



Port Authority Trans – Hudson (PATH) Tunnel Rehabilitation Port Authority of New York / New Jersey

Location: New York, New York /
Jersey City, New Jersey

Date: 2002 – 2003

Structure: Tunnels E & F and Exchange Place
Underground Station

Length: 6,000 feet (1,829 meters) Each

Cross-Section: Running Tunnels with Varying Size
Station Tunnels

Geology: Hard, Massive to Fractured Schist,
and Igneous Rock, High Groundwater
Table

Cost: Approximately \$160 Million

Client: Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Owner: Port Authority of New York / New Jersey



Figure 1. Rehabilitation of the PATH Systems Tunnel 'E'.

Construction Ventilation Design:

The over 100-year-old underground railway tunnels and station scheme beneath the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey required refurbishment and upgrading. The station improvements included the construction of several cross-tunnels, which connected the existing tunnels and allowed for track crossovers, and replacement of an existing signal relay room. Tunnel E and F works encompassed a complete renovation of the tunnels' interiors. Rails, controls, power, lighting, and related structural components of Tunnels E and F were replaced.

Gall Zeidler Consultants (GZ) advised on the construction of tunnel ventilation, developed associated contract documents (specifications and layouts), and performed a check of the contractor's ventilation design.



Figure 2. Station upgrade with enlargements constructed using shotcrete for the final lining.