

#### **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

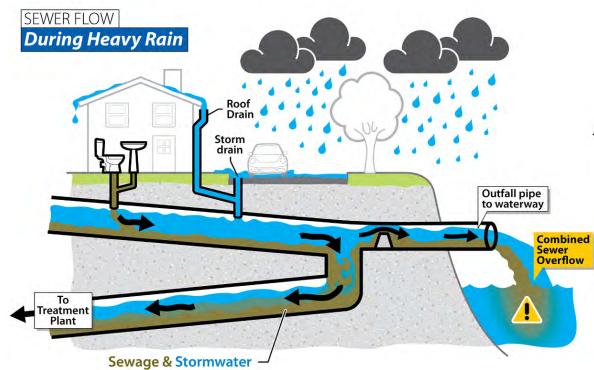


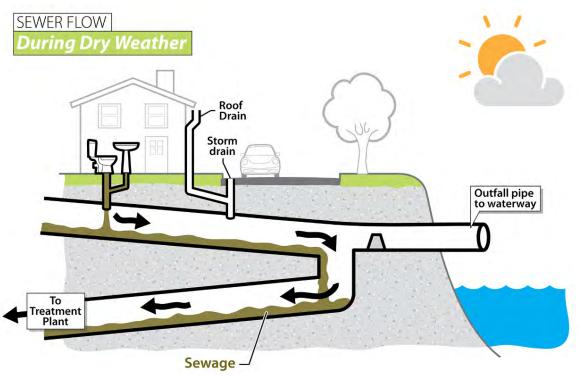


# SCWQP Program Overview



#### Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

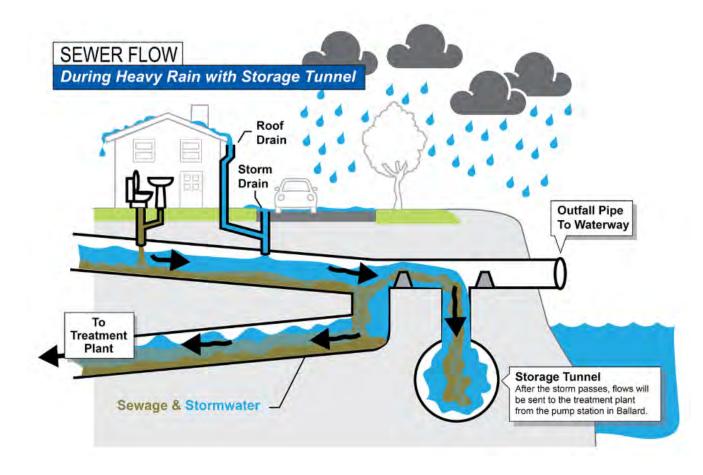








#### How a Tunnel Helps





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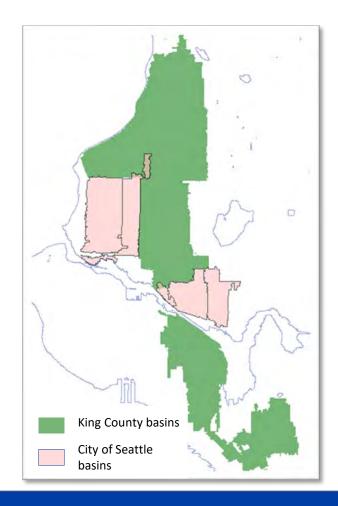
Will improve water quality by reducing CSOs by 75 million gallons each year on average.

#### **Consent Decree**

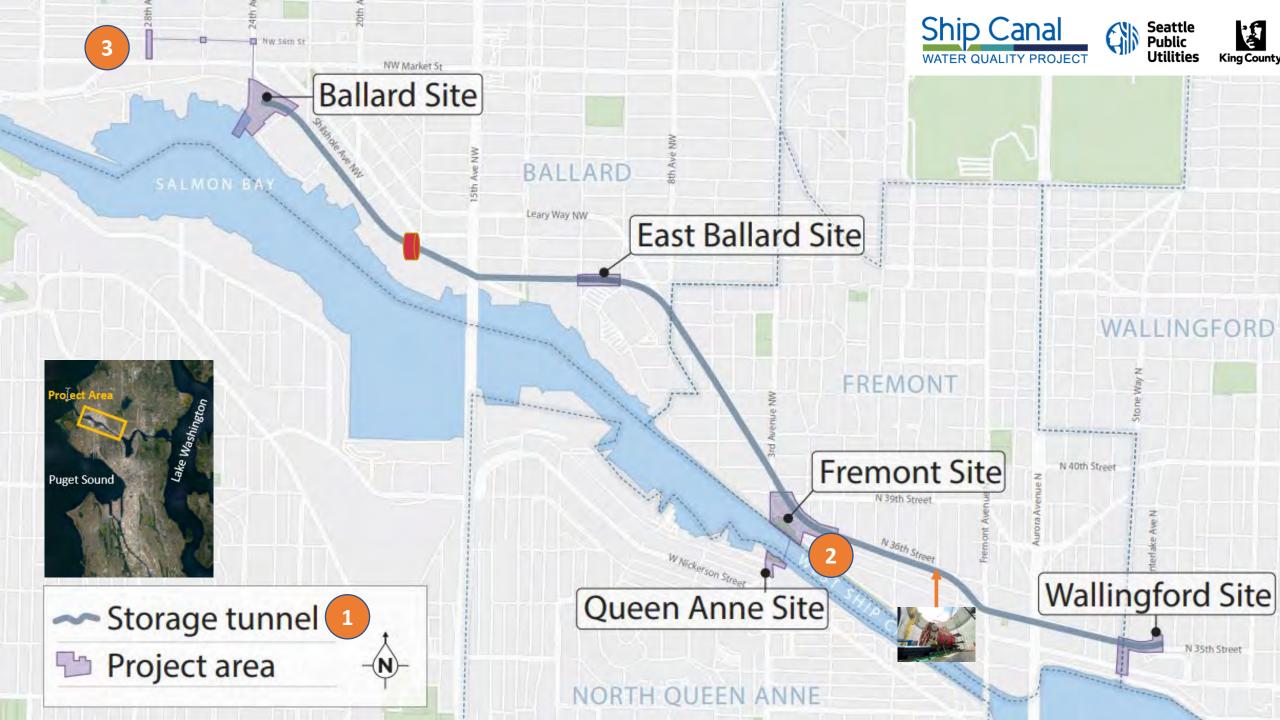
- With US DOJ, US EPA and WA Dept of Ecology
- Less than 1 combined sewer overflow per outfall per year on a 20-year moving average

#### Joint Project: King County & City of Seattle

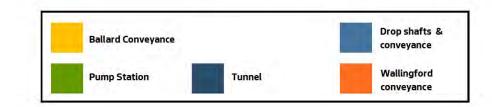
- 6 Outfalls: 2 KC, 4 Seattle
- Joint Project Agreement: City of Seattle (~65%), King County (~35%)

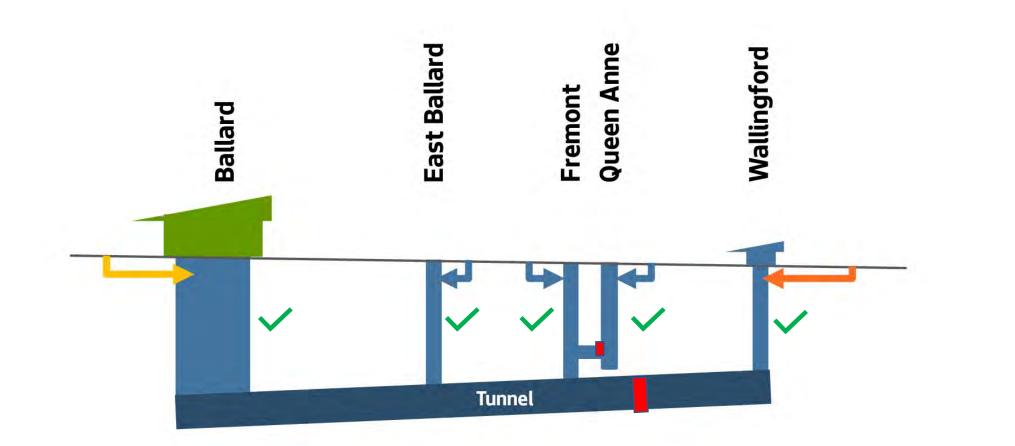






#### **Project Components**





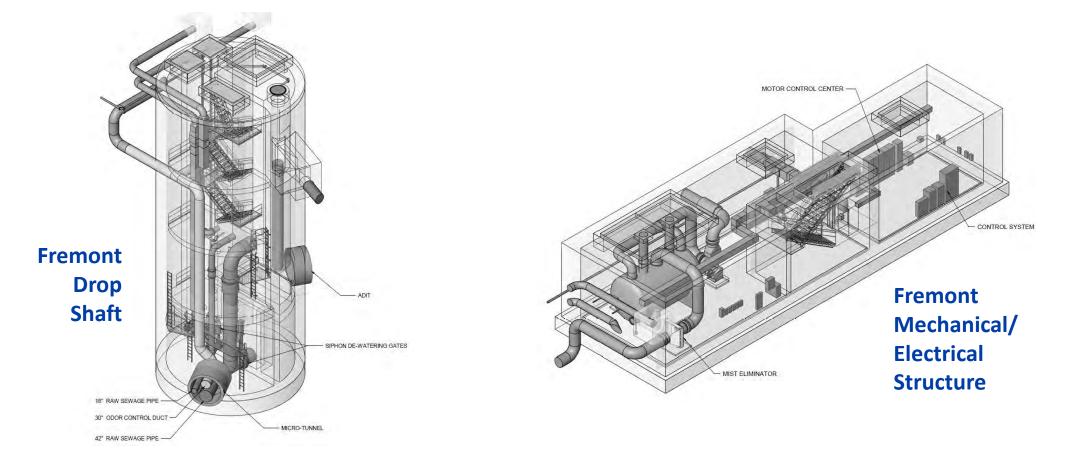


#### **Program Schedule**





#### **Project ComponentsExamples**





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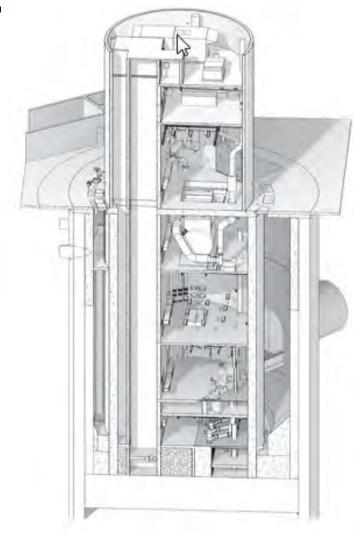
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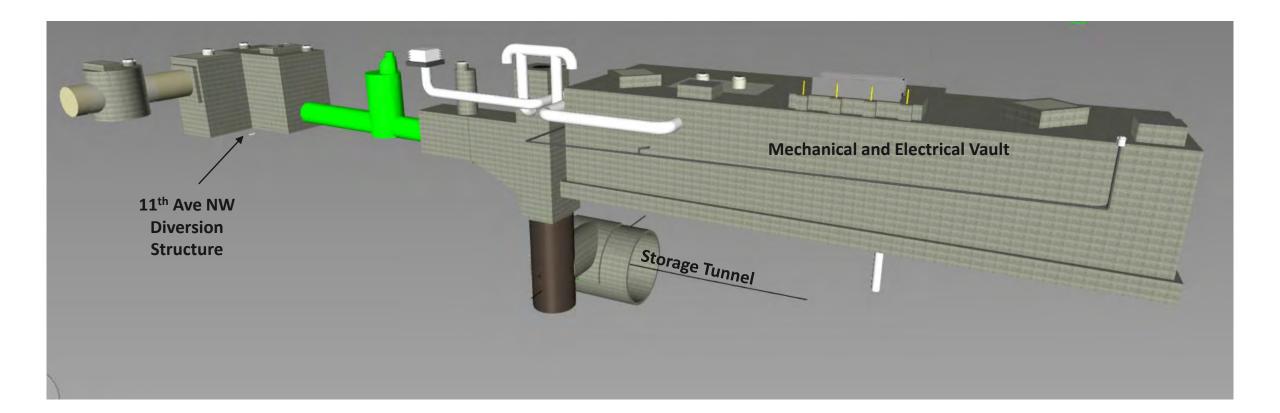
#### **Ballard: Shaft and Pump Station**







#### Storage Tunnel: 11th Avenue News Ballard)







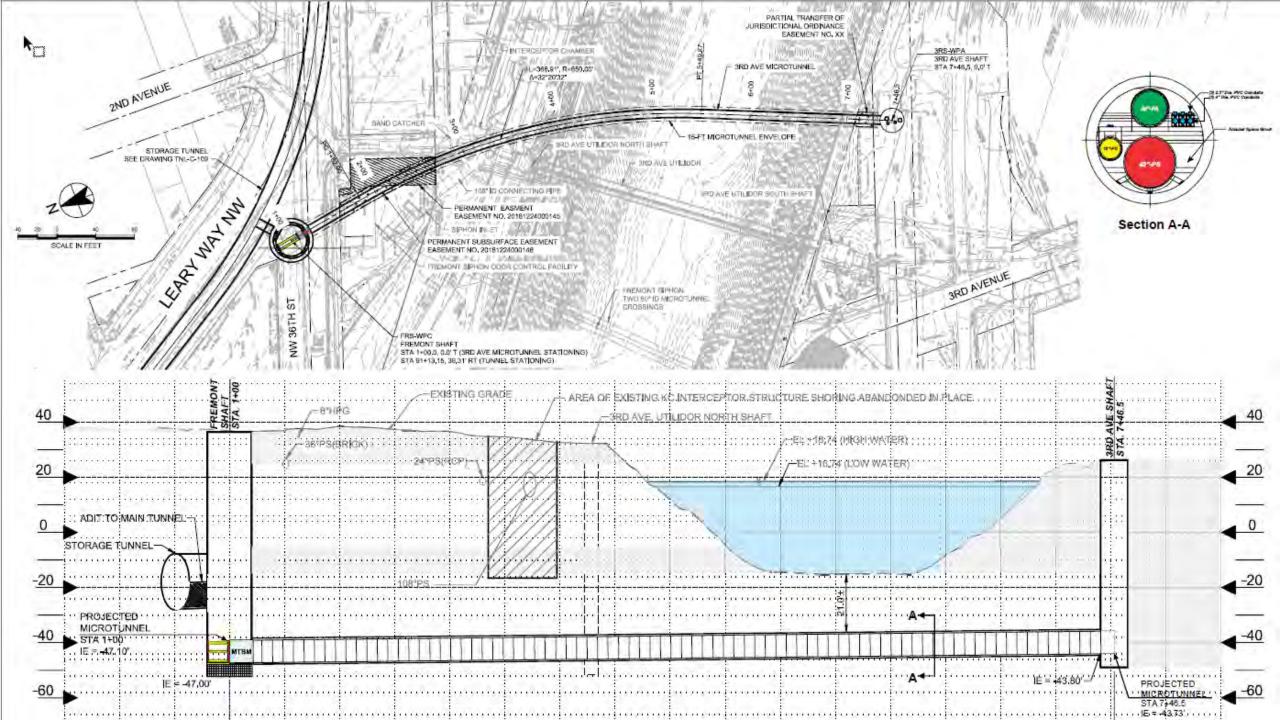


#### **Fremont Site**

- 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

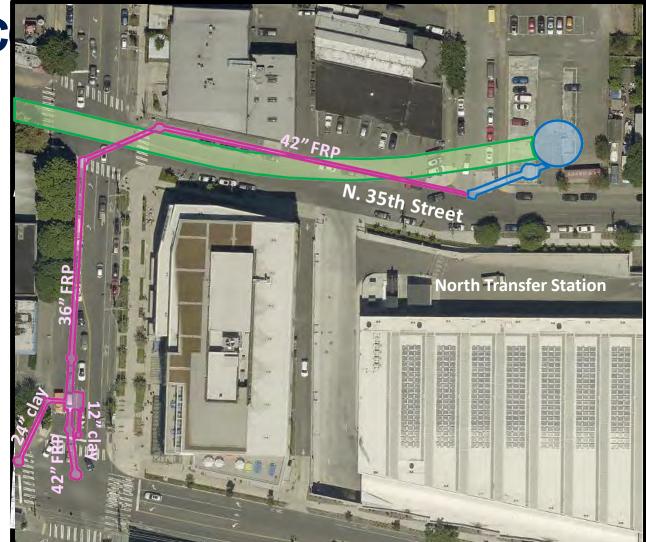






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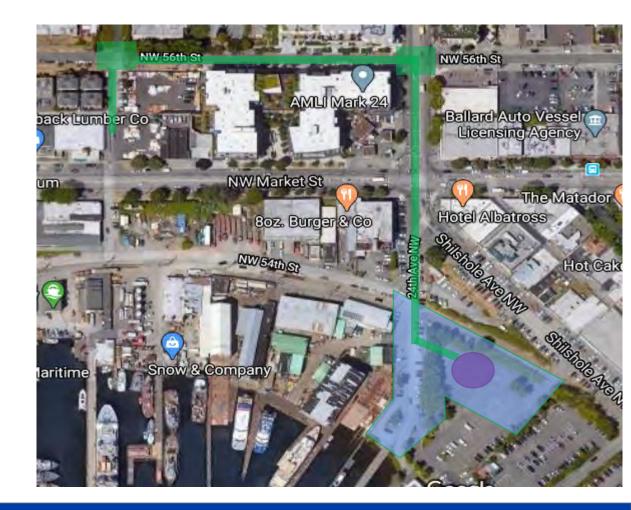
- Under construction now.
- Elements include:
  - Conveyance to Storage Tunnel
  - Large Diversion Structure
  - Watermain relocation
  - Extensive Detours





### **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**

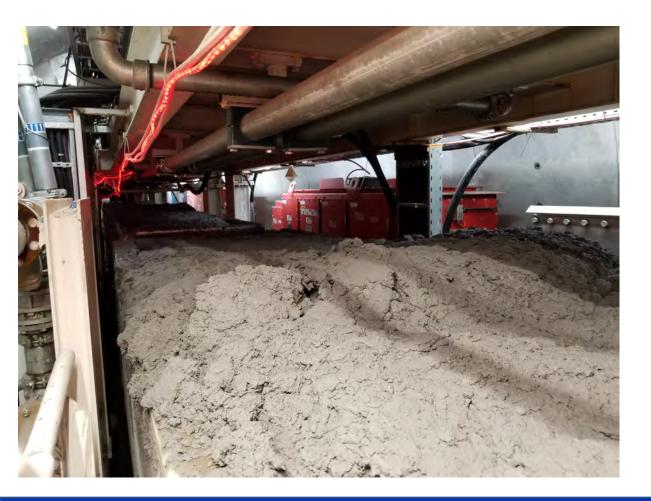


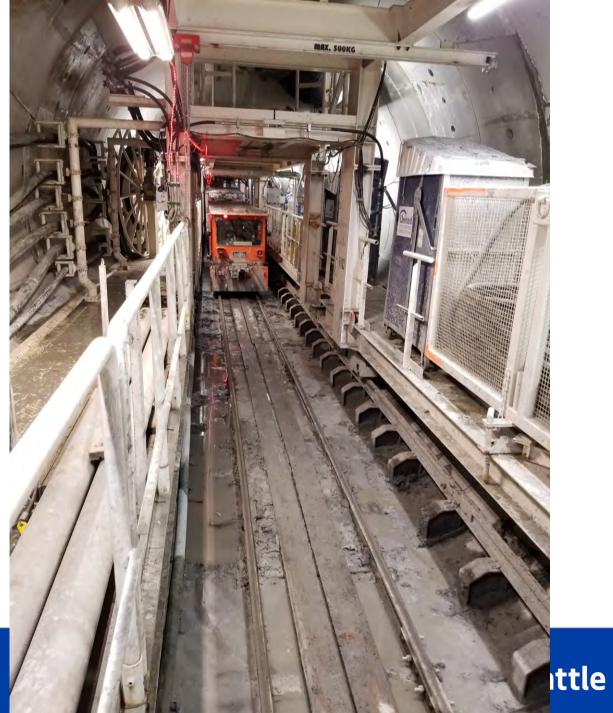




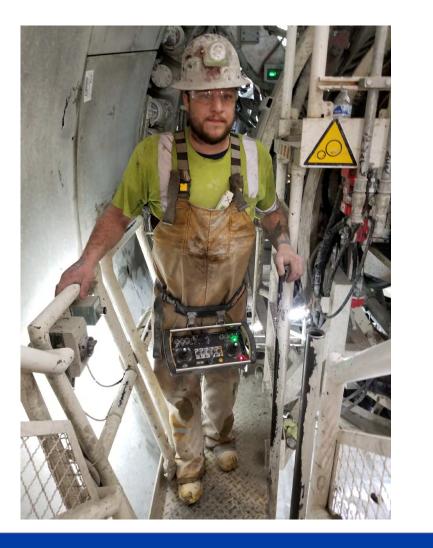


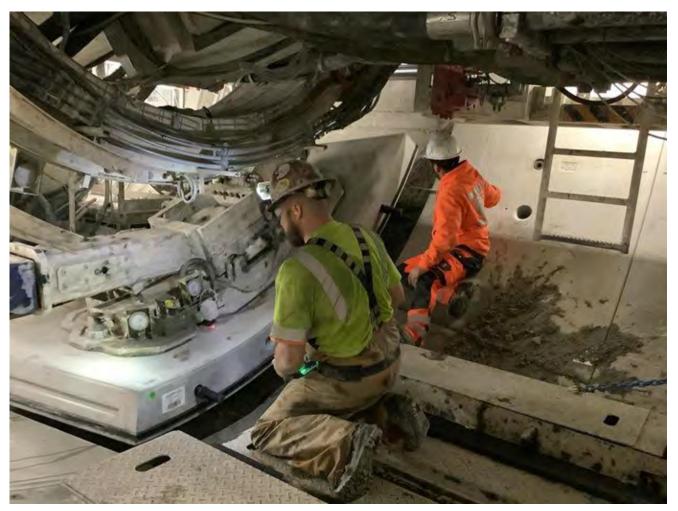
## Tunneling





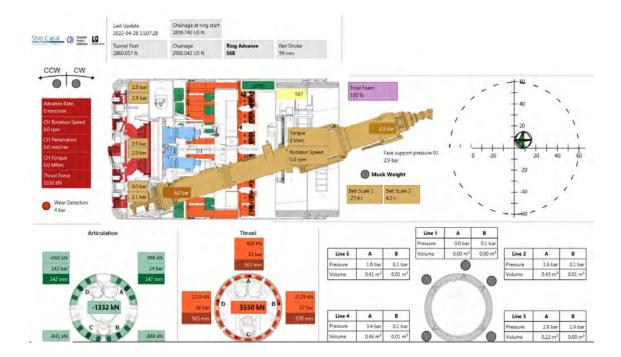
#### **Building the Tunnel**







## **Monitoring while Tunneling**

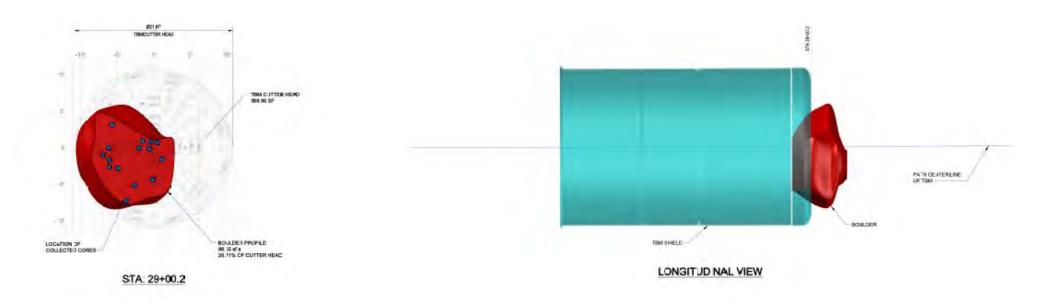




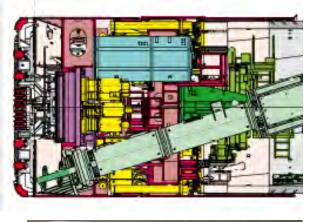


### MegaBoulder

- 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



