

# Alaskan Way Viaduct **REPLACEMENT** PROGRAM



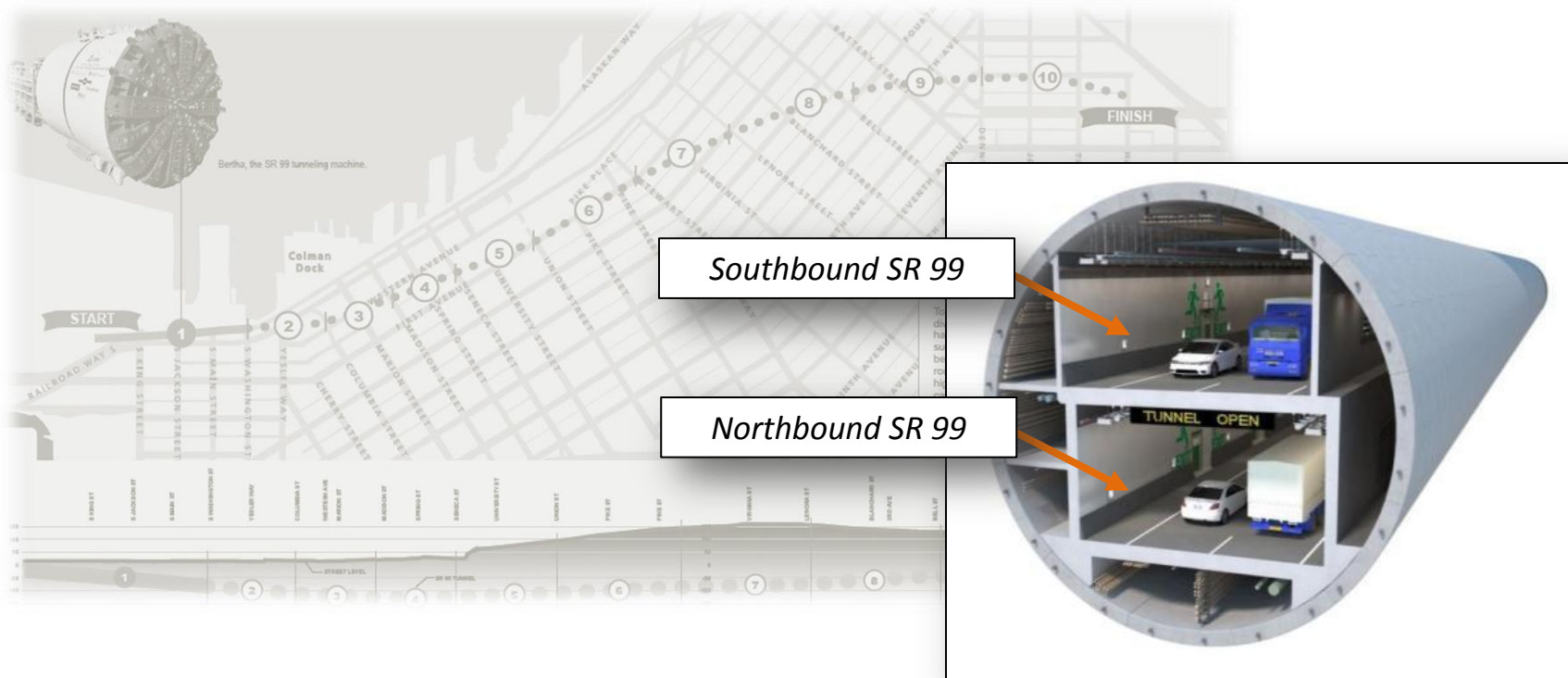
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  - Why it matters
  - Continuing progress
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# The machine's 2-mile journey

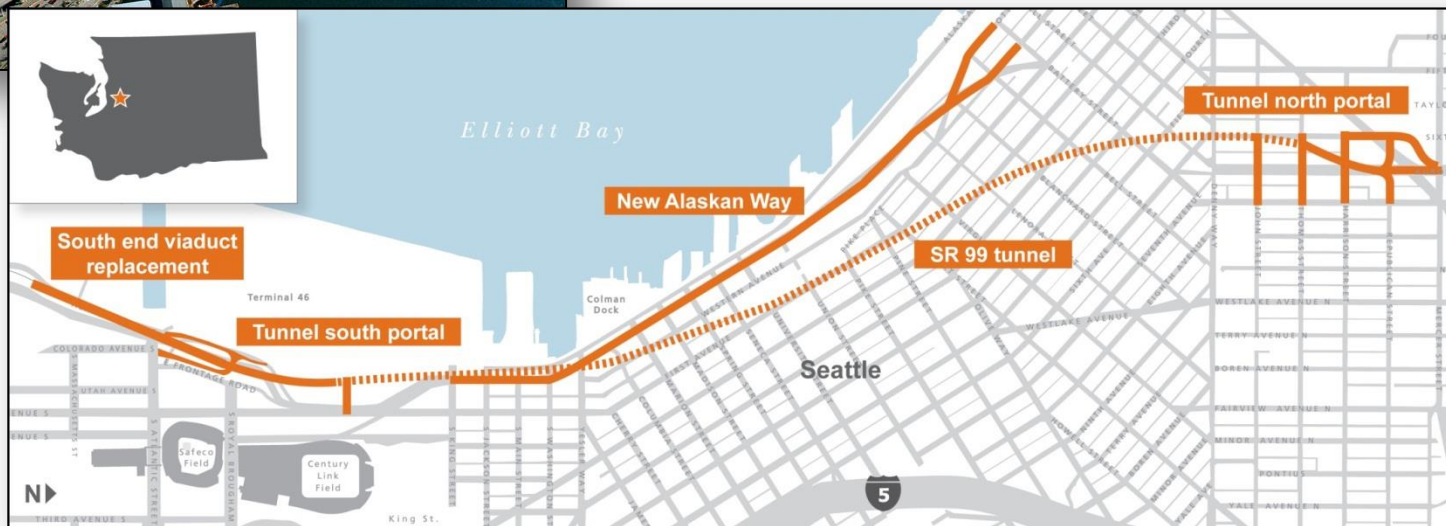




*Building a new* **SR 99**

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**Corridor**



# On Dec. 6, 2013,

**just hours after the machine passed the 1,000 foot mark ...**

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Crews stopped tunneling after measuring increased temperatures in the machine

# Seattle Tunnel Partners

is building a circular pit to access and repair the machine and resume tunneling by the end of March 2015.

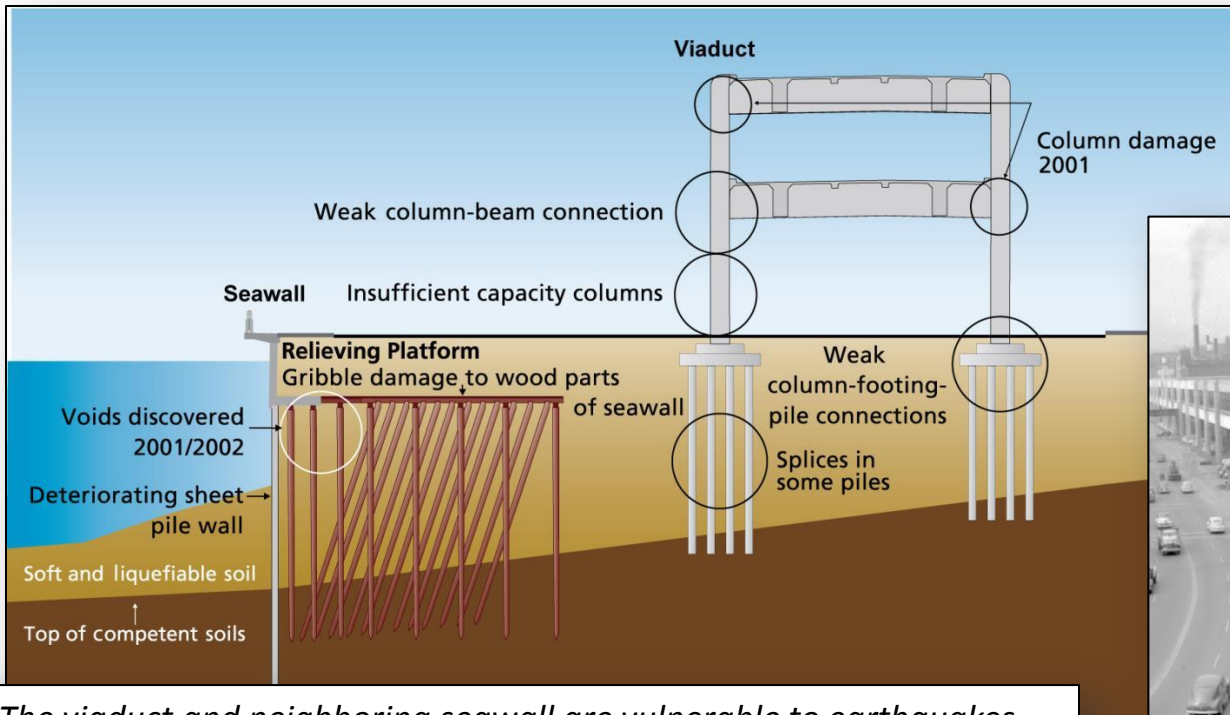


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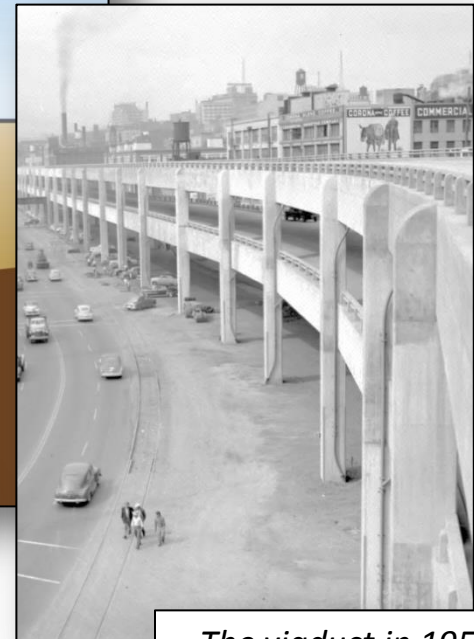


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This is a **SAFETY** project



*The viaduct and neighboring seawall are vulnerable to earthquakes*



*The viaduct in 1953*



# Geography



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vs. **drivers**



ADJUST C38 TO BALANCE  
SOUTH  
LOW PRESSURE

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**With no viaduct or  
SR 99 tunnel,**

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*where would SR 99 traffic go?*

# THE TUNNEL

*will carry drivers through downtown*

South portal



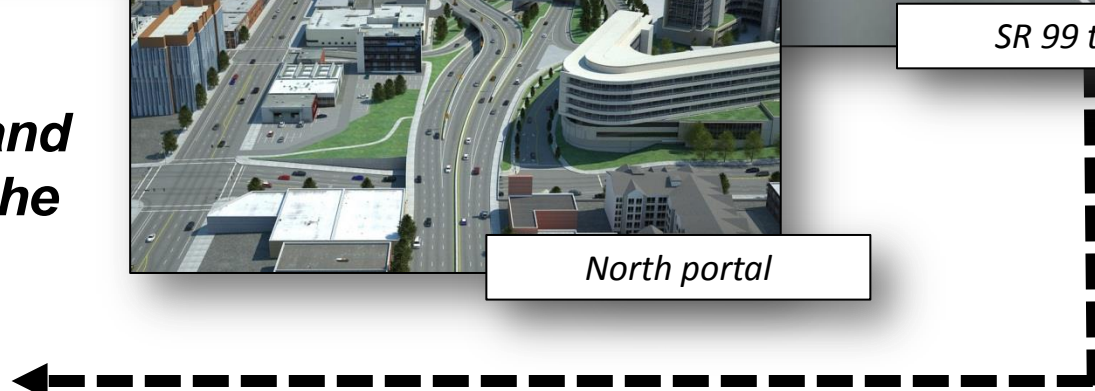
SR 99 tunnel

*Drivers will enter and exit downtown at the*

# TUNNEL PORTALS



North portal

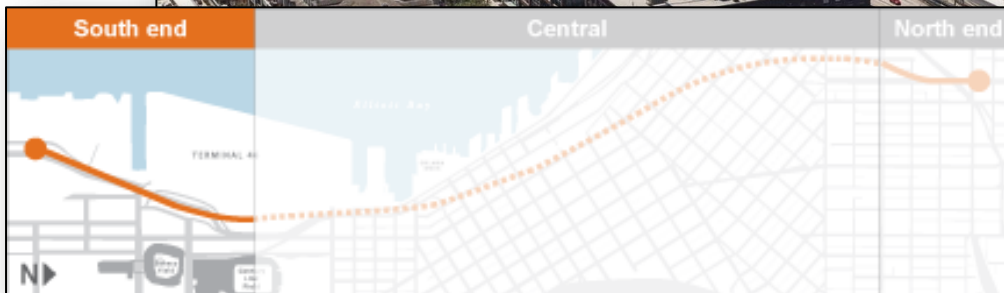


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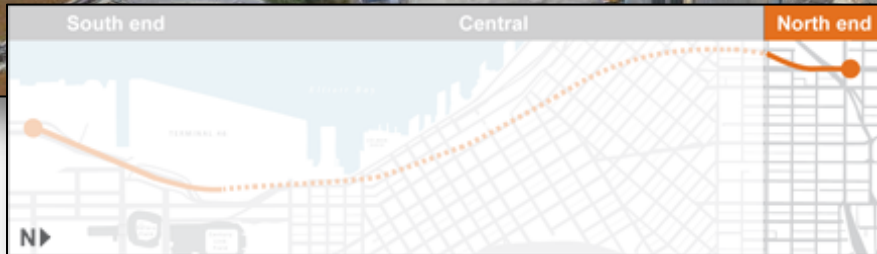
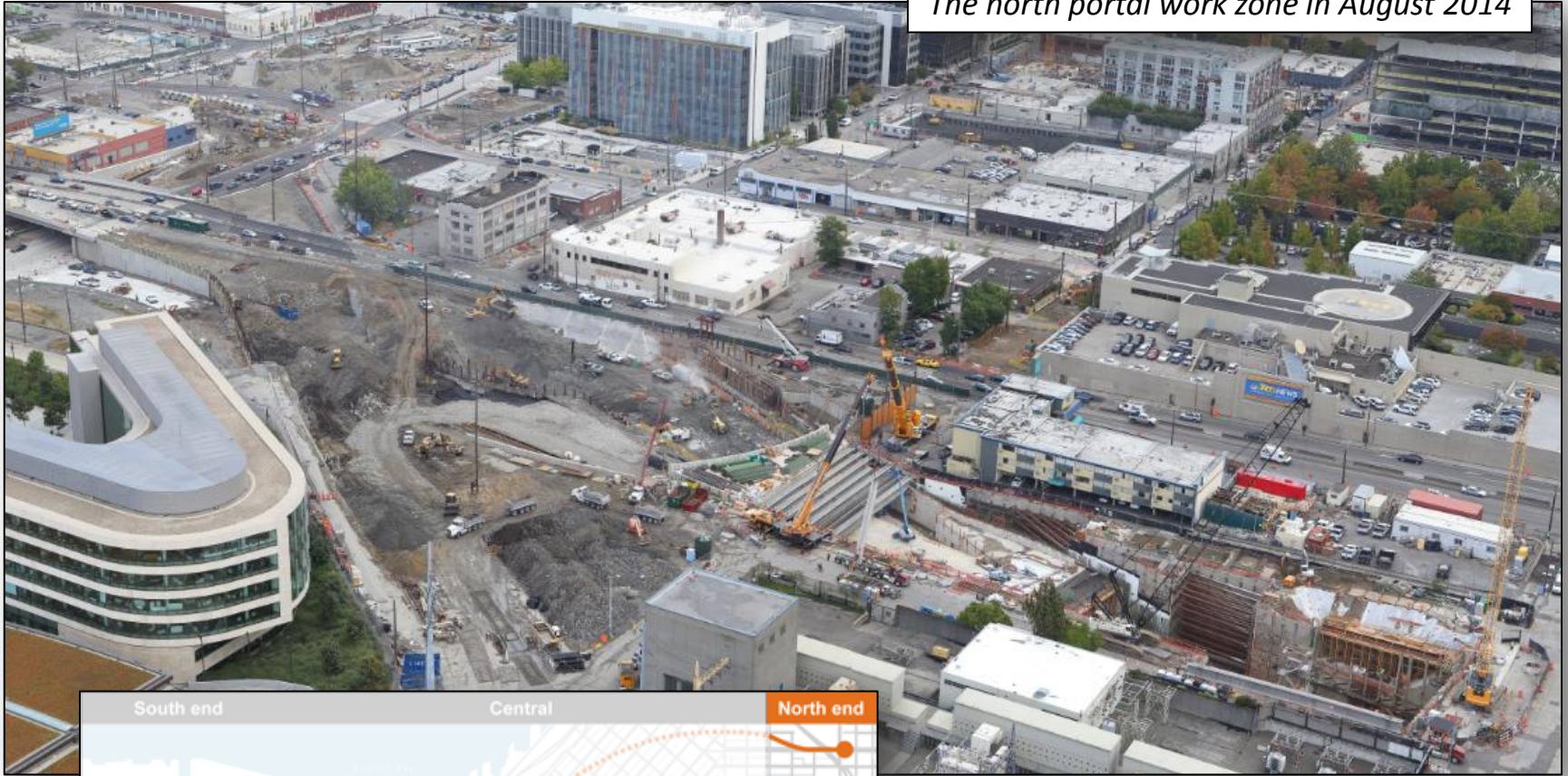
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*The south portal work zone in July 2014*



Building the **SOUTH**  
**PORTAL**

*The north portal work zone in August 2014*



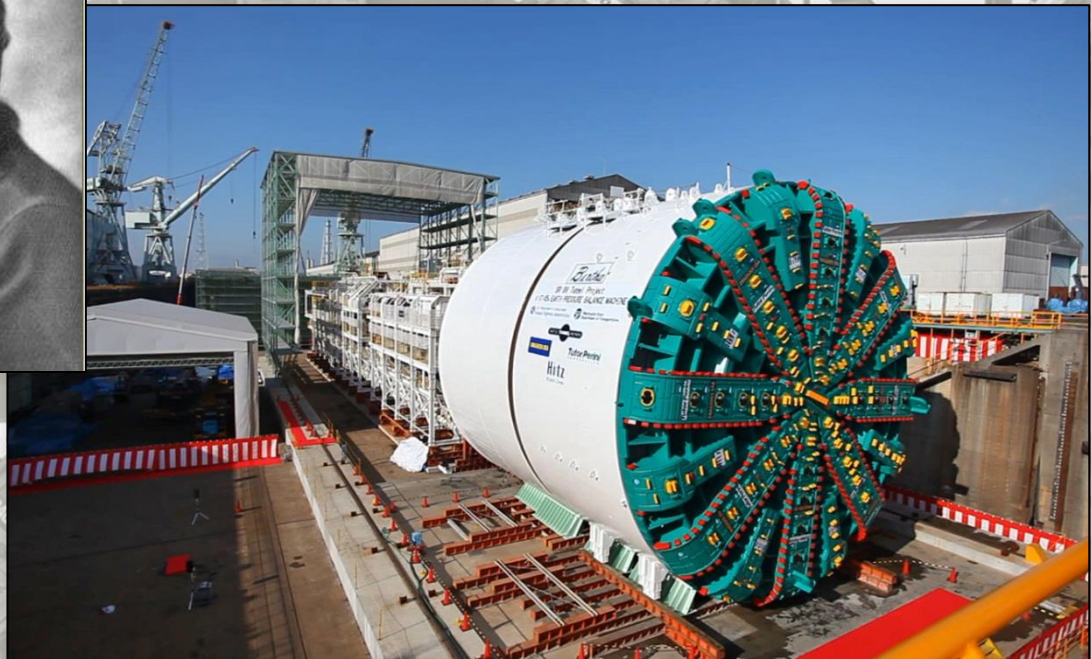
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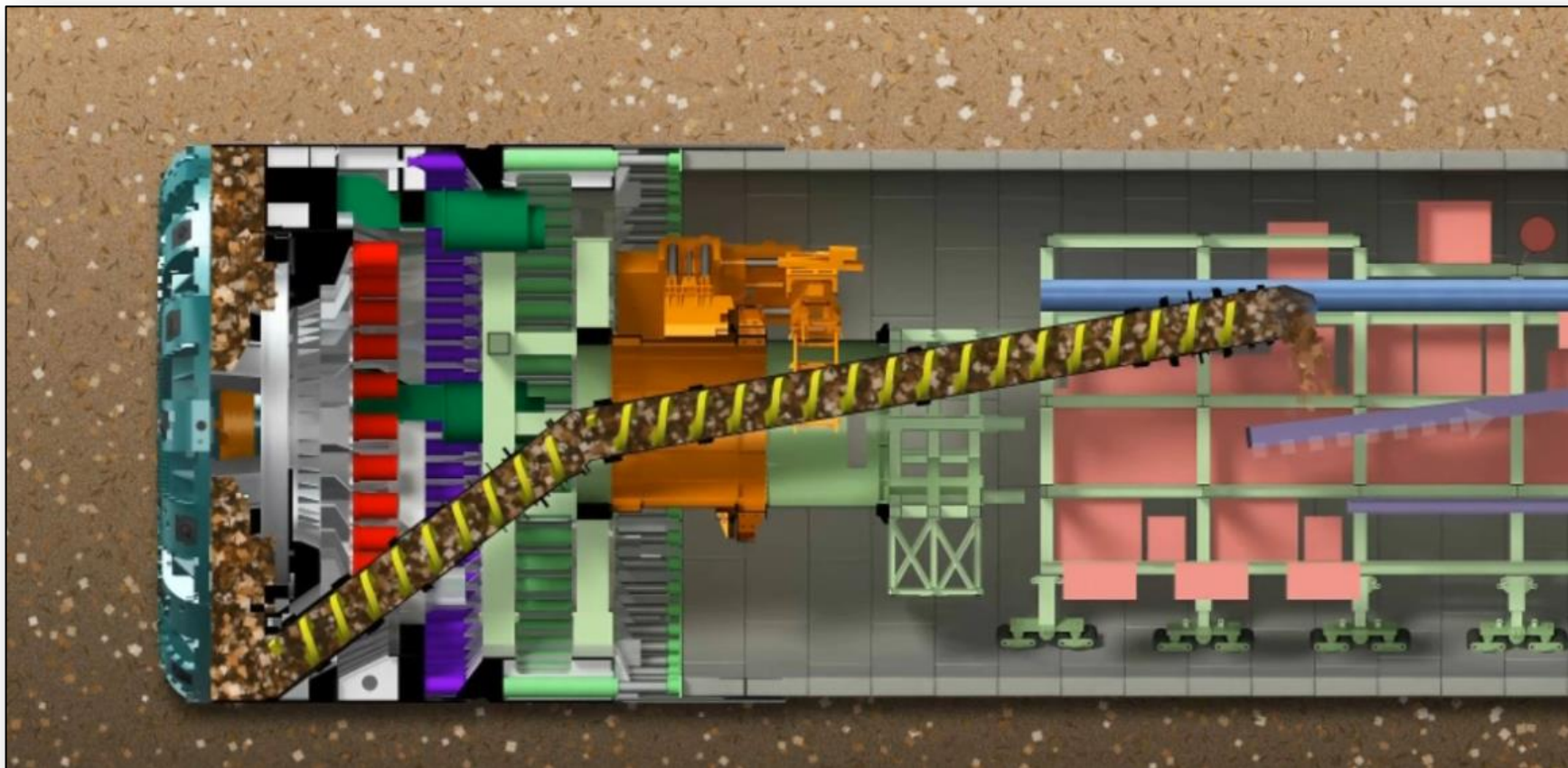
# About **Bertha**



## **Vital stats:**

- 57.5 feet in diameter
- 326 feet long
- Nearly 7,000 tons





*Understanding*

**BERTHA**



*At Bertha's*

# **CONTROLS**



*Inside the*

**TUNNEL**

*Access pit site today, above ground*



Conceptual

*Repairing*

**BERTHA**

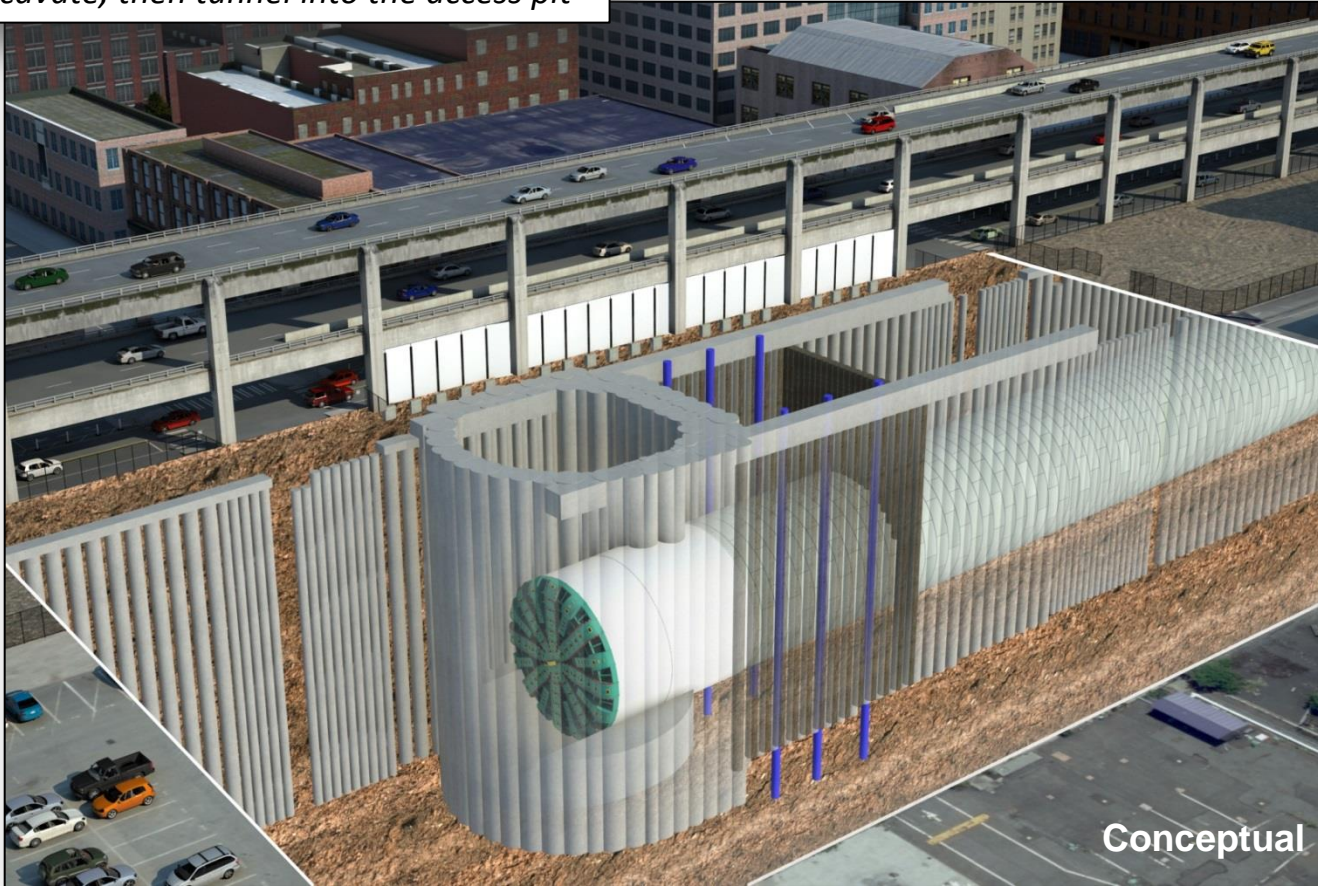
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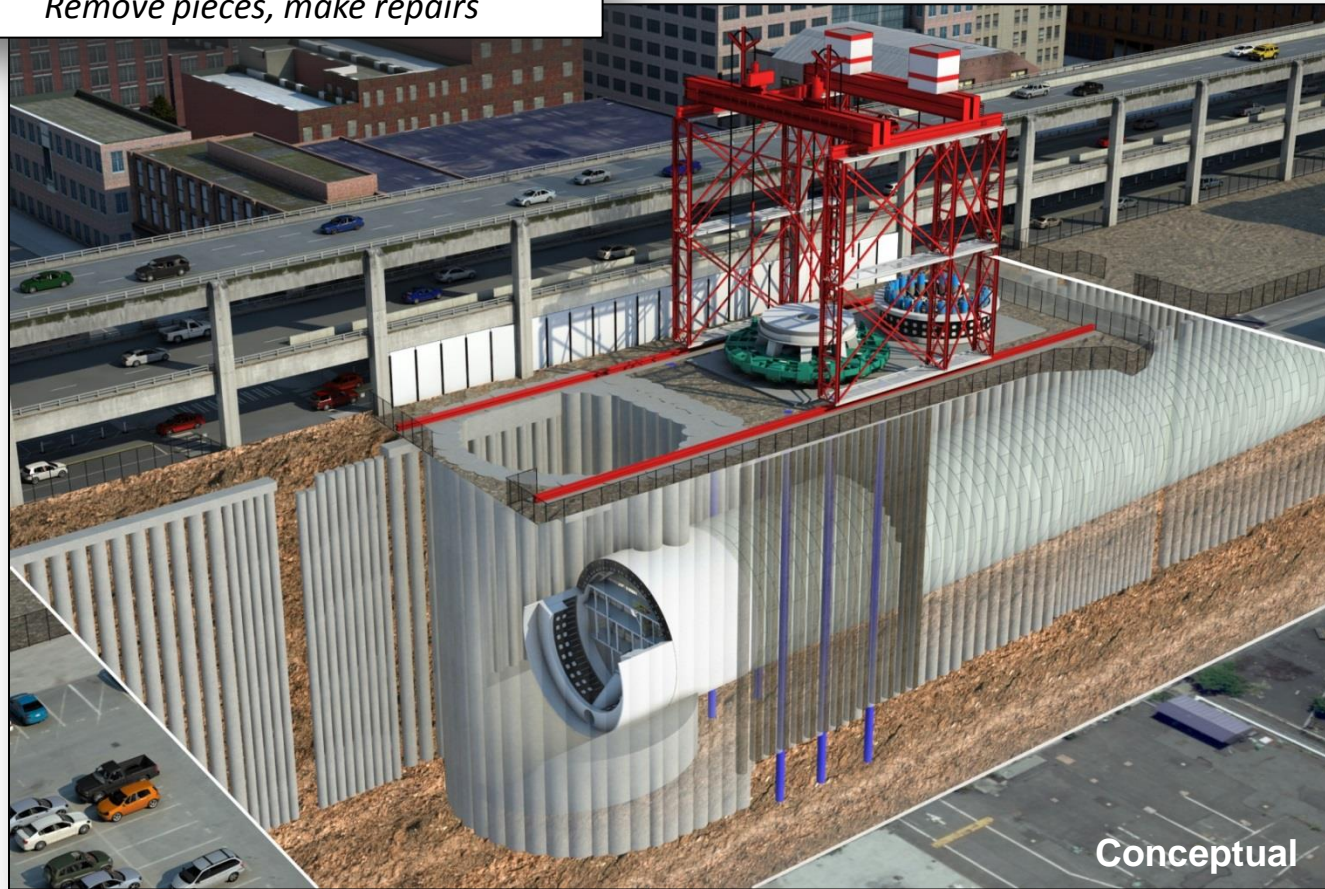


Conceptual

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*Remove pieces, make repairs*

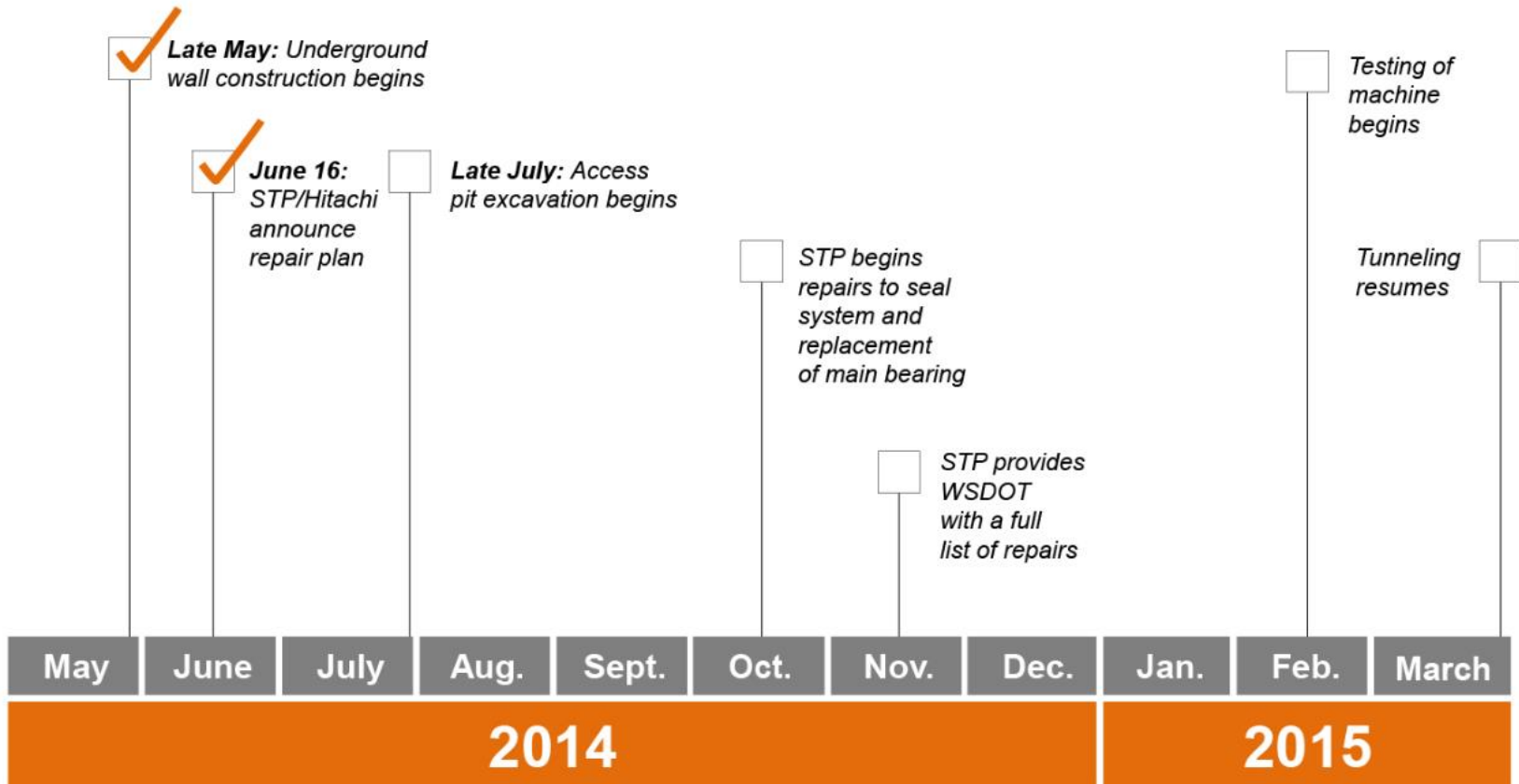


*Repairing*

**BERTHA**



# STP's schedule



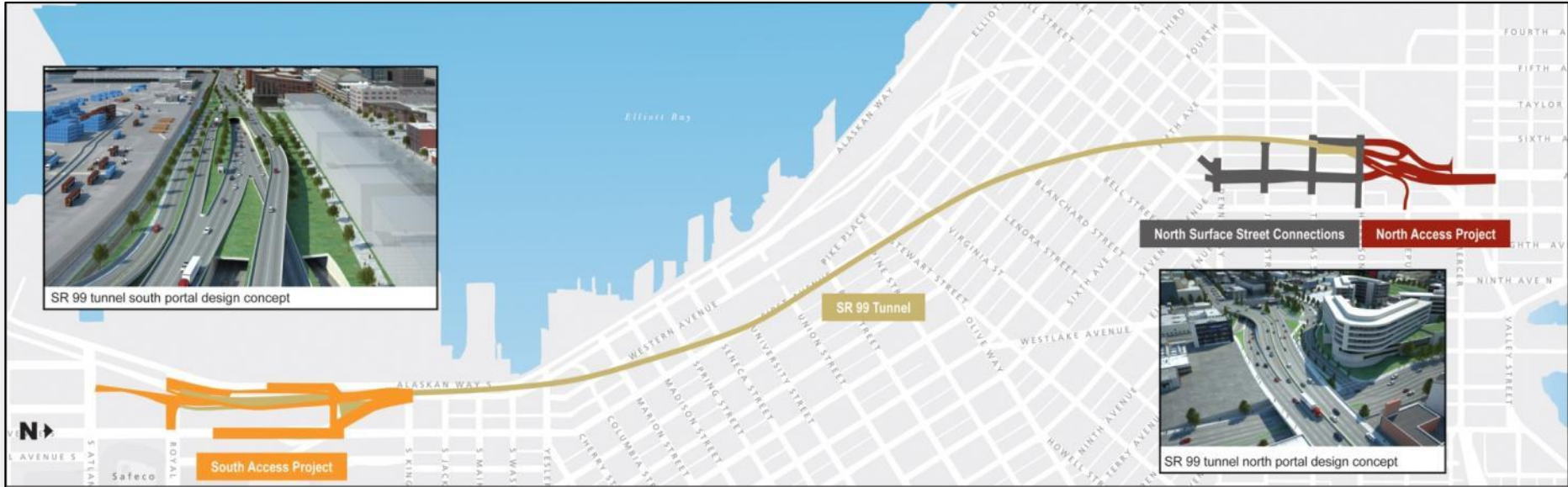
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# BERTHA

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*South Access Project*



*North Surface Street Connections*



*SR 99 Tunnel Project*



*North Access Project*

***SR 99 tunnel construction***

# **CONTRACTS**

**Design-Build** – a method of project delivery in which the owner executes a single contract with one entity (the Design-Builder) for design and construction services to provide a finished product.

**VS.**

**Design-Bid-Build** – traditional approach for delivery of transportation projects where the owner completes the design and accepts the lowest responsive bid for construction from qualified contractors.

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*What Is*

**DESIGN-BUILD?**

**Schedule:** *Faster project delivery*

**Completion cost:** *Better predictability of final cost at the onset*

**Risk management:** *Strategic risk distribution and control*

**Expertise:** *Optimize design for preferred means/methods*

*Why use*

**DESIGN-BUILD?**

- 20 years using design-build contracting.
- Primarily used on large projects.
- Dozens of completed projects.
- Provide stipends to unsuccessful proposers.
- Most reports, plans and specifications prepared by Design-Builder. WSDOT reviews and provides comments.
- Provide a detailed Quality Management Plan outline for proposers use.
- Quality Management Plan is one of the few documents WSDOT approves.
- Geotechnical Baseline Reports are including in most design-build projects.

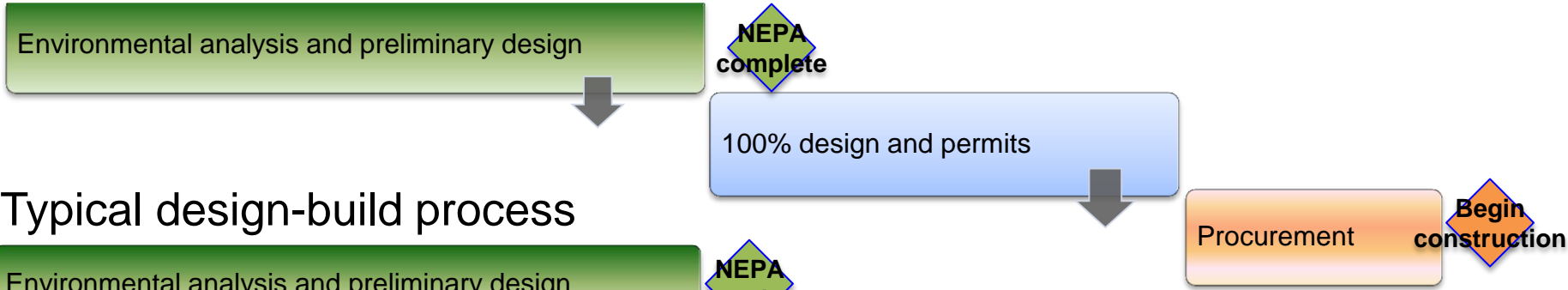


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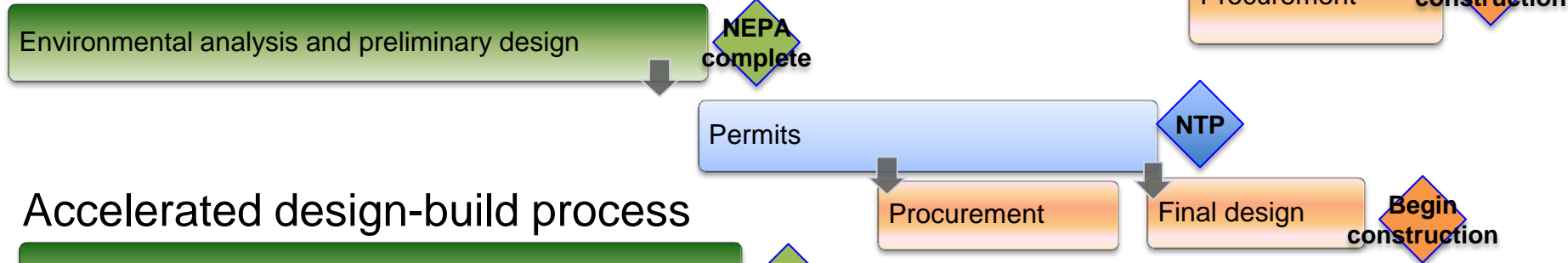
**WSDOT**

**DESIGN-BUILD**

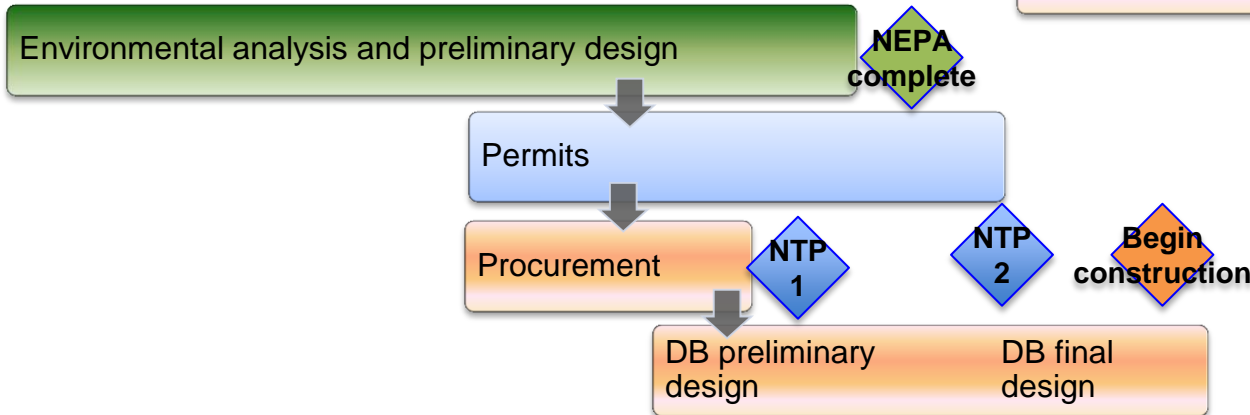
### Typical design-bid-build process



### Typical design-build process



### Accelerated design-build process



*Comparison of contracting*

# APPROACHES



***The SR 99 tunnel contract ensures that:***

- Majority of work will be completed for a fixed cost.
- Better predictability of final cost at the onset.
- Limits WSDOT's liability.
- Design or quantity changes are the contractor's responsibility.

***A tool that's better than***

**BERTHA**



- Schedule incentives and disincentives for:
  - Final completion dates.
  - Milestone completion dates.
  - Open to traffic hours.
- Level playing field:
  - Upset price for design-build contract.
  - Contract terms – bonding, limits of liability, insurance.
- Shared risk funds:
  - Owner controlled.
  - Contractor incentives.



*The design-build*

**CONTRACT**

## Disputes Review Board

- Assist in the resolution of disputes between WSDOT and the design-builder.
- Three person board of independent experts.
- Utilize when standard dispute resolution is unsuccessful and prior to the filing of a claim.
- Provide nonbinding recommendations designed to expose the disputing parties to an independent view.



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# DISPUTES



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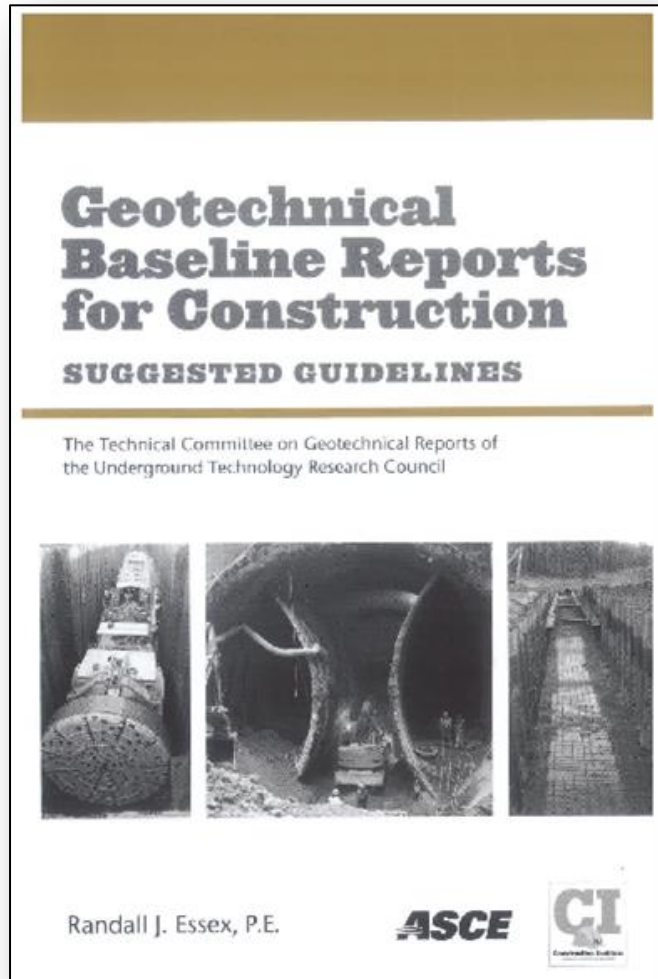
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- Manage project as a “strong” owner:
  - Experienced, well-trained core leadership and technical staff.
  - Augment with specific technical and management expertise.
  - Clear understanding and ownership of risk allocation.
- Identify project risks early and develop risk management strategy.
- Engage experts with national and international tunneling experience in urban environments.
- Develop contracting structure and risk allocation.
- Conduct extensive soil exploration program.
- Evaluate and identify potential construction impacts.
- Employ advances in tunneling machine and monitoring technology where appropriate.

*Managing*

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**RISK**

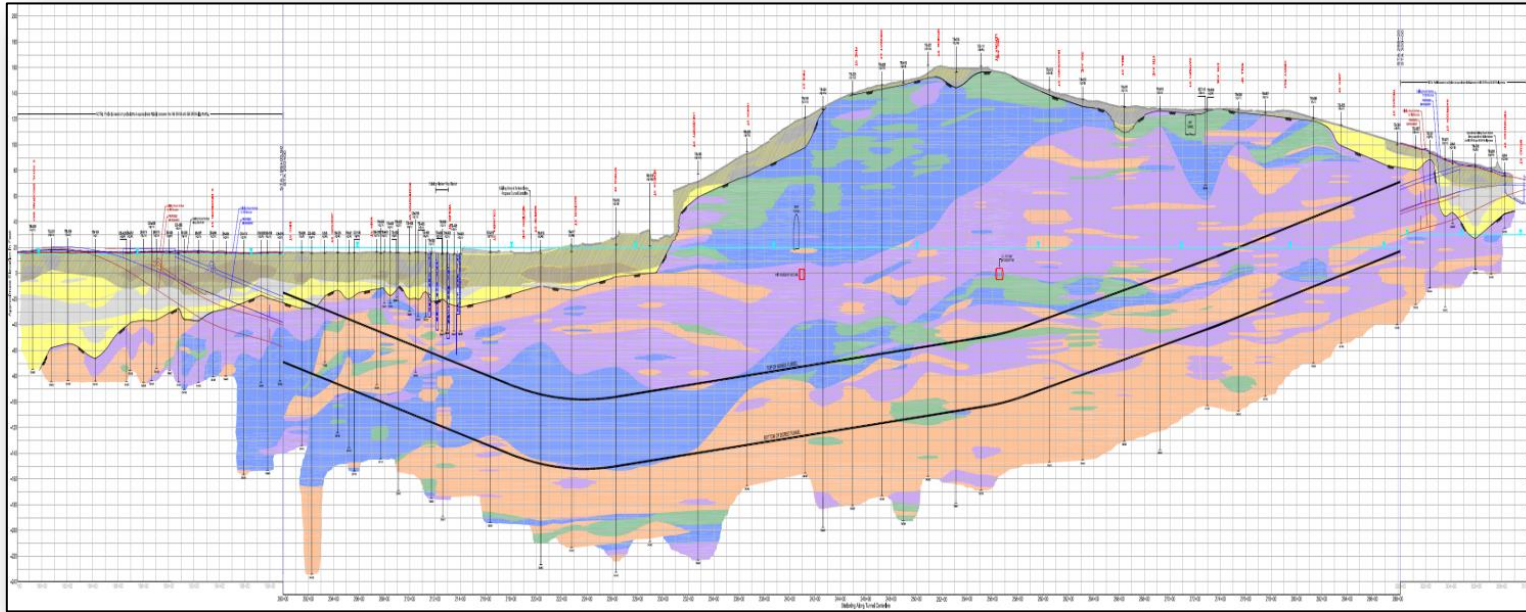


- Used to baseline subsurface conditions along tunnel alignment.
- Factual field and laboratory data in Geotechnical Data Report (GDR) in contract documents.
- Requires clear, concise and measurable baselines for assessing differing site conditions (DSC) – NOT a geotechnical design report.
- Included along with Geotechnical Data Report as part of the contract documents.

***Geotechnical baseline***

**REPORT**

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- RECENT GRANULAR DEPOSITS:**  
Loose to dense SILT and SAND with gravel; includes normally consolidated alluvium, granular fill, beach deposits, reworked glacial deposits, and recessional ice-contact deposits.
  
- RECENT CLAY AND SILT:**  
Soft to very stiff CLAY and SILT with fine sand beds; includes normally consolidated cohesive fill, estuarine deposits, and recessional lacustrine deposits.
  
- PEAT AND WOOD:**  
Very soft to hard PEAT, silty PEAT, organic SILT and WOOD; includes fill, normally consolidated peat and overconsolidated peat and buried soil deposits.

- TILL:**  
Dense to very dense, silty SAND and GRAVEL, and hard, silty CLAY with sand and gravel; cobbles and boulders are common in these deposits; includes glacially overconsolidated till and glaciomarine drift.
  
- TILL-LIKE DEPOSITS:**  
Dense to very dense, silty SAND and GRAVEL, and hard, silty CLAY with sand and gravel, interbedded and intermixed with cohesionless sand and gravel; cobbles and boulders are common in these deposits; includes lenses and layers of glacially overconsolidated till and glaciomarine drift.
  
- COHESIONLESS SAND AND GRAVEL:**  
Very dense SAND and GRAVEL to SAND with variable silt; cobbles can be found in these deposits; includes glacially overconsolidated fluvial and glacial outwash deposits.

- COHESIONLESS SILT AND FINE SAND:** Very dense SILT, silty fine SAND, and fine sandy SILT with trace of clay; predominantly cohesionless; includes glacially overconsolidated lacustrine deposits.
  
- COHESIVE CLAY AND SILT:**  
Very stiff to hard, silty CLAY and clayey SILT with trace of sand and gravel; scattered cobbles and boulders can be found in these deposits; includes glacially overconsolidated lacustrine, peat, and paleosol deposits.

*Baseline geologic*

# PROFILE

## For tunneling/subsurface risk...

### ***\$40 Million Covers:***

- Extraordinary interventions over 1,440 hours
- Differing site conditions

### ***Fund Exceeded:***

- WSDOT cost

### ***Funds Remaining:***

- Shared 75%/25%



***Shared contingency***

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**FUND**

**Category A** – Mandatory mitigation  
(1/2” settlement limits)

**Category B** – All other buildings within  
zone of influence (1” settlement)

**WSDOT defined  
building categories  
A & B**

**DMS** – Deformation Mitigation  
Submission

**Modified by  
design-builder**

**Deformation Mitigation and Repair Fund** –  
\$20M to be shared for Category B mitigation  
or repairs to property owners

**Accepted in contract**

**Fund exceeded** – Split based on performance

**Funds Remaining** - Shared 75%/25%

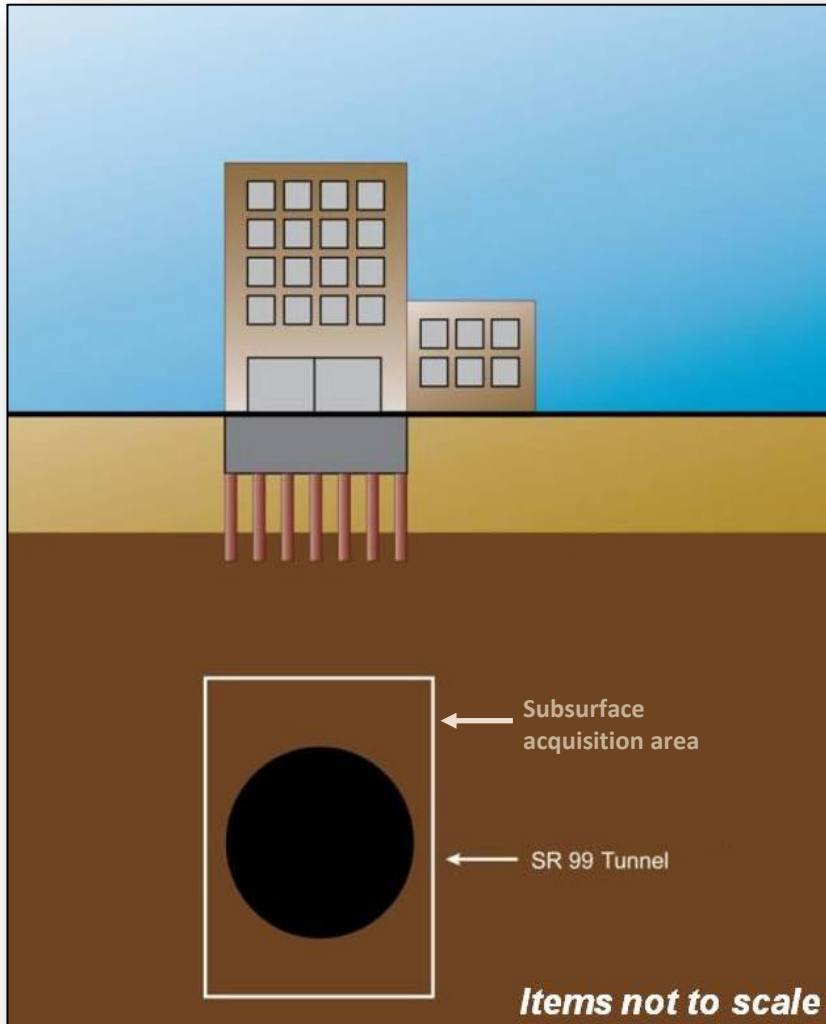
**Risk sharing**

**Settlement mitigation**

**APPROACH**







## WSDOT purchased subsurface parcels for the SR 99 tunnel.

### *Purchase process:*

- Appraise change in property's fair market value.
- Present offer to purchase with copy of appraisal report.
- Negotiate purchase agreements.

*Subsurface property*

# RIGHTS

# Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program

## ***Partner agencies:***

- Federal Highway Administration
- Port of Seattle
- King County
- City of Seattle

## ***WSDOT Consultants:***

- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Hatch Mott McDonald
- Shannon and Wilson
- Jacobs and Associates
- Strategic Technical Advisory Team

## ***Seattle Tunnel Partners, D-B contractor:***

- Dragados-USA and Tutor Perini
- HNTB
- Intecsa-Inarsa
- Hart Crowser
- Malcom Drilling
- Frank Coluccio Construction
- Hitachi Zosen (TBM manufacturing)

***Program***

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# ORGANIZATION

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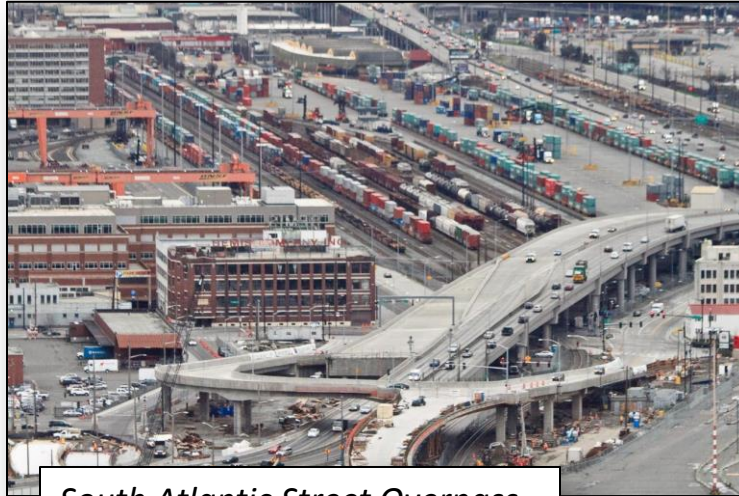
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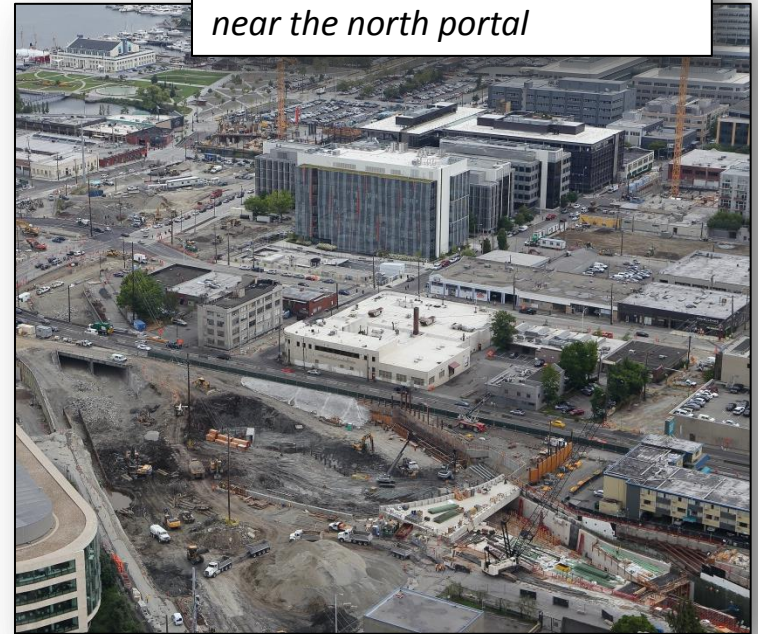
2015

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2017



*South Atlantic Street Overpass*



*Building on- and off-ramps  
near the north portal*

*The path*

**FORWARD**

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*Building the new roadway  
inside the tunnel*



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*The path*

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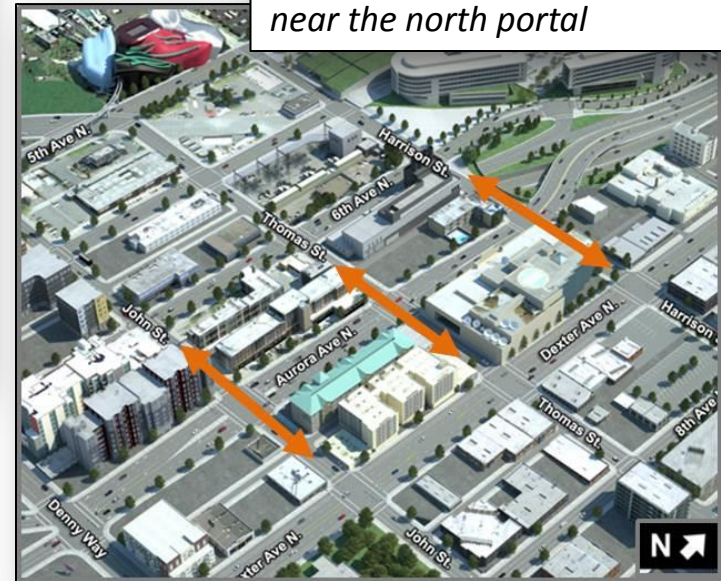
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*Tunnel scheduled to open to drivers*

*Reconnecting surface streets near the north portal*



*The path*

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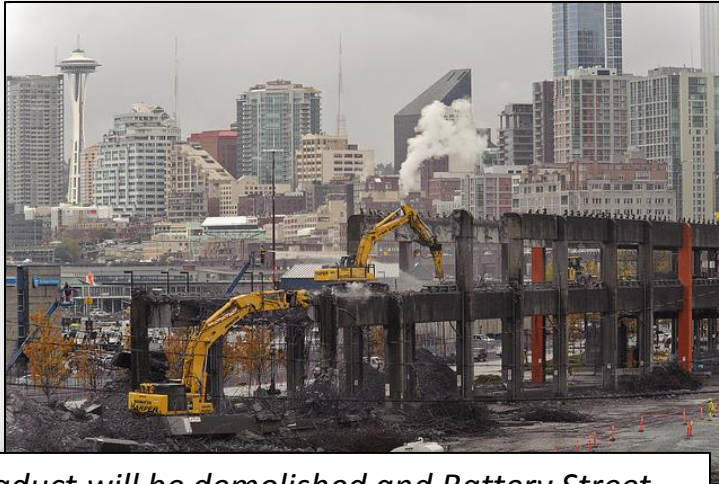
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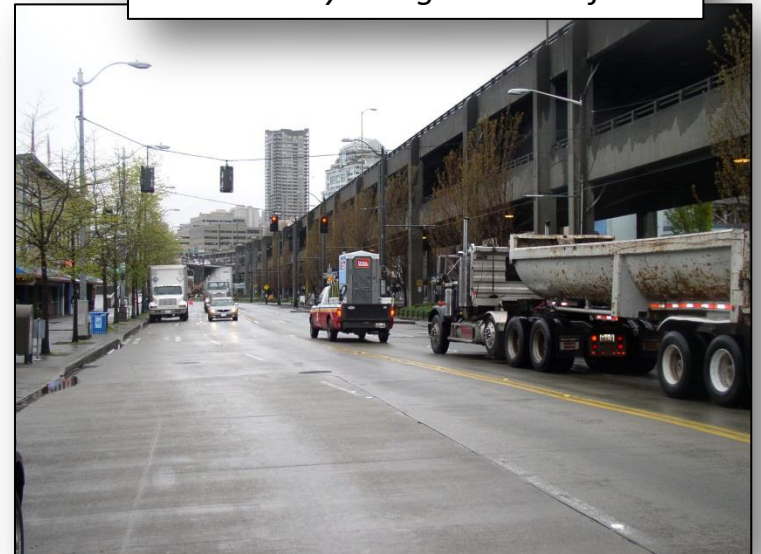
2016

2017



*Viaduct will be demolished and Battery Street Tunnel will be decommissioned and filled in*

*City of Seattle begins to rebuild Alaskan Way along the waterfront*



*The path*

**FORWARD**





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*A waterfront* **FOR ALL**

# How to **REACH US**



*Our information center,  
Milepost 31, is located  
at 211 First Ave. S. in  
Seattle's Pioneer  
Square neighborhood.*

**Website:**  
[www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org](http://www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org)

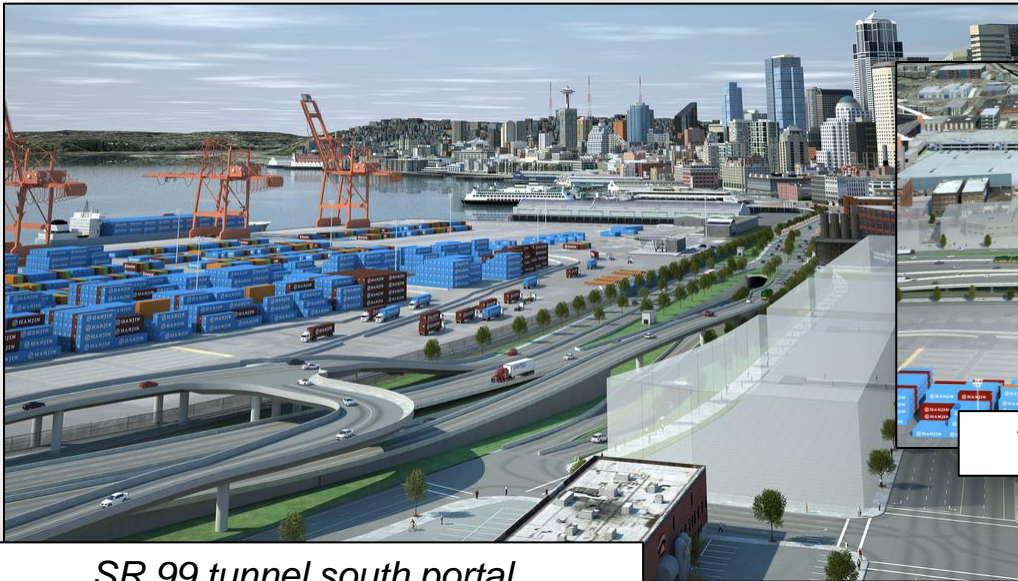
**Twitter:**  
[@BerthaDigsSR99](https://twitter.com/BerthaDigsSR99)

**Email:**  
[viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov)

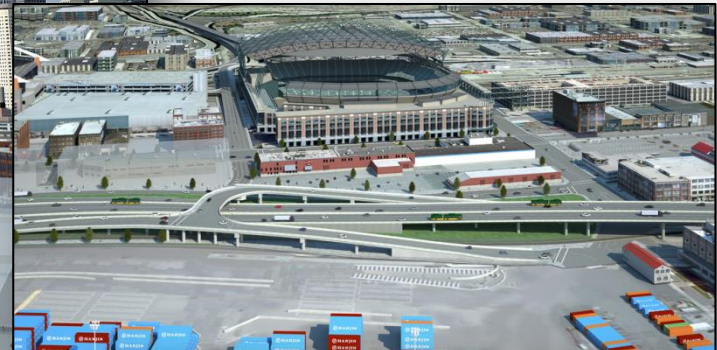
**Hotline:**  
1-888-AWV-LINE

## Features include:

- Improved access for all modes
- New on- and off-ramps in both directions
- New overpass reduces congestion near port terminal



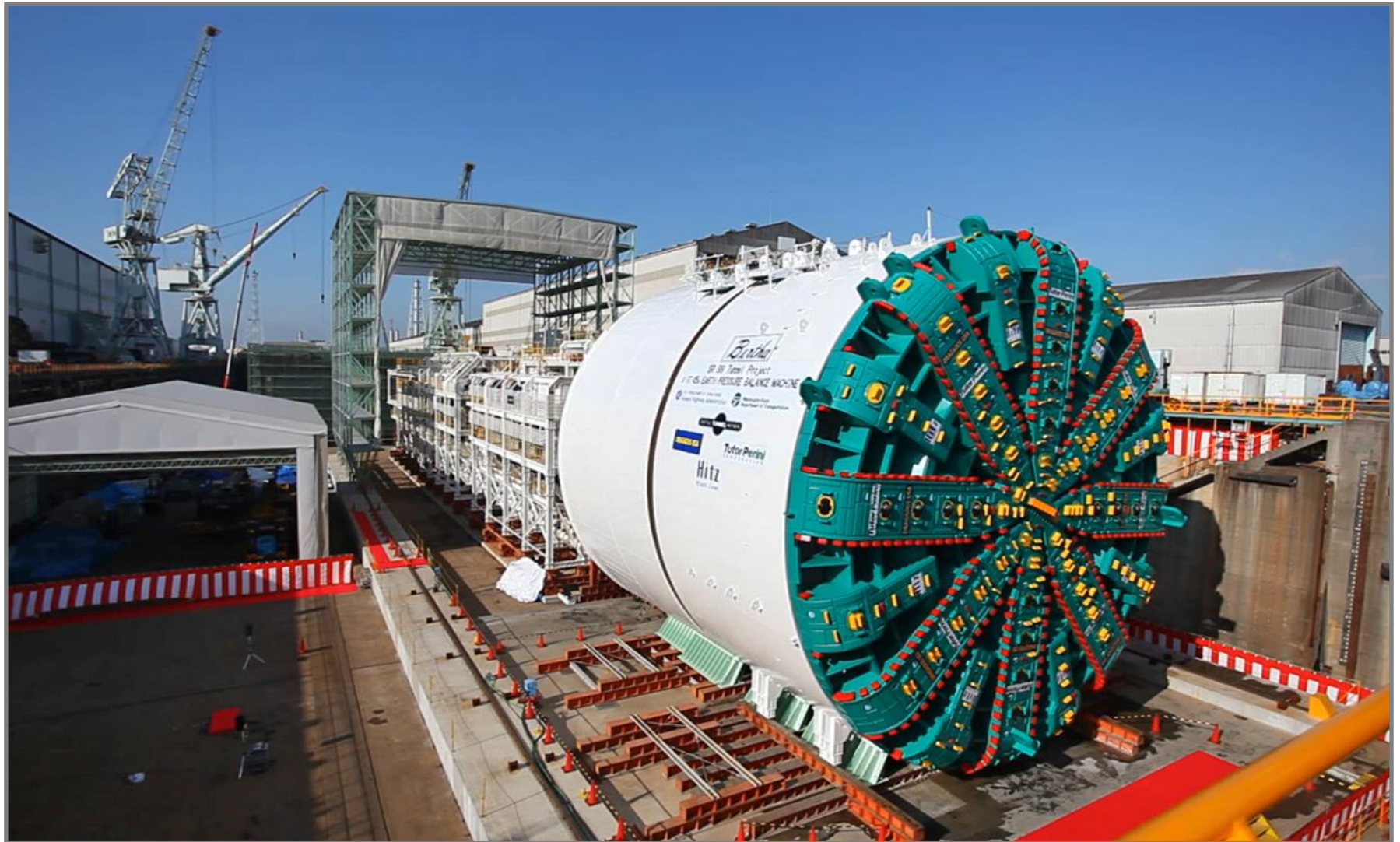
*SR 99 tunnel south portal*



*The South Atlantic Street overpass*

Envisioning the **SOUTH**  
**PORTAL**

# Meet Bertha, the SR 99 Tunneling Machine



*Photo from spring 2013.*

*Access pit site today, below ground*



Conceptual

*Repairing*

**BERTHA**

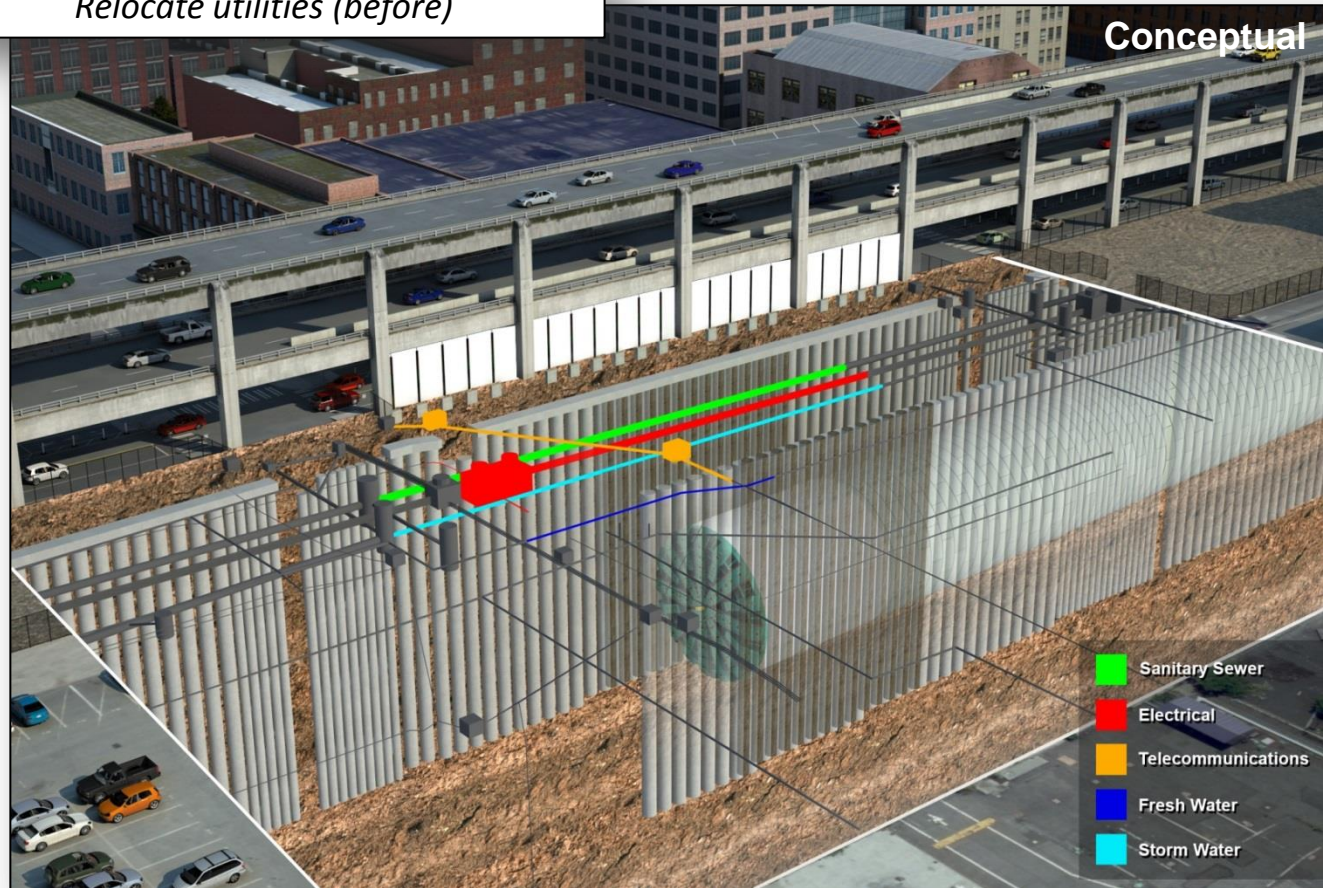
*Inject grout between existing piles*



*Repairing*

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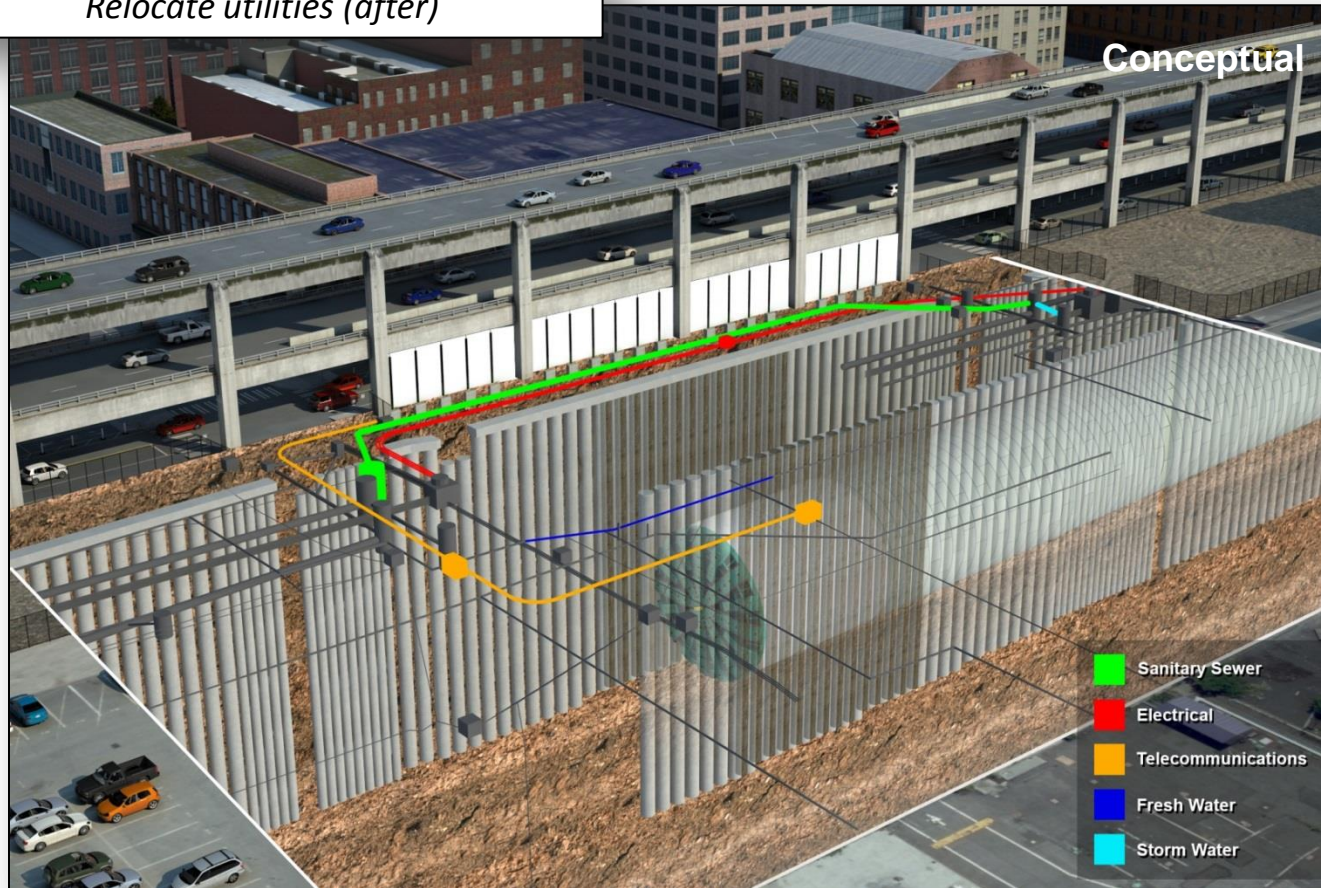
Relocate utilities (before)



Repairing

**BERTHA**

*Relocate utilities (after)*



*Repairing*

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*Inject grout behind the machine*



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*Build the access pit's walls*



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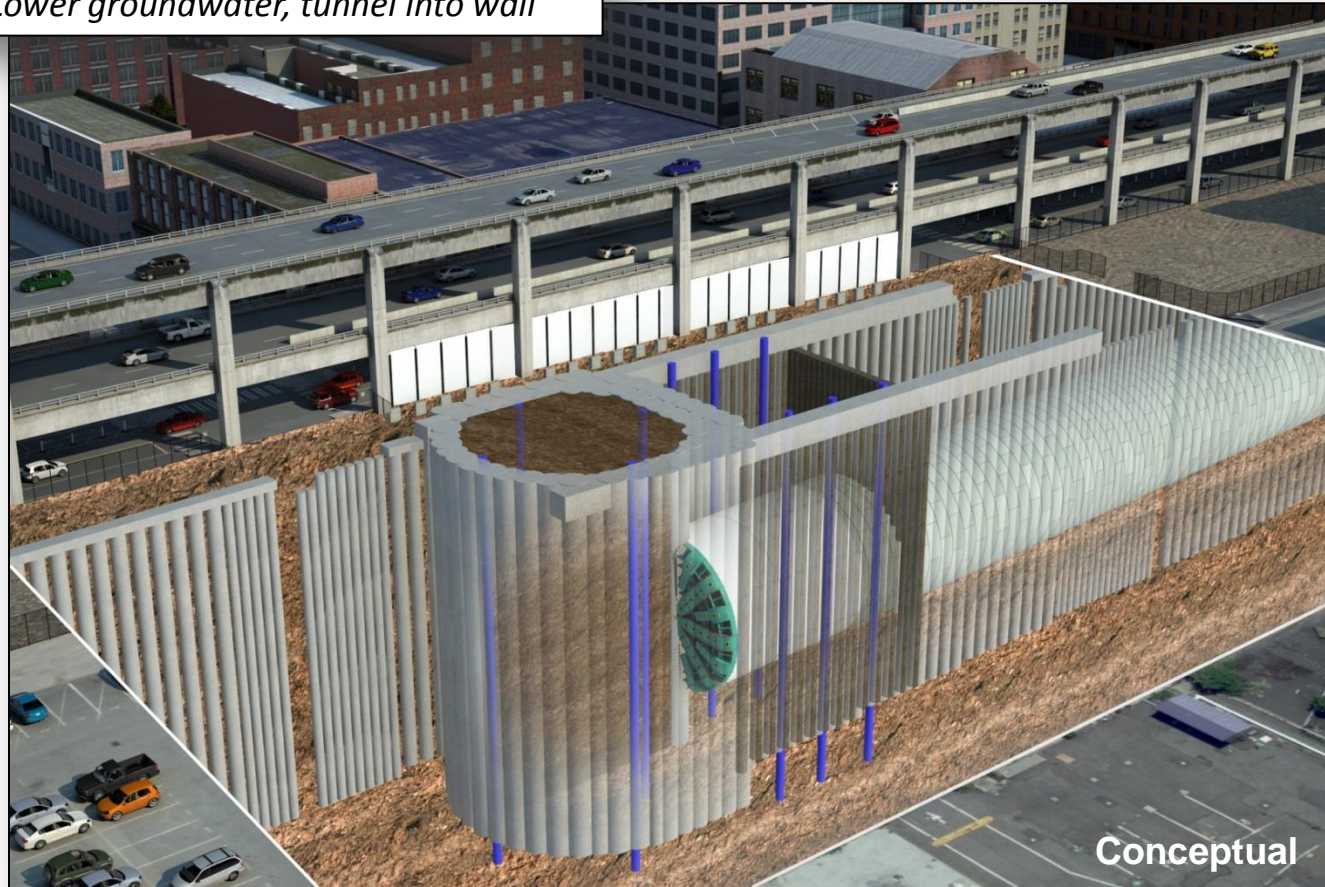
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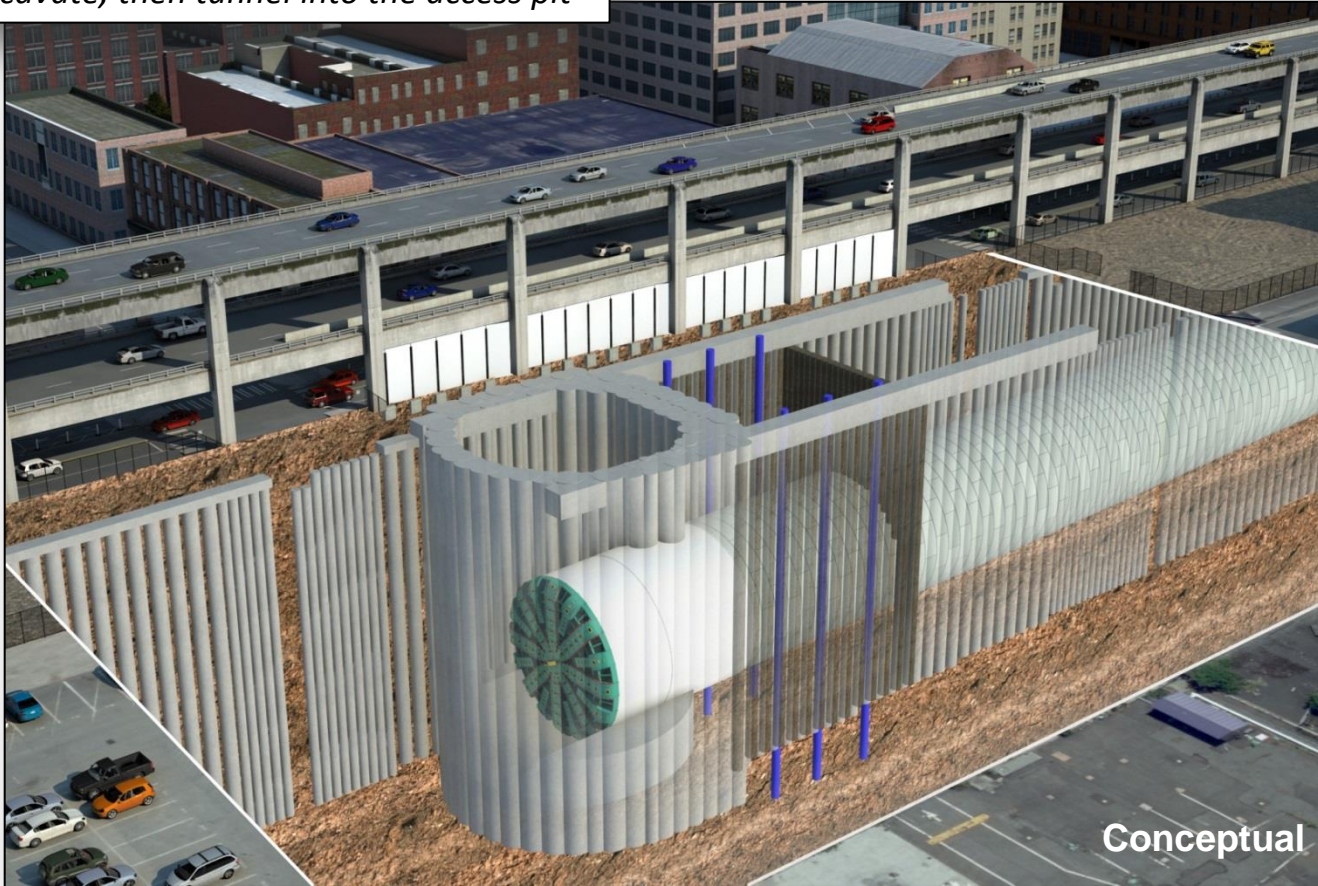
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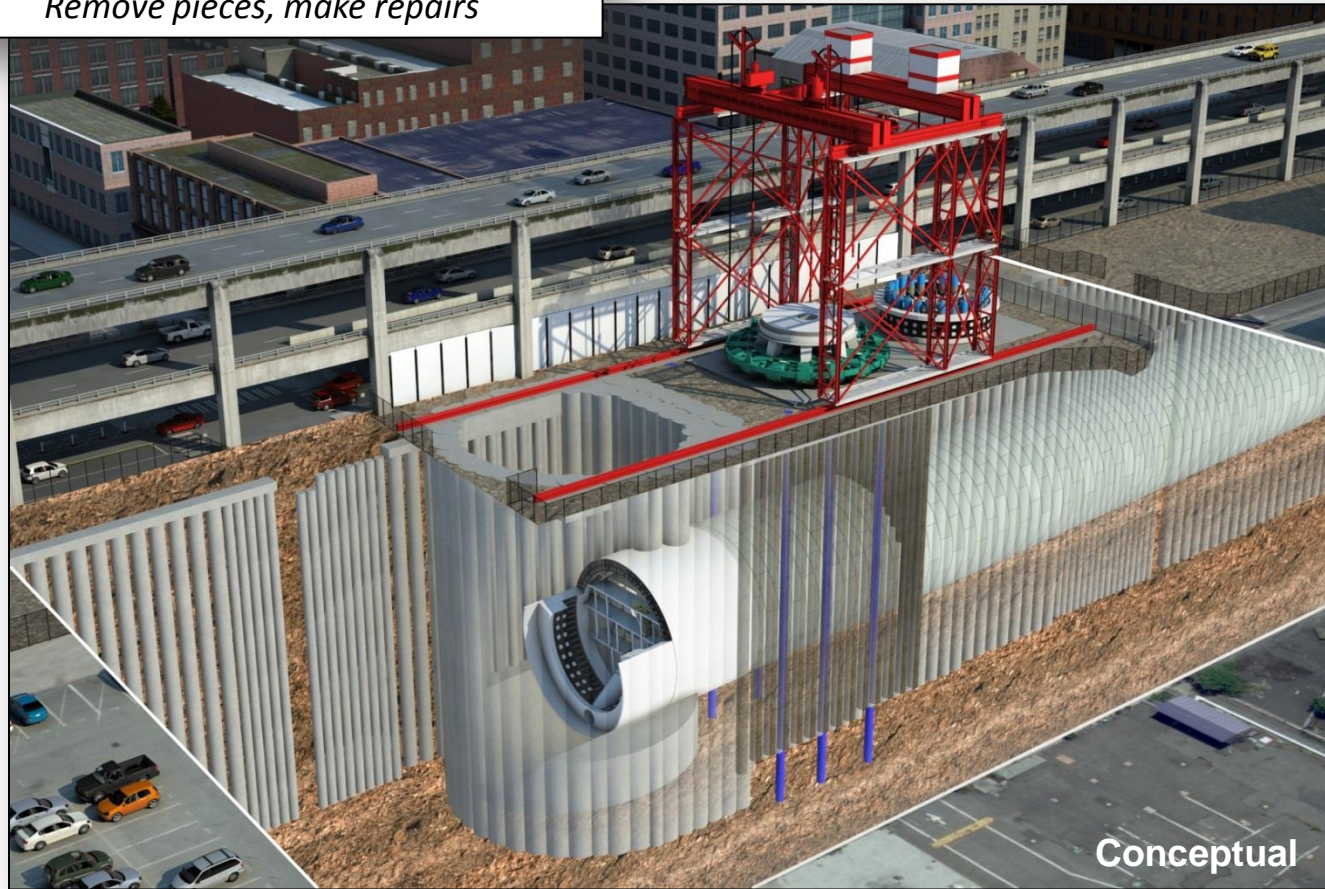


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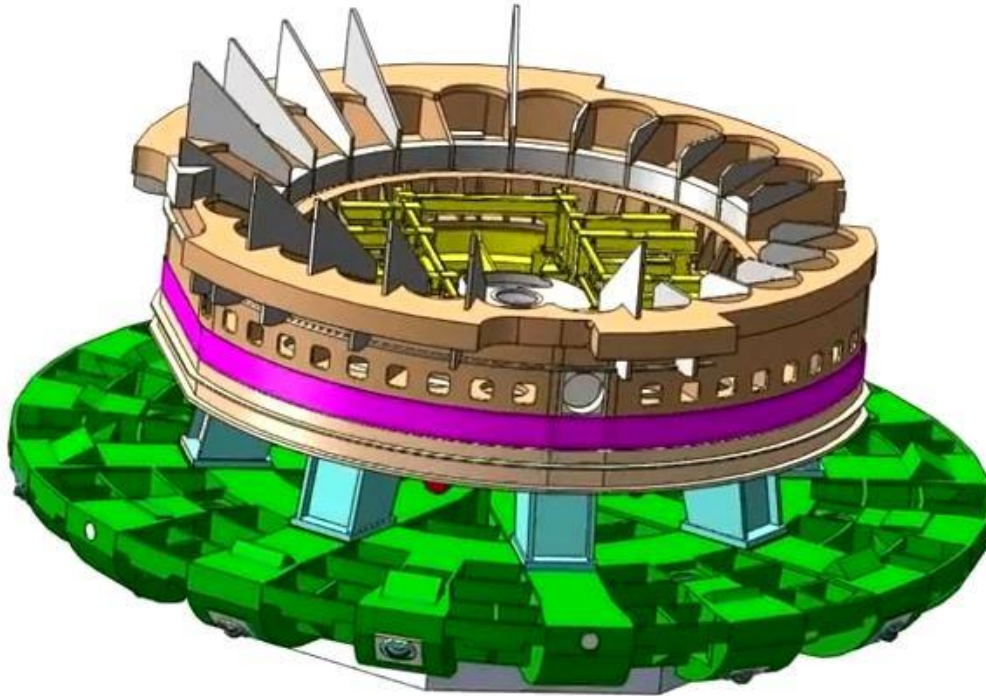
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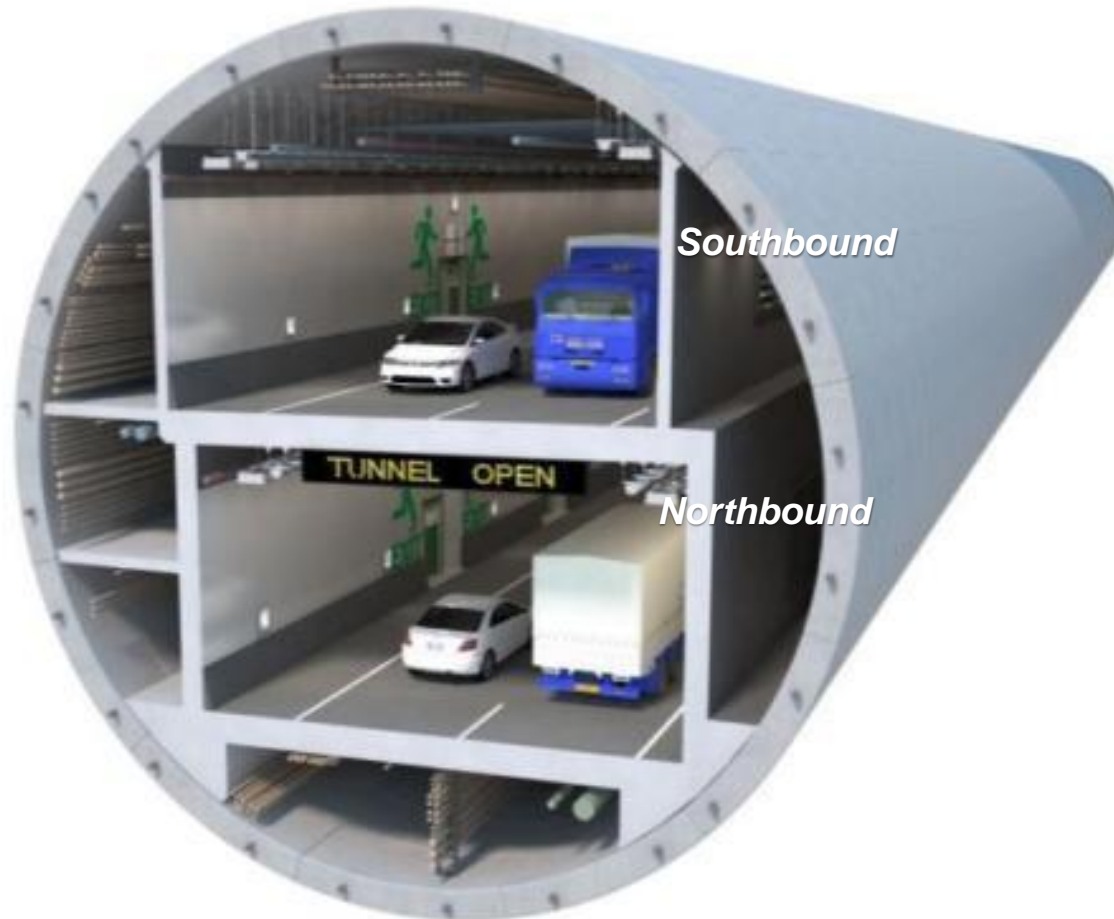


*Repairing*

**BERTHA**



# SR 99 Tunnel Design Concept



# Completed Projects in the AWWV Program

- Column stabilization near Yesler Way (2008).
- I-5 travel time signs (2009).
- SR 519 Phase 2 (2010).
- Spokane Street Viaduct Fourth Avenue off-ramp (2010).
- I-5 active traffic management (2010).
- City street intelligent transportation systems (2010).
- Automated viaduct closures gates system (2011).
- SR 99 intelligent transportation systems (2011).
- South Holgate to South King Street viaduct replacement – *Stages 1, 2 and viaduct demolition.*



*SR 519 Intermodal Access Project.*