



Weehawken Tunnel West Portal New Jersey Transit Authority Hudson Bergen Light Rail Transit

Location: North Bergen, New Jersey

Date: 2003

Structure: Soil / Rock Nail Wall

Wall Height: 50 feet (15 meters)

Geology: Fill Consisting of Highly Weathered Sandstone, Diabase, and Drained Soil Conditions

Cost: Approximately \$150 Million

Client: Frontier-Kemper / Shea /
Beton-und-Monierbau Joint Venture

Owner: New Jersey Transit (NJT)



Figure 1. Existing portal and the construction of portal wall support.



Figure 2. Shotcrete canopy construction for extension of the West Portal.

Analysis and Design of the Earth Support System at the West Portal:

Gall Zeidler Consultants (GZ) provided analysis of and detailed design for the earth support system (soil / rock nail wall) to facilitate construction of the West Portal structure of the New Jersey Transit Authority's Weehawken Tunnel project. The work was part of the Weehawken Tunnel Reconstruction (enlargement) Project to accommodate the new Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System (HBLRS).

The West Portal structure consists of a 45 foot (13.7 meter) long cut-and-cover tunnel section. DSI self-drilling hollow bolt anchors were used for the soil / rock nails and reinforced shotcrete was utilized for the face support. In 2009, the design was honored with the Community Service Award for its excellence in construction and renovation of the HBLRS.