

Ship Canal Water Quality Project

The Ship Canal Water Quality Project Program Overview

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City of Seattle

Seattle Public Utilities

Today's Topics

- 1. Seattle Public Utilities
- 2. SCWQ Program Overview
 - Four construction projects
 - Storage tunnel mining
 - Program complexity and risk
- 3. Questions



Seattle Public Utilities

Services:

- Drainage
- Wastewater
- Drinking Water
- Solid Waste
- ~1,350 employees

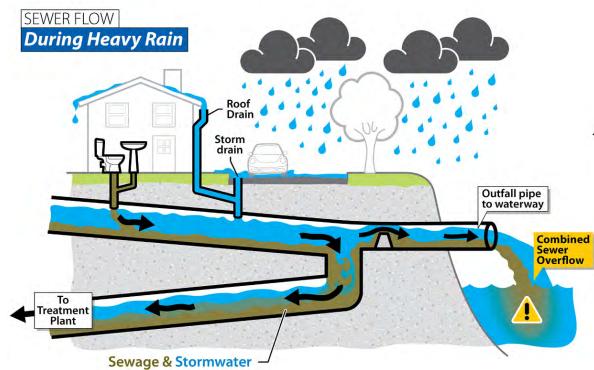


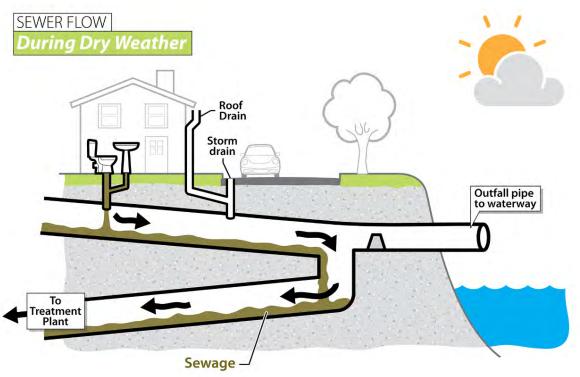


SCWQP Program Overview



Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

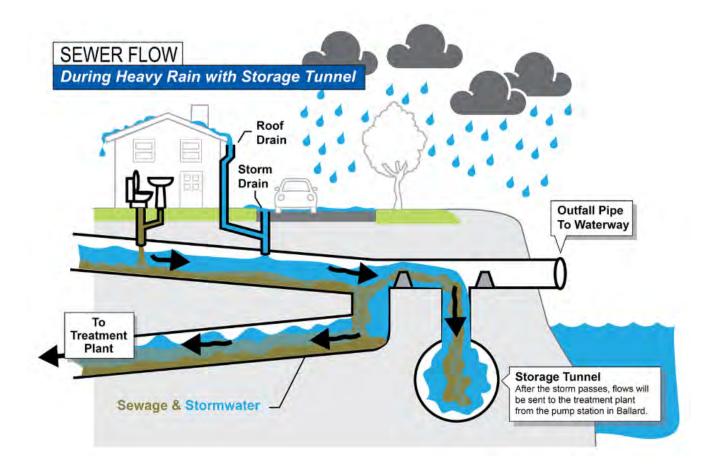








How a Tunnel Helps





Seattle Public Utilities

Ship Canal Water Quality Project

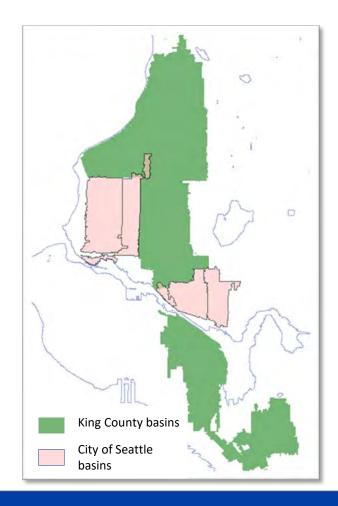
Will improve water quality by reducing CSOs by 75 million gallons each year on average.

Consent Decree

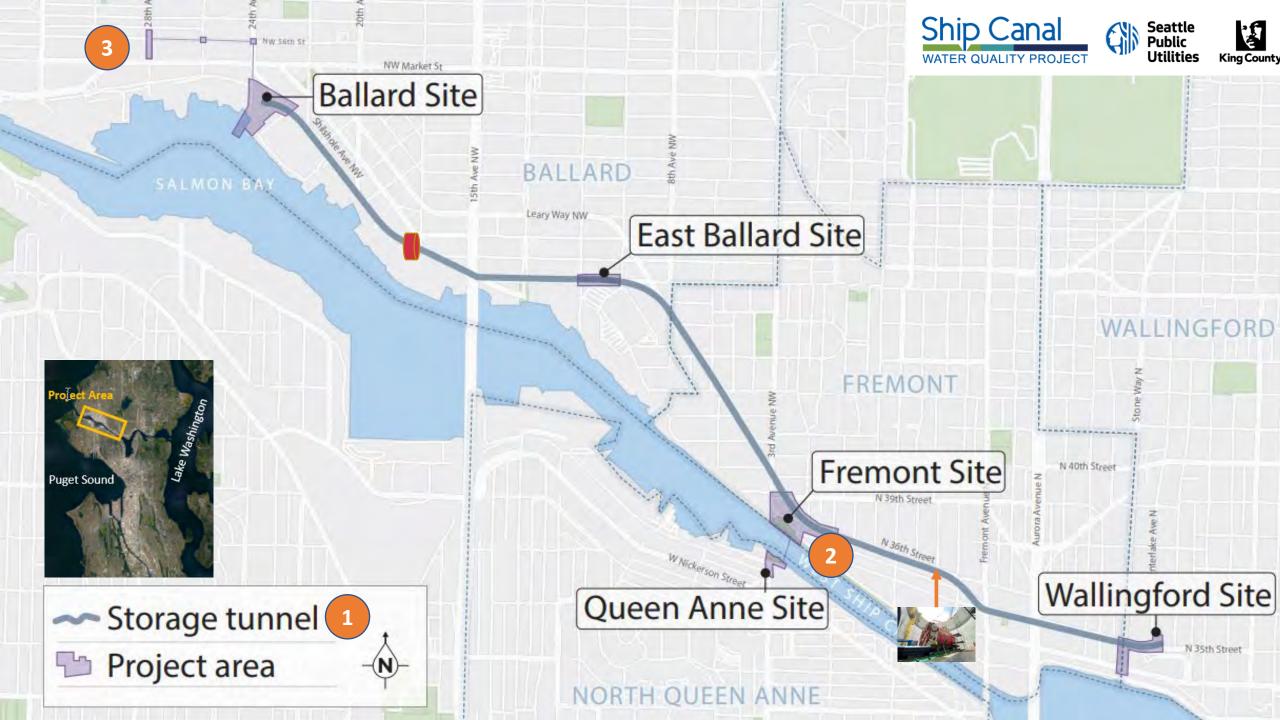
- With US DOJ, US EPA and WA Dept of Ecology
- Less than 1 combined sewer overflow per outfall per year on a 20-year moving average

Joint Project: King County & City of Seattle

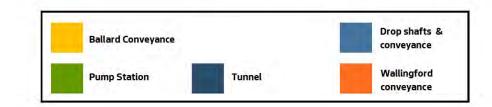
- 6 Outfalls: 2 KC, 4 Seattle
- Joint Project Agreement: City of Seattle (~65%), King County (~35%)

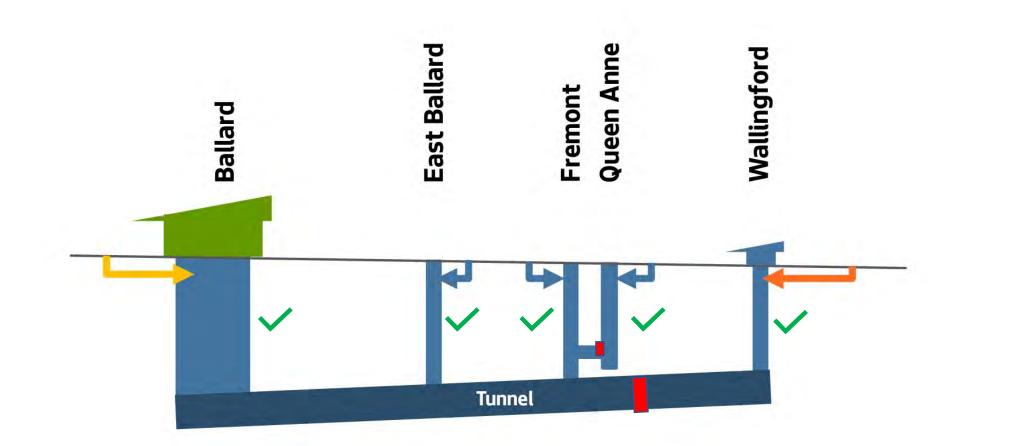






Project Components





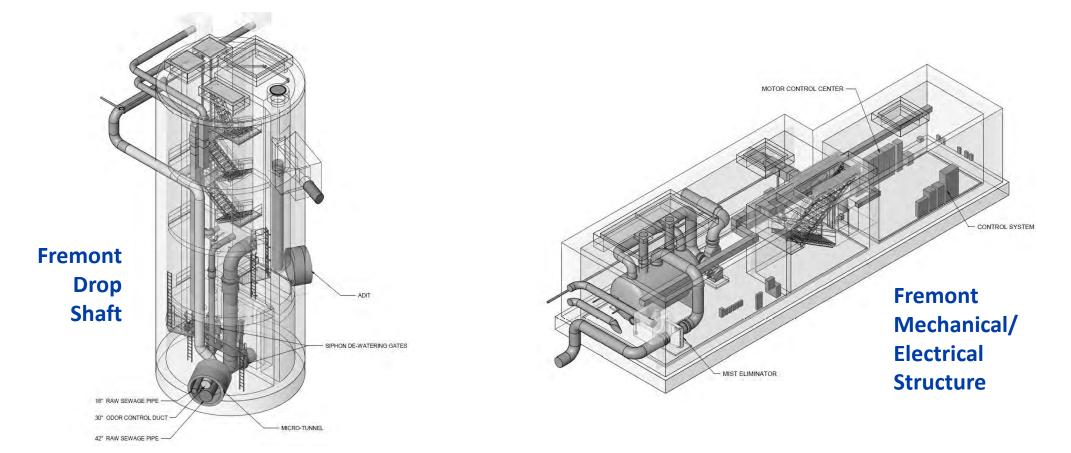


Program Schedule





Project ComponentsExamples





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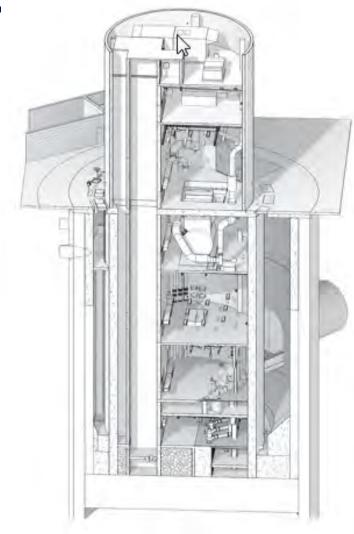
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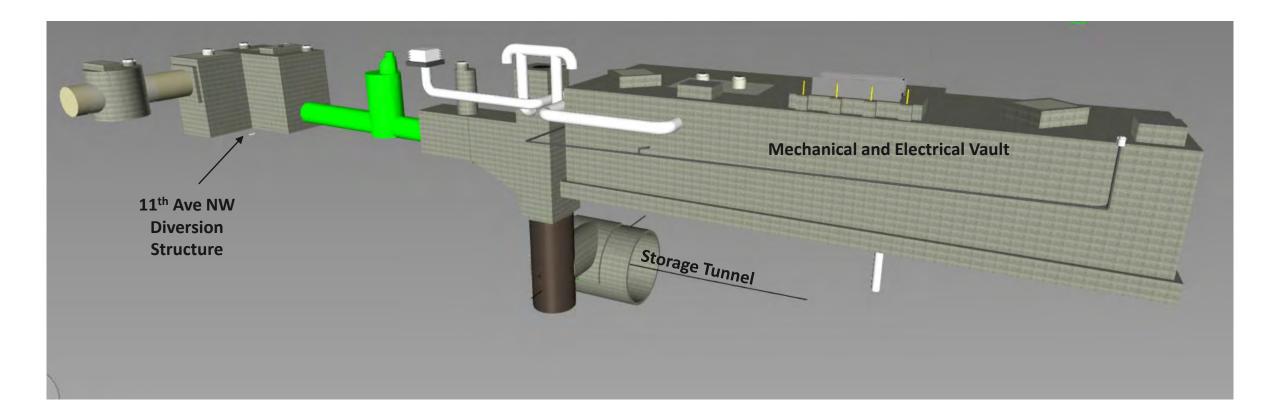
Ballard: Shaft and Pump Station







Storage Tunnel: 11th Avenue News Ballard)







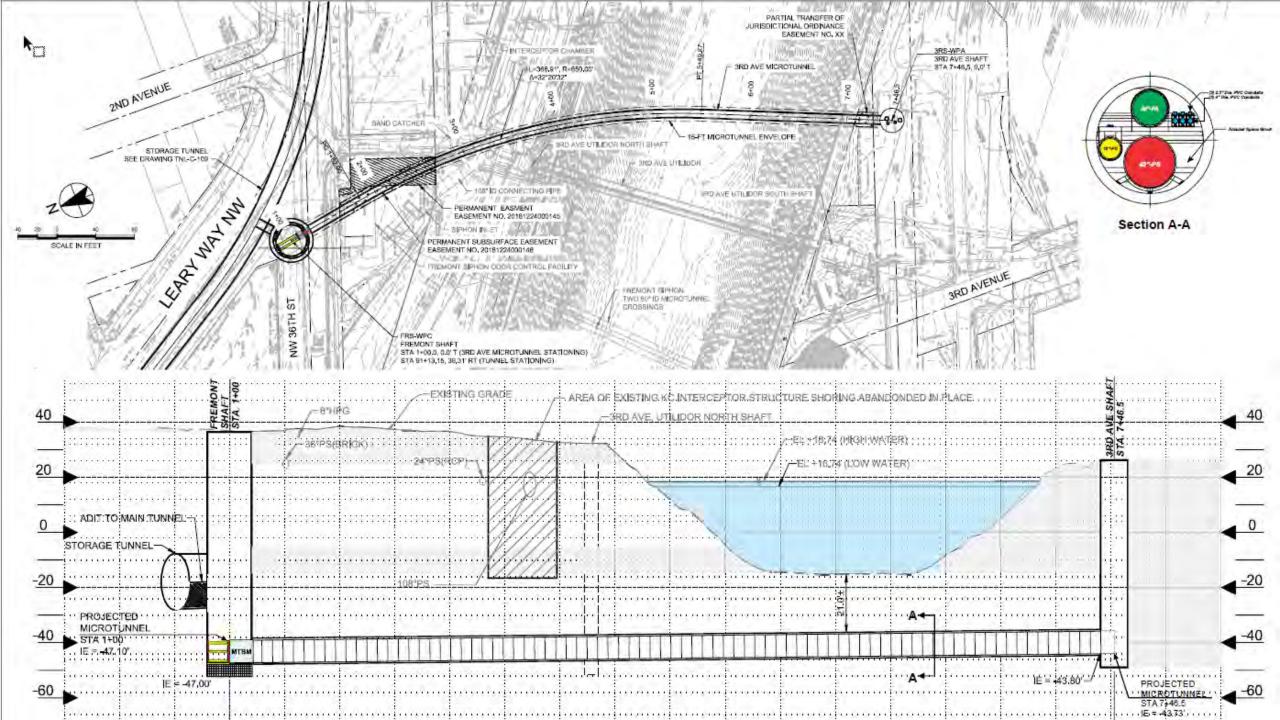


Fremont Site

- Shaft, underground structures and conveyance piping
- 8 ft. dia. Tunnel to Queen Anne was launched from shaft
- Ground improvement
 - "Safe haven" for TBM inspection/maintenance
 - Adit construction (by SEM)







Wallingford Site







Wallingford Conveyanc

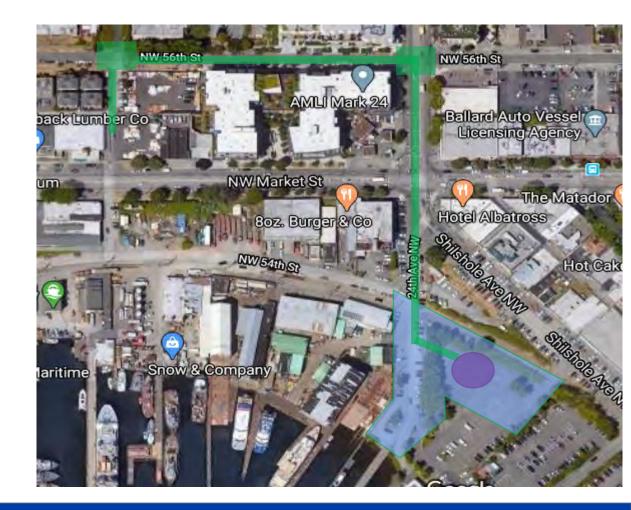
- Under construction now.
- Elements include:
 - Conveyance to Storage Tunnel
 - Large Diversion Structure
 - Watermain relocation
 - Extensive Detours





Ballard Pump Station and Conveyance

- Currently on the street
- Main elements:
 - 12 MGD pump station and site improvements
 - 2,000 LF 7 to 8.5 ft. dia. tunnel with 5 ft. dia. conveyance pipe
 - Diversion and other structures





Storage Tunnel Mining



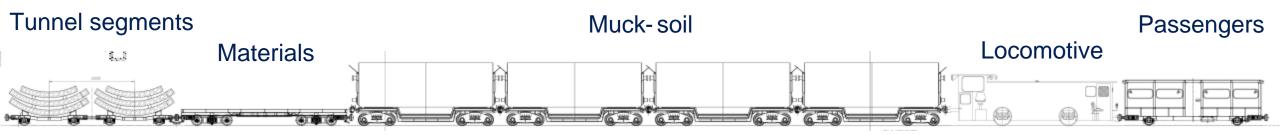
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"MudHoney" The Storage Tunnel's Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)





Tunneling Logistics



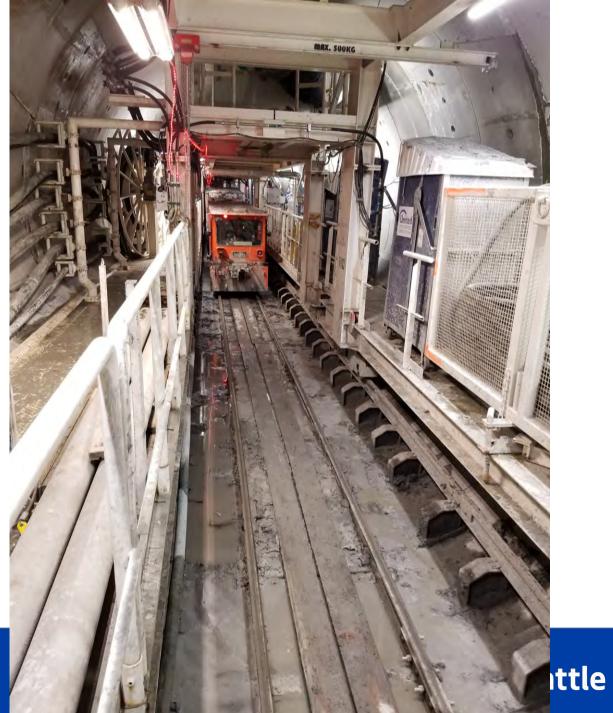




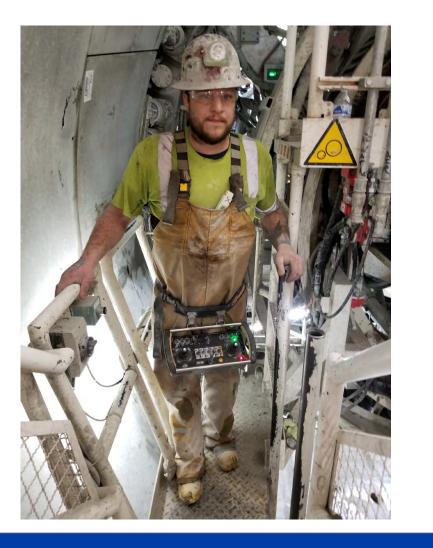


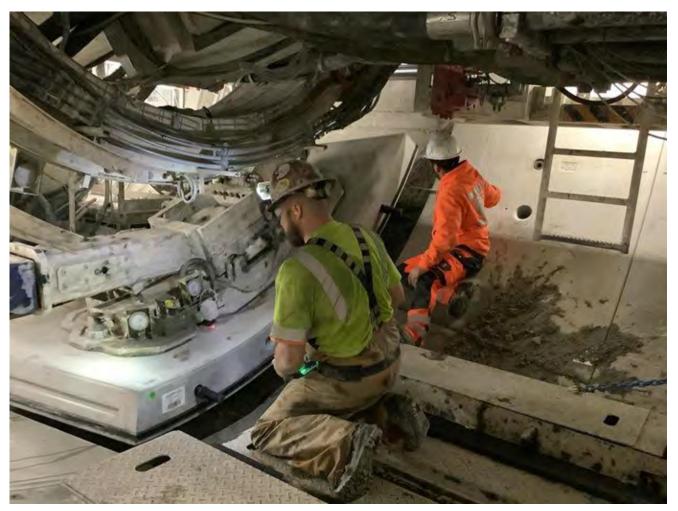
Tunneling





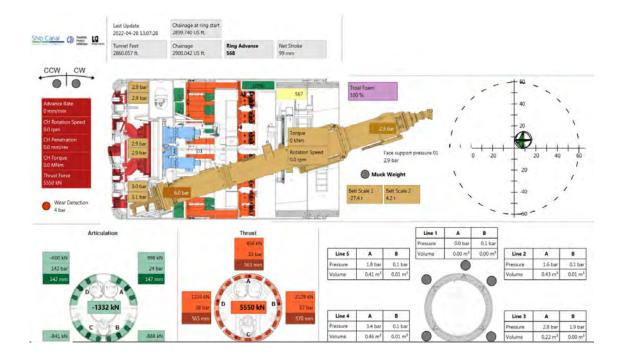
Building the Tunnel







Monitoring while Tunneling

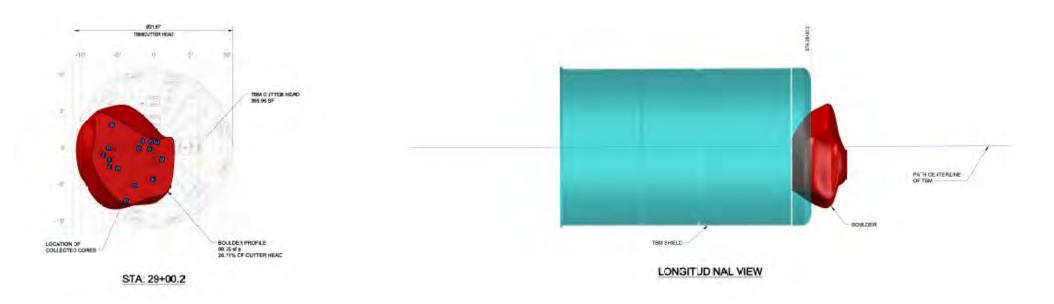






MegaBoulder

- Successfully removed largest boulder in tunnel alignment in at least North America
- Currently reviewing contractor's request for change (RFC):
 - Impact of 91 calendar days and \$16M













East Ballard Safe Haven Work



Program Complexity

- 1. Two large agencies
 - Political drivers
 - Cultures
- 2. Technical
- 3. 11-year long program
- 4. High degree of integration/coordination between projects
- 5. Long-term construction work in five neighborhoods



