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The short answer is: Everyone. The benefits that tunnels and underground infrastructure bring to people the world over are indisputable. Those of us in the industry know that our solutions in terms of performance, environmental standards and economics are the right ones in a long-term context and that they deliver huge value, whether transportation, water, sewer or other applications. The industry is growing globally at a compound annual growth rate of around 10 percent for a reason ... the world needs tunnels and tunnels are a good investment.

This is what the UCA calls stakeholder awareness, one of our three key strategic objectives. And, while the public-at-large is a stakeholder, as referenced in the first paragraph, is it realistic to target our UCA efforts to that group? Probably not. We need instead to focus on the decision-makers who make infrastructural investments – owner organizations, legislators – and get the message to them to help ensure that they have all the facts at their disposal when they make their decisions for or against underground investment. This is a strategic “must do” for our association, and we are focusing a variety of efforts in this regard.

Moussa Wone, of DC Water, one of our executive committee members, has recently taken up the leadership of the Owners’ Forum. The intent here is to give focus to the folks who commission the building of, and own and operate tunnels. This focus now extends beyond one meeting a year at a conference and, despite challenging time schedules, moves forward on a variety of fronts. We look to grow participation on this team. Owners: Moussa wants you.

I hope that you took notice in the Dec. 2021 issue of *T&UC* that we have now published a “Tunnel Project Watch List,” which highlights

20 active projects and 20 projects needing to be built, to draw attention to what our industry is doing and what, in the near future, our society needs us to do. This UCA program now slots under the auspices of the Owners’ Forum, with the intent that the list will be reviewed and published annually. It is a tool to reference and be used with stakeholders.

We have begun discussions around an “educate the owner/legislator” initiative. This is envisaged to be something akin to the “teach the professors” program I referenced in my last column. It is a way to get the right tools and information onto the hands of those who can make a difference. It’s understood that it is sometimes difficult for owners to get to our conferences and access content and contacts. So, if we can’t get the owners to the conference perhaps we can still get the information from the conference to them. We’re looking to build a package of information that can be sent to owners, to give them facts and figures about tunnels, so that they can have a fully formed picture when it comes time to decide. Down the road, we also hope to identify a “task force” of individuals who could travel to owners and be a resource during that period when options are being weighed.

On the subject of legislators, I’d like to share with you a recent anecdote. Dave Klug, of Klug & Associates, a former UCA Chair himself, had a serendipitous meeting at a charity event he sponsors. At dinner, he sat beside a senior staffer of Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV). She showed great interest in his involvement in underground infrastructure work in the United States. This led to a request for a follow-up visit which he and Jon Klug, a current UCA Executive

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## New rating clears way for Hudson Tunnel

**T**he U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) upgraded the long-awaited, planned \$10 billion Hudson Tunnels project's rating to medium-high, thus making it eligible to receive federal funding.

The project was given lower ratings during the Trump administration which clashed with the states of New York and New Jersey over the financial commitment of each entity.

Under an understanding reached during the administration of former President Barack Obama, the states had agreed to split half the cost of the tunnel, using federal loans to be paid back over decades, with federal grants accounting for the other half.

Under former President Donald Trump, the FTA said states weren't allowed to use federal loans as part of their funding match to get the federal grants. That policy was rescinded by the administration of current President Joe Biden, the *Associated Press* reported.

Funding for the tunnel will come out of money earmarked for rail projects in the recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure bill.

In a statement, the Gateway

Development Commission, which is overseeing the project, said, "Along with the more than \$6 billion commitment from New York and New Jersey, and the \$1.4 billion that Amtrak has pledged, today's action moves us a big step closer to a true Federal-local partnership that finally brings 21st-century rail infrastructure to the heart of the nation's economy."

The existing tunnel beneath the Hudson River is more than 110 years old and prone to problems and delays due to crumbling walls and aging signals and wiring. Saltwater intrusion from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 accelerated the tunnel's deterioration and forced Amtrak, which owns the tunnel, to embark on costly repairs to keep it functioning reliably.

Hundreds of trains and hundreds of thousands of passengers per day pass through the tunnel during normal times, and delays can ripple up and down the East Coast between Boston and Washington. Once primary construction begins, the new tunnel could take as long as seven years to complete.

Under the Gateway project, the new tunnel would be built parallel to

the existing tunnel. Once completed, the existing tunnel would be taken out of service for a complete overhaul, estimated to take as long as two years.

Among other large-scale rail improvements in the region are the replacement of a century-old rail bridge in New Jersey that has been a regular source of delays; tunnels connecting the Long Island Rail Road to Grand Central Terminal, scheduled to open this year; and the transformation and eventual expansion of the aging and unsightly Penn Station in midtown Manhattan.

"As a major component of the Gateway Program, the Hudson Tunnel Project will improve commuter safety, help address the myriad of delays that impact the entire Northeast Corridor, and increase our nation's economic competitiveness," said Sen. Corey Booker. "For years, I have worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure this vital infrastructure project gets the federal investment it deserves and am glad to see this announcement from the FTA which will allow construction to commence and create jobs for our state's residents." ■

## Los Angeles rail line receives approval

**T**ransportation officials in Los Angeles, CA approved an \$8.5 billion, 31-km (19.3-mile) light rail line project that will include 3.7 km (2.3 miles) of underground tunneling. The line will serve largely working-class Latino communities in southeast Los Angeles County, and the officials agreed to look for ways to speed up the project slated for completion in 2043.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that the line runs from Artesia northwest to Union Station, cutting through the cities of Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park and Vernon. It would provide key connections to other lines, helping build out a rail system

decades in the making.

The costs of the project is \$8.5 billion and is more than double the original estimate. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority decided to construct the project in two segments.

Local leaders have complained about the long wait for rail service.

The rail line was part of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's plan to build 28 transit projects by the 2028 Olympics.

The first 23.8-km (14.8-mile) phase runs from Artesia along a former Pacific Electric right of way to Slauson Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, where it would connect with the A (formerly Blue) line. Groundbreaking for the \$4.9-billion phase is slated for next year and

completion about 10 years later.

The second phase heads north 7.2 km (4.5 miles) from the Slauson depot to Union Station and is set to be completed by 2043. About half of the line is planned to run underground through Little Tokyo, where Metro construction disrupted businesses for years and tunneling is driving up costs.

The Metro board unanimously approved a plan that will look at cheaper alternatives to tunneling that could accelerate construction for the second phase. In an hours-long public comment period, dozens of elected officials representing the communities along the rail line pleaded with the board to speed up

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## Aecon awarded contract for Annacis project

**A**econ Group Inc. announced that Traylor-Aecon General Partnership, a consortium comprised of Aecon (40 percent) and Traylor Bros Inc. (60 percent) has been awarded a \$288 million contract by Metro Vancouver (Greater Vancouver Water District) for the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing project in British Columbia. Aecon's share of the contract will be added to its construction segment backlog in the first quarter of 2022.

The scope of work includes the construction of two deep vertical shafts, one on each side of the Fraser River, connected by a 2,350-m (7,710-ft) tunnel between New Westminster and Surrey, as well as the installation of a watermain, valve chambers and surface piping. Construction is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2022, with anticipated completion in the second quarter of 2027.

"This complex, multi-year project further strengthens our diverse backlog in Western Canada and demonstrates our position as the partner-of-choice in the civil construction market for tunnelling and water infrastructure projects," said Jean-Louis Servranckx, president and chief executive officer, Aecon Group Inc. "This project will ensure the sustainable, reliable supply of

clean drinking water for growing communities. As we continue to execute the Second Narrows Water Supply Tunnel project with Traylor, we are pleased to strengthen our partnership and further our relationship with Metro Vancouver."

The tunnel will be one of five

new water supply tunnel crossings in the region built to withstand a major earthquake. Once complete, the new tunnel will be connected to the region's drinking water system and will help ensure the continued, reliable delivery of clean, safe drinking water in a growing region. ■

## LA rail line

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the timeline.

The rail line was a cornerstone of Measure M, a \$120-billion half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016, which gained widespread support among elected officials in the region. Along with Measure R, approved in 2008, the tax fueled a rail construction boom.

Metro plans to tap \$3.1 billion in federal funds and an additional \$850 million in state funds for the first leg of the rail line. ■



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**BID OPENING:** Bids will only be received electronically by the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Columbus, Ohio, via Bid Express ([www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com)). No public bid openings will be held pursuant to Columbus City Code Chapter 3219.18.

**PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:** Bidding Documents, including the Invitation for Bid, Drawings, and Technical Specifications will be available as separate documents at Bid Express ([www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com)) in March 2022.

**CLASSIFICATION:** This project has been selected for financial assistance from the Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program. For this reason, Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Rates and Requirements will apply. A ten percent (10%) proposal guarantee is required for this bid, and a one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will be required for the making of a contract.

**PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Pursuant to Columbus City Code Section 329.20(c), the bidder must demonstrate that it has satisfied the City's construction pre-qualification requirements. Contact the Pre-Qualification Office at (614) 645-0359 or <http://www.columbus.gov/prequalification.aspx> if you are unsure about your construction pre-qualification status.

For additional information concerning this bid, including procedures for obtaining a copy of the bidding documents and how to submit a proposal, you must go to the City of Columbus Vendor Services web page (<http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public>), and view this bid number in the "Open Requests for Quotations" listing.



## Two TBMs arrive at London's HS2 project

The first two Earth pressure balance tunnel boring machines (TBM) arrived on site for the HS2 London Tunnel program. The Herrenknecht TBMs were delivered to HS2's Main Work's Civils Contractor, Skanska Costain STRABAG joint venture (SCS JV).

The start of tunneling works is expected to begin in 2022.

The two machines will be the first of six TBMs that will bore 21 km (13 miles) of twin bored tunnels underneath London where HS2 services will run. They will join eight other machines that will operate on Phase One of the HS2 project between London and the West Midlands, which will dig 103 km (64 miles) of tunnels in total.

Getting the huge pieces of the TBM to site required a huge amount of logistical coordination, with support from the police and National Highways. The largest components of the machines were transported by road from Essex ports on vehicles

that could support the extra wide loads," HS2 reported.

"The HS2 team at West Ruislip have been preparing the site for over two years to ensure it is ready to launch the first two London TBMs in 2022. This will be an exciting step as we begin our four-year program of tunneling under London, showcasing the best of British engineering, and building Britain's newest low carbon transport network."

The two machines have been designed specifically to bore predominantly through Lambeth group (a set of geological rock strata), chalk and London clay, and are automated to install 4,220 tunnel segment rings each, to create each 8 km (5 mile) tunnel.

Around 15 people at a time will operate on each TBM working in shifts, keeping the machines working around the clock for two years, only stopping at Christmas and Easter. A team of approximately 40 people are working to assemble the TBMs,

preparing for the launch in 2022.

"Delivering these huge TBMs to West Ruislip was an enormous logistical challenge involving 260 deliveries, including 110 abnormal loads," said James Richardson, Managing Director of Skanska Costain STRABAG joint venture. "Our team worked tirelessly to deliver these items efficiently, whilst minimizing disruption to our neighbors. All eyes will be on West Ruislip in 2022 as we start to build the London tunnels, reaching depths of 30 m (90 ft) below ground."

As the date for tunneling to begin draws closer, HS2 will be seeking to name each TBM and has already begun that process, working with local schools in Hillingdon where the TBMs will be launched. In early 2022, a shortlisted set of names will be put to a public vote, to help choose the names for HS2's fourth and fifth TBM, after Florence, Cecilia and Dorothy who have already started their journeys underground. ■

## Crossover TBM holes through in Chile

A Robbins 4.6 m (15.1 ft) diameter crossover tunnel boring machine (TBM) holed through in the Andes Mountains of Chile in the last quarter of 2021. The XRE TBM bored a 3.3 km (2.1 mi) long tunnel for Chile's Los Condores Hydroelectric Power Project (HEPP) and project owner Enel.

A dedicated team guided the machine to breakthrough in conditions including tuff, sandstone, breccia and conglomerate with sections of high-pressure water inflows. Ground cover reached up to nearly 450 m (1,500 ft) above the tunnel with rock strengths maxing out at 60 MPa UCS.

"Robbins Field Service was an important part of the success of the excavation, evaluating continuous improvements in the machine and correcting faults," said Ricardo Riveros Puratic, project engineer for Enel.

For Riveros Puratic, crossover machines make sense despite the challenging conditions: "Toward the end, [the TBM] exceeded expectations. Crossover TBMs are suitable for Andean geology of sedimentary and volcanic type, where there is a great range of rock strengths and hydrogeological conditions." Maximum advance rates topped out at 605.8 m (1,988 ft) in one month and 212.8 m (698.2 ft) in one week.

The crossover machine featured a heavy duty, centrally mounted screw conveyor for the duration of the drive. The TBM remained in a hard rock configuration with muck chute installed, along with paddles, bucket lips, scrapers and disc cutters on the cutterhead. However, "75 percent of the excavation was performed using the main drive gearboxes in high torque configuration (EPB or low

speed mode). We never physically changed the cutterhead or screw conveyor to EPB mode," said Omar Alvarez, Robbins field service site manager at Los Condores.

High-pressure groundwater inflows were the key challenge of the project. "When we started the excavation, we used dewatering hoses to reduce the water into the cutterhead during the excavation," said Alvarez. Water pressures rose whenever the TBM stopped, however. "During the segment ring installation, we stopped the water from draining through the rear shield drilling ports and we closed the screw conveyor rear gate. We reached 7+ bar in the cutterhead earth sensors."

"We bored in places with 5,500+ l (1,500 gal) /min, making back-fill grout injection behind the concrete

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## Chair's Column: Growing the workforce

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Committee member, undertook, during which they presented, two copies of the History of Tunneling in the U.S. (provided by the UCA) one for the home office and one for the federal office in DC. Now, this was a personal effort which resulted in an industry connection being created with a legislator. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this could be replicated with every legislator? Granted, that is an ambitious vision. However, if we are systematic about it, perhaps it is something that we can build toward.

So, the owners' forum is now discussing an initiative that, at least for the time being, we are calling "50 State Reps." The idea is to

identify at least one individual in a jurisdiction who can become a go-to underground construction resource in-state. At the start, states with vigorous tunneling activity will be a priority ... and we can build from there. From a starting point, we can progress from passive to assertive. The more we can get the right information and expertise about underground construction into the hands and minds of the decision-makers, the better off the future state (no pun intended ... well, maybe a little) can be.

This spring, we will resume our Legislative Fly-In program in conjunction with ASCE. Ten UCA members will attend either in person or virtually for this opportunity which has been conducted very

successfully in the past. Hopefully you saw the call for volunteers and, if you were interested and motivated, you got on the slate.

Other discussions are gestating with respect to how the UCA may make an impact in the arena of government and public affairs. Our country's decision-makers deserve to know as much as they can about tunnels and underground construction and their beneficial impacts to society, so they can make the right long-term decisions which impact a legacy upon their jurisdictions, whether federal, state or municipal. Please stay tuned, and ...

Tunnel on!

**Michael Rispin,**  
**UCA Chair**



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## George A. Fox Conference moves to Spring date

**T**he George A Fox Conference, has been rescheduled for May 10, 2022.

The conference with a 21-year tradition in the tunneling and underground construction industry, was scheduled to return to New York City on Jan. 19, however the rapid spread of COVID-19 due to the Omicron variant forced the change in plans. For those who have already registered, your registration will be transferred to May 10. If you have scheduling conflicts with the new date, simply contact SME customer service at 303-948-4200, or by email at [cs@smenet.org](mailto:cs@smenet.org).

For those who attend the conference in May, they can expect the same high-quality programming. The one-day conference will include project updates, strategies for overcoming challenges and discussions about critical industry issues including workforce challenges and diversity and inclusion. It is also an opportunity for attendees to reconnect with colleagues.

Robert Palermo from GZA is the chair of the 2022 conference. He and the Fox Conference committee has established a fantastic technical agenda that includes a keynote presentation from Nuria Fernandez, Administrator from the U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Fernandez was confirmed by the U.S.

Senate as the 15th Administrator of FTA. She was previously Deputy Administrator and senior FTA official. With more than 35 years of experience, Fernandez made a name for herself as an inspiring leader in the transportation industry. She came to FTA after serving as general manager and CEO of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

Among the highlights of her tenure at VTA was the completion of the first Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) heavy rail service into Silicon Valley, a 10-mile, \$3 billion line that opened to passenger service in June 2020. She also received federal approval in 2018 to extend the heavy rail service for another 10 km (6 miles).

Fernandez is also responsible for the creation of VTA's Innovation Center, an incubator to encourage collaboration, test the latest technology, and imagine new ways to keep the valley moving forward by leveraging the expertise of Silicon Valley's high-tech corporations and universities.

"We are very excited for her to speak at the conference," said Palermo. "We feel this is a good way to develop a stronger relationship with the FTA and our members so that both sides and better understand each other. I think both sides, government and industry, will

be able to learn a lot from each other."

The conference will also include the always popular industry update in which projects around the world are discussed as well as two very interesting historical presentations. Angus Gillespie, professor at Rutgers University will speak about the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels and how they were built to cross under the Hudson River and Ed Plotkin will give a history of the conference and a tribute to George Fox. George A. Fox, a leading figure in the construction of Third Water Tunnel in New York. Fox was a civil-engineer who devoted his career to the design and management of major construction projects, including roads, bridges and tunnels. His largest, undertaken by his company in the mid-1970's, was the construction of a 60-mile water tunnel hundreds of feet beneath the city. A brief history about Fox can be found here (<https://www.georgefoxconference.org/index.cfm/why-attend/overview/>)

And a full schedule of events can be found here (<https://www.georgefoxconference.org/index.cfm/conference/agenda/schedule/>)

The in-person conference will be held at the Hilton New York and will adhere to all local and state COVID protocols including proof of vaccination and wearing a mask when in a public setting. ■

### Coming Events



**George A. Fox  
Conference**

May 10  
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## Sydney Airport Metro tunneling contract awarded

**S**ydney Metro has awarded a \$A1.8 billion contract to CPB Contractors and Ghella Joint Venture to excavate 9.8 km (6.1 miles) of dual-bore tunnel as part of the Western Sydney Airport project.

The driverless 23-km (14.2 mile) metro line will link St Marys to the center of the new Aerotropolis via the new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, with six stations to be built along the alignment.

The contract is split in two sections: the 4.3-km (2.6-mile) northern tunnels run from St Marys to Orchard Hills; and the 5.5-km (3.4-mile) southern section of tunnels runs between the Airport Business Park and the Aerotropolis Station.

The Station Boxes and Tunnelling contract includes: 9.8 km (6.1 miles) of twin rail tunnels in two sections. The 4.3-km (2.6-miles) northern

tunnels run from St Marys to Orchard Hills and the 5.5-km (3.4-mile) southern section of tunnels runs between the Airport Business Park and the Aerotropolis Station as well as excavation and civil works for new stations at St Marys, Orchard Hills, Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, and Aerotropolis. Four hard rock tunnel boring machines (TBM) will build one of the two temporary precast concrete factories for the project on the Western Sydney International site. The project will include more than 67,000 concrete segments to line the twin tunnels and two TBM launch sites at Orchard Hills and Western Sydney International and two TBM retrieval sites at St Marys and Aerotropolis Station.

The first of four TBMs will be in the ground by early 2023 under the terms of the contract. Tunneling is

scheduled for completion by late 2024 when fit out will commence. ■

## Robbins: Los Condores project

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segments a challenge. We decided not to use the grout injection through the tail shield ports, but instead injected grout directly through the concrete segment with hoses. This approach was more flexible and reduced the need for reinjections," said Alvarez.

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# Rehabilitation of the Tuscarora Tunnel

**R**epairs are underway at Pennsylvania Turnpike's Tuscarora Mountain Tunnels between the Fort Littleton interchange (Exit 180) and the Willow Hill interchange (Exit 189).

The construction of the eastbound tunnel began in the 1800s for railroad use, but it was never finished. The area was converted to roadway use as part of the original Pennsylvania turnpike construction started in 1940. The westbound tunnel, completed in 1968, increased the flow of traffic along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Typical deterioration has resulted in both tunnels experiencing water intrusion. Due to its advanced age and the construction technology available at the time, the eastbound tunnel has more significant systemic leakage throughout the structure than the westbound. The westbound tunnel has less systemic leakage, but locations of significant water leakage are still present, particularly at construction joints.

The current \$110 million repair effort seeks to modernize the tunnels, improve safety and extend the structure's design life. Once nicknamed "Lake Tuscarora" because of the degree of water infiltration, the tunnels will be repaired by multiple methods addressing the different leak regimes.

The westbound tunnel will have drainage installed at each construction joint and all water-bearing cracks will be repaired. An umbrella system to convey water into the tunnels' existing drainage systems will be used in the eastbound tunnel.

This article focuses on the eastbound tunnel repairs as they represent the majority of the repair effort.

## Design summary

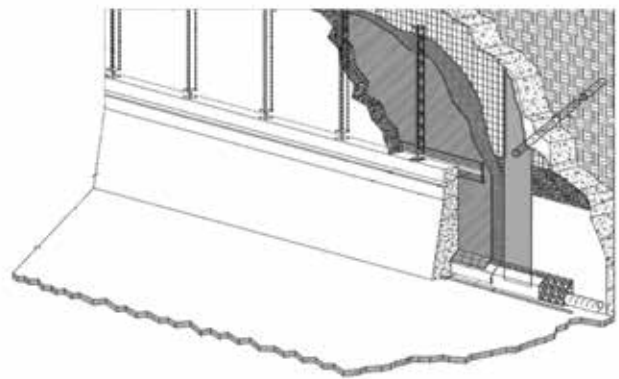
Installation of the umbrella system in the eastbound tunnel will extend the lifetime of the tunnel by 100 years while also significantly reducing the amount of maintenance required. Given the systemic nature of the water infiltration in the tunnel, the repair of each leak individually would lead to chasing leaks throughout the structure. Therefore, a more systemwide solution was chosen.

In this method, water is captured by a waterproofing

membrane and conveyed to the structure's existing drainage system. This eliminates maintenance costs that would occur if more work would be needed to plug new leaks. With this design, only occasional standard maintenance is needed to ensure the drainpipes are flowing properly.

**FIG. 1**

**Typical drainage system isometric view.**



The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) tasked Gannett Fleming and subcontractor Gall Zeidler Consultants with developing a design for long-term remediation, with the goal of relieving PTC from excess maintenance costs and extending the life of the tunnel structures.

Therefore, the Tuscarora Tunnel rehabilitation design was developed with the idea that a tunnel with systemic, structure-wide leakage could not be successfully rehabilitated by treating individual leaks. Rather, the structure should be treated wholly by understanding the leakage regime, geology, hydrogeology and maintenance history.

After reviewing these factors, an umbrella system was chosen as the best option to accomplish the goals for the eastbound tunnel. The umbrella system consists of installing a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) waterproofing system on the walls and ceiling of the tunnel. The waterproofing system includes a PVC waterproofing membrane with remediation hoses and PVC water barriers. This system is more resilient than a PVC membrane alone, as it isolates any potential leaks, increasing the ease and effectiveness of a repair. In the event of leakage, the water barriers prevent the PTC from having to chase leaks.

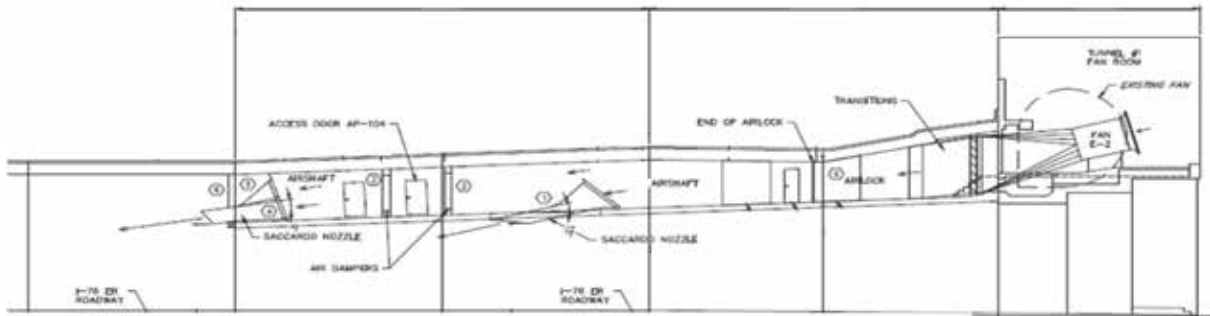
The membrane is welded to a drainage angle installed at the roadway surface, allowing the water to flow through a newly installed porous concrete block

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**FIG. 2**

**Tunnel 1 East portal section B-B.**



into a slotted drainage pipe. This pipe then follows the existing slope of the roadway and is eventually routed to the existing tunnel drainage. New concrete barriers and a self-supporting reinforced shotcrete liner will protect the membrane.

The installation of the umbrella system requires the removal of the tunnel plenum ceiling. Since the existing ventilation design, which requires a plenum the length of the tunnel, would no longer be possible, an alternate design was developed using a Saccardo nozzle, which is a system that introduces a strong jet of air flow into a tunnel from an existing fan room.

To implement this system, the ceiling remained in place for a short portion at each end of the tunnel. Fans and ductwork were designed that would direct the air as needed to create the desired effect. This design decision allowed for the work to progress on the umbrella system.

Given the intricate nature of parts of the design, significant detail was put into the design documents. An embedded channel was designed to support tunnel lighting directly from the lattice girders prior to the shotcrete gaining full strength, and to eliminate the need for hundreds of anchors.

Mounting eyelets were precisely shown on the lattice girder geometry details for easy mounting of the embedded channels. The construction sequencing challenges were also addressed, with membrane protection details developed for lapping lengths that had to be exposed for months given the construction schedule.

Tunnel specific details were also developed for the sectioning, terminations and transitions in the portal sections.

### Construction sequencing

Unlike metropolitan tunnels, the Turnpike's tunnels have traffic peaks

on the weekends, and thus construction is limited to weekdays only. Due to the nature of the repairs in the eastbound tunnel, the entire tunnel needed to be closed to ensure safe and efficient working conditions. As a result, traffic in both directions was reduced to one-lane in the westbound tunnel during weekdays. Based on the challenges posed by the eastbound tunnel needing to be open every weekend, it was critical that construction sequencing be well thought out to avoid delays and lessen any impacts to scheduling.

The preliminary step was to demolish the existing tunnel ceiling and sidewall barriers. After the barriers had been demolished, the new drainage system was installed at the base of the walls. Waterproofing was installed over the new drainage system and up to a height of approximately 2.4 m (8 ft). New barriers were then constructed over the waterproofing, measuring

**FIG. 3**

**Eastbound tunnel rehabilitation: Membrane and lattice girder installation.**



**FIG. 4**

**New barrier and shotcrete liner over drainage system.**



1.5 m (5 ft) high. Metal flashing was installed over the final 1 m (3 ft) to protect the waterproofing, which was not covered by the new barriers. The new barriers were installed on each side of the tunnel prior to moving on to the next phase of construction.

Once the new barriers were in place, the waterproofing membrane was installed radially from barrier to barrier in 9 m (30 ft) panel sections. Following the membrane installation, lattice girders were installed along with the welded wire mesh. Embedded lighting channels were also installed on the lattice girders to allow for easy light installation without installing anchors. A 20 cm (8 in.) shotcrete liner was then installed in 10 cm (4 in.) lifts. This process is currently being completed panel by panel for all 180 panels in the eastbound Tuscarora tunnel.

While it was originally assumed that this phase of work would occur with panels being completed consecutively, that was not ultimately the case. To lessen the impact of waterproofing reinforcement installation and shotcrete operations on each other, the contractor had its crews working at spaced out locations along the tunnel.

### **Innovations and challenges**

**Innovations in sequencing:** Originally, only limited sections (lapping length of under 0.6 m (2ft) of the waterproofing membrane were to be exposed leading into the weekend of the tunnel opening. However, it was determined that this requirement would make construction difficult, especially on the proposed schedule. The PTC permitted the contractor to leave exposed waterproofing in the eastbound tunnel to ease schedule concerns.

Before shotcrete and the lattice girders are installed, the membrane is carefully inspected for damage. If there is damage that has occurred to the membrane, the area is repaired prior to the work continuing.

In addition to opening every weekend, there had to be contingencies for the tunnel to open as soon as possible for weather or traffic emergencies. If an accident or blockage occurs in the primary transit tunnel, the contractor must be ready to quickly move out of the worksite to allow traffic to flow through the tunnel.

This means that all equipment and supplies must be mobile and ready to clear out of the tunnel within defined time periods set in the contract. Additionally, a minimum shotcrete liner strength is specified prior to opening the tunnel to traffic. It is a cardinal project

**FIG. 5**

**Shotcrete liner installation over welded-wire mesh in tunnel.**



goal from the PTC that there is as little inconvenience to drivers as possible.

**Optimizing shotcrete means and methods:** When construction began, the contractor proposed several alternates to the shotcrete liner installation shown in the design drawings. The design drawing prescribed two 10 cm (4 in.) lifts in both the vertical and overhead applications. The contractor requested that instead of spraying shotcrete through one layer of mesh in 10 cm (4 in.) lifts on the walls, they spray through two layers of mesh in 20-cm (8-in.) lifts on the walls.

After a proof of concept during the construction mock-up phase of the work, it was determined that the contractor could safely spray through two layers of mesh in a 20-cm (8-in.) lift on the walls of the tunnel. With this improvement, additional float was allowed during the weekly construction schedule. This in turn allowed for work to proceed more efficiently without compromising worker safety.

**Embedded channels:** One major challenge faced during the design phase was how to install lights without having anchors in the new shotcrete liner. A solution was devised to use lattice girders with eyelets to which embedded channels could be affixed. These channels were installed after the first shotcrete lift was sprayed.

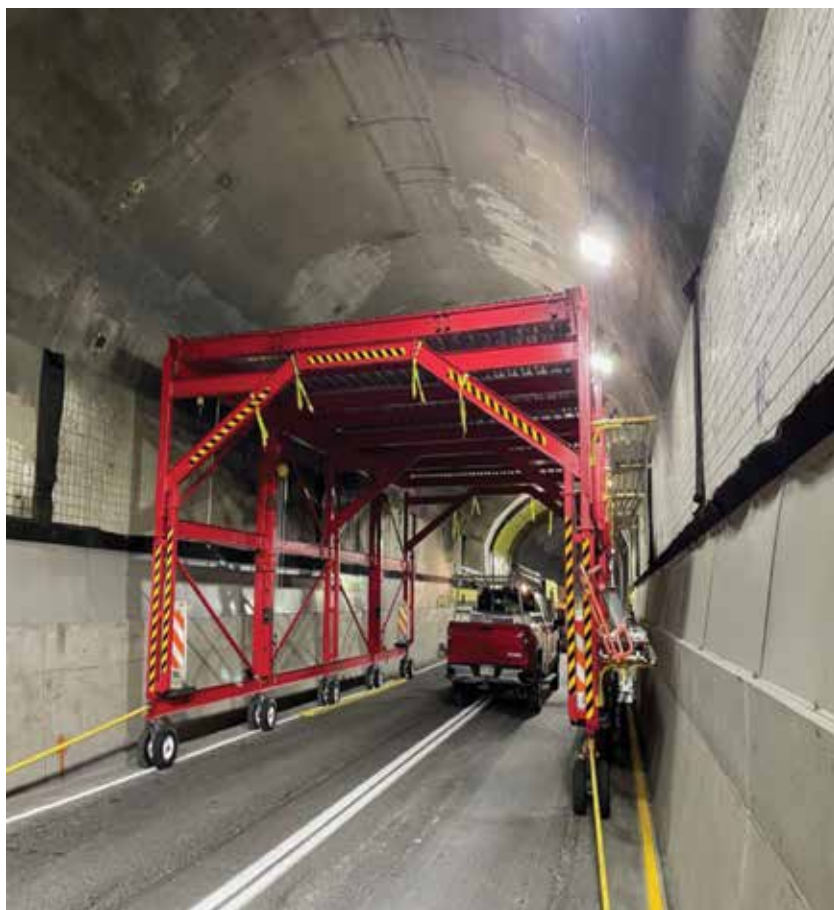
Since the tunnel lights have two points of attachment, two embedded channels had to be installed in parallel wherever lights were planned for installation. The contractor developed an innovative solution whereby the embedded channels were preconnected in parallel with curved steel supports. This allowed for two embedded channels to be connected to the lattice girders as one unit, resulting in easier installation of the embedded channels.

**Waterproofing installation means and methods:** When the project first began, the waterproofing membrane installation was set by manlifts that raised the membrane into place. This process was tedious as only two manlifts could be operating in one panel at the same time. Additional coordination was required for vehicles or personnel to safely pass under the manlifts while they were in operation.

Custom scaffolding was ordered to allow an entire panel to be scaffolded while vehicles and personnel could pass underneath. This helped to alleviate worksite congestion and make construction more efficient. The

**FIG. 6**

**Mobile custom scaffolding used to install waterproofing membrane.**



scaffolding was determined to be much safer to use than the manlifts in the tunnel, as the scaffoldings' fixed structure reduces potential hazards inherent with high variable lifts.

## Conclusion

The PTC set out to bring the Tuscarora Tunnels to current design standards and address the leak infiltration problems that had plagued the structures for years. The design team reviewed the existing conditions, evaluated possible remediation options and after consultation with PTC, chose the remediation option that most completely remedied the tunnels going forward.

Collaboration with the contractor before and during construction has allowed this design to come to life more efficiently, meeting an ambitious design schedule and goals while maintaining quality workmanship. With the state-of-the-art umbrella system, the lifespan of the Turnpike tunnels will be extended, and anyone transiting the tunnels will take notice of the effort that has been put into improving these structures. ■

# Utilizing the TBM, Big Tex for the Dallas Mill Creek drainage relief tunnel

The Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel is an 8.4 km (5 mile) tunnel that will provide 100-year flood protection for impacted neighborhoods in the east Dallas area. “Big Tex” is a main beam gripper tunnel boring machine (TBM) capable of changing diameters in mid-tunnel to excavate 2.83 km (9,290 ft) of 11.45 m (37.58 ft) diameter tunnel and 5.21 km (17,095 LF) of 9.93 m (32.58 ft) diameter tunnel. Construction began in April 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in 2024. This article will discuss the challenges and lessons learned during assembly, reassembly, start-up and mining with Big Tex.

**FIG. 1**

**Dallas Mill Creek drainage tunnel alignment.**



## History and background

The city of Dallas has a long history of severe flooding over the years that has resulted in property damage, injuries and even deaths. Efforts to mitigate the flooding included a series of levees built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the early 1900s along the Trinity River that evolved into what is today the Dallas floodway.

A 1995 flooding event, caused by a series of heavy rainstorms throughout the Dallas metro area, overwhelmed the storm drains and box culverts installed in the 1930s and 1940s and flooded streets in some areas with up to 3 m (10 feet) of water. This devastating event resulted in the deaths of 15 people, injuries to more than 100 people, and severe damage to hundreds of homes and businesses, including flooding the emergency room of a major hospital in Dallas, Baylor University Medical Center.

Subsequent severe storm events in 2006 and 2007 accelerated the level of planning and design for flood relief using stormwater diversion and conveyance to the Trinity River. The city looked at the drainage areas most impacted by severe flooding and selected the Mill Creek, Peaks Branch, East Peaks Branch, and State Thomas drainage areas for stormwater flood mitigation.

The city and design engineer assigned to the project collaborated to develop and evaluate separate conceptual designs for three of the four drainage areas, but construction costs, environmental impacts, the inconvenience of expected large cut and cover trench construction, various detours and multiple road closures resulted in combining the three separate drainage designs and the State Thomas drainage area into a deep drainage tunnel discharging into White Rock Creek.

After completion of a detailed boring program, the final design resulted in the 8.4 km (5 miles) long Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel as shown (Fig. 1).

## The project

After more than 10 years of planning and design, the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel project was finally let out for bid in September 2015 followed by bid openings in December 2015. However, the decision was made to reject all bids due to bid irregularities, revise the plans, revise the bidding process and rebid the project. The city also replaced the construction management firm. The city, design engineer and new construction management firm revised the bid

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documents and advertised the project in July 2017. The city successfully awarded the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel Project to Southland Mole JV (SMJV) in February 2018 and awarded notice to proceed in March 2018.

## Outfall shaft site

The outfall shaft is the design discharge point of the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel and will be the main working shaft during construction of the tunnel. The outfall shaft site is located at the end of Barber Avenue on property purchased by the City of Dallas (Fig. 2).

Large diameter tunnel and shaft projects typically require large work sites because of the lay down areas required for specialty equipment and to enable room for operations facilities as well as tunnel muck stockpiles and muck handling areas.

To secure the land required for the project, the city purchased as many properties located along Barber Avenue as possible, but not all residents accepted purchase offers. In anticipation of multiple truck loads 12-hours a day on Barber Avenue, the city and design engineer added Barber Avenue street improvements, including utilities and new pavement to the contract.

## Challenging muck limitations and handling

SMJV realized the limited size and location of the outfall shaft site would impact TBM production because of muck storage limitations and muck handling and hauling restrictions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. due to noise ordinances on city streets.

SMJV proposed changing the location of the muck shaft operation from Site O to a location across Scyene Road (state route 352) approximately 594 m (1,950 ft) up station from the outfall shaft. SMJV negotiated a land use agreement with the property owner of the muck shaft site that resulted in a win-win situation for the city's residential neighborhood along Barber Avenue and Dixon Avenue, and for SMJV, as it would allow SMJV to mine and haul tunnel muck

**FIG. 2**

Outfall shaft site.



**FIGS. 3**

Robbins 11.5 m TBM "Big Tex" assembled on the surface.



**TABLE 1**

Tunnel muck handling, 24 hour and 12 hour.

Item	TBM tunnel reach (metric)		TBM tunnel reach (U.S)	
	Reach	Reach 2	Reach 1	Reach 2
Station	010+71	100+90	010+71	100+90
Station	100+90	271+85	100+90	271+85
Length (L)	2,750	5,212	9,019	17,095
Diameter (L)	11.46	9.93	37.58	32.58
Area (L <sup>2</sup> )	103	78	41	31
Volume (L <sup>3</sup> /L)	103	78	41	31
Avg. Prod (L/day)	24	24	80	80
Volume (L <sup>3</sup> /day) 60% swell	4,024	3,025	5,259	3,953
Truck loads (L <sup>3</sup> ) 24 hr	268	202	263	198
Volume (L <sup>3</sup> /12 hr) 60% swell	2,012	1,512	2,630	1,977
Truck loads (L <sup>3</sup> ) 12 hr	134	101	131	99

**FIG. 4**

**TBM trailing gantry assembly on rail and slab.**



The upper reach is a 9.1 m (30 ft) finished diameter circular tunnel 5,212 m (17,095 ft) long and the lower reach is a 9.1 m × 10.8 m (30 ft × 35.5 ft) finished horseshoe tunnel 2,750 m (9,019 ft) long.

It was thought that the contractor would excavate the complete tunnel with a TBM from the outfall shaft to the Woodall Rodgers intake shaft and then complete the horseshoe tunnel bottom excavation by roadheader or excavator. The horseshoe tunnel liner would require additional concrete forms and multiple diameter placements that would result in increased costs and increased schedule.

### **TBM assembly and TBM launch**

The Robbins Co. (TRC) and SMJV elected to assemble the TBM onsite using TRC's patented onsite first-time assembly delivery method.

24-hours per day.

The proposed change would eliminate heavy truck traffic on residential streets and allowed for hauling muck 24-hours a day, six days a week on a state highway (Table 1).

The Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel was designed with two different cross-sections to handle peak flows of 424.7 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (15,000 cu ft/sec) through the upper reach and 566.3 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (20,000 cu ft/sec) through the lower reach.

**FIG. 5**

**Lowering rear main beam section with grippers and gripper carrier.**



- Deliver TBM components and assemble the TBM onsite (Fig. 3).
- Commission, startup and test various systems. Provide "factory" test reports.
- Reassemble the TBM in the starter tunnel, complete final testing and provide final factory test reports.

SMJV installed a reinforced concrete slab system to assist TRC with the TBM onsite assembly and trailing gear on. The 1,133 t (1,115 st)

TBM (cutterhead, cutterhead support, main bearing, mainframe, finger shields, grippers, gripper carrier, gripper feet, etc.) was assembled on a 0.61 m (2 ft) thick 31 MPa (4,500 psi) concrete slab with a double mat of reinforcement.

The four trailing gantries were fully assembled on a 0.3 m (1 ft) thick concrete slab with a single mat of reinforcement and rolled onto an 85 lb. rail that simulated the 2.9 m (9.5 ft) gauge leapfrog rail system for the gantries to roll on during excavation. (Fig. 4).

The various components and pieces of the TBM, including all of the parts for the four gantries, the vertical conveyor system and the continuous horizontal conveyor system began arriving onsite in February 2019.

Delayed delivery of major TBM parts, including the mainframe, grippers, main bearing and cutterhead support, drive motors and cutterhead resulted in significant slippage of the project

**FIG. 6**
**Starter tunnel with curved pocket and gripper walls.**

schedule and resequencing of the TBM assembly by TRC and SMJV.

To accelerate the disassembly and reassembly in the starter tunnel, TRC and SMJV used a 653-t (720-st) Manitowoc MLC650 super-lift crane to make eight heavy-lift picks of the TBM and gantries (Fig. 5).

The four TBM heavy picks included the cutterhead at 190.5 t (187.5 st), the cutterhead support with main bearing at 389 t (375 st), the front main beam section at 127 t (125 st) and the rear main beam section with grippers and gripper carrier at 228.6 t (225 st).

The four gantry heavy lifts included each gantry assembled and fully dressed weighing in at an average of 91 t (90 st). Prior to lifting the gantries, all utilities including electric, hydraulics, communications, ventilation ducts, etc. were disconnected. All eight heavy lifts were sequentially lowered down the excavated 14 m (46 ft) diameter outfall shaft and assembled in the 76.2 m (250 ft) long × 12.2 m (40 ft) horseshoe starter tunnel.

The reassembled TBM was moved to the face of the starter tunnel on a curved invert cast in the working slab (Fig. 6) followed by rolling the four gantries on the leapfrog rail system (Fig. 7). The TBM was launched from STA 10+71± after final testing was complete, and the TBM was certified as ready to go and the muck conveyance system was installed.

The muck conveyance system is comprised of seven belt conveyors, an advancing tail piece, and a double-stacked horizontal belt storage unit on its surface.

1. TBM conveyor.
2. Transfer crossover conveyor.
3. Gantry transfer conveyor.
4. Horizontal continuous conveyor.
5. Vertical conveyor.
6. Surface transfer conveyor.
7. Radial stacker conveyor.

SMJV, with TRC on board, advanced the TBM for the first 305 m (1,000 ft) to confirm and verify the capabilities of the TBM per the contract. SMJV continued advancing the TBM and was scheduled to relocate the mucking operation (vertical conveyor and radial stacker conveyor) from the outfall shaft to the muck shaft after reaching STA 30+50±.

In an effort to mitigate project schedule slippage, SMJV and TRC elected



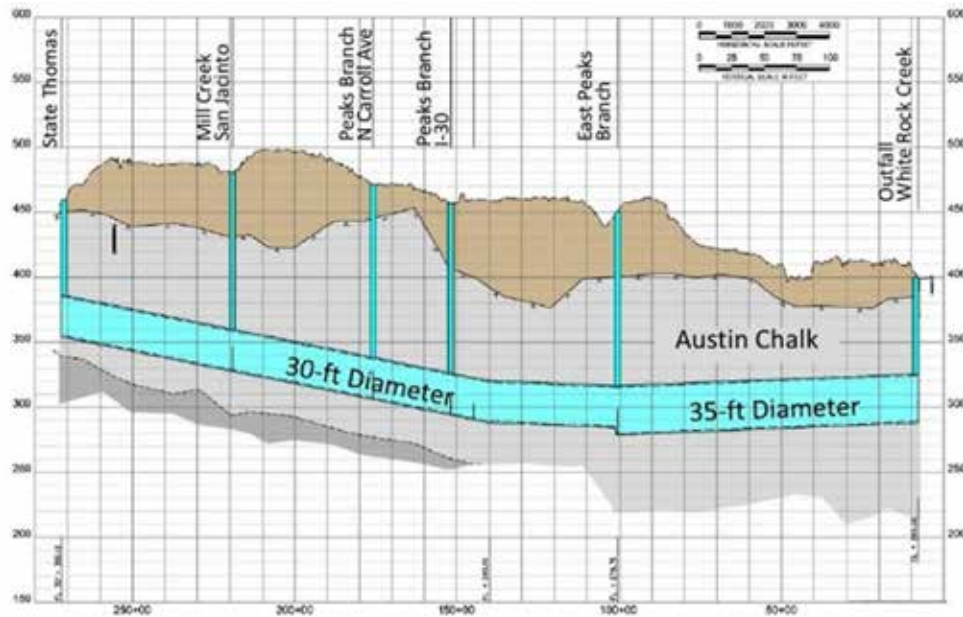
to relocate the mucking operation concurrently during the scheduled TBM cutterhead diameter conversion in late December 2020, however SMJV and TRC reversed their decision and kept the mucking operation at the outfall shaft.

The tunnel is being excavated through Austin Chalk, a geological formation in the Gulf Coast region of the United States made up of weak limestone with an average unconfined compressive strength of 24.8 MPa

**FIG. 7**
**Last gantry in starter tunnel on leapfrog rail.**


**FIG. 8**

**Dallas Mill Creek drainage tunnel geotechnical profile.**



(3,597 psi) at depths of 33.5 m to 51.7 m (110 ft to 170 ft) below the surface (Fig. 8).

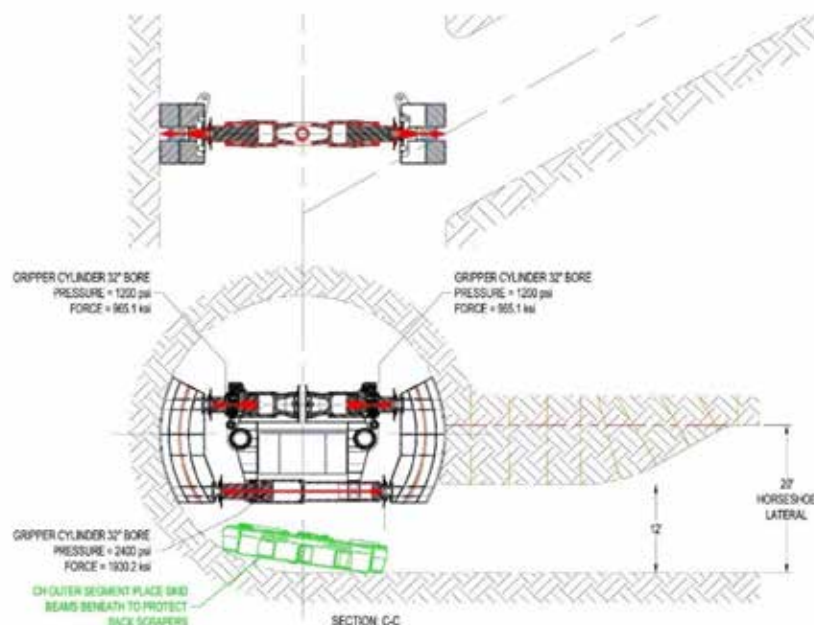
SMJV is using an average TBM production rate of 24.4 m/day (80 ft/day) for the project schedule that is based on previous tunnel projects in the Dallas area that occurred within the same geology. However SMJV has not been able to achieve that production rate. The

excavation will generate 1.15 million m<sup>3</sup> (1.5 million cy) of tunnel muck. In an effort to maintain the scheduled advance rate of 24.4 m/day (80 ft/day) and not get muck bound, an average of 230 trailer dump loads per day of muck must be removed from the outfall shaft site.

SMJV has experienced up to 400 trailer dump loads

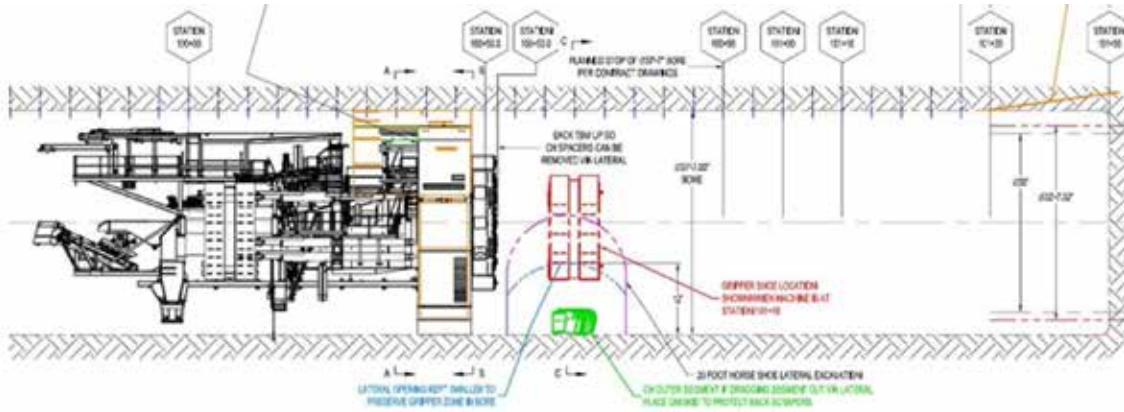
**FIG. 9**

**Plan and section of cutterhead diameter conversion at lateral A.**



**FIG. 10**

**Section profile of cutterhead diameter conversion at lateral A.**



per day. The relocated muck shaft site would have enough surface area available to stockpile up to three days of excavated tunnel muck.

### TBM cutterhead diameter conversion in mid-tunnel

To mitigate the extra work, time and cost of the lower reach  $9.1 \text{ m} \times 10.8 \text{ m}$  (30 ft  $\times$  35.5 ft) finished horseshoe tunnel, SMJV proposed to change the 2,749 m (9,017 ft) lower reach from the horseshoe tunnel to a 10.7 m (35 ft) finished diameter circular tunnel by using a Robbins hard-rock gripper TBM designed to reduce cutterhead diameters from 11.5 m to 9.9 m (37.6 ft to 32.6 ft) in the tunnel underground at STA 101+55±, the beginning of the lower reach.

The larger diameter cutterhead uses 67 432 mm (17

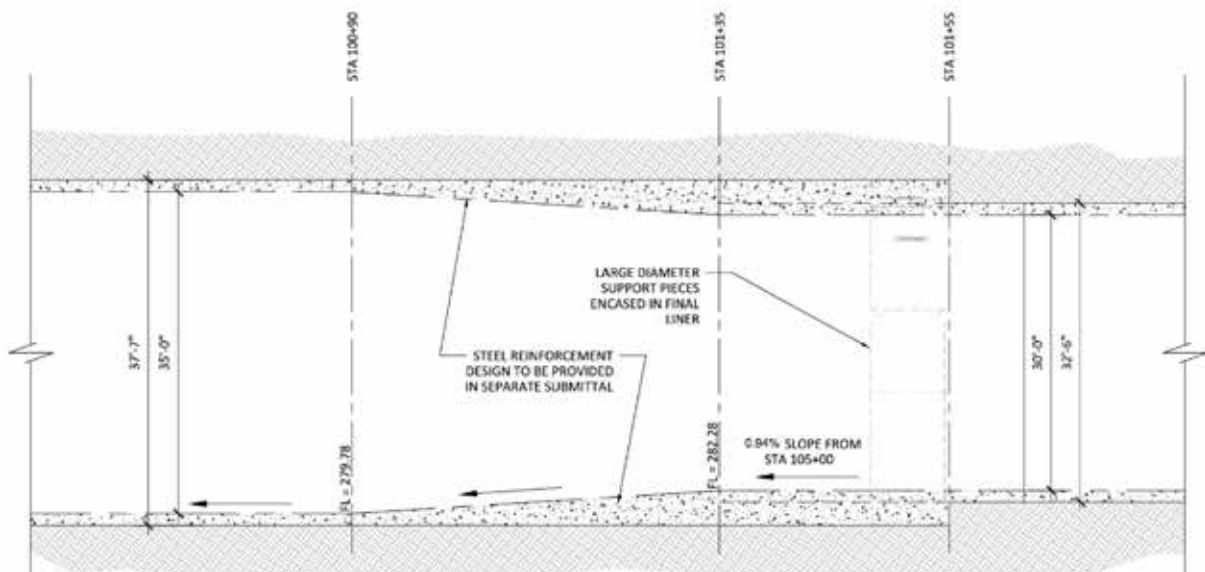
in.) disk cutters and the reduced diameter cutterhead will use 59 432 mm (17 in.) disk cutters. The end of the lower reach location includes the East Peaks branch intake structure, shaft A, lateral A, lateral P and shaft P.

SMJV and TRC set out to complete the TBM diameter conversion from the larger diameter to the smaller diameter through a sequence developed by SMJV and TRC that included mining to a specific station and sequentially removing (unbolting) the 0.76 m (2.5 ft) cutterhead extensions and the outer cutterhead quadrants while backing the TBM up approximately  $31.4 \text{ m} \pm$  (103 ft) to the lateral A transition area at STA 100+52±.

SMJV continued the diameter conversion by cutting (plasma torching) the 0.76 m (2.5 ft) extension outer wraps off the grippers, cutterhead support side

**FIG. 11**

**Cutterhead diameter conversion area.**



**FIG. 12**

**Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel mega hard rock TBM "Big Tex"**



stabilizers, the three roof finger shields and the rear support (gripper feet).

The 0.76 m (2.5 ft) cutterhead extensions, outer cutterhead quadrants and cut pieces were removed through the 3.7 m (12 ft) horseshoe tunnel extension of lateral A and excavated after the right gripper passed lateral A (Figs. 9 and 10).

The cutterhead extensions, outer cutterhead quadrants and cut pieces were removed through the 91 m (300 ft) long 6.1 m (20 ft) diameter lateral A and out the 6.1 m (20 ft) diameter shaft A. The cutterhead quadrant buckets required additional machine work to meet the smaller diameter.

The TBM was moved forward as the outer cutterhead quadrants were rebolted sequentially to the center section and the leapfrog rail and trailing gantries blocked up to line up with the new diameter. The gripper outer wraps and cutterhead support side stabilizer outer wraps were cut and pinned to the tunnel wall in the 11.5 m (37.6 ft) tunnel prior to the main beam with grippers sliding by.

SMJV resumed mining with the 9.9 m (32.6 ft) diameter TBM on a 1 percent grade to STA 105+00± where the TBM was back on contract grade (Fig. 11).

### **Shafts, intake structures and dewatering pump station**

The drainage tunnel, with a capacity of 605,666 m<sup>3</sup> (160 million gal), has six shafts that vary from 3.8 m to 12.2 m (12.5 ft to 40 ft) in diameter and are 33.5 m to 57 m (110 ft to 187 ft) in depth. There are five intake structures that intersect five existing storm

box culverts and will convey stormwater to the tunnel via vortex drop shafts and laterals.

The horseshoe laterals vary from 15.8 m to 149.4 m (52 ft to 490 ft) in length and 3.66 m to 6.1 m (12 ft to 20 ft) in height. There is a dewatering pump station in shaft P at the East Peaks branch intake designed to dewater the tunnel for maintenance and inspection.

The pump station has three submersible pumps with a design capacity of 113.6 m<sup>3</sup>/min (30,000 gal/min) located in shaft P, the deepest part of the drainage tunnel at 57 m (187 ft) deep.

The pump station is designed to dewater the inverted siphon conveyance tunnel within three to five days during dry periods.

### **Conclusion**

The Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel will be the largest hard rock gripper TBM tunnel under construction in the Western hemisphere, and possibly the world. There were valuable lessons learned on this project by everyone involved during site mobilization, shaft construction, large diameter TBM assembly, launching the TBM, excavating the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel with "Big Tex" (Fig. 12), and preparing for the unique cutterhead diameter conversion in mid-tunnel.

The expected and unexpected challenges encountered during the start-up and production mining of the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel were solved by collaboration and communication between the experienced individuals involved with the Dallas Mill Creek Drainage Tunnel team.

The proposed relocation of the muck shaft to accommodate hauling 24-hours per day on a state highway, eliminating the large horseshoe tunnel construction with a round tunnel construction, and the innovative changing TBM cutterhead diameters in mid-tunnel should result in a more efficient excavation operation and should save time on the construction schedule.

The city, construction management team and SMJV were able to work through issues while maintaining an open line of communication that helped keep the project moving forward during difficult times. Many thanks to everyone directly and indirectly involved in this challenging world class project. ■

# Advances in tunneling technology discussed at Cutting Edge Conference in Dallas, TX

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The SME and UCA (Underground Construction Association) “Cutting Edge” conference hosted its largest attendance yet with 285 in-person participants meeting in Dallas, TX Nov. 15–17. Attendees came from the United States, Europe, Israel and Canada and included engineers, contractors, project managers and college students. Elisa Comis from McMillen Jacobs Associates chaired the three-day event.

Priscilla Nelson, professor and head of mining engineering at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO was the opening speaker and delivered a keynote address discussing crumbling infrastructure in tunnels, waterways, sewage and drainage systems in the United States and world and ideas on how to address resilience and the underground. Nelson has worked as a program director and senior advisor at the National Science Foundation, as a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and was formerly provost at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She is internationally known for her expertise in geological and rock engineering.

Her talk focused on the fact that cities throughout the world are growing in population and that growth is anticipated to continue in the coming years. “Our future is one of population and urban growth worldwide,” said Nelson. “It’ll be interesting to see how people want to live, considering the long-term effects of the pandemic.”

Nelson encouraged the audience to think about the often vast, public and private infrastructure systems that are frequently created independently from one another and in silos in many cities. She explained that many have been created in an uncoordinated manner and need to be considered by engineers in more of a “systems of systems” approach. The complexities and interdependence of waterways, sewage, drainage, electricity and transportation modes need to be looked at more holistically, she said.

“We have to inform the public, professionals and politicians, and provide truths, examples and answers,” said Nelson. She cited natural disasters and the recovery time it took for each including Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, and the earthquake in Kobe, Japan, in 1995, lessons learned and the necessity of studying what went wrong and how to anticipate for these types of events in the future.

## Crumbling infrastructure

There is growing demand for equity in any proposed

A tour of the Mill Creek Tunnel project followed the Cutting Edge Conference. Photo courtesy of Southland Holdings.



infrastructure rebuild efforts of cities. Repairing and replacing water mains, gas pipelines and sewers in places like New York City, where much of the systems are 60 to 100 years old, requires consideration of what neighborhoods are most affected and where the work should be prioritized. According to Nelson, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) does not have these potential breakdowns on its list of possible emergencies, though they should be added.

Scott Elmer from the Harris County Flood Control District presented “Going Deep to Reduce Harris County’s Future Flood Risks,” as he represented the city of Dallas’ flood control project, equating the length of it to the driving distance between New York and Los Angeles. Elmer said that historically, people did not think tunnels could be built in this area because of weak soil, yet there are lots of water and waste tunnels in downtown Dallas.

Hurricane Harvey, a devastating Category 4 hurricane that made landfall in Texas and Louisiana in August, 2017, impacted all of Harris County. Tens of thousands of homes were flooded and this generated political support for a bond package that was approved by voters. “Tunnels are one of the ways we’re looking at this differently. We were told to be innovative, and so now we are asking, ‘Can tunnels be built in Harris County?’” said Elmer, adding, “If so, can they move enough water to make a difference?”

The team has created 2D models of the entire county, establishing critical mass areas with consideration of social

equity. They believe the answer is “yes” to the feasibility of the work and have moved on to phase two of the study. “We’re not quite sure where we’re going to build these tunnels—we’ll need all of you engineers and contractors in the future. We’ve got some good projects coming up,” Elmer said to the crowd.

The team considered water quality and sedimentation issues and collected data to look at the watershed and history of flooding in the area over the last 100 years. They also considered how the land was being used.

John Kinnear from Jacobs in Toronto, Canada presented on the London Thames Tideway Tunnel Project. The project involves sewage upgrades necessary because “every time it rains in London, the system goes over and into the river,” said Kinnear. He explained that in London, the river generally drains to the east, and that the Thames water management project is run by a private utility, which is a common practice in England, and in this case, amounts to managing systems worth £4.2 billion pounds (equivalent to \$6 billion U.S.).

Jacobs has developed a reference design for the project and the work is being done as design/build contracts. The Thames is made up of clay to the west and above the river is mixed sand and gravel.

Milton Brooks with the City of Dallas and Paul Smith, Black & Veatch, discussed “Changing TBM Excavation Diameter Mid-Tunnel in Dallas.” When Dallas was founded in the 1920s it was a much smaller city, and as it began to develop, it spread east and north. Brooks shared that deep, underground tunnels have never been built in this city, but the need has become apparent as there is “\$4 billion worth of property to protect in Dallas.”

The city is trying to build an alternative outfall for the current drainage system to reduce possible flooding, moving from a 9.1 to 10.7 m (30 to 35 ft) section. The soil in the build area is made up of soft limestone, is 8 km (5 miles) long, and currently has seven shafts. Completely paid for by the city of Dallas (no federal or state funds), the project is estimated to cost \$210 to \$285 million.

On Wednesday of the conference attendees who had preregistered visited the Mill Creek drainage relief tunnel project site and learned about its design change from a horseshoe to round tunnel design.

Brad Grothen from Robbins presented “The Future is Noncircular: TBM Solutions for Flat Inverts,” and discussed recent advancements in nonround tunnel designs. These include noncircular tunneling and mechanized excavation for soft ground and soft rock. He shared lessons learned from the company’s work at the Fresno Mines in Mexico, where the geology is hard rock.

“Grouting and Greasing in Frozen Ground” was presented by Sean Grant of Traylor Bros. He is a registered civil engineer working in Los Angeles and shared about the company’s recent work experience on a tunnel in Vancouver, Canada. The project was challenging and involved highly variable geology with abrasive ground and rock.

Werner Burger from Herrenknecht discussed TBM

technologies of the future. Burger, a mechanical engineer, said the company is focused on optimizing existing technologies, including those in operator assist systems for slurry and hard rock machines.

Also in attendance and presenting were Mark Stephani of HNTB on the topic of resilience through design, Angel Del Amo of Aldea Services on building tunnels that cross fault lines in Los Angeles, and Mark Funkhauser of McMillen Jacobs Associates on geotechnical considerations and the alignment selection for the lower Olentangy Tunnel in Columbus, OH.

Mike Rispin of Strata Worldwide led a panel discussion on research and development “from idea to implementation.” There was discussion of the typical length of time it takes to complete projects; whether owner, contractor and designer all need to be in alignment for innovation to take place (the consensus was not necessarily); and how to work cheaper and faster. Alternative design and build delivery methods, how to measure innovation and its effects, the increasing cost of projects, inflation, supply chain and labor shortages were all reviewed.

Around the discussion of innovation, Bill Edgerton, SME president, said “we innovate to do things we haven’t done before.”

During the UCA Young Members session, Sean McDonald from Jay Dee discussed next generation technology and climate change. Katherine Westerlund from Mott MacDonald led a carbon portal and building information and modeling (BIM) integration talk, and Rachelle McDowell from Atkinson discussed working through the pandemic on the courthouse commons tunnel in downtown San Diego, California.

Federico Bonaiuti from Lane Construction in Italy presented “3D modeling for Tunnels: A Tool for Inspecting and Foreseeing Construction Activities from Planning to Execution.” McDonald discussed the “Down for That” website and young member development initiatives.

In the afternoon, Sanja Zlatanic and Brandi Crawford of HNTB gave an update on the DART D2 subway project in Dallas using 3D animation to show the progress. The project has brought 150,000 jobs to the area.

Nick Chen from Jacobs discussed the Amtrak East River tunnel reconstruction project. During Superstorm Sandy, four of these train tunnels were flooded. Chen said the reconstruction project involves a “total organ transplant, to use an analogy of the body,” because the tunnel is over 100 years old. One of the tunnels in the project is underwater, and issues like egress from the train to inside parts of the tunnel in case of fire or emergency must be considered. Fire, life safety, ventilation, drainage and building redundancy into the construction methodology are all aspects to be addressed. Chen said that the project schedule is a fast, 16 months and there’s been “lots of knowledge gained and lessons learned.” ■

## UCA scholarships open March 1

The UCA is committed to the future of the tunneling and underground construction industries by supporting the next generation of professionals to enter the field. One of the ways in which this goal is accomplished is through the scholarships that are awarded during the summer events. This year, the UCA will host the North American Tunneling Conference June 19–22 in Philadelphia, PA, where three scholarship opportunities are available.

The application process opens on March 1, 2022 and will close on May 1, 2022.

### UCA Young Members Scholarship

UCA Young Members Scholarship for the North American Tunneling Conference (NAT) provides selected students with an opportunity to attend conferences where they can experience the challenges, opportunities and rewards of a career in the field of tunneling and underground construction. Each recipient will receive:

- NAT conference registration.
- One-year student membership to UCA.
- An invitation to the UCAYM networking event.
- Round-trip airfare to the conference.
- Hotel accommodations at the

conference hotel.

- Orientation at the conference.
- Conference proceedings.
- Valuable opportunities to network with industry experts and potential employers
- A \$1,000 stipend for miscellaneous cash needs.

### UCA and RETC Attendance Scholarship

The UCA and Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC) Attendance Scholarship provides students with an opportunity to attend this conference. Applicants must be full-time freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students with a designated major in an applicable field of engineering (civil, mechanical, mining, electrical, geological) or construction management. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the underground industry. Up to 12 recipients can be selected. Each recipient will receive:

- NAT conference registration.
- Round-trip airfare to the conference.
- Hotel accommodations at the conference hotel.
- Conference proceedings.
- Social function tickets.
- A \$200 stipend for miscellaneous cash needs.

Recipients are responsible for their own ground transportation and for other expenses including meals, other than at social functions.

### RETC Executive Committee Scholarship

RETC annually awards one or more scholarships to college students who want to develop their skills in the tunneling industry. The total amount of the award, approximately \$5,000, is apportioned to one or more students at the discretion of the RETC Executive Committee. Each recipient will receive:

- NAT conference registration.
- Round-trip airfare to the conference.
- Hotel accommodations at the conference hotel.
- Conference proceedings.
- Social function tickets.
- A \$200 stipend for miscellaneous cash needs.

The goals of the award are to increase exposure to career opportunities and to provide educational and networking opportunities to future underground industry professionals.

Visit <https://www.smenet.org/uca-of-sme/membership/scholarships> for more information on these awards, including criteria and deadlines for application and instructions on how to apply. ■

## WTC moved to September in Copenhagen

The World Tunnel Congress (WTC) that was to be held in Copenhagen from April 22–28 has been moved to Sept. 2–8, 2022 because of ongoing complications associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The WTC2022 Organizing Committee and the International Tunneling Association (ITA) announced the conference will remain at Bella Center in Copenhagen.

In a statement, WTC and ITA said the decision was made in a

context of a global health crisis and awareness of the difficulty for many industry professionals at this time to commit to participate in the WTC2022 in April.

“The expectation is, as it was also the case in 2021, that by September the COVID-19 virus will be less virulent and therefore will allow the entire tunnel and underground profession to finally meet and see each other again in good conditions.

“The organizing committee and the 150 exhibitors will look forward

to meeting you all, and we will ensure that the conference will follow any health regulations that may be in force by next September in Denmark, if any,” the statement read.

All ITA activities will also take place between Sept. 2 and 8 such as the general assembly and meetings of the working groups and committees.

The WTC2022 will take place in a hybrid mode (physical and digital). More information is available at <https://wtc2022.dk/> ■

## Axel Nitschke

**T**unnelling professionals globally are mourning the premature passing of U.S.-based Dr. Axel Nitschke, who died on Dec. 26, 2021. Nitschke was a much-valued contributor to *Tunnels and Tunneling International (T&T)*.

Born in Germany in 1968, Nitschke relocated with his family in 2008 to the United States where he continued his distinguished tunnelling career in earnest. By the time his career tragically ended, he had worked with some of the biggest names in consultancy, leading tunnelling projects in the United States, Canada, South America and Europe.

Throughout his career, Nitschke wrote numerous technical papers, some of which have become standards in the tunnel industry. In the last technical paper he wrote for *Tunnels & Tunneling* (November 2020) he proposed a labelling and classification system designed to provide an effective and easy way to specify FRC for tunnel linings.

Nitschke graduated in 1993 with a master's degree in civil engineer-

ing from Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany and immediately embarked on a Ph.D. there, his thesis focusing on the loadbearing capacity of steel fiber-reinforced concrete in tunnelling. This he successfully completed in 1998. During his time at the university, he was also employed as an assistant professor and chair of construction technology, tunnelling and construction management.

There followed a highly successful career in tunnel design and consultancy in both Germany and subsequently the United States, spanning well-known firms such as IMM, BeMo Tunnelling, Wayss & Freytag, Gall Zeidler, Shannon & Wilson and WSP.

While at Gall Zeidler in Washington, Nitschke was senior tunnel engineer and then vice-president; later at Shannon & Wilson, also in Washington, he was vice president, director of operations for underground services. From October 2015 to January 2021, at the American Shotcrete Association (ASA), he was chair of the underground committee, rising to vice



**Axel Nitschke**

president of the executive committee. His time at ASA overlapped with some of his other employments.

Nitschke's final role was as vice president and tunnel practice leader (NATM) at global engineering consultancy WSP in Washington, where he had started working in June 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Anke and their four children. ■

## Grouting short course returns in August

**T**he 2022 Grouting and Ground Improvement short course at the Colorado School of Mines will take place Aug. 1-4, 2022 at the campus in Golden, CO.

The four-day course covers engineering, equipment, materials and methods for grouting and ground modification used in civil and geotechnical engineering, underground construction, tunneling and mining.

The course combines classroom instruction with hands-on labs and demonstrations, providing par-

ticipants with the opportunity to see grouting and ground improvement field equipment in action including compaction, cellular, chemical and permeation grouting equipment.

The course is intended for industry professionals including owners, planners, designers, contractors, consultants and suppliers involved in the design, planning and construction of civil and geotechnical engineering, underground, tunneling and mining projects.

The Colorado School of Mines

will award 2.4 continuing education credits up successful completion of the course.

The course instructors are Dr. Reza Hedayat of the Colorado School of Mines and Ray Henn of RW Henn, LLC. Bill Warfield is the coordinator for field day demonstrations.

Registration will open March 1. Space is limited and early-bird and group discounts are available through June 20.

For more information visit [www.learn.mines.edu/ggi/](http://www.learn.mines.edu/ggi/). ■



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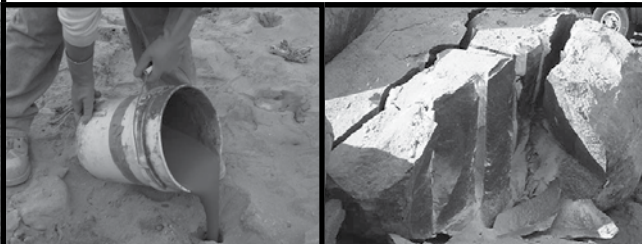
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# HNTB'S TUNNEL VENTILATION AND FIRE LIFE SAFETY TEAM DEMONSTRATES GROWTH

Practice boasts one of the industry's largest and most experienced team of experts, focusing on technical excellence, innovation and quality delivery.

HNTB continues to expand its tunnel ventilation and fire life safety (FLS) practice and team, completing numerous high-profile projects in recent years and becoming a preferred provider of fire and life safety engineering services in North America through sustained growth and a focus on technical excellence, innovation and quality delivery. The team has also spearheaded recent industry efforts to improve infrastructure safety for transit clients across the U.S., promoting the increased resiliency of systems in response to the pandemic, as well as readiness to face possible similar events in the future.

"HNTB is committed to ensuring the infrastructure we design and support is safe, reliable, sustainable and efficient for our clients," said Bernd Hagenah, Ph.D., principal engineer for tunnel ventilation and fire life safety at HNTB. "By growing our technical expert resources on the ventilation and fire life safety team, we demonstrate our commitment to improving safety of road, rail and facility systems and rolling stock including protecting lives in the event of an emergency (for both 'cold incidents'/accidents during operation, or a fire event). National and international experiences of our enhanced team draw the lessons learned from major global projects; the team implements state-of-the-art approach to efficiently resolve most complex issues."

Over the past five years, the company has added professionals from around the world to its ventilation and fire life safety team, including leading experts in engineering, ventilation, fire protection, and rail aerodynamics. The company offers a full and wide range of services, from concept designs, cost benefit analysis for different options, and risk analysis to state-of-the-art modeling processes and simulations; fire protection strategy and evaluation; air quality analysis and environmental impact studies; climate and pressure control; specification of mechanical and fire protection equipment for tender processes; evacuation concepts and modelling; inspection, rehabilitation and restoration; preparation, execution and evaluation of tenders, site supervision, testing and commissioning, and optimization under operation. We provide valuable support to our clients during the whole lifecycle of transportation infrastructure with a holistic approach.

"Ultimately, HNTB's ventilation and fire life safety team ensures that future generations will have safer infrastructure, designed to have a robust and reliable service with minimal operating and maintenance cost and long life span," said Sean Cassidy, HNTB Fellow

and principal engineer, who was engineer of record for design of ventilation and fire life safety systems on SR-99 Alaskan Way Tunnel – the world's second-largest double deck highway tunnel, nearly two miles long, beneath downtown Seattle, which replaced the earthquake-damaged Alaskan Way Viaduct in 2019. "There are a number of examples where team collaboration is key," noted Cassidy, "to overcoming challenges in conceptualizing efficient ventilation, fire detection and suppression systems that would effectively mitigate carbon emissions. Teamwork had brought a major value toward application of cutting-edge technology to control possible fire scenarios and evacuate smoke while allowing people to exit safely."

The ventilation and fire life safety team also has provided infrastructure planning and design for transit agencies such as Sound Transit (Seattle), Bay Area Rapid Transit (San Francisco), St. Louis Metro, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Boston), Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and New York City Transit Authority, and enabled HNTB's continued expansion into other markets.

"Our national tunnel practice is known nationally and internationally to include the world's leading experts and thought leaders in tunnel ventilation, fire life safety and aerodynamics," said Sanja Zlatanic, PE, HNTB chair national tunnel practice, senior vice president and HNTB Fellow. "Our expertise brings value to every mobility solution including both highway and rail tunnels and stations, as well as to wide range of multi-modal transportation hubs including airports. As tunnel methodology continues to evolve and grow in importance in the U.S. due to increased population migration to cities and a need to minimize surface disturbance and construction impacts on communities, tunnel solutions are becoming broader to include larger tunnel diameters and house transit stations within. Our team had proven that the engineering solutions to resulting complex ventilation and safety solutions need to evolve as well to include RAMS (reliability, availability, maintenance and safety), as a sustainable approach more and more agencies require, as well as consideration of tunnel climate issues for ensuring long-term service life of majority of system components. The team's knowledge and experience in this realm is unique and would bring value to the projects and clients across the nation."

## HNTB's Tunnel Ventilation and FLS Technical Leaders



**Bernd Hagenah, National Tunnel Practice Consultant**

Bernd Hagenah has more than 23 years of experience in tunnel ventilation, climate, aerodynamics and safety and has worked on numerous major international infrastructure projects, including iconic rail tunnel projects such as the Gotthard Base Tunnel, Brenner Base Tunnel, Vienna Metro, Melbourne Metro, Brisbane Metro, highway tunnels in Europe and the French Nuclear Waste Depository (CIGEO). He is a recognized leader in the design of tunnel safety, electromechanical equipment including ventilation systems for underground transit systems, and high-speed rail aerodynamics.



**Sean Cassady, Principal Engineer**

Sean Cassady has more than 24 years of experience developing creative solutions for tunnel ventilation and FLS systems for enclosed facilities including road/rail tunnels and stations. His specific skill set developing ventilation, fire hazard and energy analysis with numerical modeling and other engineering analysis methods, integrated with practical experience, has been employed in facilities such as the 1.7-mile, 57.5-foot diameter, SR99 stacked highway tunnel in Seattle. Many projects that Sean has worked on such as San Francisco's Muni 3rd Ave Extension and BART San Jose Extension have maximized safety and efficiency based on design approach that emphasizes robust simplicity.



**Petr Pospisil, Principal Engineer**

Petr Pospisil has worked in the field of tunnel safety and ventilation since 1997, contributing to more than 150 major infrastructure projects worldwide, including the Gotthard Road Tunnel, the Seelisberg Highway Tunnel, Klosters Bypass Tunnel (adjacent to the Sunniberg Bridge), high-speed rail tunnels between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in Israel, as well as some of the world's longest rail tunnels, the 55km long Brenner Base Tunnel and the 57.5km long Mt. Cenis tunnel on the Lyon-Turin rail line. He has led standards development teams and research projects, and published various books on tunnel ventilation, and risk and safety, focusing on a holistic approach.



**Jesse Harder, Senior Supervising Engineer**

Jesse Harder has 21 years of experience in the planning, design and commissioning of tunnel ventilation and fixed fire-fighting systems. He has served in key roles supporting both new tunnel construction and tunnel retrofit projects including the Marmaray Tunnel, BART San Francisco International Airport Extension, BART Transbay Tube, Caltrans Caldecott Tunnel, Sound Transit North Link and East Link Extensions, and the Midtown Tunnel. He has a proven record of design leadership and technical expertise in the areas of fire hazard analysis, emergency egress, tunnel safety, maintenance and operations.



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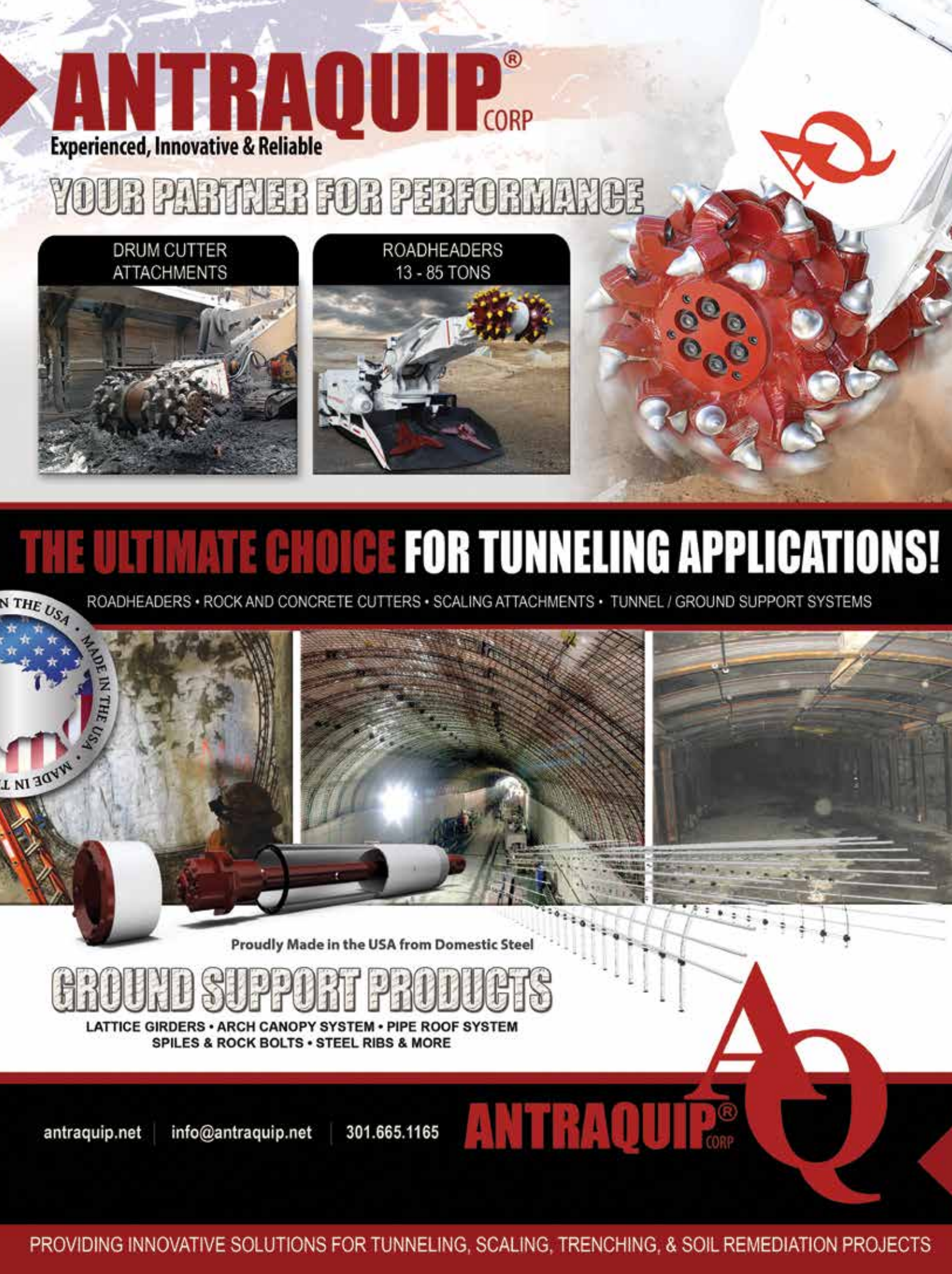
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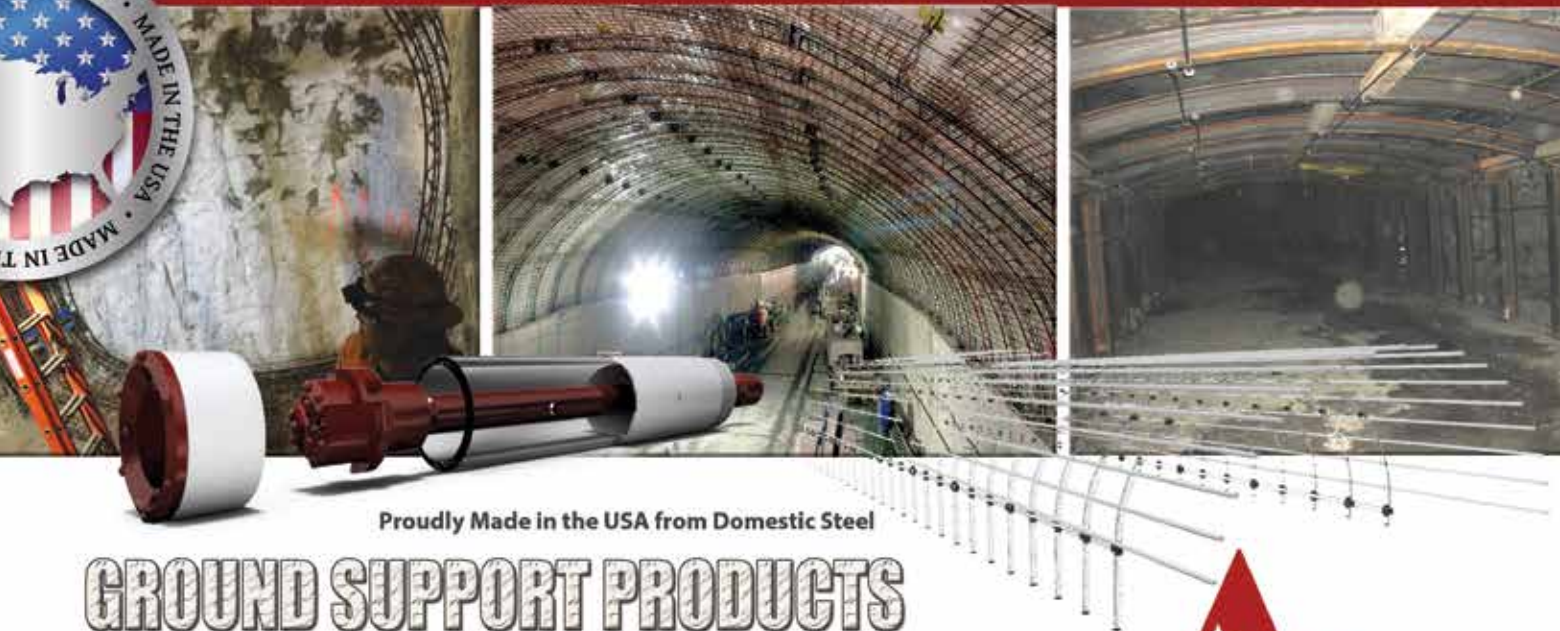


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The UTT group is a successful division of MAPEI Group, which has provided proven construction system solutions for more than 80 years. Established in 1937, MAPEI Group is a global corporation, based in Milan, Italy, and with 90 subsidiaries that include 83 plants in 36 countries. MAPEI is the

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"The UTT group started in earnest in the U.S. in 2015," stated James Pinkley, Country Manager UTT — 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, with decades of experience in the underground marketplace.

The UTT product line is divided into six categories: Mechanized Tunneling; Injections for Heavy Civil and Mining Applications; Waterproofing & Water Membranes; Shotcrete Products; Renovation, maintenance and repair; and Coatings for underground construction. No matter the division or the product line, MAPEI is known for quality products and for providing system solutions. As Pinkley 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. MAPEI UTT services a project from the very beginning to the very end like no one else in the industry does," he said. "UTT also has the agility to adjust to the customers' needs when necessary per the demands of changing geological settings"

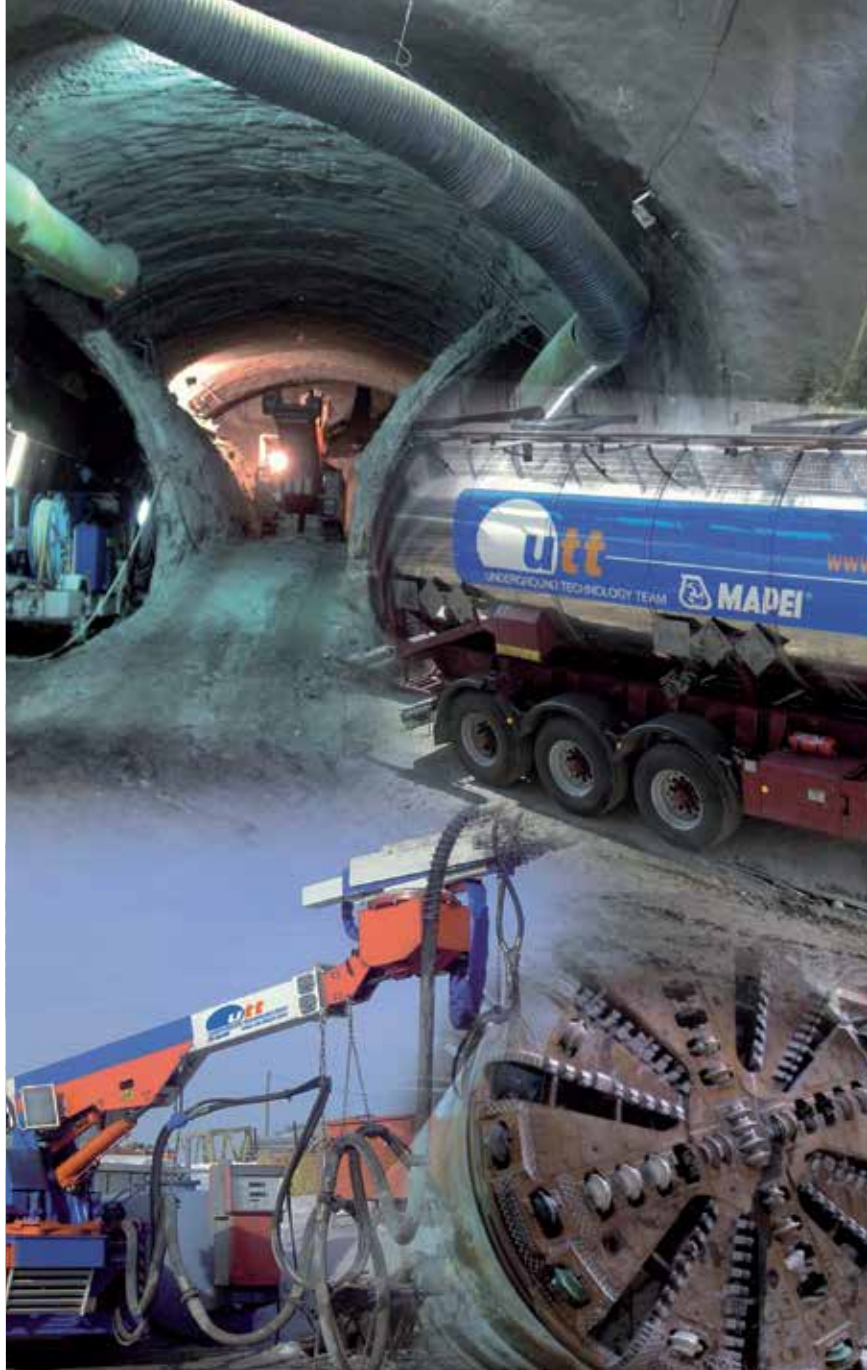
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MAPEI's UTT products were used to help a tunnel boring machine dig the Anacostia River Tunnel, which extends for 2.37 miles from Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in northeast Washington, D.C., to Poplar Point in southeast D.C.



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# Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc.

## Protecting the 'New M4' East Tunnel

### About the Tunnel

The 'New M4' East (M4E) tunnel project is located in the inner west of Sydney, Australia. The M4E tunnel is a twin tube design of 3 lanes in both directions. Each tube is 5.5 km (3.4 miles) in length. Therefore, the project has approximately 11 km (6.8 miles) of tunnels in total. The tunnels are divided into 517 fire deluge zones along the entire length, including the covered entry & exit ramps. Each fire deluge zone is approximately 30 meters (98 ft) long. The tunnel is equipped with fibre optic detection that signals a central monitoring station. Each deluge zone is monitored by operators and manually activated.

When the specifications for the project were being developed, the design brief called for "an extended coverage nozzle that could effectively deliver 10 mm/min (0.25 gpm) density". At the time, no such product was commercially available. In response to this requirement, the Reliable® model TNL280 nozzle was developed.

### About Deluge Systems

Deluge systems consist of water supply, a valve, a system of piping and nozzles that are open to atmosphere, and a means of detection and actuation. When the deluge valve is activated, water flows through all nozzles controlled by the valve. Unlike automatic sprinkler systems, where water flows only through individual sprinklers that have activated close to the heat source, deluge systems are designed to "surround and drown" an entire zone to prevent the spread of fire in hazardous environments.

### About the TNL280 Nozzle

The Reliable TNL280 pendent nozzle has been specifically designed to provide an extended coverage nozzle suitable for use in vehicle tunnels. Key to the design of the nozzle is a very large K-factor (orifice size). The large nozzle coverage area typically results in lower installed costs by reducing the amount of material (pipe and hangers) and facilitates faster installation. By comparison, traditional tunnel nozzles — usually spaced at around 9 m<sup>2</sup> (97 ft<sup>2</sup>) — are much more material and labour intensive.

### Project Quick Facts:

- Consulting Engineer: Norman Disney Young (NDY)
- Site Engineer: Jessica Keogh
- Number of Deluge Systems: 417
- Tunnel height: 5.3m (17.4 ft)

### Learn More:

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc. is a manufacturer and distributor of fire protection equipment. Reliable manufactures the highest quality and most innovative fire sprinklers, valves, and special systems on the market. Reliable also distributes a full line of best-in-class system components. All Reliable products are backed with premier customer service. Reliable's corporate headquarters is located in Elmsford, NY with manufacturing headquarters in Liberty, SC. Regional sales and distribution centers are located throughout the US and around the world.

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TNL280

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# Colorado School of Mines' Earth Mechanics Institute

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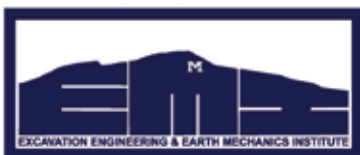
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- Cutterhead and Bit Performance Evaluation
- Full-Scale Cutterhead Performance Testing with Laboratory TBM
- Bearing Life Evaluations
- SINTEF Rock Boreability/ Drillability Testing
- Soil Abrasion Testing for EPB Tunneling
- Miniature Linear Cutting Testing
- Bit Analysis using Full-Scale Top Hammer Percussive Drill
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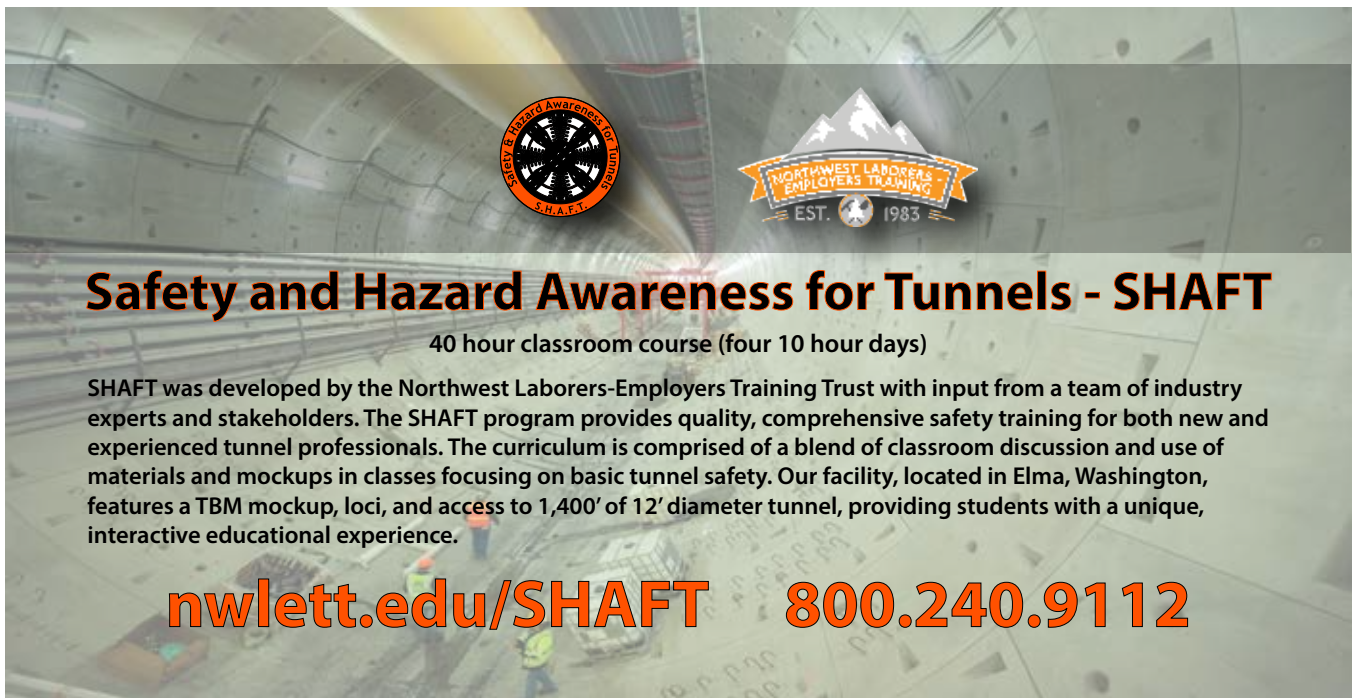
The Safety and Hazard Awareness for Tunnels (SHAFT) program, developed by the Northwest Laborers-Employers Training Trust with input from a team of industry experts and stakeholders, is comprised of a blend of classroom discussion and interactive use of materials and mockups.



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

The training facility, located in Elma, Washington, features a TBM mockup, rail, and access to 1,400' of 12' diameter tunnel – providing students with a unique educational experience.



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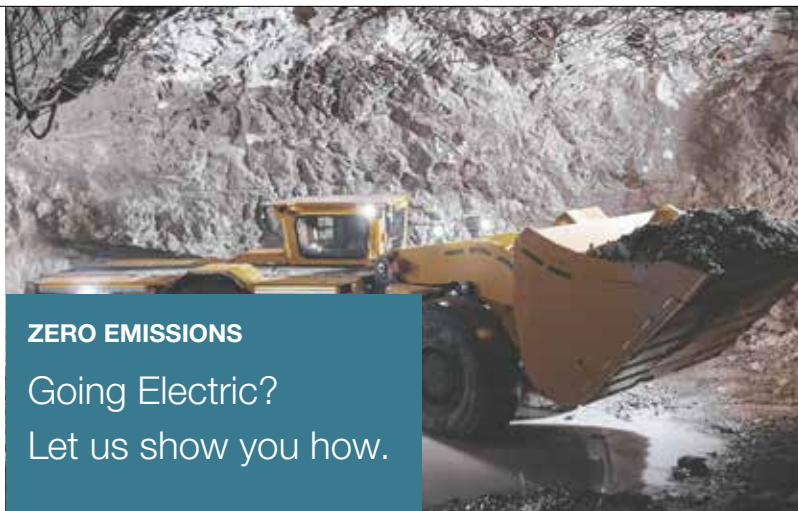
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Gateway Tunnel	Amtrak	Newark	NJ	Subway	14,600	24.5	2023	Under design
2nd Ave. Phase 2	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	16,000	20	2023	Under design
2nd Ave. Phase 3-4	NYC-MTA	New York	NY	Subway	89,600	20	2024-29	Under study
Kensico-Eastview Connection Tunnel	NYC-DEP	New York	NY	Water	10,500	27	2024	Under study
Flushing Bay CSO	NYC_DEP	New York	NY	CSO	13,200	20	2026	Under study
Cross Harbor Freight Tunnel	NYC Reg. Develop. Authority	New York	NY	Rail	25,000	30	2025	Under study
Metro Tunnel Program - Northern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	Water	23,760	10	2027	Under study
Metro Tunnel Program - Southern	Boston MRWA	Boston	MA	CSO	50,160	10	2028	Under study
Silver Line Extension	Boston Transit Authority	Boston	MA	Subway	8,400	22	2024	Under design
Narragansett Bay CSO Phase III - Conveyance Tunnel	Narragansett Bay Commission	Providence	RI	CSO	8,800	10	2024	Under design
Amtrak B&P Tunnel	Amtrak	Baltimore	MD	Rail	40,000	32	2023	Awaiting funding
Ellicott City North Tunnel	Howard County	Ellicott City	MD	CSO	5,800	15	2022	Under design
Potomac River CSO Tunnel	DC Water and Sewer Authority	Washington	DC	CSO	24,000	18	2022	RFQ 1Q 2022
Superconducting Maglev Project - Northeast Corridor	TNEM/BWRR	Washington	DC	Rail	146,520	43	2023	Under design
Alum Creek Relief Tunnel Phase 1 Phase 2	City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	Sewer	30,000 21,000	18 14	2022 2023	Under design Under design
Southerly Storage Tunnel	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	18,000	23	2024	Under design
Big Creek Storage	NEORS	Cleveland	OH	CSO	22,450	18	2026	Under design
Northside Interceptor Tunnel	City of Akron	Akron	OH	CSO	6,850	24	2024	Under design
Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel	Enbridge	Traverse City	MI	Oil	23,760	12	2020	delayed
Minneapolis Central City Parallel Tunnel	City of Minneapolis	Minneapolis	MN	CSO	4,200	10-19	2022	Final planning
ALCOSAN CSO Ohio River Allegheny River Monongahela River	Allegheny Co. Sanitary Authority	Pittsburgh	PA	CSO	10,000 41,700 53,900	14 14 14	2023 2027 2030	Under design Under design Under design

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

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