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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 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ in.

Structure Points (Culverts)
Review level $1 / 2$ in., Alert level $3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.

Extensometers
Review level 1 in., Alert level 13/4 in.

## Instrumentation

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.



## Extensometer

## Extensometer Tip and Tunnel Crown in OC Till (CL-ML)

SPBX-1 Observations


## Extensometer <br> Extensometer Tip and Tunnel Crown near Granular Soils <br> SPBX-2 Observations <br> 

## Extensometer



Runway 5-23

## Extensometer Tip and Tunnel Crown in Granular Soils

SPBX-3 Observations




## Surface Settlement Estimate

## Mixed Ground Conditions:

Reasonable prediction of volume loss $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{l}}\right)$ in the range of $0.2 \%$ to $1 \%$ of tunnel volume.

Therefore, volume of surface settlement trough

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V_{s}=V_{1} *\left(P I^{*} D^{2 / 4}\right)
$$

## Surface Settlement Estimate

## Mixed Ground Conditions:

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

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\begin{aligned}
& \quad \mathrm{S}=\mathrm{V}_{s} /[\mathrm{SQRT}(2 * \mathrm{PI}) * \mathrm{i}] \text { (Gaussian distribution) } \\
& \mathrm{i}=\text { function of soil type, depth to crown and tunnel diameter } \\
& \text { Predicted settlement in the range of } 0.2 \text { to } 1 \mathrm{in} \text {. }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Trough at SPBX-1

## STATION 28+14 (CULVERT)



## Trough at SPBX-2

## SPBX 2 - STATION 29+86



## Trough at SPBX-3

## STATION 35+95 (Runway 5-23)



## Trough at SPBX-4

## STATION 42+38 (Taxiway B)



## Trough at SPBX-5

## STATION 44+07 (Culvert)



## 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



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## Questions or Comments



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