE FARR, PE, SE**, was promoted to vice president in Hayward Baker's California structural support offices, after previously holding the position of division manager of structural support in the Chicago office. Farr is responsible

for all structural projects and will focus on expanding Hayward Baker's design-build capabilities in California. **KYLE CAMPER, PE**, was promoted to senior vice president for the company's Western region. He has 25 years of in-depth experience in the geotechnical industry, 20 of which have been spent with Hayward Baker. Camper previously held positions of senior project manager, division manager and vice president in the Midwest area.

SAM SWARTZ, PE, has opened the Chicago, IL office of McMillen Jacobs and will be providing design leadership on regional projects, as well as providing business development for major underground projects. He relocated from the firm's Seattle, WA office. Swartz is currently the lead tunnel and shaft designer for the Second Narrows Water Tunnel in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He was also the discipline lead for tunnel structural design for the dual light rail tunnels on the University Link Extension and provided design support services during construction. ■

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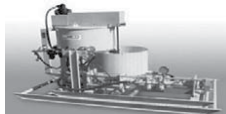
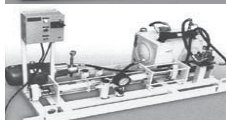
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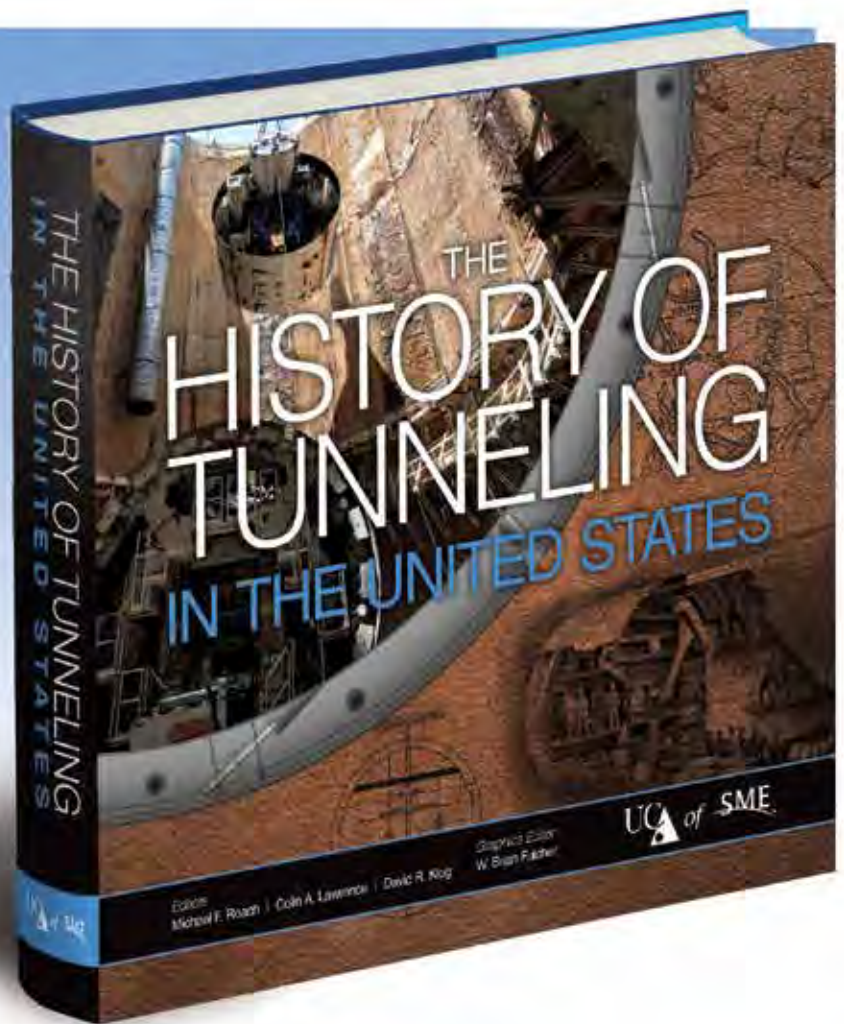
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