

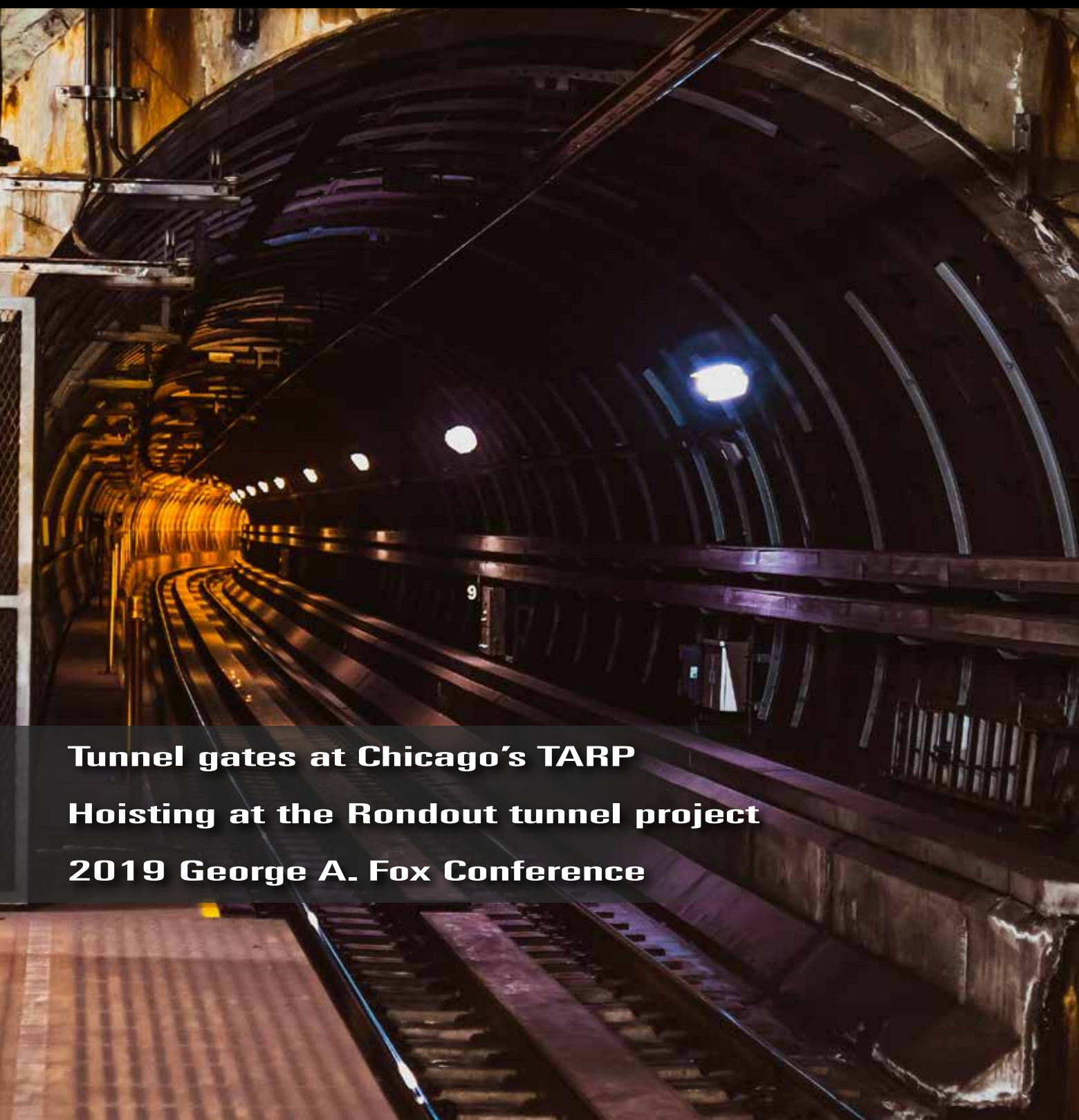
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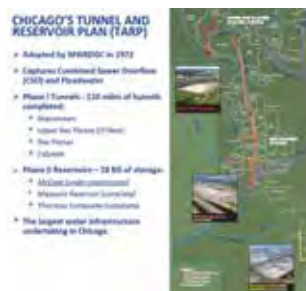
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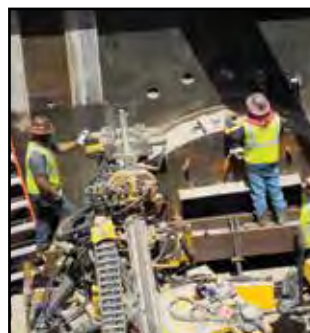
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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Updates from the UCA executive committee

January found many of us in New York City to attend the annual George A. Fox Conference. This year's theme was "Water Tunnels: Past, Present & Future." Conference Chair Paul Madsen hosted another sellout crowd of 370. Attendees were treated to water tunnel history lessons from Boston and New York.

Following the Fox Conference, the UCA of SME Executive Committee held its annual winter meeting. Below is a summary of the many action items covered.

Individual membership in the UCA is strong, standing at 1,104 at years end. 2018 included a successful focus on growing the corporate and sustaining membership, yielding a 14 percent increase in these membership groups for a total of 294.

Planning for the Legislative Fly-In Program is well under way, with 10 UCA Executive Committee members joining members of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in the annual program. This is an opportunity to meet with congressional leaders to address civil engineering matters as well as those specific to underground construction. This is our opportunity to promote our industry and recruit the political champions necessary to move many major projects forward. The 2019 event is scheduled for March 12-14. For the UCA, this will be a pilot program to determine if there is value in our participation for both the UCA and ASCE.

ITA Executive Director Olivier Vion attended the meeting for discussion surrounding November's joint Cutting Edge Conference/ITA Tunneling Awards in Miami, FL. Mark your calendars for this Nov. 18-20, 2019 international event.

While Vion was in the room, the UCA of SME board presented him with the official letter nominating Randy Essex for the position of vice president of the Executive Council of the International Tunneling and

Underground Space Association (ITA). Essex's dedication to the ITA began in the 1980s as a member of the Contractual Practices Working Group. He has served as the U.S. representative to the ITA for five years prior to being elected to the executive council in April 2017. We look forward to Essex being elected vice president during the 2019 World Tunneling Congress in May.

We have four members of the UCA Executive Committee with terms ending June 30, 2019. Executive council members are eligible to serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms. A call for nominations was issued in October of last year to all UCA members. In response, we received 18 nominations for consideration. Based on demonstrated interest and past participation within the UCA, the following individuals have been elected to the executive committee.

- Tony O'Donnell (second term)
- Red Robinson (second term)
- Matt Preedy (second term)
- Jon Klug (first term)

Additionally, due to a vacancy caused by a resignation, the committee has elected Mike Bruen to fill the remainder of the vacated position through June 2022. Lastly, the committee has elected Mike Rispin as vice chair for the term June 2019 to July 2021. Per our bylaws, Rispin will then succeed Bob Goodfellow as chair.

Len Worden is completing his second term on the executive committee and is currently not eligible for re-election. We want to thank Len for his many years of dedication not only to the UCA, but to our business in general. We know that he will continue to be a champion of the industry and expect to see him back on the executive committee soon.

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New York plans to move forward with plans to repair Canarsie tunnel to avoid long delay

A plan to repair, rather than completely rebuild, the Canarsie tunnel, also known as the L-train tunnel between Manhattan and Brooklyn, NY, that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy was announced by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as a way to avoid a planned 15-month shut down.

Cuomo framed the repair plans as a major technological breakthrough and told reporters that the proposed methods have been used successfully in Europe.

Cuomo made the surprise announcement just weeks after convening a panel of top engineering experts to take another look at the L-train tunnel beneath the East River to see if there was a way to fix flood damage from 2012's Hurricane Sandy without doing as much demolition and disrupting so

many lives.

"This was an outside-the-box, creative solution," said Cuomo, at a news conference announcing the new plan. The *Associated Press* reported that he was flanked by engineering experts from Columbia and Cornell universities who dreamed up the proposal.

"You have to be willing to think outside the box or break the box," he said.

The announcement came after years of planning for the upheaval expected to be caused by the tunnel's closure, which was supposed to happen in April.

Brooklynites had already begun rearranging their lives for the expected "L-pocalypse," with some changing jobs or apartments to avoid the looming commuting snarls.

The original plan, adopted by

the Metropolitan Transportation Authority after lengthy public debate, had called for a complete shutdown of a portion of the L line for 15 months while workers repaired damage from Sandy, when salty, corrosive water flooded 11 km (7 miles) of the tube.

The plan called for replacing old electrical equipment by removing a damaged concrete benchwall that lines the tunnel and encases power cables. The cables would then have been replaced and the wall rebuilt, in a labor-intensive process.

The new plan calls for installing cables on racks along the inside of the tunnels and leaving the old cables where they are. The old concrete benchwall would stay too, encased in a protective fiber-reinforced polymer, where

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DC Water tunnel saves Anacostia River from 4.5 billion gallons of sewage overflow

The first 11-km (7-mile) segment of the Anacostia River Tunnel system was opened in March by DC Water and the tunnel has already helped save the Anacostia River from 17 billion L (4.5 billion gal) of sewage overflow in 2018, DC Water announced.

This massive structure stores combined sewage during rain events, keeping sewage from overflowing to the river. From March through Dec. 31, the tunnel prevented 17.3 billion L (4.57 billion gal) of sewage, and nearly 816 t (900 st) of trash, solids and debris, from entering the Anacostia.

For Washington, D.C., the prevented sewage comes as the city had its wettest year on record in 2018 with 168 cm (66.28 in.) of rain — nearly 12.5 cm (4.95 in.) more than the 155.77 cm (61.33 in.) total in 1889.

"This year was the ultimate test for the Clean Rivers Project tunnel system, DC Water chief executive officer and president David L. Gadis said in a statement. "In the rainiest year on record, the tunnel, along with green infrastructure, beat all projections for cleaning the river. The improved health of this waterway is bringing a renaissance to the waterfront, from housing, retail and sports venues, to recreational and environmental opportunities."

Now, instead of flowing into the Anacostia, the combined stormwater and sewage is captured and conveyed to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment prior to discharge to the Potomac River. According to DC Water, the system exceeded expectations by achieving an 89 percent capture rate — besting the

originally projected 80 percent in an average rainfall year.

The first portion of the Anacostia Tunnel provides about 378 million L (100 million gal) of storage and includes a 851 million L/d (225 million gal/day) Wet Weather Treatment Facility at Blue Plains. The next portion of the Anacostia River Tunnel system, the Northeast Boundary Tunnel, is under construction now and will add approximately 340 million L (90 million gal) of storage when it is placed into service in 2023. The Northeast Boundary Tunnel also reduces the chance of flooding in Northeast Washington, D.C. neighborhoods that have struggled with flooding issues for over 100 years.

In June, the Anacostia River received its first passing grade on

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Proposed tunnel to Chicago's O'Hare airport moving through environmental process

The tunnel to connect O'Hare airport to downtown Chicago, IL, proposed by Elon Musk and the Boring Co. is now midway through an environmental assessment, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

Tom Budescu, managing director of finance at the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, the organization charged with negotiating the contract on behalf of the city, made the announcement about the transit tunnel in January. The Boring Co. was selected for the job this summer, an announcement that came with much fanfare, including a joint press conference with Musk and Mayor Rahm Emanuel. After the assessment is completed, the tunneling project will go to Chicago's City Council for review.

"We're feeling very confident that the project agreement is getting to the point of refinement," Budescu said at an Infrastructure Trust meeting. "We're getting pretty far along in that process." He said that Boring Co. was working with federal and local officials, including the Federal Highway Administration and the Chicago Department of Transportation, on the environmental review mandated by U.S. law. Because the tunnel is likely to go under an interstate roadway, the Federal Highway Administration is overseeing the review.

The project advanced through the early stages of the environmental review process quickly, but Musk and his company have yet to get any of several proposed tunneling initiatives beyond the concept stage and into commercial service.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported that the progression may also be a sign of Emanuel's determination to advance the project before he leaves office this coming May. Three months after he announced that Chicago had selected the Boring Co. to build the tunnel, Emanuel said he wouldn't run for a third term as mayor, casting doubts on the future of the express service to O'Hare, which has been under discussion for years.

The proposed venture would whisk Chicago passengers from the city's downtown Loop district to the airport in about 12 minutes using Boring Co.'s loop technology: wheeled carriages the company calls autonomous electric skates. The skates would run at up to 240 km/h (150 mph) in dedicated tunnels.

It isn't the only Boring Co. project undergoing environmental assessment. A project to build a tunnel connecting Baltimore to Washington, D.C. is quietly moving ahead, with Boring Co. staff and the Maryland Department of Transportation currently working

on an environmental assessment, a spokesman for the department told *Bloomberg*.

Meanwhile, although a test tunnel on Los Angeles's west side was scrapped last month, the Boring Co. plans to open a 1.6-km (1-mile) long test tunnel in Hawthorne, CA, near the headquarters of Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp. rocket company. A delegation from Chicago is expected to attend the opening next week.

The Chicago plan doesn't quite match the vision Musk laid out in a 2013 white paper on what he christened hyperloop, a technology that would run at 1,223 km/h (760 mph), about triple the speed of any high-speed train currently operating. In a June press conference, Musk said the hyperloop concept would work for longer distances between cities, whereas shorter distances such as the 27-km (17 miles) between downtown Chicago and the airport are better suited for the scaled-down loop technology. A loop system could one day connect to a broader hyperloop system, he said.

Boring Co. has said the Chicago project will cost \$1 billion, though experts have said similar projects typically cost much more. The company said the price for riders will be about half that of an Uber or taxi, which is currently about \$40 per fare. ■

Seattle's SR-99 tunnel opens to the public

Seattle, WA celebrated the long-awaited opening of the SR-99 project during the first weekend of February, as more than 100,000 people walked, ran and biked through the tunnel. This was followed on Feb. 4 as the tunnel that faced lengthy delays and cost overruns opened to traffic.

The \$3.3 billion, 3.2-km (2-

mile) long tunnel will replace the earthquake-damaged Alaskan Way Viaduct, which the city plans to tear down this month to make way for a new and improved waterfront area and eight acres of new public parks, according to *The Washington Post*.

With an updated waterfront and better access to that area's popular attractions, including the Seattle

Aquarium, officials hope the tunnel will boost Seattle's tourism industry and bring the city's infrastructure into the 21st century.

The tunnel's completion has been much-anticipated after a decade of planning and work, including a two-year construction delay due to issues with Seattle's drilling machine, Bertha. ■

Amtrak looks to alternative repair method for tunnels damaged by Hurricane Sandy

Officials at Amtrak said that they would also consider the tunnel repair technology that New York Mayor Andrew Cuomo has proposed to use on the Canarsie tunnel that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2013 (see page 4).

Engineers from Amtrak will study Cuomo's plan to determine if it would be an appropriate solution for repairs on its tunnel between Manhattan and Queens that was also damaged by flooding from the storm.

The *New York Daily News* reported that Cuomo's plan involves a different way of repairing the cables that would keep the tunnel's

capabilities intact. They have so far called the idea a "common-sense solution" and one that would create a more tolerable experience for passengers.

"It is important for us to do a thorough vetting so that we can determine now at this stage whether it's a methodology that we could use," Amtrak chairman Anthony Coscia told the *Daily News*.

Amtrak has plans to demolish the insides of two East River tunnels, both damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and rebuild them in a fashion that is similar to what was originally planned for the L train line.

While the multi-billion dollar Gateway tunnel project to repair

tunnels beneath the Hudson River that connect Penn Station to New Jersey is a top priority, Amtrak officials aren't confident that Cuomo's approach could work in this case, since there are structural issues to the Hudson River tunnels that existed before Hurricane Sandy. Though flooding was worse in the East River tunnels, the problems within the Hudson River tunnels are more pressing.

Coscia says that once experts determine if Cuomo's idea is workable for Amtrak, the company will act quickly to get the project going. However, he's unsure how long it will take to vet the proposed methods. ■

Ambitious transportation plan in Norway would include floating tunnels

An ambitious \$40 billion plan in Norway could transform transportation along the country's west coast and include a series of tunnels that could include the world's longest rock tunnel as well as a world's first floating tunnel.

To travel the west coast of Norway from Kristiansand to Trondheim is a 1,100-km (684-mile) journey that crosses seven fjords by ferry and takes about 21 hours. The plan being considered, Ferry-Free E39, would cut that travel time in half with a series of bridges and tunnels across the fjords.

One planned tunnel will set a world record for a rock tunnel drilled under the seabed of a fjord. It will be 391-m (1,286-ft) deep and 27-km (17-miles) long.

"Route E39 is a key route for Norway," said Kjersti Kvalheim Dunham, a project manager overseeing the revamping of the E39 route. "Improved transport will improve welfare for the local population, open up to more exports and increase tourism."

In fact, she said, "the tunnels may become attractions," like a "new Eiffel Tower on and under the water."

Creating a pleasing driving environment is just part of the plan for another unique tunnel along the future E39. At 1,300-m (4,265-ft) deep, the largest in Norway, Sognefjord is too deep to dig a tunnel beneath the sea bottom.

Instead, the plan calls for something the world has never seen before: a submerged floating tunnel.

The tunnel would be anchored in the bedrock on either side of the fjord, submerged about 30-m (98-ft) below the surface of the water, low enough for the biggest ships to pass safely over, and with plenty of space underneath for submarines to come and go.

In addition to staying clear of water traffic, the depth of the tunnel assures smooth driving.

"Wind, waves and currents have hardly any influence there," Arianna Minoretti, a chief engineer at Norway's Public Roads Administration, told *ABC News*.

She said 50 international experts "are doing detailed simulations and detailed measurements of wind speed, current, undersea landslides, bedrock geology, etc." to make sure the plans, as well as the tunnel, is rooted in "the real-world environment."

The two concrete tubes of the tunnel — one for traffic headed in each direction — will be firmly fixed in position and attached to floating pontoons, spaced 250 m (820 ft) apart to allow sea vessels to pass through.

This ambitious line of bridges and tunnels for the new Highway E39 is part of an even bigger network.

"Norway already has got 1,170 tunnels, 37 of which go under water," explained Kvalheim Dunham. "Norwegians are quite used to going under water in tunnels."

The new highway won't be ready anytime soon. To date, 10 percent of the project has been completed.

By 2025, 33 percent of the project is expected to be completed. The entire route won't be fully finished until 2050, Kvalheim Dunham said. ■

New York: Repair method has been used in Europe

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necessary, or patched.

"This is technology that is known to the MTA," Michael Horodniceanu said.

Horodniceanu was in charge of all major MTA projects from 2008 to 2017 as president of MTA Capital Construction.

The technology he referenced is a type of reinforced fiber he said has been used on tunnel walls. Under Cuomo's plan, that fiber

would be used to patch the concrete benchwalls inside the L-train tunnel that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy floodwaters. The electrical cables inside the benchwall would be abandoned and new fireproofed cables mounted along the tunnel wall. The MTA's previous plan called for completely demolishing and replacing the benchwall, which Horodniceanu said would have given the structure a longer life cycle.

"Clearly, rebuilding it totally, it will enhance the life, more than if

you just fix it," Horodniceanu said.

Not having to take out and replace the old wall cuts down on cost and time, officials said. And the new plan could be accomplished with night and weekend work instead of a shutdown.

MTA Acting Chairman Fernando Ferrer called the new plan "an innovative and more efficient approach" and said the agency, which operates in the city and its suburbs but is controlled by the governor, would adopt it in full. ■

Herrenknecht nominated for innovation award

E-Power Pipe is a trenchless method for the economic and environmentally friendly installation of underground cables. The new development from Herrenknecht was nominated for the bauma Innovation Award 2019 in the Machine category.

Trenchless technology offers significant advantages over the conventional open-cut method. The innovative procedure closes a technical gap because it allows small-diameter drives with 10-times greater lengths, shallower depths as well as high precision and speed.

With E-Power Pipe, Herrenknecht has developed a new method to quickly and securely install small-diameter cable protection pipes underground over long distances of more than a kilometer. The innovative method has purposefully modified and further developed proven drilling technologies so that in the future, underground cables can be installed trenchlessly and close to the surface at a depth of between 2- and 4 m (6 and 12 ft) with minimal intervention in the landscape.

The heart of the system is the fully remote controlled tunnel boring machine AVNS350XB, which has an excavation diameter of 505 mm (20 in.) and is designed for drive lengths of more than 1,000 m (3,280 ft). The

machine can keep to the planned alignment with high precision and thus cross safely under existing infrastructure such as pipelines, roads, railways or smaller bodies of water. Individual boreholes can be placed a small distance apart of only 1-2 m (3-6 ft), so several lines can be installed in parallel.

The tunneling machine is equipped with a jet pump and an integrated hydraulic power unit. With conventional methods, space restrictions limited muck removal over longer sections and as a result also limited the drive lengths possible. Through the use of the jet pump for transporting the muck, up to 10 times longer tunneling distances can be realized at high speeds in the small-diameter range.

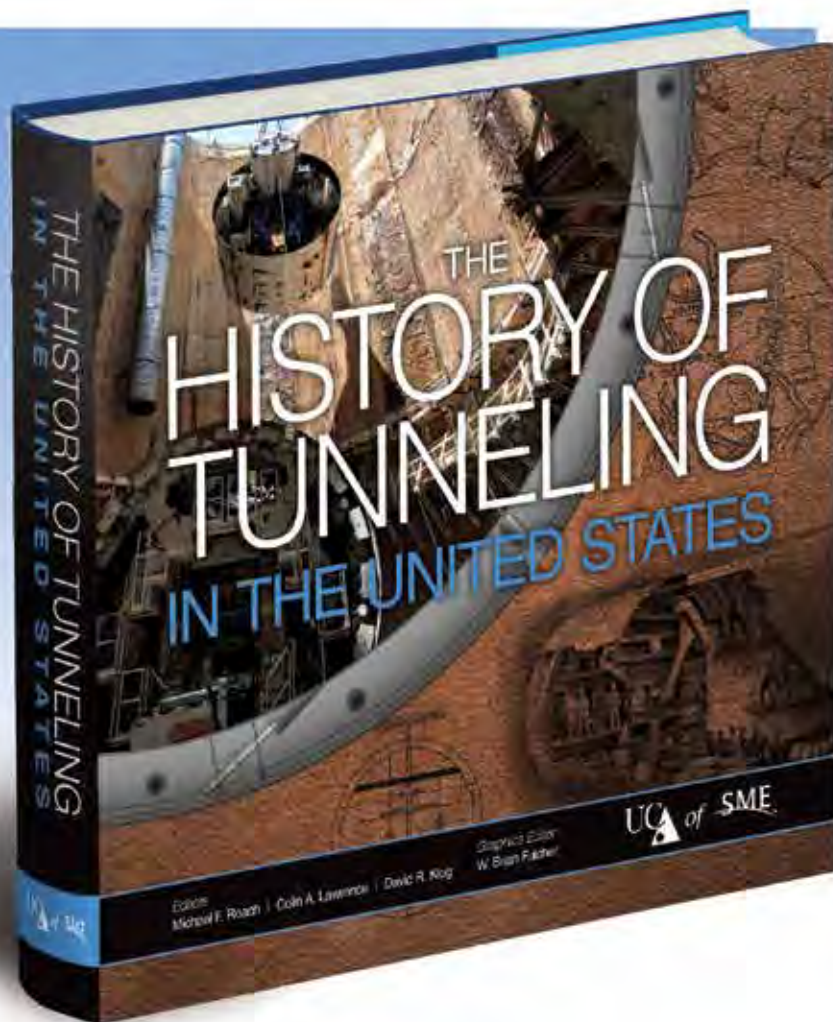
At the starting point, a newly developed push and pull unit is installed, and its thrust is used to push the jacking pipes and the TBM along the specified route in the direction of the target point. The borehole remains securely supported by the machine and the jacking pipes the entire time. After breakthrough at the target point, the TBM is separated from the jacking pipes. Subsequently, the prefabricated cable protection pipe is connected to the jacking pipes still located in the borehole and pulled back and thus into the

borehole by the push and pull unit in the launch shaft at the other end. After installation of the protection pipe, the E-Power Pipe mission is complete. Final insertion of the underground cables is carried out by appropriately specialized companies.

The method innovation involved the development of new, extended jacking pipes that allow a much more continuous advance. Herrenknecht developed an appropriate push and pull unit with a 10 m (33 ft) stroke and a push and pull force of 350 t (385 st) specifically for these jacking pipes. The technology is based on a rack-and-pinion guide, powered by electric motors. As a result, the innovative concept ensures higher installation performance and greater acceptance thanks to lower noise emissions.

The efficiency of E-Power Pipe has already been successfully demonstrated in pilot projects. Daily best performances of 184 m (603 ft) were achieved during tunneling and 266 m (872 ft) when the protective pipe was pulled in. The development of the method received funding from the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMW research project IBoTec) and was carried out by Herrenknecht in cooperation with Amprion GmbH and with RWTH Aachen. ■

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FEATURE ARTICLE

World's largest tunnel gates and reservoir connection go online as part of Chicago's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan

The McCook Main Tunnel connects Chicago's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) Mainstream Tunnel to the McCook Reservoir. The tunnel system consists of a 10 m (33 ft) finished diameter and 490-m (1,600-ft) long hard-rock tunnel constructed from a 27.5-m (90-ft) diameter and 92 m (300 ft) deep main gate shaft. The gate shaft houses six high-head 4.4 x 9 m (14.5 x 29.5 ft) wheel gates installed in the bifurcated and steel-lined section of the tunnel. The tunnel also includes portal and energy dissipation structures as it daylight into the reservoir.

Construction of the McCook Main Tunnel in live flow conditions was a challenging task for the McCook Main Tunnel Project participants, the project owner U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), local sponsor Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago, designer Black & Veatch and contractor Kiewit Infrastructure Co. (Kiewit). Once completed in two stages

FIG.1

Chicago tunnel and reservoir plan and McCook Reservoir.

CHICAGO'S TUNNEL AND RESERVOIR PLAN (TARP)

- Adopted by MWRDGC in 1972
- Captures Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) and Floodwater
- Phase I Tunnels - 110 miles of tunnels completed:
 - Mainstream
 - Upper Des Plaines (O'Hare)
 - Des Plaines
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in 2017 and 2029, the McCook Reservoir will hold 38 billion L (10 billion gal) of combined sewer overflows (CSO) and flood waters from the city of Chicago and 36 surrounding communities in Cook County, IL.

The construction of the tunnel system was

divided into two contracts. The first contract for the gate and construction access shaft was completed in August 2011. The second contract included tunnel excavation and concrete and steel lining that was completed in September 2014; installation of gates and hydraulic cylinders that was completed in June 2017; and the last major construction activity was the removal of a temporary concrete plug (bulkhead) and lining that tunnel section to bring the overall tunnel and gates system online before Dec. 31, 2017.

This article focuses on the installation, testing and commissioning of the high head wheel gates. Live tunnel connection details to TARP Mainstream Tunnel were addressed in a previous paper submitted at the World Tunneling Conference in 2016.

Chicago TARP System

The MWRD has been addressing CSOs and flooding

in Chicago since the late 1960s and formally adopted the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan in 1972 to protect the region's most precious drinking water supply, Lake Michigan. Phase I of TARP, which included construction of 175 km (109 miles) of deep storage and conveyance tunnels with diameters up to 10 m (33 ft), was completed in 2006. In addition to the protection of Lake Michigan from CSO discharges, Phase I resulted in substantial improvements in surface water quality as well as the quality of life for lake and riverfront communities in Chicago. Water quality improvements and flooding mitigation will be further enhanced as Phase II reservoirs are placed in service, including the three, large reservoir systems, McCook, Thornton and Majewski, as shown in Fig. 1.

The McCook Reservoir is the largest reservoir in the TARP system. Once completed, this \$1.031 billion reservoir facility will receive 38 billion L (10 billion gal) of CSO and floodwater via the McCook Main Tunnel which connects the TARP Mainstream Tunnel to the McCook Reservoir and from the Distribution and Des Plaines Inflow tunnels which will bring flow from the Des Plaines Tunnel of TARP.

McCook Main Tunnel layout

McCook Main Tunnel daylights into the McCook Reservoir at the northeast edge and extends east toward the existing Mainstream Tunnel (Fig. 2). The tunnel was excavated using sequential drill-and-blast and lined with concrete and steel in sections for long-term stability and to minimize infiltration and exfiltration.

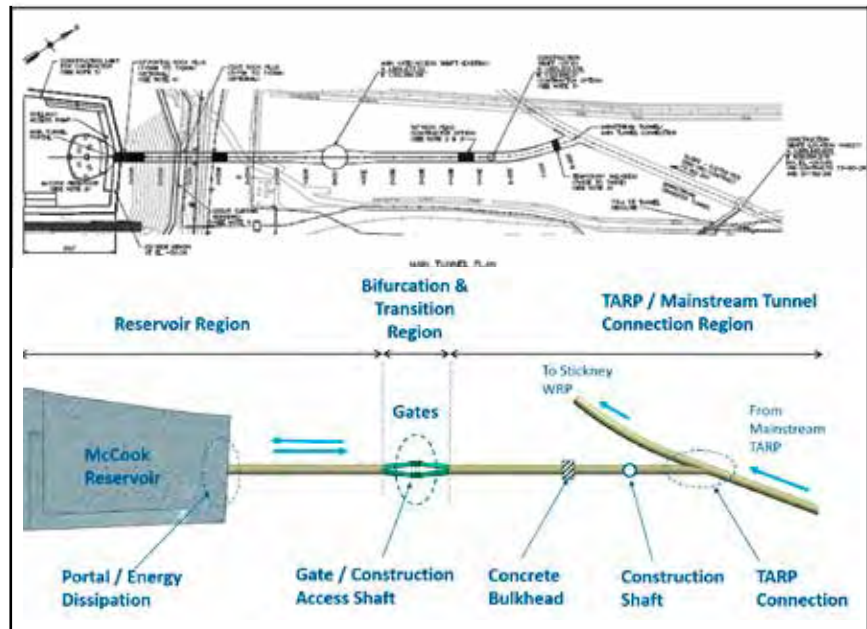
The tunnel was excavated in its entirety in bedrock, consisting of massive, relatively homogenous Silurian and late Ordovician dolomites. These rocks form a relatively uniform 100+ m (330+ ft) thick sequence across the site and incorporate the Racine Formation, Sugar Run Formation, Joliet Formation, Kankakee Formation, Elwood Formation and Wilhelmi Formation of Silurian age. The tunnel is located in the Kankakee and Elwood formations.

The McCook Main Tunnel system has the following key components:

1. Main Tunnel Section: Approximately 490 m (1,600 ft) long, 10-m (33-ft) inside diameter, hard-rock tunnel, bifurcated into two tunnels for 88 m (290 ft) through the gate shaft section.
2. Main Gate/Access Shaft: 27-m (88-ft) diameter, 90-m (295-ft) deep circular shaft located near the midpoint of the Main Tunnel and houses the

FIG.2

McCook Main Tunnel layout and components.



bifurcated tunnel section. This shaft was used for construction of the tunnel and houses the high head wheel gates for controlling flow between TARP Mainstream Tunnel and McCook Reservoir.

3. Construction Shaft (contractor option): A 7.6-m (25 ft) diameter and 87-m (285-ft) deep construction shaft was located at 91 m (300 ft) downstream or west of the Mainstream Tunnel connection. Kiewit elected to build this shaft to facilitate the live connection work. As the tunnel and gate shaft excavation and lining were completed, a temporary concrete bulkhead was installed to isolate the live connection section from the rest of gate and reservoir works to the east.
4. Gates: A total of six wheel gates operating under 100 m (330 ft) of water pressure head were installed in the Main Gate/Access shaft. Each gate measures 4.4 x 9 m (14.5 x 29.5 ft) with associated hydraulic cylinders, power units, and gate controls. Each bifurcated section of the Main Tunnel contains one main gate and two guard gates — one upstream and one downstream of the main gate. The gates, hydraulic cylinders and controls were manufactured under a separate contract and were provided to the contractor as government furnished items. The gates were designed by Black & Veatch and fabricated by Oregon Iron Works (now Vigor Works LLC).
5. Main Tunnel/Mainstream Tunnel connection: This is the connection section of the Main Tunnel to the existing, live 10-m (33-ft) diameter Mainstream Tunnel that remained in service throughout

FIG.3

Bifurcated and steel-lined gate section of McCook Main Tunnel.



construction. Removal of the temporary concrete bulkhead and lining of that tunnel section completed the connection.

6. Main Tunnel/McCook Reservoir connection: The Main Tunnel connection to the McCook Reservoir included portal excavation and stabilization work at the quarry highwall face and an energy dissipation structure. The portal was excavated from the reservoir side and supported with rock bolts, wire mesh and shotcrete.
7. Control building: A surface facility to house gate operating controls, hydraulic power units and provide limited storage.

The McCook Main Tunnel system design, construction, commissioning and operation were coordinated with the overall McCook Reservoir water control plan as well as the reservoir excavation, quarry highwalls stabilization, groundwater protection system construction, Distribution

and Des Plaines Inflow Tunnel connections, and other reservoir features. Hydraulic structures were designed to withstand erosion or cavitation during reservoir filling and emptying cycles and to handle flows up to 850 m³/s (30,000 cu ft/sec) and velocities approaching to 12 m/s (40 ft/sec).

Working with live tunnel flow conditions

The connection to the Mainstream Tunnel was challenging due to the limited amount of time available to access the connection area as the Mainstream Tunnel had to remain live or in service at all times. The connection is located near the downstream terminus of the Mainstream Tunnel which drains over the 65 km (40.5 miles) of tunnel network virtually encompassing the highly developed city of Chicago. MWRD operates the Mainstream Tunnel system and the Mainstream Pump Station to collect and pump out the CSOs and subsequently treats the flows through the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. When it rains, the tunnel fills up rapidly, and there is also a constant

FIG.4

Upstream check dam (left) and bypass pipe and downstream check dam (right).



FIG. 5

Bull nose at main tunnel (left) and mainstream tunnel connection and concreting of invert toward main tunnel.



base flow in the tunnel of about 113 to 150 million L/d (30 to 40 million gpd). Kiewit designed a base flow bypass system consisting of upstream and downstream steel check dams (partial bulkheads) with a 914-mm (36-in.) nominal diameter HDPE bypass pipe across the connection section of the Mainstream Tunnel (Fig. 4). The connection was lined with reinforced concrete starting with the invert, then walls and finally crown. The connection works in-progress were exposed to inundation multiple times where all personnel and equipment were evacuated from the area upon notice from MWRD operators or the weather service dispatcher. All installations were successfully completed despite multiple and complete flooding of work areas, and the tunnel and subsequent reinforcement and lining work (Fig. 5) were successfully completed by the end of 2016 as detailed in the referenced 2016 World Tunnel Congress paper.

Several lessons learned were valuable to the team as the Mainstream Tunnel was opened up for the first time after 35 years of service. The tunnel liner was in near perfect circular shape without any sign of damage, major cracking or water seepage. Despite being downstream, there was no sediment or grit accumulation observed, primarily due to high-velocity tunnel flows created with large dewatering pumps. It is noted however, there was significant grit accumulation in the Main Tunnel once the construction work was suspended over the spring and summer of 2015. The tunnel-liner concrete exhibited very high unconfined compressive strength, on the order of 83 MPa (12,000 psi) compared to initial placement specification of 28 MPa (4,000 psi), also known as the MWRD's RA mix. Visual inspection, field and laboratory testing of the concrete liner and verification of its existing condition allowed the designer to shorten the limits of excavation for connection by approximately 12 m (40 ft) at the downstream end.

High-head wheel gates

Six high-head, vertical-lift wheel gates were installed in the Main Tunnel to control the flow of CSOs and

floodwater between the reservoir and Mainstream Tunnel. The gates are housed in the Main Gate/Access Shaft (MGAS) in the bifurcated section of the Main Tunnel (Fig. 6). Each bifurcation has one main gate and two guard gates — one upstream and one downstream of the main gate. All gates have an opening of 4.4 m x 9 m (14.5 ft x 29.5 ft). The main gates are the primary feature to control water flow and are designed to seal in both flow directions. The guard gates are designed to seal against hydrostatic head on one side only. The upstream guard gate holds back water on the Mainstream Tunnel side and the downstream guard gate holds back water on the reservoir side. The guard gates provide redundancy to the main gates and can also be used to isolate a main gate when needed for maintenance.

The gates are operated by a hydraulic operating system. Each gate is raised and lowered by a hydraulic cylinder that is mounted above the gate in a vertical position. The cylinders are actuated by two hydraulic power units (HPUs) at ground level in the control building near the MGAS.

Gate details

Each gate consists of three sections (leaves) that are pinned together to form the gate. There are four-pin connections between the lower and middle leaves and four-pin connections between the middle and upper leaves. The upper leaf is connected to the hydraulic cylinder by means of a single pin. Each leaf has four wheels, two on each side (Fig. 6). These wheels are the bearing portions of the gate when it is subjected to load.

The gates use neoprene seals to control the water. The seals along the sides and top of the gate are center bulb seals. The seals have a fluorocarbon coating on the bulb to reduce friction during gate operation. This coating will eventually wear away but does not compromise the sealing function of the seal. The seals on the main gates have a 0.95-cm (0.375-in.) preset deflection for flow toward the reservoir, and a 0.32-cm (0.125-in.) preset for flow in the reverse direction.

The seals on the guard gates have a 0.95-cm (0.375-

FIG.6

Gate leaf suspended from a crane (left) and gates in bifurcated section of main tunnel (right).



in.) preset. A pressure groove behind the seal is provided so hydrostatic pressure will force the bulb against the sealing surface. Holes in the seal bars allow pressure to build up in this groove. This groove also assists in lessening wear on the seals during gate movement when no differential pressure is present. A wedge seal is mounted at the bottom edge of the gate. The joint between the gate sections is sealed with flat natural rubber seals. All seals are split at the joint between gate sections to allow installation and removal of the gate in sections. The seals are detailed to allow a 0.16-cm (0.0625-in.) preset compression between the gate sections in order to minimize leakage at these joints.

Each leaf is a steel structure made up of welded horizontal plate girders that span from wheel to wheel. It is composed mostly of A572 grade 50 steel, with some portions that are 304L stainless steel. The gate is metallized with a zinc-aluminum coating to help protect it from corrosion. The metallized coating is sealed with a vinyl sealer. The gates are open on their loaded side (Mainstream Tunnel side for the main gates). This keeps the gate from being buoyant when submerged. Drain holes in the girder webs and in the gate bottom keep water from ponding on the girders as the water level goes down.

The wheels for each gate are 0.9-m (3-ft) in diameter and made from ASTM A705, UNS 13800, Condition H1025, 380 BHN stainless steel. They rotate about a fixed axle that is of the same material but tempered to a harder condition (430 BHN) so that wear will more likely occur in the wheel. The wheels are also softer than the wheel track plates so that wear will more likely occur in the wheel. The wheels are crowned with a 15-m (50-ft) radius so that they bear continuously on the wheel track plates even when the gate deflects under load. The wheels have a force fit bronze bushing that rolls on the greased interface between the bushing and the fixed axle.

The gate guides position each gate correctly and provide a seating and sealing surface for the gate. They

consist of upper and lower guides. The upper guides are only used during gate installation and removal. They help to control gate motion in the upper part of the shaft. The upper guides are bolted to the concrete of the gate well walls. They consist of ASTM A36 angles that have been galvanized to provide a durable coating.

The lower guides are the primary traveling surfaces of the gate. The wheels of the gate run along wheel tracks. There is a front track and a back track. The distance between the tracks is slightly larger than the wheel, to keep the wheel from binding but also to reduce play in the gate itself. The wheel tracks run from the tunnel invert all the way to the cylinder support level. These wheel tracks are ASTM A693, UNS 13800, Condition H950, 430 BHN stainless steel. This is a harder material than the gate wheels so that damage occurs in the wheels rather than in the track. On the side of each guide is a roller track plate on which the guide roller contacts. These track plates are bolted to an ASTM A304L grade stainless steel that forms the guide slot. This also is the sealing surface of the slot. When seated, the gate presses up against the wheel track and compresses the seals against the sealing surface. The guides are anchored to the shaft concrete with embeds and rebar anchors cast into a 34 MPA (5,000-psi) second placement concrete.

The MGAS concrete consists of 34 MPA (5,000) psi reinforced concrete. This concrete anchors the steel liner and forms the sides of each of the six gate wells. It was designed to resist water pressure around the exterior of the shaft. Also, the walls between the gate wells were designed to resist the full height differential water pressure on them (i.e., one gate well full and the adjacent one empty).

The concrete was placed in sections. Between each vertical construction joint is a PVC waterstop system to resist leakage through the joint. The horizontal construction joints were prepared to allow for bonding between the concrete lifts and do not have a waterstop.

Each of the guard gate wells have large access spots,

FIG. 7

Hydraulic cylinder on a trailer (left) and a hydraulic power unit in control building (right).



enough to access the tunnel invert using a four-person crane basket. The main gate wells have access spots as well, but much smaller.

Hydraulic operating system details

The cylinders raise and lower the gates through the use of hydraulic pressure generated by the HPUs. Fluid pressures in the cylinder are monitored by two pressure transducers, one on the bore side of the piston near the top of the cylinder and one on the rod side of the piston near the bottom of the cylinder. The position of the cylinder rod is monitored by a position sensor. Each cylinder is made up of a shell a piston head, a rod, a clevis, supply and return piping, and a manifold with check valves. The bore diameter of the cylinder is approximately 1 m (3 ft), the rod diameter is approximately 0.3 m (1 ft) and the total stroke in the cylinder is approximately 9.5 m (31 ft) (Fig. 7). Each cylinder weighs approximately 65 kips and is capable of producing a jacking load of 2,100 kips. The cylinder rod is coated with a protective anti-corrosion metallic coating. The cylinder shell is coated with epoxy paint. The hydraulic fluid is carried by piping between the HPUs and cylinders.

The cylinders are actuated by two HPUs in the control building near the MGAS (Fig. 7). Each HPU typically controls three gates on each side of the bifurcated tunnel. Each HPU consists primarily of an internal reservoir, two pumps, a manifold, a PLC cabinet with screen and various internal instruments for the function of the HPU. There is a manual crossover between the HPUs to allow for redundancy in hydraulic operation.

Gate testing and operation

Several tests were conducted to check installation and operation of the gates, as follows:

- Gate leaf dry run test: While suspended from a crane, a gate leaf was slowly lowered and raised

between the ground surface and tunnel invert to verify the proper alignment of the upper and lower gate guides and sill plate at the invert.

- Functional performance test: The fully installed gate system was tested to verify the operation of the HPUs, hydraulic cylinders, gates, and hydraulic piping under operating conditions.
- Intermediate (flat) seals air pressure test: The flat seals between the gate leafs were subjected to air pressure up to 1.2 MPA (175 psi) to verify performance of those seals prior to filling tunnel with water.
- Wet test: A 79-m (259-ft) column of water obtained from a canal was pumped into the gate shaft and tunnel on one side of a pair of guard gates and then one side of the main gates to test sealing of gates at full hydrostatic head conditions.

The normal condition for all gates is the raised position, allowing flow to move unimpeded between the reservoir and Mainstream Tunnel. The gate speed is approximately 0.3 m/min (1 ft/m), so it takes approximately 30 minutes for the gates to move from the open position to the closed position. When it is desired to isolate the reservoir from the Mainstream Tunnel, both of the main gates will be closed. In the event that the main gates do not close (or only one closes), the respective guard gates will be closed (upstream guard gates if the Mainstream Tunnel water level will be higher, downstream guard gates if the reservoir water level will be higher). The gates are designed to hold back large differentials of water pressure; however, the gates will typically be moved or operated when there is relatively equal water levels on both sides of the gate.

The motion of the gates is controlled by the HPUs in the control building at the ground surface. Generally, the gates are operated in pairs (i.e., both main gates move together, both upstream guard gates move together, both downstream guard gates move together). The gates

can be operated locally from the control building or remotely from the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant via SCADA.

Conclusion

Removal of the temporary concrete bulkhead and final stages of commissioning took place from late 2017 through the first quarter of 2018. Once the bulkhead was removed and construction of the remaining reservoir features was completed, including an inflow/outflow connection and aeration facilities, the reservoir became available to take water in December 2017..

The McCook Main Tunnel and Gates are one of a kind underground structures that are used for management of high-volume and high pressure flows in tunnels. Design, fabrication, storage, delivery, installation, and commissioning of tons of concrete and steel structures at depths up to 100 m (300 ft) were truly an engineering and construction feat for the many

that worked on this project, and for those who will be benefiting from the water quality improvements and flooding mitigation for years to come. ■

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FIG. 8

McCook Reservoir Stage 1 before and after filling for the first time.



The first fill event of the McCook Reservoir Stage 1 occurred in February 2018, just two months after the reservoir and Main Tunnel and Gates came online.

The Stage 1 reservoir was filled with combined sewer overflow (CSO) and floodwater to its full 13.3 billion L (3.5 billion gal) capacity (Fig. 8), and no CSOs were discharged into Lake Michigan. This validated the project demonstrated the functionality of the Main Tunnel and Gates and realized the project benefits in terms of protecting Lake Michigan from raw sewage and minimizing local flooding. In its first year in service (as of Dec. 31, 2018) McCook Reservoir Stage 1 has captured approximately 103 billion L (27.2 billion gal) of CSO and floodwater. It has been filled multiple times, confirming

the need for more storage that will be provided by Stage 2 of the reservoir.

Stage 2 of the reservoir is currently being mined and is projected to be completed by 2029 to increase the storage capacity of the McCook Reservoir to 38 billion L (10 billion gal) total.

This world-class project has been recognized with several industry awards, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) IL Section 2018 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award in Mega Projects Category, Water Environment Federation (WEF) 2018 Project Excellence Award, and National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) 2019 National Environmental Achievement Award for operations and environmental performance. ■

FEATURE ARTICLE

High-capacity hoisting at Rondout West Branch Tunnel project

The existing Rondout West Branch Tunnel (RWBT) is part of the Delaware Aqueduct which has been in service since 1944 and accounts for more than 50 percent of New York City's water supply. In early 2015, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection contracted Kiewit-Shea Constructors, AJV (KSC) to construct the Rondout West Branch Bypass Tunnel project (Rondout) in order to mitigate the leakage of 132 million L/day (35 million gpd) of water from two areas of the existing tunnel; the Roseton and Wawarsing areas.

The scope of the Bypass Tunnel 2 project is separated into two distinct phases. Phase 1 consists of completing the shaft sinking to a depth of approximately 274 m (900 ft) at shaft 5B, 213 m (700 ft) at shaft 6B and the excavation of approximately 3,850 m (12,500 linear ft) of tunnel at a diameter of 6.6 m (21 ft 7 in). This phase also includes the installation of 2,804 m (9,200 linear ft) of 4.8 m (16 ft) diameter steel interliner pipe through the new bypass tunnel with cast-in-place concrete liner for a finished diameter of 4.2 m (14 ft). Access chambers at the top of shafts 5B and 6B will be constructed for access and housing of the mechanical and electrical equipment for supporting pumps and valves.

Included in phase 2 is the additional excavation from shafts 5B and 6B to the RWBT, and the drainage tunnel to remove ground water infiltration from RWBT. This work will be completed during a scheduled shutdown of the RWBT and will include approximately 31 m (100 ft) of excavation of the two connection tunnels. Additionally, construction of the permanent plugs within the RWBT will be undertaken. Figure 2 shows the layout of the work.

Access to the work through the deep shaft at site 5B was critical to the success of the project. The hoisting system needed to be multi-functional to handle the different types of construction from drill and shoot of the shaft, starter and tail tunnel, the assembly of the tunnel boring machine (TBM), the excavation of the TBM tunnel including the supply of the precast segmental liner, the grouting operations, the installation of the steel interliner pipe and the cast-in-place concrete as well as ingress and egress of personnel. The production of

FIG.1

Project location map.



the TBM operations was critical to the schedule of the project. This required a quick cycle for muck haulage and supply of the precast segmental liner in order to keep pace with the excavation time of the TBM. For TBM assembly, components were limited to a maximum weight of 104 t (115 st) for a single lift. Various cranes were analyzed for hoisting, however, none would meet all of the criteria. Therefore, the project team selected a specialized hoisting system designed in house in conjunction with Timberland Equipment Ltd. that consisted of a total of 14 separate hoists and winches with a total of more than 2,833 kW (3,800 hp).

Structural and mechanical design

The structural portion of the high capacity hoisting system at the Rondout project consisted of eight separate designed and fabricated major structural components weighing more than 567 t (625 st). These components

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FIG.2

Bypass tunnel alignment plan.

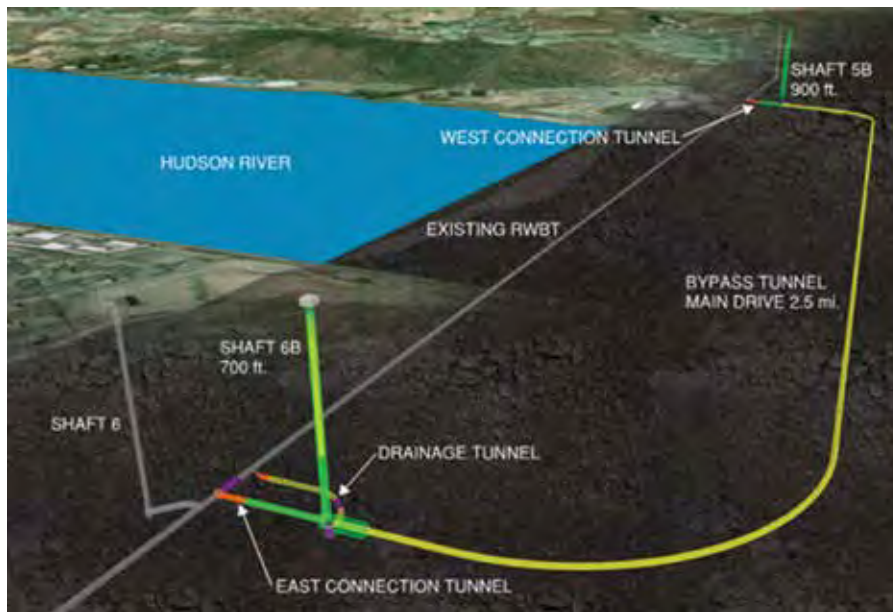
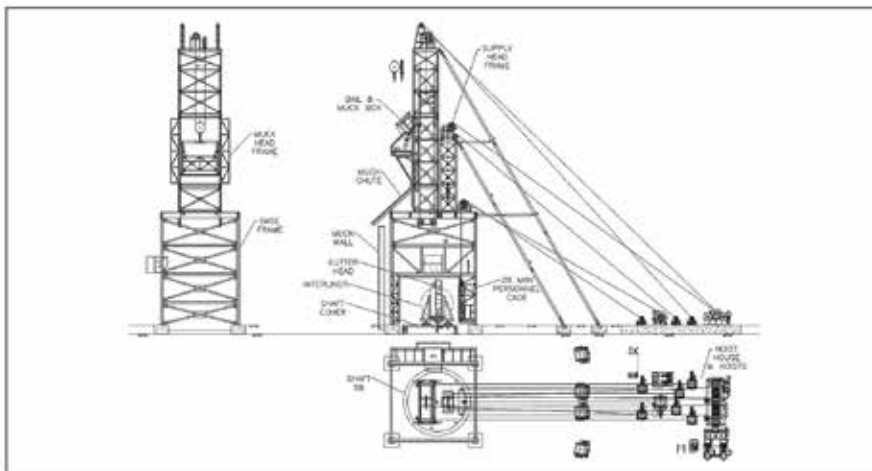


FIG.3

General layout of Rondout Shaft 5B headframe assembly.



were designed and supplied to access the 10-m (30-ft) diameter shaft to accommodate all of the previously mentioned operations throughout phase 1 of the project.

The main components consisted of:

1. A movable heavy-duty shaft cover.
2. Shaft runner beams with Hilman rollers.
3. The collar mounted base frame structure.
4. Muck head frame, dump scroll, chute and back wall.
5. Supply head frame.

6. Muck and supply back legs with erection frame.
7. Twenty-eight person personnel cage and access platform.
8. Muck car bails and muck cars.

Movable heavy-duty shaft cover.

The movable shaft cover measures approximately 19 x 26 m (63 x 26 ft) and rolls on Hilman rollers in an east west direction powered by a 7-kW (10-hp), electric, Stanspec dual directional car puller. The dual directional puller utilizes 2.2 cm (0.875-in.) diameter wire rope with a 18,000-kg (40,000-lb) line pull at approximately 5 m/min (15 fpm).

The overall length of the shaft cover is necessary because there are two 9-cm (36-in.) gage rail tracks installed on the cover to accommodate the roll-on of various TBM components that, along with carrier supports, will weigh approximately 127,000 kg (280,000 lbs). The cover is made up of three separate compartments, each with a very specific purpose.

The most eastern compartment is fixed and measures 10 m (30 ft) in length and only serves the purpose of supporting the dual rail tracks. The northwestern section measures 11 x 5.4 m (33 x 18 ft) and consists of five removable panels that will be removed during a mucking operation so that this section of the shaft will be opened for the raising and lowering of the muck bail and boxes.

The remaining area of the cover is designated as the supply door and measures 11 x 2.4 m (33 x 8 ft) in size. This section of the cover is supported by a series of four offset hinges so that the supply door may be rotated and moved to the north in such a way to

completely open the supply area for the transport of tunnel rail, tunnel supplies and precast segmental liner. An electric Thern winch and an overhead sheave deck mounted on the north side of the shaft cover and base frame is used to open and close the hinged supply door as required.

A 2.4-m (8-ft) high safety fence is installed between the muck deck and the supply door so that hoisting of these two functions may take place simultaneously.

Shaft runner beams with Hilman Rollers. The shaft runner beams consist of two beams spliced together to

FIG.4

Base frame assembly.



form a continuous section, 30 m (100 ft) in length. Each 30-m (100-ft) long section is supported on four concrete footings founded on base rock foundations. There is a total of 10 Hilman rollers, each complete with Accu-Roll guides and a capacity of 50 t (55 st), that run on top of the two runner beams and, in turn, support the movable shaft cover as previously described. The 50 t (55 st) capacity of each Hilman roller is required to support the shaft cover and the point loading from the various TBM components during installation.

The collar-mounted base frame structure. The base frame structure is a large fabrication that measures 12 m (42 ft) wide by 12 m (39 ft) deep with a height of approximately 16 m (54 ft). The entire base frame is

supported on four wide flange legs resting on concrete foundations on a solid rock base surrounding the shaft collar.

The required function of the base frame is to support the main muck and supply head frames, the personnel access platform, the muck dump scrolls and chute as well as provide an east and west opening that will allow the entrance of all tunnel supplies, all TBM components and the entrance of truck loaded interliner pipe that will measure 5 m (16 ft) in diameter by 12 m (40 ft) in length.

The east and west side openings in the base frame measure 9-m (30-ft) wide by 7-m (24-ft) high. The western portion of this 7-m (24-ft) high opening allows a rail mounted carrier to enter the interior of the base frame while supporting a 7-m (22-ft) diameter TBM cutter head.

FIG.5

Head frame assembly; supply frame, upper stair tower, upper muck frame.



FIG.6

Back leg installation.



The same opening is used to allow the interliner pipe to enter as well. After the truck loaded interliner pipe has entered the interior of the base frame, the hoist blocks are attached to the east end of the interliner pipe and the pipe is rotated and hoisted to a vertical position so that it may be lowered down the shaft to the invert and its final destination within the driven tunnel.

The second floor of the base frame structure supports the hoist house control room. From here all hoisting functions and shaft cover movement is controlled. A stair tower and walkway allow access to the control room and to the muck and supply head frames.

Muck head frame, dump scroll, chute and back wall.

The muck head frame is a prefabricated structure that measures 4 x 6 m (12 x 21 ft) with an overall height of 28 m (94 ft). The entire muck frame complex which includes the dump scroll, chute and sheave deck is supported on heavy beams that are a part of the upper portion of the previously described base frame.

To allow the rotation and the dumping sequence of the 15 m³ (20 cu yd) muck boxes, a portion of the north face of the muck head frame is completely open and designated as the dump slot. Because of the complete lack of bracing in this portion of the frame, an external frame work truss is attached to the two legs of the muck head frame to reinforce the legs of the frame in this area.

The dump scroll consists of two heavy plates attached to the north-east and north-west legs of the muck head frame. This heavy plate structure supports two tracks that allow the bail supported muck cars to rotate and automatically dump 15 m³ (20 cu yd) of tunnel muck onto the chute which is also supported from the northern legs of the muck head frame. This dumping method is a mining technique, well known as a “Kimberly” dump.

The dumped material from the 15 m³ (20 cu yd) box is slowly displaced and falls onto the dump chute which measures approximately 8 m (27 ft) in length on an

angle of 42° to the horizontal. A portion of the dump chute is supported on the top deck of the base frame in addition to the muck head frame support. The upper surface of the muck chute and the impact area is lined with two layers of steel plate and a layer of anti-abrasive material designed to protect the chute, provide a low coefficient of sliding friction and lower the sound of material being dispersed.

The top section of the muck head frame consists of a series of heavy beams that support the sheave deck and three wire rope sheaves. The main sheave

that is attached to the muck bail has a pitch diameter of 118 cm (46.5 in.) and supports a 3.8-cm (1.5-in.) diameter Briden Endurance Dyform 34LR Max wire rope with a breaking strength of 151 t (166 st). This wire rope is two parted around a 145-cm (57-in.) diameter Crosby block and returns to the sheave deck where it is anchored in a fixed support frame.

The two remaining sheaves are designated as guide rope sheaves and have a pitch diameter of 71.4 cm (28.125 in.) and support a 2.8-cm (1.125-in.) diameter Briden Dyform 6 wire rope with a breaking strength of 78 t (82.5 st). The two guide ropes are used to guide the muck bail while running in the shaft and are anchored at the foot of shaft by way of a hydraulically operated cylinder designed to measure the required tension in the rope guides.

Supply head frame. The supply head frame is a prefabricated structure that measures 3 x 7 m (9 x 22 ft) with an over-all height of 14 m (46 ft). The supply frame, like the muck head frame, is supported on heavy beams that are a part of the upper portion of the previously described base frame. The supply sheave deck is of similar design and configuration as the muck sheave deck with identical sheaves and wire ropes for ease of design and functionality with the double drum hoist for synchronized loads.

The supply head frame is used to support the required services of the underground works for the transport of tunnel rail, tunnel supplies and precast segmental liner. The two guide ropes are used to guide the precast segment handling device and other supplies while running in the shaft which are also anchored at the foot of shaft.

Muck and supply back leg with erection frame. Both the muck and supply head frames have inclined back legs designed to support the loading from the two 3.8-

cm (1.5-in.) diameter main ropes as well as the four 2.8-cm (1.125-in.) diameter guide ropes. The loading from these wire ropes can impose a force of up to 49,270 kg (102,000 lbs) of compression into the back-leg structure. The lengths of the muck and supply back legs are 48 and 32 m (159 ft and 105 ft), respectively, and they are horizontally supported laterally at mid and one-third points along their lengths.

It is virtually impossible to erect these long back legs in one piece so a back leg erection frame is designed and fabricated to allow reasonable sections of the back legs to be erected as units including the attached lateral support struts. The erection frame is outfitted with varying length wire rope slings so that dual sections of the back legs may be raised from a horizontal position on the ground to a predetermined and accurate inclined position in the air to accommodate connections to the two head frames and the foundation anchors on the ground.

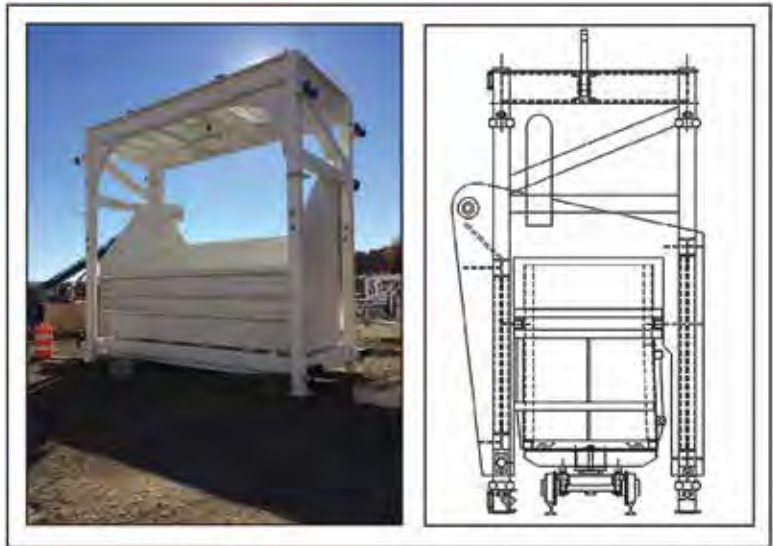
Twenty-eight person personnel cage and access platform. Personnel ingress and egress to and from the shaft invert is undertaken with the use of a specially designed two-level personnel cage capable of transporting 28 people. The lower section of each level is enclosed with solid plate, whereas the upper half of each level has a fine mesh enclosure. The entrance to the cage is by way of three sliding doors, two on the lower level and one sliding door on the upper level.

The personnel cage is raised and lowered with a single wire rope that is supported from a personnel sheave located on the top deck of the base frame structure. The base frame structure supports a sheave deck and three wire rope sheaves. The main sheave that is attached to the personnel cage has a pitch diameter of 98 cm (38.75 in.) and supports a 3.1-cm (1.25-in.) diameter Briden Endurance Dyform 34LR wire rope with a breaking strength of 110 t (122 st). The two remaining sheaves are designated as guide rope sheaves and have a pitch diameter of 71.7 cm (28.25 in.) and support a 2.85-cm (1.125-in.) diameter Briden Dyform 6 wire rope with a breaking strength of 75 t (82.5 st). The two guide ropes are used to guide the personnel cage while running in the shaft and are anchored at the foot of the shaft.

Access to either level of the cage at the collar level is by way

FIG.7

Muck bails for drill-and-shoot and TBM operations.



of a personnel access platform with an internal stairway that is prefabricated and located inside the south end of the base frame structure. This access platform also allows for a method of traversing from the west side to the east side of the shaft area. Access at the foot of shaft is by way of a 10-m (30-ft) high stair tower.

The personnel cage is equipped with a broken rope safety device installed on each end of the upper framework of the cage. The safety device utilizes a linkage system and a heavy coil spring to activate a pair of high strength serrated wedges that, when activated, grip the 2.85-cm (1.125-in.) diameter rope guides. The cage

FIG.8

Timberland double drum hoist diagram.

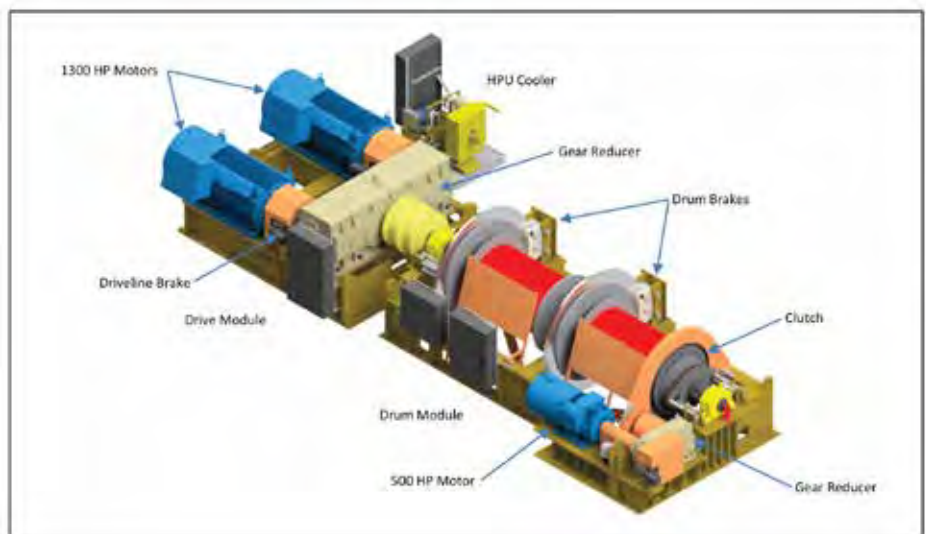


FIG.9

Timberland E-house building and hoist layout prior to hoist house installation.



is guided throughout the shaft area with a total of four bronze thimbles located on the four corners of the cage.

Muck car bails and muck cars. The excavation of the tail and starter tunnels is with the use of the drill and shoot method. The excavation of the main tunnel drive is with the use of a 6.7-m (22-ft) diameter Robbins TBM. The TBM deposits muck into a series of 15-m³ (20-cu yd) lift off box muck cars from a trailing conveyor belt system and is transported with a diesel powered locomotive.

When the train reaches the area at the foot of the shaft, each successive car enters into a bail structure that is designed to raise the lift-off box only to the surface dump area. The bail system consists of an inner and outer bail. The inner bail is pinned at one corner to the outer bail so that it can rotate and dump the contents of the 15 m³ (20-cu yd) box while traversing through the dump scroll on the north face of the muck head frame. The combination of bail, box and tunnel muck weighs

approximately 48,000 kg (106,000 lbs) and travels to the surface at a maximum velocity of 167 m/min (550 ft/m).

Hoist requirements and specification

The main mucking and material hoist is a double drum electrical variable frequency drive (VFD) hoist that has two drums capable of running simultaneously locked together or independently. The hoist consists of three separate modules; the main drive module, the drum hoist module and the HPU module. The main drive module has two 970-kW (1,300-hp) electric drive motors directly coupled to a two-speed gear reducer with two high speed input shafts and one low speed output shaft. The primary feed for these drives is 4160V. The drum module has a 480V 372 kW (500 hp) drive motor that transmits torque through a gear reducer with a final bullgear reduction acting directly on the supply drum. Depending on the mode of operation, the two 970-kW (1,300-hp) drives can drive one or both drums through the single shaft at various speeds and capacities. Similarly depending on the mode of operation, the 372-kW (500-hp) drive can drive one or both of the drums through the bullgear with slower speeds and less capacity. With that said, when the hoist is configured correctly, the muck drum can be driven at high speeds from the two 970-kW (1,300-hp) motors at the same time the supply drum can be driven by the 372-kW (500-hp) motor.

The HPU module provides hydraulic pressure for the brake system, the clutch system and the shifting for the two-speed gear reducer as well as cooling the gear oil. Each drum and driveline has an independent brake system spring applied, hydraulically released that is capable of stopping and holding 150 percent of the linepull. The clutches are engaged and disengaged from each drum independently using hydraulic cylinders allowing the hoist to be operated in various modes.

The electrical setup for the main hoist is extensive. The incoming feed to the electrical hoist pad is 13,200 V, which then steps down to 4,160 V for the two 970 kW

FIG.10

Hoisting equipment inside hoist house.



(1,300 hp) or medium voltage drives and steps down again to 480 volts for the 372-kW (500-hp) or low voltage drive. Each of the three motors is driven with a VFD. The two 970-kW (1,300-hp) drives are regenerative drives that reduce the harmonics to less than 5 percent distortion so that the power generated by the drives can be put back into the grid as reusable power. The low voltage 372 kW (500 hp) drive dissipates the energy produced through a separate brake resistor. A requirement of the hoist manufacturer was to provide an electrical switchgear building to house all of the drives, control equipment and communication systems with plug and play connections for the main hoist feeds. This allowed the manufacturer to permanently install all of the major electrical components, test the equipment and ship the building as a single unit to avoid tear down, packaging and resetting up of the equipment. This was a significant time and cost savings on the job and simplified the site commissioning.

The double drum hoist has six modes of operation;

- Mode 1: The muck/supply mode is set up to have the two drums run independently. The muck drum primarily for high-speed mucking cycles while being able to hoist materials on the supply drum. The muck drum has a line speed of 5.5 m/sec (1,100 ft/m) with a linepull of 28,210 kg (62,210 lbs) and the supply drum has a line speed of 2.5 m/sec (500 ft/m) with a linepull up to 14,890 kg (32,650 lbs).
- Mode 2: The double-drum heavy lift mode operates with both drums clutched in together utilizing the two 970-kW (1,300-hp) drives providing a total lifting capacity of 113 t (124.4 st) at 0.25 m/sec (50 ft/m).
- Mode 3: Also utilizing the two 970 kW (1,300 hp) drives, the double-drum, high-speed mode operates with both drums clutched in together providing a total lifting capacity of 56.4 t (62.2 st) at 1.27 m/sec (250 ft/m).
- Mode 4: The muck drum heavy-lift mode runs the muck drum in low speed at 0.25 m/s (50 ft/m) and a capacity of 56 t (62.2 st), utilizing the two 970-kW (1,300-hp) drives.
- Mode 5: The supply drum heavy-lift mode runs the supply drum in low speed at 0.25 m/s (50 ft/m) and a capacity of 56 t (62.2 st), utilizing the two 970 kW (1,300-hp).
- Mode 6: Emergency mode runs both drums from the 372-kW (500-hp) drives if the two 970-kW (1,300-hp) drives or gearbox were to fail.

FIG.11

Timberland double drum installation.



FIG.12

Timberland personnel hoist and 28-person cage.



FIG.13

Operator's cab and lowering of the TBM cutterhead.



Personnel ingress and egress is achieved with Timberland's model PH250 and a 28-man, two-level cage. The hoist will lower personnel the 274 m (900 ft) at a rate of about 1.2 m/sec (240 ft/m). The hoist is a single drum, electric over hydraulic hoist system that incorporates a hydrostatic drive and two independent braking systems similar to the brakes on the main hoist. The system is powered utilizing two independent 186 kW (250 hp) electric motors direct coupled to the hydraulic pumps providing a spare pump drive all the time. The control for this hoist is fed back to the operator's cab in the headframe using a single joystick and HMI screens. For emergency purposes, the 480 V power for the personnel hoist system is feed from the essential services switchgear on site that includes backup generator power. For this reason the PLC for the personnel hoist is independent of the remainder of the hoist system and

FIG.14

Completed headframe and hoist house.



is located at the HPU with a local operator's station for setup and operator control during a power outage.

The hoist system includes six guide-rope winches, two for each of the three main drums; muck, supply and personnel. These winches were primarily used during the sinking of the shaft as the depth continued to increase. Once the bottom was established the guide ropes are fixed and the drums locked. Each winch is a single drum electrically powered

with a 15-kW (20-hp) motor and a gear reducer between the motor and drum with a linepull of 3,175 kg (7,000 lbs). The winch has a single spring brake within the motor and a locking dog that is engaged once the guides are set.

Four stage hoists were utilized in the system as well to raise and lower a full diameter shaft work deck for the installation of all the utilities and have a linepull capacity of 16,700 kg (36,980 lbs) each. Each hoist is controlled with a single 15-kW (20-hp) electric motor through a gear reducer and a set of open gears. The brake system consists of a fast acting motor brake and an air controlled band brake. The control for these four hoists are also in the operator's cab within the headframe.

Operation controls

The controls for all of the hoists were set up in a 2.4-

x 2.4-m (8 x 8-ft) cab to be operated with one operator utilizing three joysticks for the main hoists, two HMI display touchscreens and a series of control panels. Traditionally, the operator's station is positioned in the hoist house overlooking the hoists. However, it was decided to place the cab inside the headframe structure over the shaft cover. This allowed the operator an unobstructed view of the cover and rigging operations as well as providing the safest viewpoint for personnel. The main PLC cabinet for the hoist system was located in the cab along with the load cell control cabinet and CCTV equipment. Additionally, there were controls designed and installed by KSC that were tied into the hoist control system for the anti-two block systems, the load cell system, personnel cage proximity switch and door locks and muck dumping proximity switch.

Set up and erection

The assembly of the hoist and head frame consisted of three phases of work; foundations, preassembly and erection over the shaft. The foundations were poured for the runner beams, base frame, back legs and the hoists, which included 35,000 kg (77,000 lbs) of rebar and 920 m³ (1,200 cu yd) of concrete. The most challenging piece of the foundations was assuring the embedded bolts for the double-drum hoist were accurately laid out, as the two skids weighed 91 t (100 st) combined and needed to be placed so that the drive output shaft and the drum shaft were perfectly aligned. Preassembly of the structure included the shaft cover, the muck and supply towers, the sheave decks, the base frame and the back legs, all of which took place on site yard while the site utility, shaft utility and foundation work were being performed. Once shaft utilities were completed, the assembly over the shaft began with the base frame. The base-frame stair tower was installed prior to installing the supply tower and lower muck tower for easy access from the deck to all of the tower mounting base plates. Similarly, the upper stair tower was installed prior to the upper muck tower eliminating the need to work out of a 57-m (185-ft) man lift. Lastly the back legs were pinned to the towers and secured to the foundation slab.

Once all of the structural steel was in place, rope up of all the hoists was completed along with the electrical and mechanical installations throughout the hoist and head frame assembly. The technical hook ups and commissioning took an additional few weeks to complete. The crews used throughout the setup were made up of ironworkers, laborers, mechanics and electricians along with assistance from the hoist manufacturer.

Commissioning and testing

There were three phases to the commissioning of the hoists; at the factory, on site and finally the tuning of the medium voltage drives. Timberland performed a factory acceptance test in their plant prior to the

equipment being shipped to site. All systems and functions were tested to ensure minimal troubleshooting on site. Similarly, thorough site acceptance tests were completed once all of the components were installed and functional, which included KSC's control system. The final step was the testing and tuning of the drives for each mode of operation. Tests were performed at different load capacities and speeds as well as floating the load, changing the load simulating loading a muck box, and emergency stopping. These trial runs for each mode were to fine tune the parameters for each drive to adjust for the drift during floating of the load, the inertia settings, and meshing of the low speed and high speed.

By code, the hoist needed to be load tested to a minimum of 110 percent, which was accomplished using a water bag system consisting of two water bags per load block. The water bags were used to calibrate the load cells as well.

Operation and challenges

The job faced many operational challenges that a multiple hoist system had to accommodate. The initial challenge was coming up with a system designed to accommodate all of the operations for the various aspects of the project from high-speed to high-capacity to size constraints with equipment and 12 m (40 ft) lengths of steel pipe lowered within a 9-m (30-ft) diameter shaft. The logistics of keeping up with supplies to match the performance of the TBM excavation as well as quickly changing over to a grouting operation had to be well planned to be well executed. There was also the difficulty of having a fixed hoist system along with a smaller shaft that needed to accommodate many utilities with the conveyance of the 13 various hoists. The most time consuming challenge of the fixed hoist was getting the material and equipment under the hooks and the rigging required to properly place these items down the shaft.

Conclusion

The Rondout West Branch Bypass Tunnel is a complicated and challenging project and the hoisting at shaft 5B was no exception. But with a bit of ingenuity and the right technical expertise the challenges were overcome. At the time this paper was written, the project had successfully completed the drill-and-shoot operation, hoisted various pieces of equipment in and out of the shaft, lowered the heaviest components of the TBM and completed more than 60 percent of the TBM tunnel excavation. ■

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Fox Conference highlights past, present and future of tunnel industry



About 370 underground construction and tunneling specialists attended the George A. Fox Conference.

Each January, tunneling and underground professionals gather in New York City for the George A. Fox Conference. The one-day event offers attendees the opportunity to listen to their peers outline what's new in the underground construction industry, get updates on major projects in North America and have a chance to catch up of old friends.

The conference is put on by the Underground Construction Association of SME. This latest conference attracted about 370 specialists in the industry. The theme for this year's event was "Water Tunnels, Past, Present and Future."

The technical session included talks focused on major tunneling projects, including the massive California Water Fix program and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Metropolitan tunnel redundancy program in Boston. The conference also included an update on the Gateway Project from Phil Rice from WSP and Mohammed Nasim of Amtrak as well as a Tunnel Industry update.

The following is a sample of a few of the presentations.

Technical presentations

DEP's Tunneling Program Evolution. James Mueller is the agency chief engineer of New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Its mission is to plan sustainable infrastructure investments for the future of clean water and the environment in the city and its watersheds, he said. The agency's goals are to synthesize information across bureaus within DEP to allow data-driven decision-making. It is also to optimize internal agency processes and systems related to the implementation of engineering programs within a structured assessment process. The agency also prioritizes projects and funding within a structured integrated planning process. And it standardizes project performance and delivery to meet the needs of the agency in alignment with industry standards and market capabilities.

The DEP's Bureau of Water Supply manages New York City's 485,640-ha

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(1.2-million-acre) watershed, of which more than 51,400 ha (127,000 acres) are owned by DEP, Mueller said. The bureau supplies more than 3.7 GL (1 billion gal) of quality drinking water daily to more than nine million residents of the state. And the Bureau of Water Supply manages the 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes with a storage capacity of 2.19 TL (579 billion gal), he said.

The agency's Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations distributes drinking water throughout the city and collects sewage and storm water through 21,000 km (13,000 miles) of sewer and water mains. The bureau also oversees enforcement of regulations governing water-service lines, sewer connections and cross connections, in addition repairing and maintaining DEP infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the city's Bureau of Wastewater Treatment treats 4.5 GL (1.2 billion gal) of wastewater daily, Mueller said. The bureau maintain 14 wastewater treatment plants, 96 pumping stations, four CSO storage facilities and 210 km (130 miles) of interceptor sewers.

Mueller went on to explain the DEP's drinking water tunnel program, using the Kensico-Eastview Connection Tunnel as an example. The goals of the project are to enhance operational resiliency and redundancy, provide target capacity to meet future water demand and enable

Catskill aqueduct bypass of the Kensico Reservoir. Other goals of the project are to facilitate emergency and planned outages, provide compatibility with future projects and enable the future bypass of the CDUV facility.

There are several significant factors in the decision-making process for drinking water tunnels and CSO storage tunnels in New York City, Mueller concluded. Durability is one of them. Once in place, tunnels are generally secure assets with long expected lifespans for more than 100 years, he said. So there is a need to plan for future conditions over the 100+ year timeframe.

MWRA Metropolitan Boston Tunnel Redundancy Program project update. Kathleen Murtagh is director of the MWRA. Fred Brandon is director of MWRA' Design and Construction Tunnel Redundancy program. They said the MWRA provides wholesale water and sewer services to more than 3.1 million people and more than 5,500 industrial users in 61 Massachusetts communities.

The authority's primary mission is to modernize the area's water and sewer systems and clean up Boston Harbor. Other priorities are to oversee major capital programs to repair and upgrade the systems, promote

The George A. Fox Conference, held in New York City in January, included nine technical presentations.



water conservation and plan for the future to meet growing demand for water and sewer services. The two provided a history of water transmission systems in Massachusetts, dating back to the Cochituate Aqueduct in 1840s through to the MetroWest water supply tunnel in 2003.

They discussed the damage done and repairs needed when a water main broke in May 2010. After a surface pipe burst, more than 80 million gallons of potable water was discharged to the Charles River before the flow was shut off. The Hultman Aqueduct was shut down for repair and was unable to be used as a backup. A state of emergency was put in place, and about two million people were told to boil their water. Many manufacturers, businesses and restaurants had to be closed until emergency repairs were made. The repairs took two days to complete, but the cost amounted to about \$208 million per day for businesses and \$102 million per day for residents.

So there is critical need for redundancy in the Metropolitan tunnel system. Valve reliability for the Metropolitan tunnels is a concern, Murtagh and Brandon said. Without the ability to close and then reopen valves, there is no way to isolate a portion of the tunnel system. Many valves need to be replaced, they said, that cannot happen because the City Tunnel would need to be shut down while the valves are being replaced.

One alternative to gain redundancy in the city's water tunnel system involves building two tunnels. The Northern Tunnel would 7.2 km (4.5 miles) long and would connect to the midpoint of the WASM in the Waltham/Belmont areas. The Southern Tunnel would be 15 km (9.5 miles) long and would connect with Shaft 7C. Together, the project 17-23 years to complete, they said.

This alternative would meet several objectives. It would provide redundancy for the entire Metropolitan tunnel system. It would also provide normal water service and fire protection if the existing tunnel system is out of service. It would be designed to meet high-day demand, with no seasonal restrictions. And the

alternative provides the ability to perform maintenance on existing tunnels year-round.

Update on the State of California Waterfix Tunnel

Program. Sergio Valles is interim chief engineer for California's Waterfix program. The Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay Delta region near Sacramento is the hub of California's water supplies, Valles said. It is a highly altered and highly studied area. Some areas in the region are 100-percent dependent on Bay-Delta supplies and critical to the state's population and economy.

California Waterfix is important to the state, he said. Twenty-five million people rely on water from the Bay-Delta region from San Francisco to San Diego. More than 1,214,100 ha (3 million acres) of farmland rely on water from the region, and Delta fish and wildlife depend on a healthy Delta ecosystem.

Waterfix is proposing to drive two water transmission tunnels in the region to keep up the state's increasing needs for water. Each of the tunnels will be 50 km (30 miles) long and 46 m (150 ft) below grade, he said. Concrete liners 0.6-m (2-ft) thick will be used and a pressurized face tunnel boring machine will bore an excavated diameter of 14 m (45 ft) with a 12 m (40-ft) internal diameter.

More than 700,000 segments will be transported by barge and truck. More than 849,510 m³ (30 million cu yd) of reusable tunnel material will be moved. About 141,585 m³ (6 million cu yd) of concrete will be needed, and more than 200 MW of power will be required to drive the TBM. The overall cost will be about \$16.7 billion, including \$401 million in environmental mitigation costs and \$16.33 billion in conveyance system costs.

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Kiewit has been constructing underground facilities for over 50 years, offering some of the most highly skilled and experienced teams in the industry. We have completed hundreds of underground projects, totaling several billion dollars of contract revenue in the markets of transportation, water/ wastewater facilities, power, mining and telecommunications. In addition, Kiewit has the resources to construct cut-off walls, structural slurry walls, drilled shafts and various ground improvements. We perform these operations with our fleet of specialty equipment and the management resources of one of the top builders in North America. Through the use of cutting-edge technology, industry-leading safety performance and the wide range of capabilities, we offer our clients an innovative, one-stop shop for all their tunneling needs.

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With the experience of more than 4,100 projects, Herrenknecht is a technology and market leader in the area of mechanized tunnelling technology. Herrenknecht is the only company worldwide to deliver cutting-edge tunnel boring machines for all ground conditions and in all diameters – ranging from 0.10 to 19 meters. The product range includes tailor-made machines for traffic, supply and disposal tunnels, technologies for pipeline installation as well as drilling equipment for vertical and inclined shafts and deep drilling rigs.

The Herrenknecht Group achieved a total output of 1,208 million euros in 2017. The independent family-run business employs over 5,000 people worldwide, including around 180 trainees. With more than 70 subsidiaries and associated companies working in related fields in Germany and abroad, Herrenknecht is able to provide a comprehensive range of services close to the project site and the customer, quickly and in a targeted way. Under the umbrella of the Herrenknecht Group, a team of innovative specialists offers integrated tunnelling solutions with project-specific equipment and service packages upon request: separation plants, belt conveyor systems, navigation systems, rolling stock systems as well as segment moulds and even turnkey segment production plants.

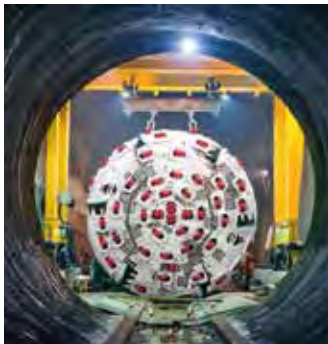
As a reliable project partner, Herrenknecht supports its customers with an extensive range of services from the beginning of the project to breakthrough. From the initial project idea through manufacturing, transport, assembly, tunnelling support and spare parts service to disassembly, Herrenknecht accompanies the process at the customer's side. Even personnel solutions for the temporary supplementing of jobsite crews are provided if required. With competent service specialists and 40 years of experience in the tunnelling industry, the company regularly supports around 300 jobsites worldwide and offers customized service packages tailored to individual project requirements.

Road, metro, and railway tunnels for efficient traffic network.

By the middle of this century, the world's population is expected to reach nine billion, and two thirds of these people will live in large conurbations. To keep people and goods on the move, the way ahead for new efficient infrastructures is leading underground. With state-of-the-art technologies, efficient infrastructures are created exactly where they are needed, even in cramped and complex jobsite conditions. Herrenknecht technology pushes the boundaries of feasibility and creates new tunnelling standards worldwide. Herrenknecht technology extends existing transport networks and creates new connections in urban and rural areas – under mountains or deep beneath water.

Innovative solutions for underground supply and disposal systems.

As the world's population grows the need for underground supply tunnels is also increasing; in emerging and developing countries as well as in modern metropolises. That is why more than 850 Herrenknecht Utility Tunnelling Machines are in operation around the world constructing or laying water and wastewater systems, gas and oil pipelines, as well as conduits for electricity and telecommunications. Here, trenchless tunnelling technology offers a range of advantages compared to conventional construction procedures: transport, business and the environment remain mostly undisturbed when Micromachines, HDD rigs or shaft sinking equipment are being used. Innovations such as Direct Pipe® set new standards in the semi-trenchless installation. The new technology E-Power Pipe® allows the secure and quick installation of underground cable protection pipes with smaller diameters and long advance lengths. Innovative HDD tools simplify pipeline construction operations at key sections. The Herrenknecht product portfolio is completed by a broad range of equipment for the areas of mining (construction of underground infrastructures around raw material deposits) and exploration (oil, gas and geothermal energy).



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The Robbins Company

Driven to the Core

Today's tunneling projects are more complex than ever—squeezing ground, fault zones, and water inflows are just a few challenges you may face. Even in the most well-planned projects, unknown conditions can interrupt your progress. That's why it helps to have a team of experts on your side. Robbins is a total supply company offering customized equipment, knowledgeable field service personnel, and technical support. Each piece of equipment, from our TBMs to our conveyors, is engineered for maximum durability and premium performance. With over 65 years of tunneling behind us, we can confidently say that experience is our greatest asset.

A Massive Mixed Ground Undertaking

Robbins recognizes the importance of having the right machine for each unique project. With a range of products for soft and mixed ground conditions, from Slurry Shield TBMs to EPBs to Crossover machines, we've got you covered.

India's Mumbai Metro Line 3 is an example of a particularly challenging project, with multiple contracts in variable geology. Under contract UGC03 for the Dogus-Soma JV (DSJV), twin 6.65 m (21.8 ft) diameter Slurry Shield TBMs are excavating parallel 3.5 km (2.2 mi) long tunnels. The Slurry Shield machines are boring in fresh to weathered basalt and breccia up to 100 MPa UCS (14,504 psi) with water pressures up to 3 bar.

Twin 6.65 m (21.8 ft) Crossover XRE TBMs are also excavating under a separate contract, UGC-01. Larsen & Toubro, part of the Larsen & Toubro-Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Co Joint Venture (L&T-STEC JV), is operating the machines. The XRE TBMs (a combination of hard rock Single Shield TBM and Earth Pressure Balance Machine) are boring parallel 2.8 km (1.7 mi) long tunnels in mixed ground and water pressures up to 2 bar. Rock strengths range between 15 MPa and 125 MPa UCS (2,200 and 18,100 psi).

Your Go-To Machine in Hard Rock

In hard rock, no machine bores faster than a Main Beam TBM. Pair that with Onsite First Time Assembly (OFTA)—a Robbins developed method of initially assembling the machine at the jobsite—and you can tackle even the most aggressive project timeline. Such was the case at the Atlanta Water Supply Program in Atlanta, Georgia. With an overall project completion

date of September 2019, TBM assembly and tunneling had to adhere to a strict schedule. The 3.8 m (12.5 ft) Robbins Main Beam TBM was built using OFTA in the inactive Bellwood quarry. The program will convert the quarry into a 9.1 billion liter (2.4 billion gallon) raw water storage facility.

The tunnel was completed ahead of schedule with the machine's breakthrough occurring in October 2018. To accomplish this, the Main Beam had to bore through extremely hard rock conditions along a curving 8.0 km (5.0 mi) tunnel. Rock strength ranged between 117 and 310 MPa UCS (17,000 and 45,000 psi), which proved challenging at times. Despite groundwater and extremely hard rock, crews still managed a best day of 38.4 m (126 ft).

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MAPEI's Underground Technology Team (UTT) provides the construction market with a range of products dedicated to underground construction work. MAPEI's UTT group and the products it represents were created to meet the expectations of these challenging environments.

From the project specification to the admixtures for shotcrete and concrete to the final protective coatings, MAPEI's UTT group and technology are there "for the whole job," said Bill Allen, UTT Business Development Manager — Tunneling. The UTT group is a successful division of MAPEI Group, which has provided proven construction system solutions for more than 80 years.



MAPEI's UTT products were used to help a tunnel boring machine dig the Anacostia River Tunnel, which extends for 2.37 miles from Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in northeast Washington, D.C., to Poplar Point in southeast D.C.

Established in 1937, MAPEI Group is a global corporation, based in Milan, Italy, and with 87 subsidiaries that include 81 plants in 35 countries. MAPEI is the world-leading manufacturer of mortars, grouts and adhesives, as well as complementary products for installing floor and wall coverings. MAPEI manufactures chemical products for building, including waterproofing products, admixtures for concrete and repair products, and decorative and protective exterior coatings — as well as the UTT product line.

"The UTT group started in earnest in the U.S. in 2015," stated Wesley Morrison, UTT Regional Manager — North America. "But the business has grown substantially since then."

In the underground industry, speed is essential — not only of the products themselves, but also of the evolution of technology. MAPEI reinvests a considerable percentage of its annual profits back into research and development to maintain a leading technological advantage.

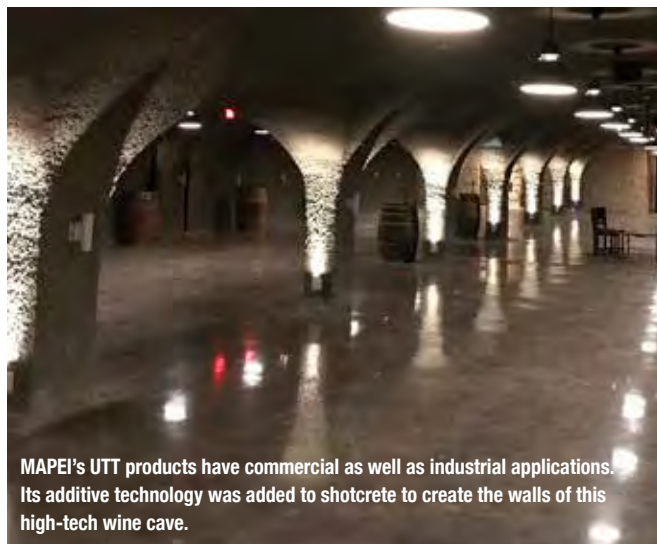
MAPEI's commitment to R&D ensures that the UTT line comprises the most innovative and technologically advanced products available. In addition to the latest in cutting-edge products, the UTT team is trained in their use.

The UTT product line is divided into six categories: Concrete; Injection, consolidation and anchoring; Waterproofing; Renovation, maintenance and repair; Coatings for underground construction; and Mechanized tunneling.

No matter the division or the product line, MAPEI is known for quality products and for providing system solutions. As Allen stated, "The distinguishing point for UTT is our field support, and our applied technology in the field. Simply put, we don't just sell a product, but rather we go into the field and help our customers use our products — on their jobsite, with their conditions, personnel and equipment."

Morrison concurred, agreeing that UTT's technical services and agility are unbeatable. "We service a project from the very beginning to the very end like no one else in the industry does," he said. "We also have the ability to adjust to the customers' needs when necessary."

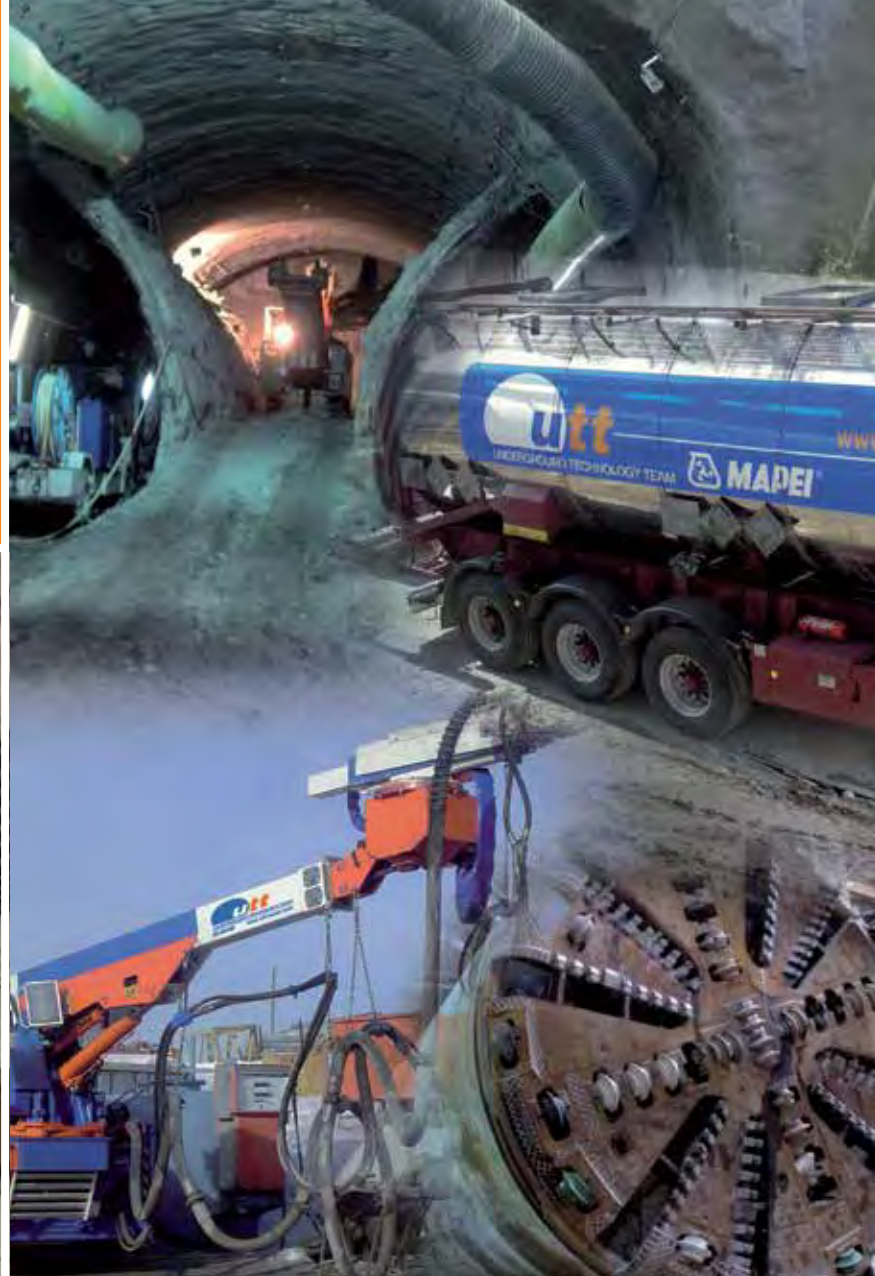
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Most anything you can imagine

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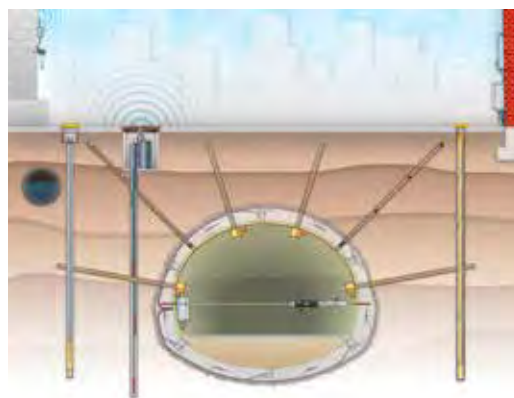
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GZ's ongoing projects include East Side Access, New York, Northgate Link Extension, Seattle, Crossrail, London and Riyadh Metro. GZ was involved in the recently completed Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore and Devil's Slide Tunnels in California, Dulles Metrorail Extension, Washington, D.C., Cable Tunnels in London and Singapore and multiple underground station upgrades in London.



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BROOKVILLE 27-Ton MSHA Permissible Locomotives Boosting Safe Work Environment at Major Los Angeles Tunneling Project

Brookville Equipment Corporation (BROOKVILLE) recently shipped three 27-ton MSHA-permissible tunneling locomotives to the Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors for use on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Tunnel Project in Los Angeles. By design, the locomotives reduce the risk of explosion due to geological conditions that may host the presence of methane and other combustible gases. Cal-OSHA has classified the tunnel drives on this project "gassy", mandating the use of MSHA permissible locomotives.

The 27-ton locomotives' special safety features include air start, an enclosed engine block, an exhaust filtration system, wiring and piping guards, and an intake flame arrestor, among other upgrades, to fully comply with MSHA's permissibility requirements. Featuring an 8.3L Cummins six-cylinder diesel engine and four-speed transmission, the 185-horsepower locomotives operate on 36-inch rail gauge underground for Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors.

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





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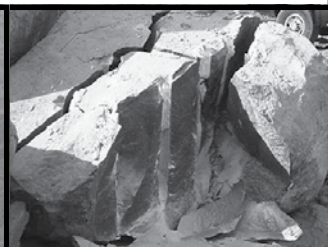
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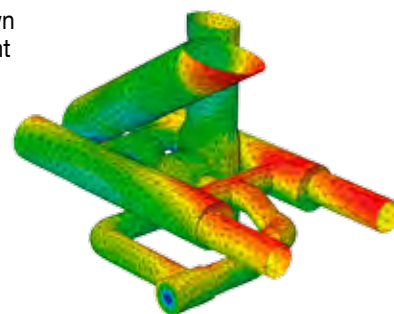
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PERSONAL NEWS

RORY BALL will lead Brierley Associates' new Cleveland, OH office as part of its Midwest expansion strategy. Ball has more than 14 years of domestic and international experience as a project leader and tunnel engineer. His North American and Pacific



BALL

Rim tunnel experience encompasses subsurface conditions ranging from soft mud to extremely abrasive soil with abundant cobbles and boulders, to glacial till, to a variety of hard rock types. He has served as resident engineer, design lead and technical reviewer on a diverse portfolio of civil and tunneling projects, identifying solutions to provide cost effective and efficient designs for complex heavy civil and tunneling challenges. He has led office and field teams to proactively address project risks for

public and private clients.

ED CARTER has joined More-trench, a Hayward Baker company, as its new Ground-water Treatment Division manager. Carter has operational and technical experience in the ground water/ environmental treatment industries. Under his leadership, More-trench will continue to provide turn-key water treatment service to go hand-in-hand with its dewatering and geotechnical construction services.



CARTER

Millen Jacobs Associates has announced that **RENÉE FIPPIN** is the recipient of the 2018 James Wilton Award. She is currently project manager for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Mountain Tunnel Improvement Project. There, she man-



FIPPIN

ages a team of 16 subconsultants and more than 50 staff from the Bay Area and other McMillen Jacobs offices. She is a licensed civil engineer and geotechnical engineer in California and has 20 years of geotechnical and structural engineering experience, the last 11 with McMillen Jacobs. Fippin is known for her technical abilities on owner and contractor design assignments, a tireless dedication and ability to manage large teams and mentor junior staff, a talent for keeping clients satisfied, and a solid business and business development sense.

The James Wilton Award honors the memory of James Wilton, former principal and president of Jacobs Associates, and recognizes the accomplishments and contributions made by employees of McMillen Jacobs Associates. ■

PRODUCTS

Boart Longyear debuts new DriftMaster top hammer rods

Boart Longyear has launched its newest top hammer tooling, the DriftMaster series of rods and bits. DriftMaster rods and bits are designed with a unique thread profile for added endurance and strength in the most demanding tunneling, bolting and drifting applications.

The new series offers increased strength through stress reduction in two ways — the tapered profile provides an increased material cross-section at the base of the threads and the asymmetric thread geometry minimizes stress concentrations. The lower stress combined with deep case hardening allows for a significant increase in cyclic load handling capability. More load cycles means more drilling time and more productivity. Optimizing the load distribution and contact area, the thread geometry is designed to maximize resistance to wear. And, combined with the wear resistance associated with carburizing heat treatment, the DriftMaster endures the toughest drilling conditions.

"Global field testing of DriftMaster products has exceeded expectations leading to an extended trial duration, extensive sample size and very positive responses," said Jeff Hogan, product manager for Top Hammer Tooling at Boart Longyear. "Test results from the field strongly aligned with our design goals of significantly improved durability compared to standard threads."

DriftMaster is being introduced in 35 mm (1.4 in.) hex cross-sections for use with standard, Retractable, and Straighttrac button bits from 43 mm-64 mm. The initial offering includes dome and pilot reamers — including optional RazorBack, a patented high-productivity back-reaming bit. ■



The DriftMaster series of rods and bits can be used in tunneling, bolting and drifting applications.

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Gateway Tunnel	Amtrak	Newark	NJ	Subway	14,600	24.5	2021	Design study
2nd Ave. Phase 2	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	16,000	20	2021	Under design
2nd Ave. Phase 3-4	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	89,600	20	2022-27	Under study
Kensico-Eastview Connection Tunnel	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	10,500	27	2024	Under study
Flushing Bay CSO	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	CSO	13,200	20	2026	Under study
Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel	NYC Reg. Develop. Authority	New York	NY	Rail	25,000	30	2022	Under study
Redundancy Tunnel Program - Northern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	CSO	23,760	10	2026	Under study
Redundancy Tunnel Program - Southern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	CSO	50,160	10	2028	Under study
Narragansett Bay CSO Phase III - Pawtucket Tunnel Conveyance Tunnel	Narragansett Bay Commission	Providence	RI	CSO	13,000 8,800	28 10	2020 2024	Under design Under design
Amtrak B&P Tunnel	Amtrak	Baltimore	MD	Rail	40,000	32	2021	Awaiting funding
Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project	Virginia DOT	Hampton Roads	VA	Highway	7,500	42	2018	Shortlist announced
Alex Renew Long-Term Control Plan	City of Alexandria	Alexandria	VA	CSO	10,500	20	2019	Under study
Potomac River CSO Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO	24,000	18	2022	Under design
Superconducting Maglev Project - Northeast Corridor	TNEM/BWRR	Washington	DC	Rail	146,520	43	2020	Under design
Olentangy Relief Sewer Tunnel	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	58,000	14	2019	Under design
Alum Creek Relief Tunnel Phase 1 Phase 2	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	30,000 21,000	18 14	2019 2020	Under design Under design
Westerly Main Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	12,300	24	2018	JayDee/Obayashi awarded
Shoreline Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	16,100	21	2021	Under design
Shoreline Consolidation Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	11,700	9.5	2021	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	2021 2022 2023	Under design Under design Under design
I-75 modernization project	Michigan DOT	Detroit	MI	CSO	22,000	14	2018	Oakland Corridor awarded
Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel	Enbridge	Traverse City	MI	Oil	23,760	12	2020	Under study
I-70 Floyd Hill Highway Tunnel	Colorado Dept. of Transportation	Denver	CO	Highway	15,840	60x25	2022	Under design

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To have your major tunnel project added to the Tunnel Demand Forecast, or to update information on a listed project, please contact Jonathan Klug at jklug@drklug.com.

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W-6: Highway 90 to SW Military Drive	San Antonio Water Systems	San Antonio	TX	Sewer	28,000	10	2020	Under design
D2 Subway - 2nd Light Rail Alignment	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Dallas	TX	Highway	3,000	22	2020	Under design
Ship Canal Water Quality Project	Seattle Public Utilities	Seattle	WA	CSO	14,250	19	2018	Under design
West Seattle to Ballard Extension	Sound Transit	Seattle	WA	Transit	10,500	18	2022	Under design
L.A. Metro Westside Phase 2 Phase 3	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	Subway	26,500 26,500	20 20	2016 2018	Tutor Perini/O&G JV awarded Frontier-Kemper/ Tutor/Perini awarded
Speulvada Pass Corridor	Los Angeles MTA	Los Angeles	CA	High/Trans.	55,500	60	2020	Under study
Northeast Interceptor Sewer 2A	LA Dept. of Water and Power	Los Angeles	CA	Sewer	18,500	18	2018	Delayed indefinitely
River Supply Conduit - Unit 7	LA Dept. of Water and Power	Los Angeles	CA	Water	13,500	12	2018	Frontier-Kemper awarded
JWPCP Effluent Outfall Tunnel project	Sanitation Districts of LA	Los Angeles	CA	Sewer	37,000	18	2018	Dragados USA low bidder
Freeway 710 Tunnel	CALTRANS	Long Beach	CA	Highway	26,400	38	2021	Under design
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	2019	Single tunnel option approved
Silicon Valley Clean Water Tunnel	Silicon Valley Clean Water	Silicon Valley	CA	CSO	17,500	13	2018	Barnard/Bassac JV awarded
California Waterfix 1 California Waterfix 2	Delta Conveyance Design and Const.	Sacramento	CA	Water	39,905 403,400	28 40	2020 2020	Under design Under design
Coxwell Bypass Tunnel program	City of Toronto	Toronto	ON	CSO	35,000	12	2018	JayDee/Michels/C&M McNally awarded
Ashbridges Bay Outfall Tunnel	Metrolinx	City of Toronto	ON	CSO	11,500	23	2018	Southland/Astaldi JV Awarded
Yonge St. Extension	Toronto Transit	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	SNC/Dragados/Aecon JV Awarded
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	Traylor/Aecon JV awarded
Annacis Island Outfall	City of Vancouver	Vancouver	BC	Water	8,000	10	2017	Awaiting award
Broadway Sky train	Trans Link	Vancouver	BC	Subway	25,000	18	18	Under design
Northern Gateway Hoult Tunnel	Enbridge Northern	Kitimat	BC	Oil	23,000	20	2014	Under design

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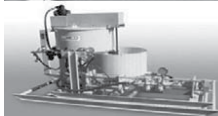
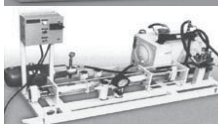
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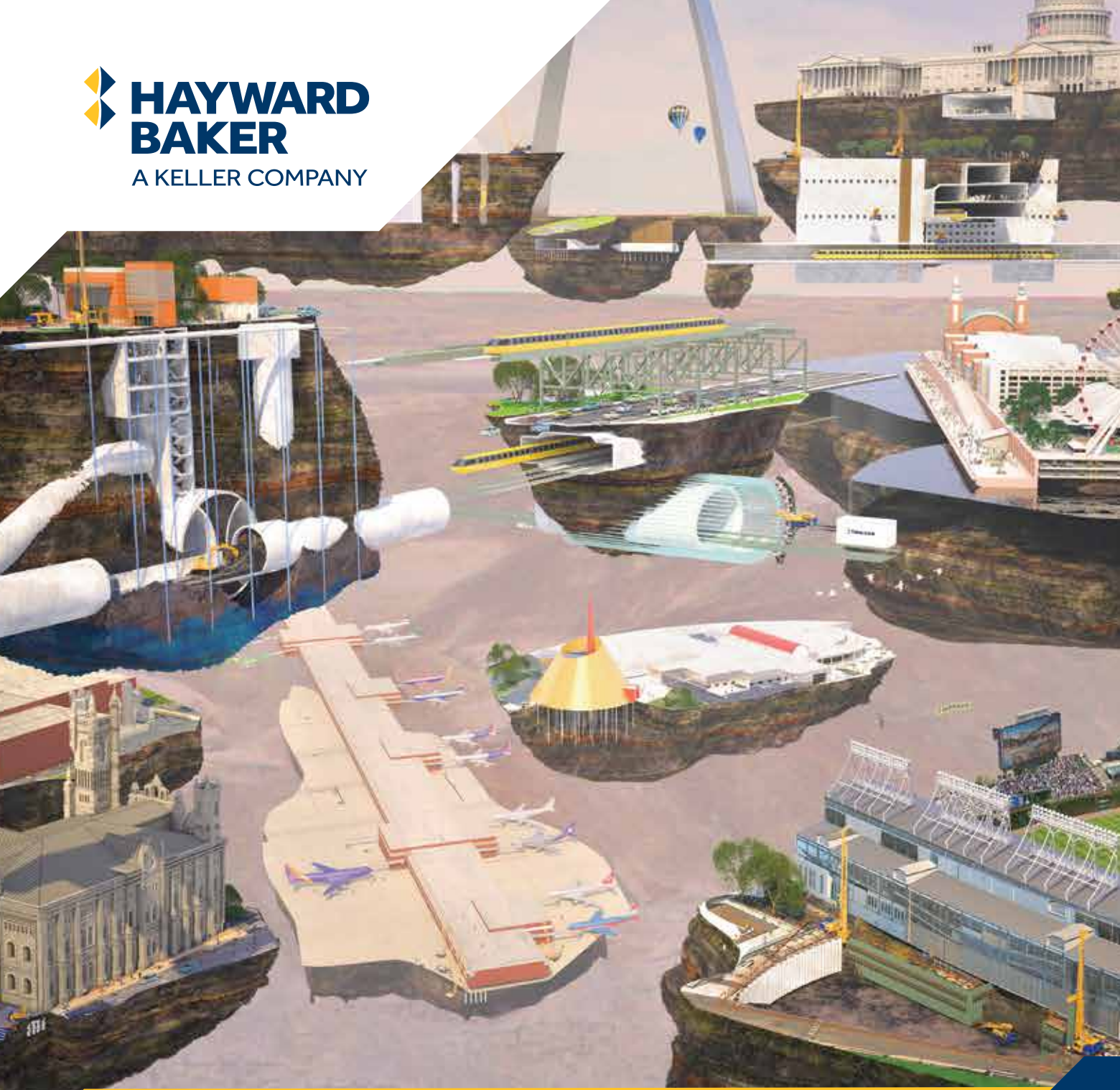
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