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Instrumentation Results from Construction of a Utility Tunnel for the New Indianapolis International Airport

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#### Purpose

Representatives of the Indianapolis International Airport are currently building a new terminal and infrastructure elements (parking, roadways, etc.)

Need to provide steam and chilled water (among other utilities) to the new terminal area.

Install utilities via cut-and-cover (at least 3 mi.) OR Utilize a tunneling technique



# **Quick Stats**

Approximate 8-ft diameter tunnel; 2,000 ft long

Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) machine

Steel liner plates

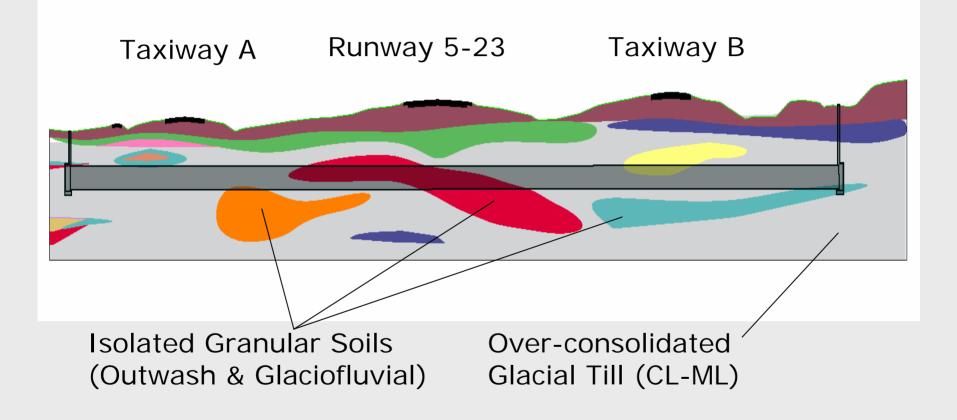
Average 15 ft earth cover

Constructed below two active taxiways and one of the primary runways





# Subsurface Profile along Tunnel



Profile provided by Gilco Group, Inc.

#### Instrumentation

53 surface points on taxiway and runway pavement

48 surface points in non-pavement (grass)

Five single-point borehole extensometers placed to within 3 to 5 ft of crown

Six structure points (placed to observe large culverts)









#### Instrumentation

Surface Points on Pavement:

Review level 1/2 in., Alert level 1 in.

Surface Points in Grass:

Review level 3/4 in., Alert level 11/2 in.

Structure Points (Culverts)

Review level 1/2 in., Alert level 3/4 in.

Extensometers

Review level 1 in., Alert level 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.

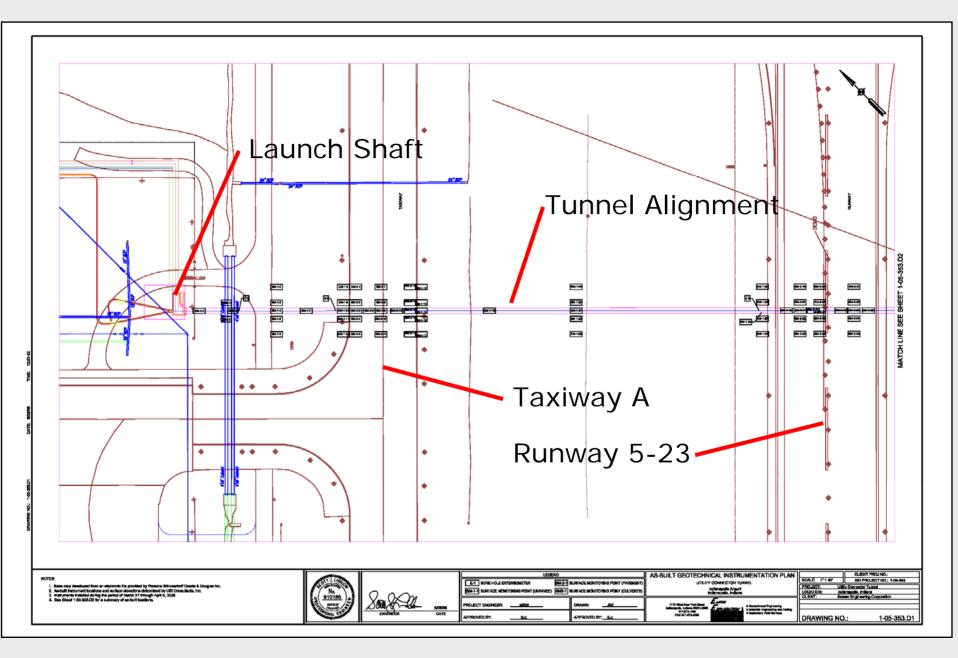
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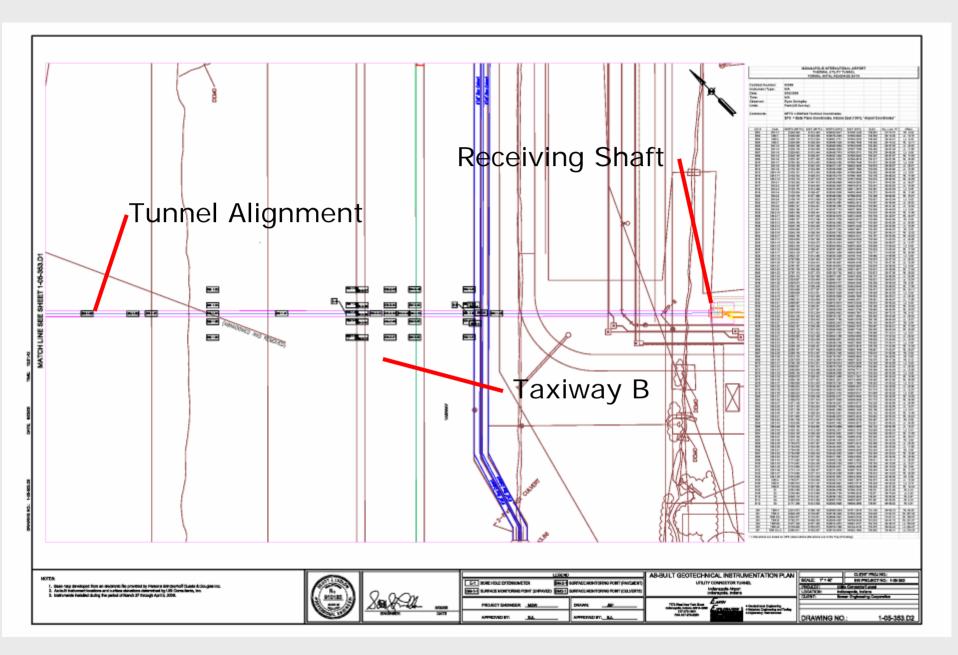
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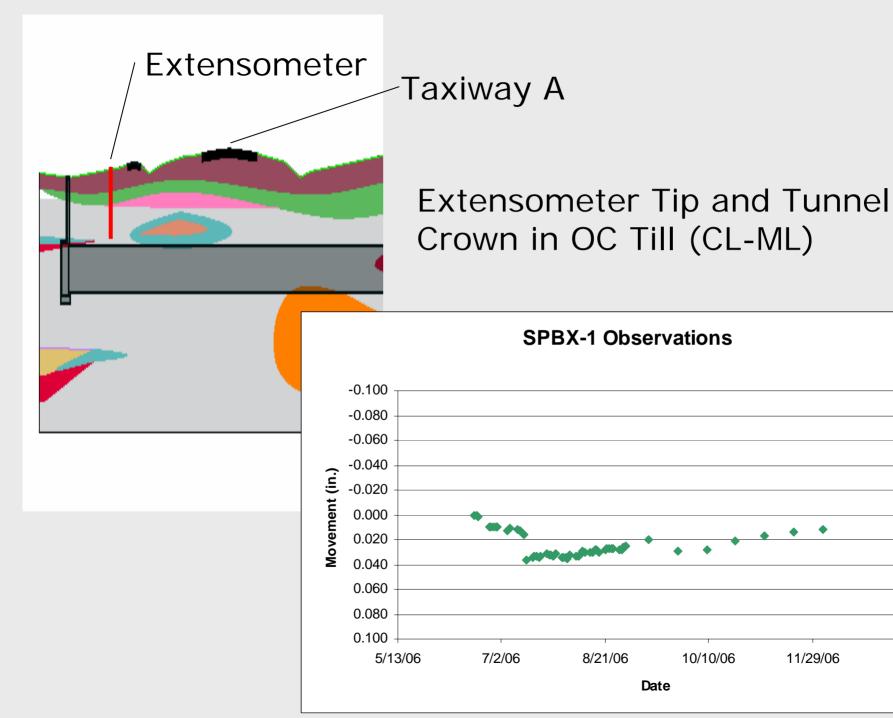
Monitoring Frequency:

All instruments within 250 ft ahead of and 500 ft behind machine to be monitored on a daily basis.

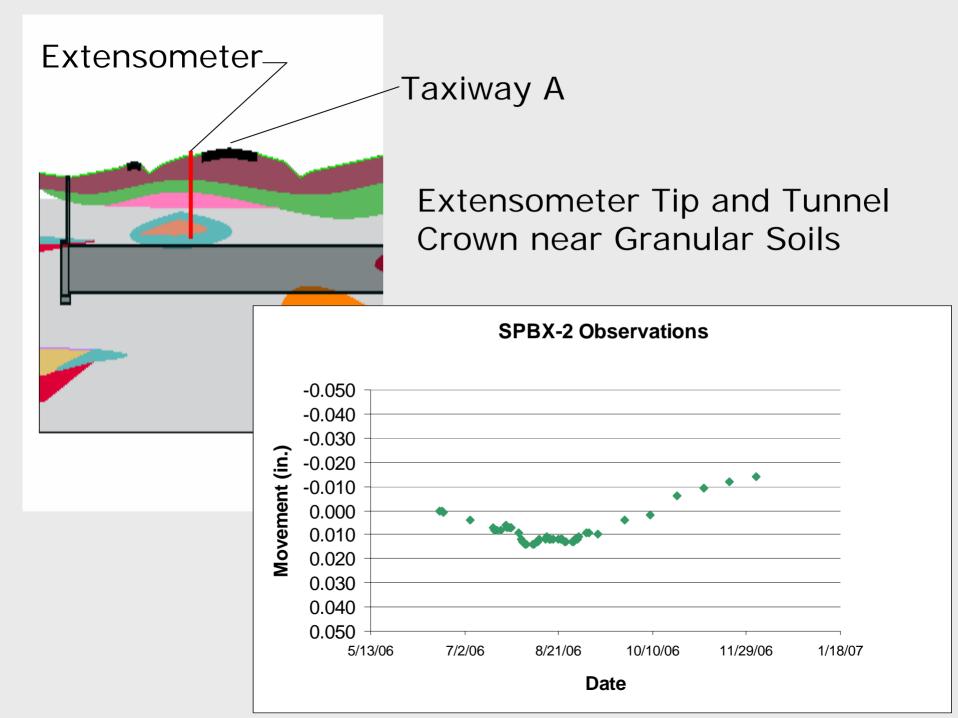
All instruments to be read bi-monthly regardless of TBM location.

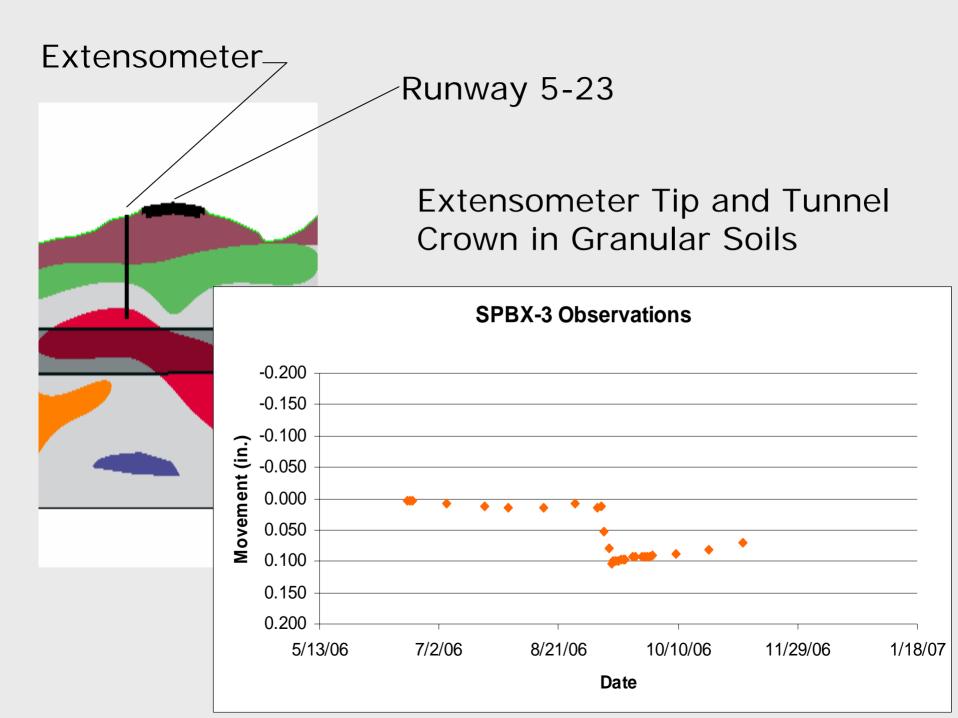


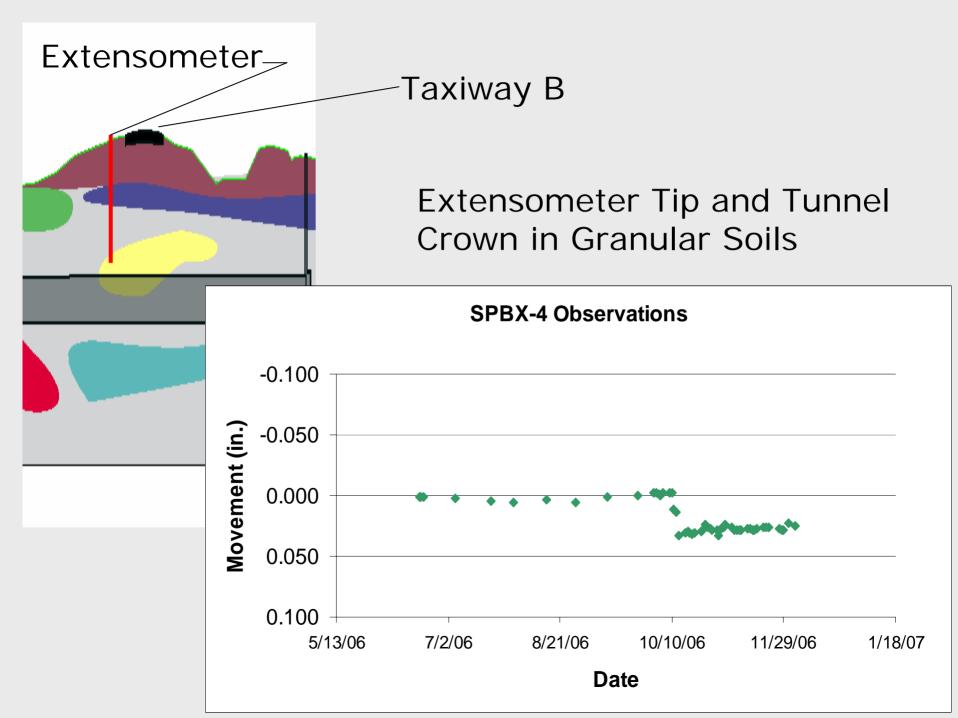


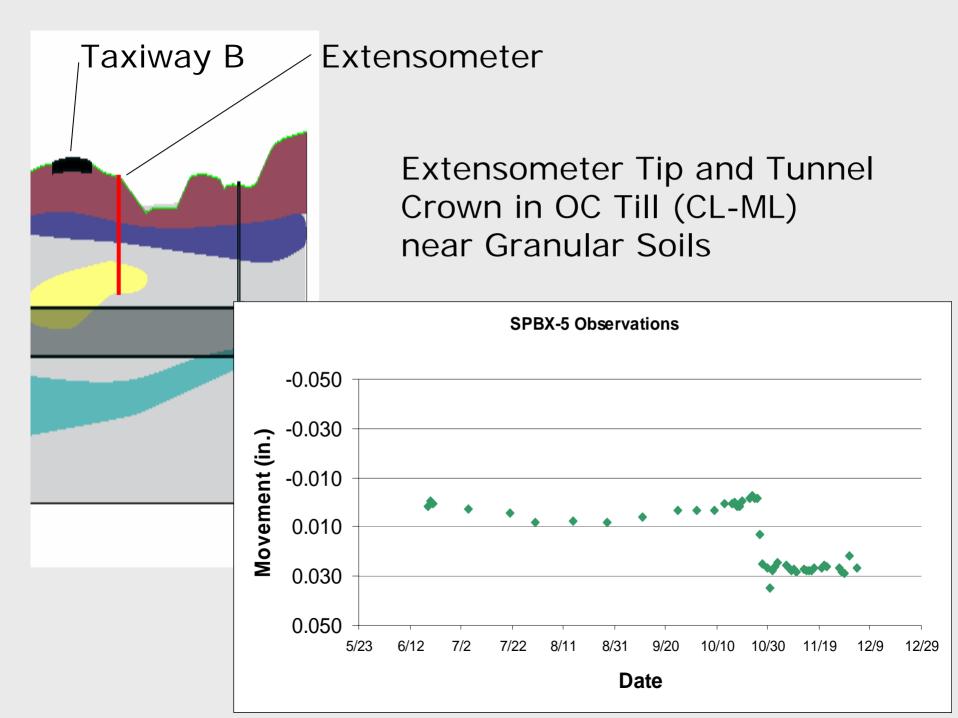


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## Surface Settlement Estimate

Mixed Ground Conditions:

Reasonable prediction of volume loss ( $V_1$ ) in the range of 0.2% to 1% of tunnel volume.

Therefore, volume of surface settlement trough

$$V_{s} = V_{l}^{*}(PI^{*}D^{2}/4)$$

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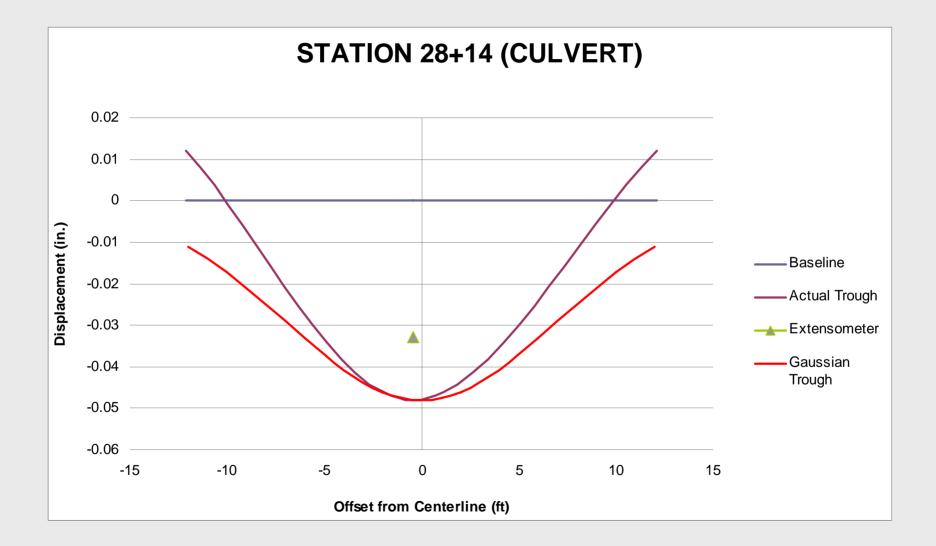
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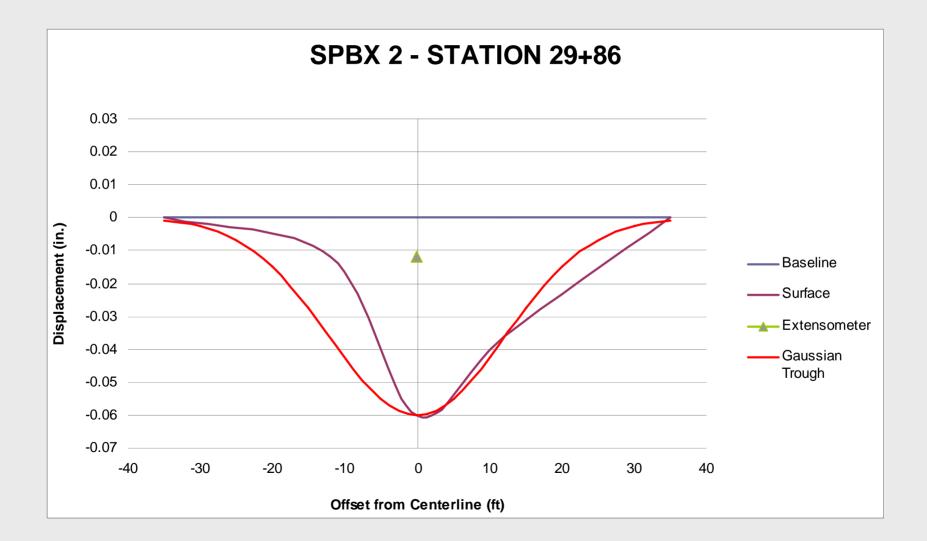
Reasonable prediction of settlement (to assist in establishing review and action levels):

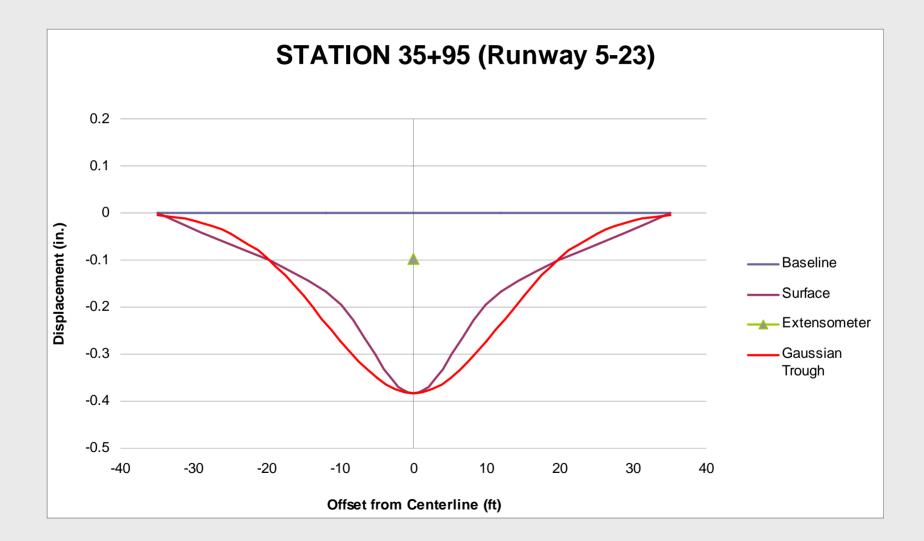
 $S = V_s/[SQRT(2*PI)*i]$  (Gaussian distribution)

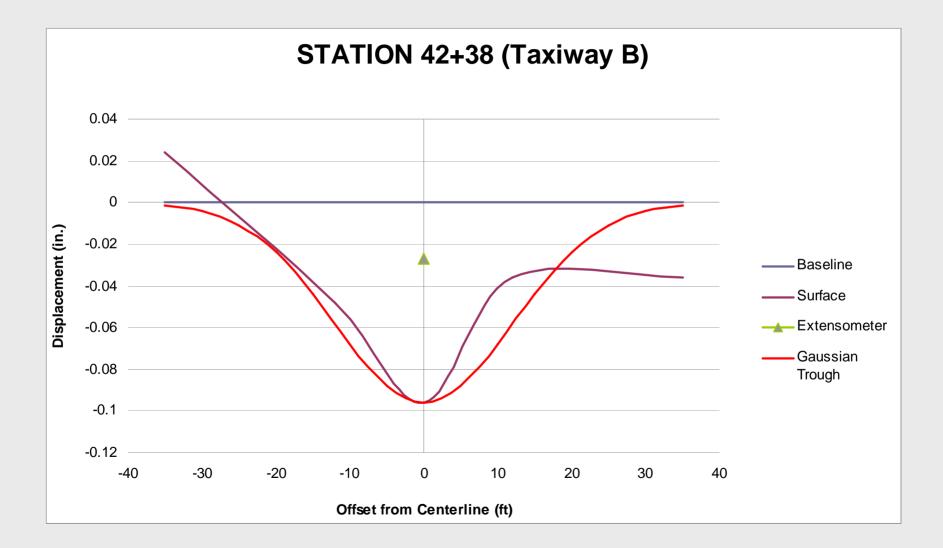
i = function of soil type, depth to crown and tunnel diameter

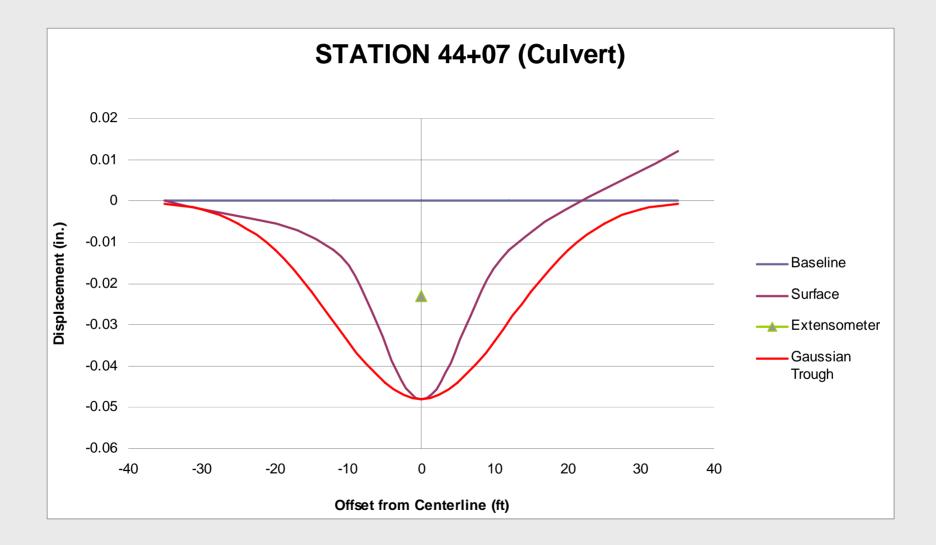
Predicted settlement in the range of 0.2 to 1 in.











# Summary

Very little actual settlement likely due to:

Good control of face pressures and subsequent minimal volume loss.

Highly over-consolidated and hard nature of the soil which likely led to some arching even with low cover.

Grouting procedures around liner plates.

Settlement Trough generally followed Gaussian

# Thank You



# **Questions or Comments**



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