

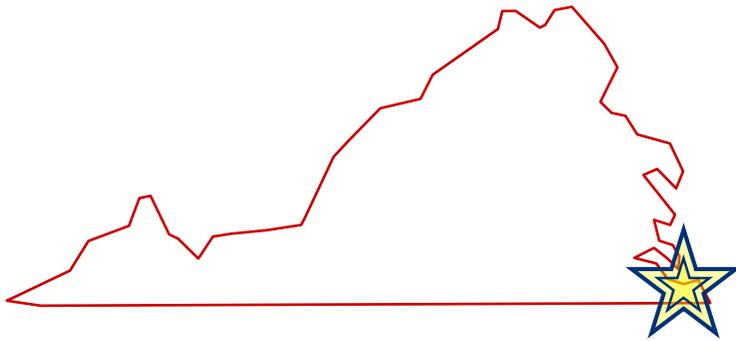


# Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion

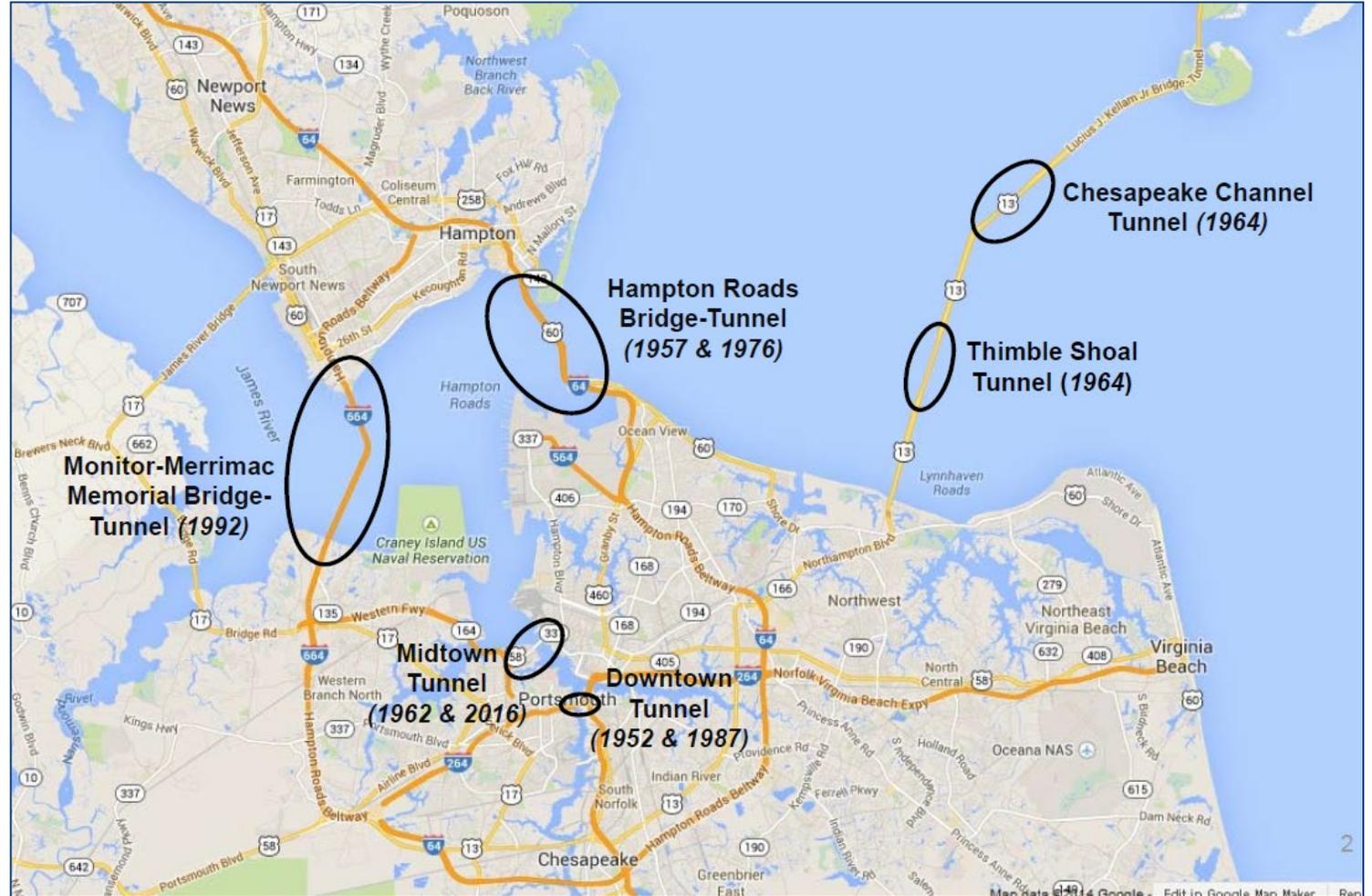
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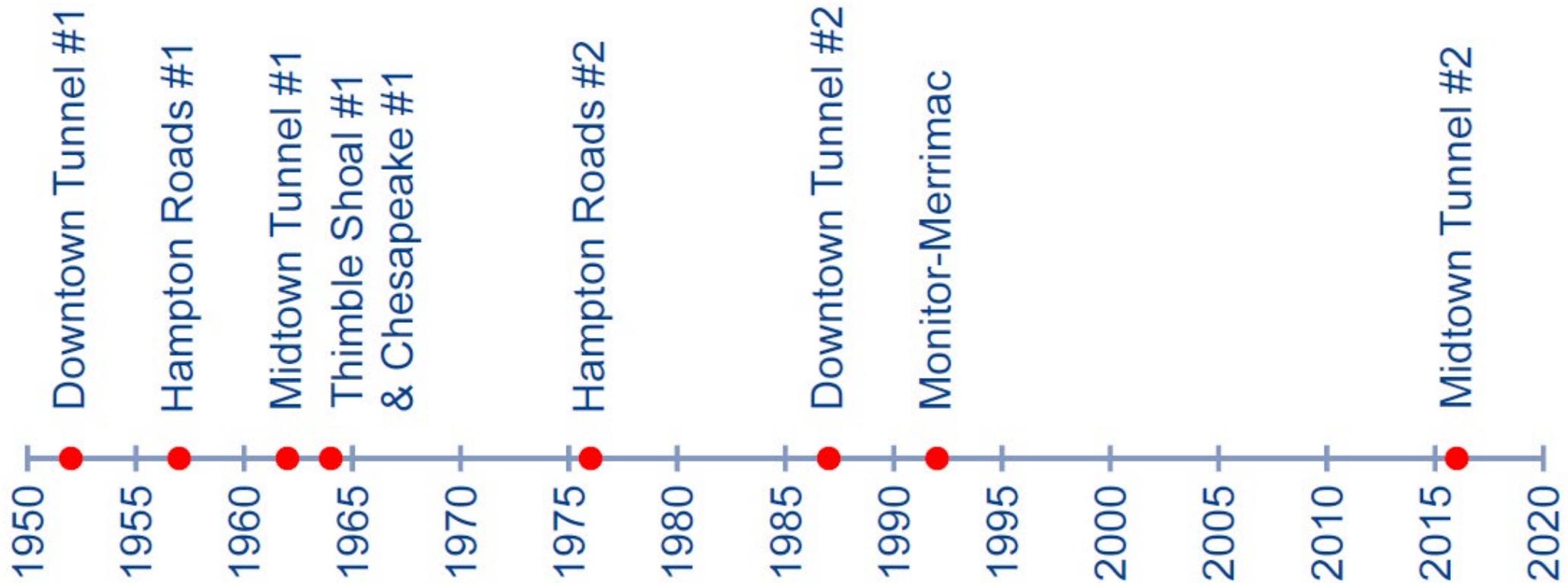


# Project Overview



- Virginia's second-largest metropolitan area
- World's largest Navy Base
- Port of Virginia
- Heavy traffic congestion





- **9 tunnels are steel-shell immersed tubes**
- **1 tunnel is concrete-box immersed tube**
- **Future tunnel #11 at Thimble Shoal will be bored tunnel**

## ■ Why immersed tubes in coastal Virginia?

- Soft marine soils
- Tunnel-boring machine technology
- Local contractor expertise

## ■ Determination on tunnel-construction method for HRBT Expansion

- Bored Tunnel method at CBBT Expansion
- Decision on tunnel construction method left to the Proposers
- Both Proposers chose to pursue bored-tunnel option



- **Settlers Landing in Hampton to I-564 Norfolk (10 Miles)**
- **I-64 improvements include 6 lanes of highway plus drivable shoulder lane and construction of 4 lane bridge/tunnel facility**
- **New HRBT tunnels will serve Eastbound traffic**
- **2 existing HRBT tunnels will serve Westbound traffic**



<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
RFQ Issued	December 15, 2017
Shortlist Announced	April 26, 2018
Draft RFP Issued	May 22, 2018
Selection of Tunnel Construction Method	July 31, 2018
Final RFP Issued	September 27, 2018
Technical Proposal Submission	January 15, 2019
Price Proposal Submission	February 8, 2019
Contract Award	April 3, 2019
Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTTP) 1	April 12, 2019
LNTTP 2 & LNTTP 3	September 25, 2019





## Tunnels



- Length (Each) 8,000 ft
- Inner Diam. 41.5 ft
- Excavation 956,000 CY
- Segmental Lining 119,000 CY
- Ground Improv. 494,000 CY

## Structures



- Bridges to Demo 5
- Bridges to Build 4
- Bridges to Widen 23
- Total Length 38,800 ft
- Total Surface 2,086,000 SF

## Roadway

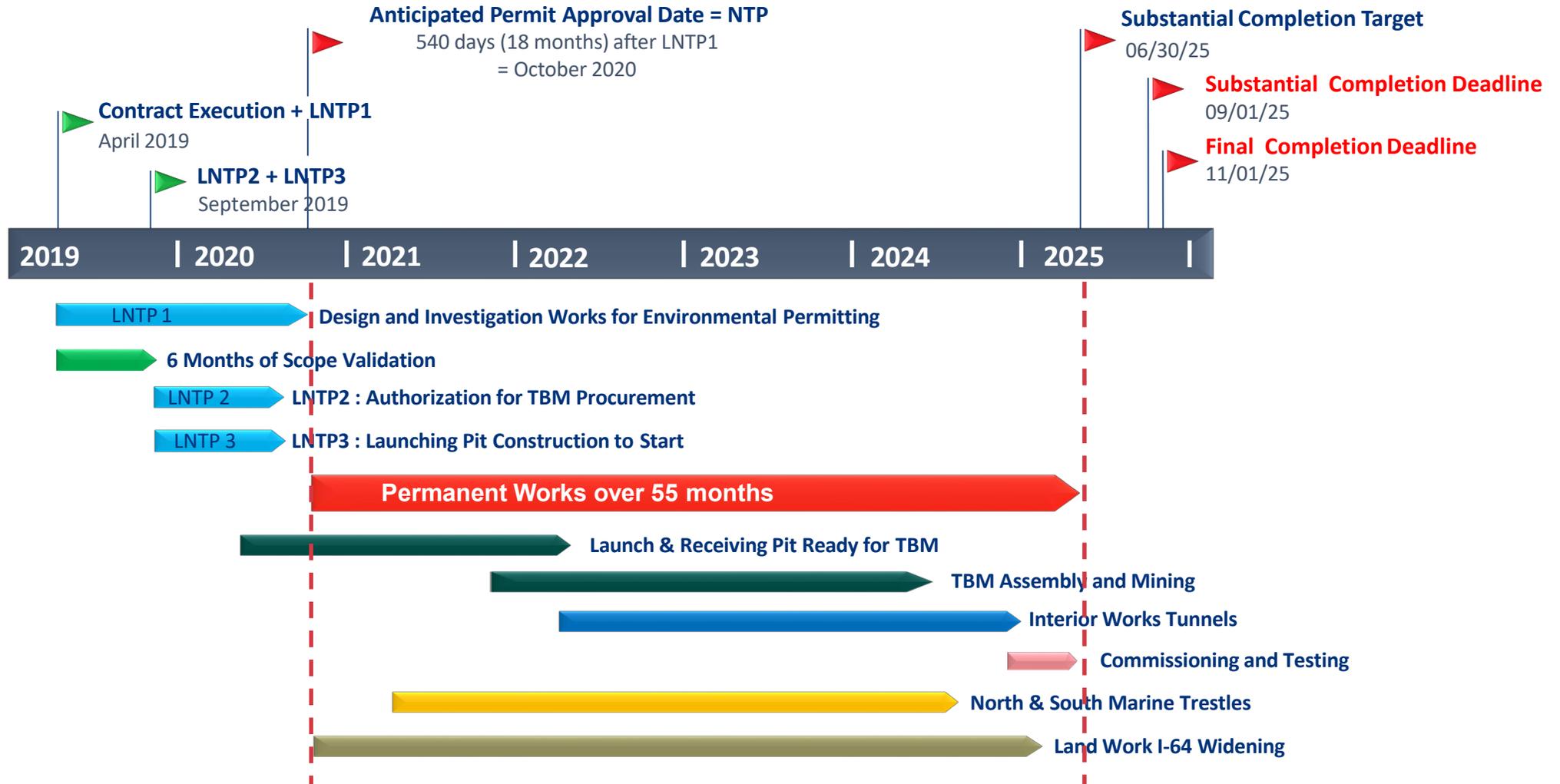


- Excavation 127,000 CY
- Embankment 91,000 CY
- Noise Walls 727,000 SF
- Retaining Walls 101,000 SF

## Islands Expansion



- Footprint 860,000 SF
- Fill 169,000 CY
- Dike 188,000 CY
- Armor Stone 351,000 Tons
- Splash Wall 6,000 CY





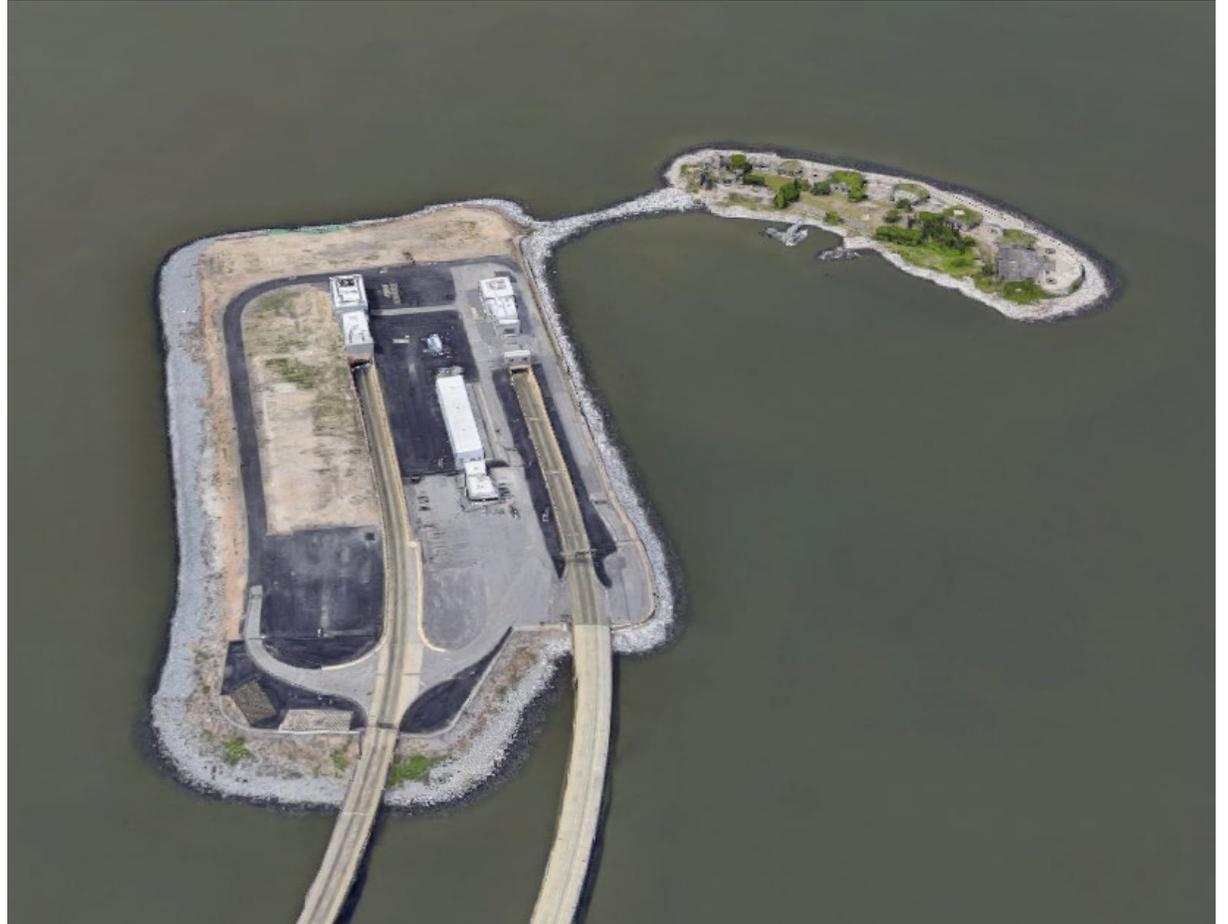
# Man-Made Islands and Soft Soils: Construction of 1957 and 1976 Tunnels

# 1950s First Stage of the Crossing



# 1970s Expansion of the Islands and Roadway



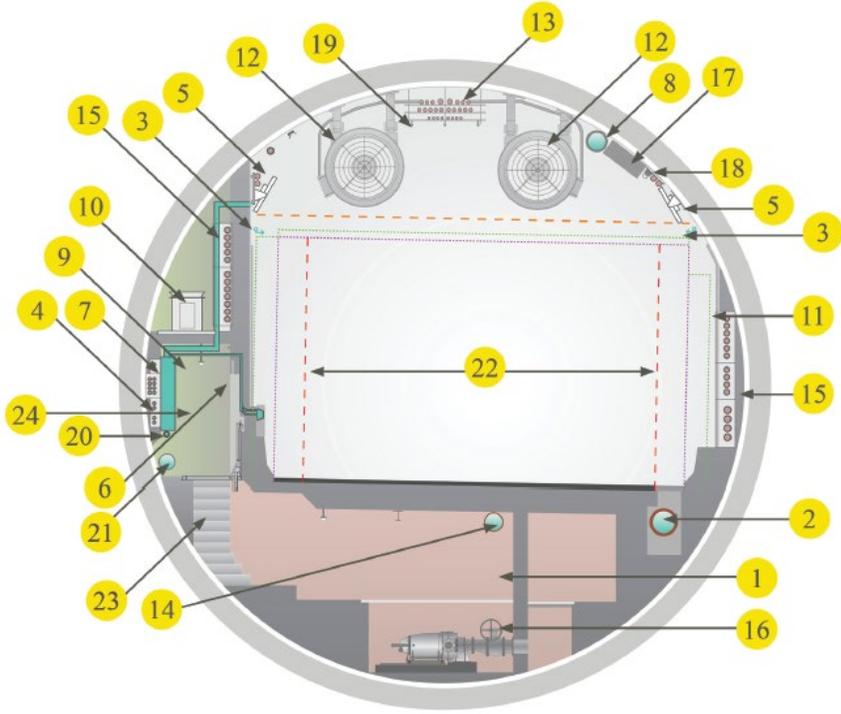








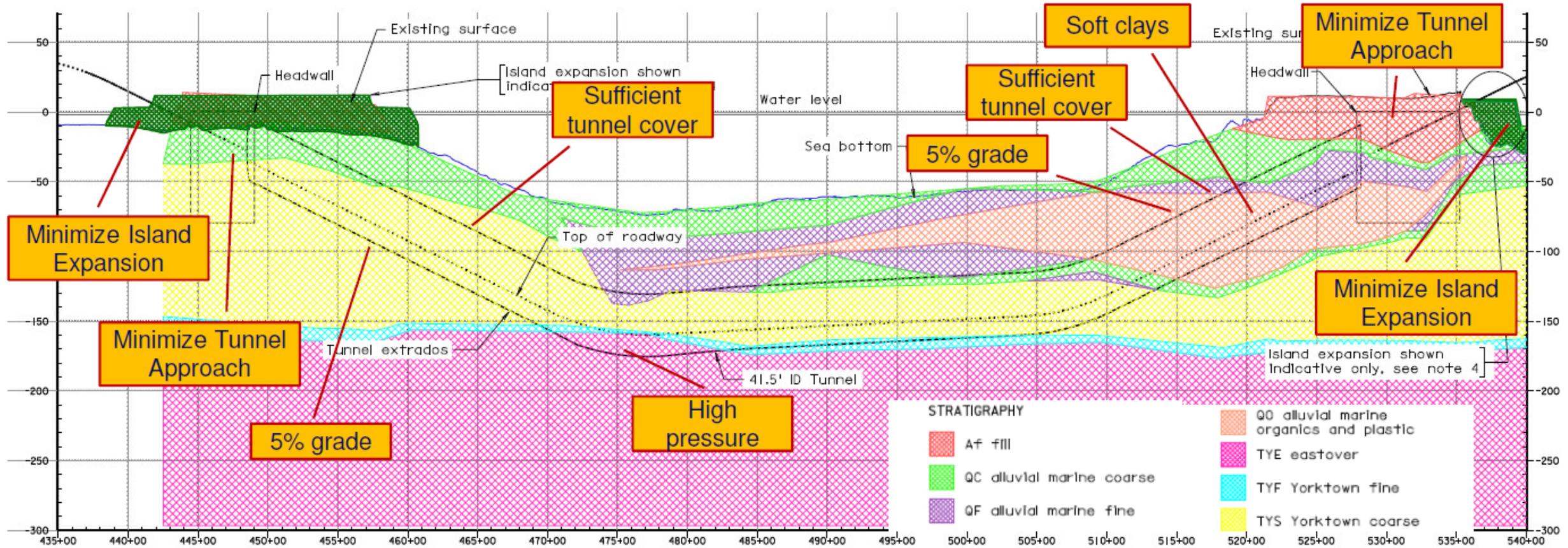
# Prescriptive or Performance Specifications? Context and Examples



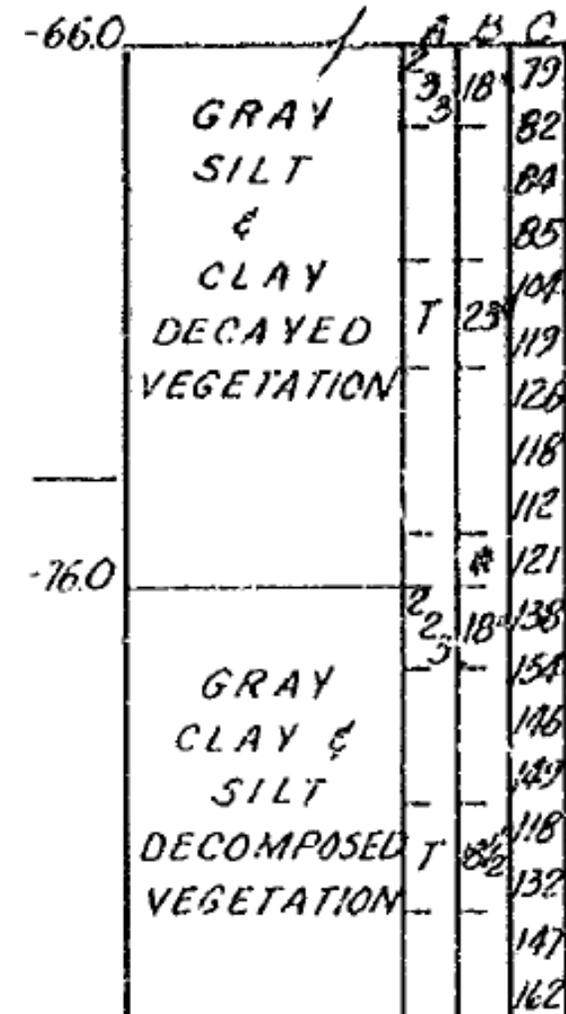
**Internal Diameter:  
41'-6"**

- Spaceproofing for roadway tunnel requires fire suppression, ventilation, egress corridor, lighting, drainage, communications, and other utilities
- Challenge = lock in tunnel diameter to fit all these required items in smallest possible space before design is fully complete?
- Solution = specify minimum diameter rather than promote “race to the smallest diameter”

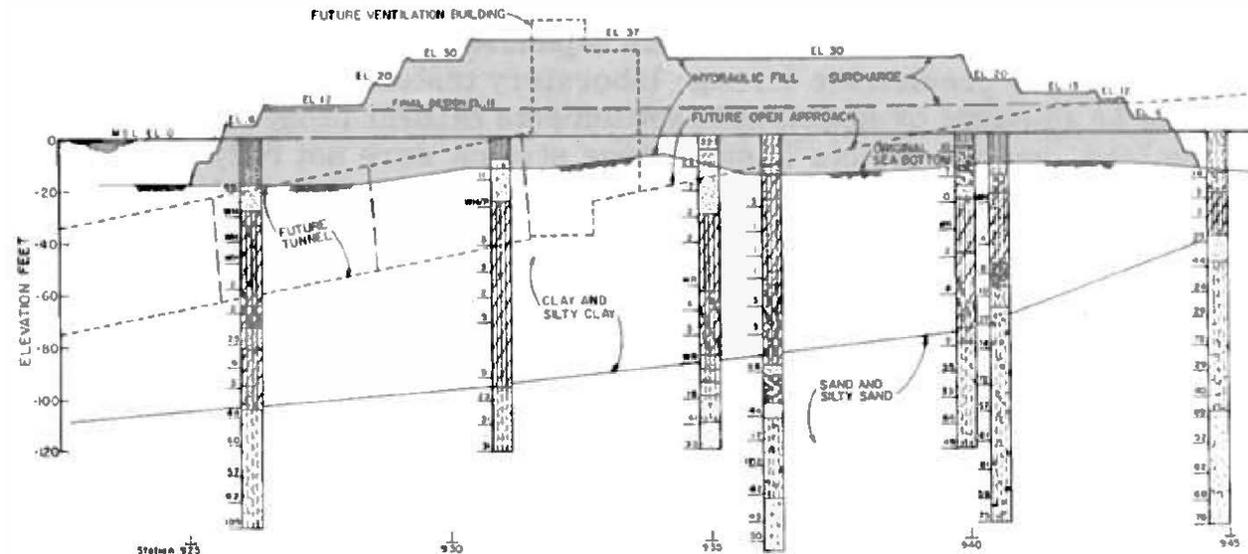
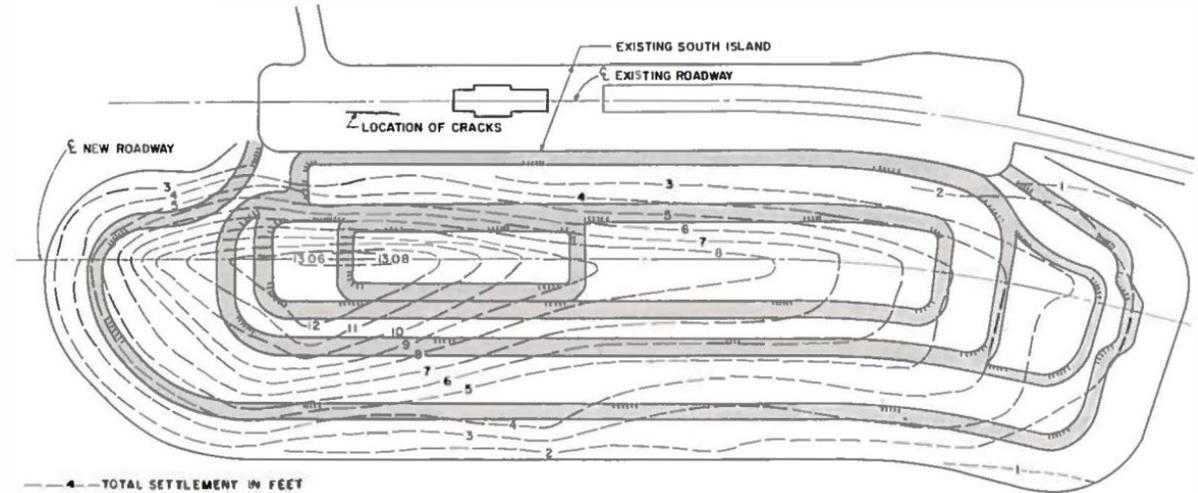
- Complete:
  - 1953 data for westbound tunnel
  - 1969 data for eastbound tunnel
  - 1960's data for Willoughby Bay bridges
  - 2017 data at north and south HRBT islands
  - 2017/18 data along potential project alignments
- In process:
  - Additional geotechnical investigations by design-builder

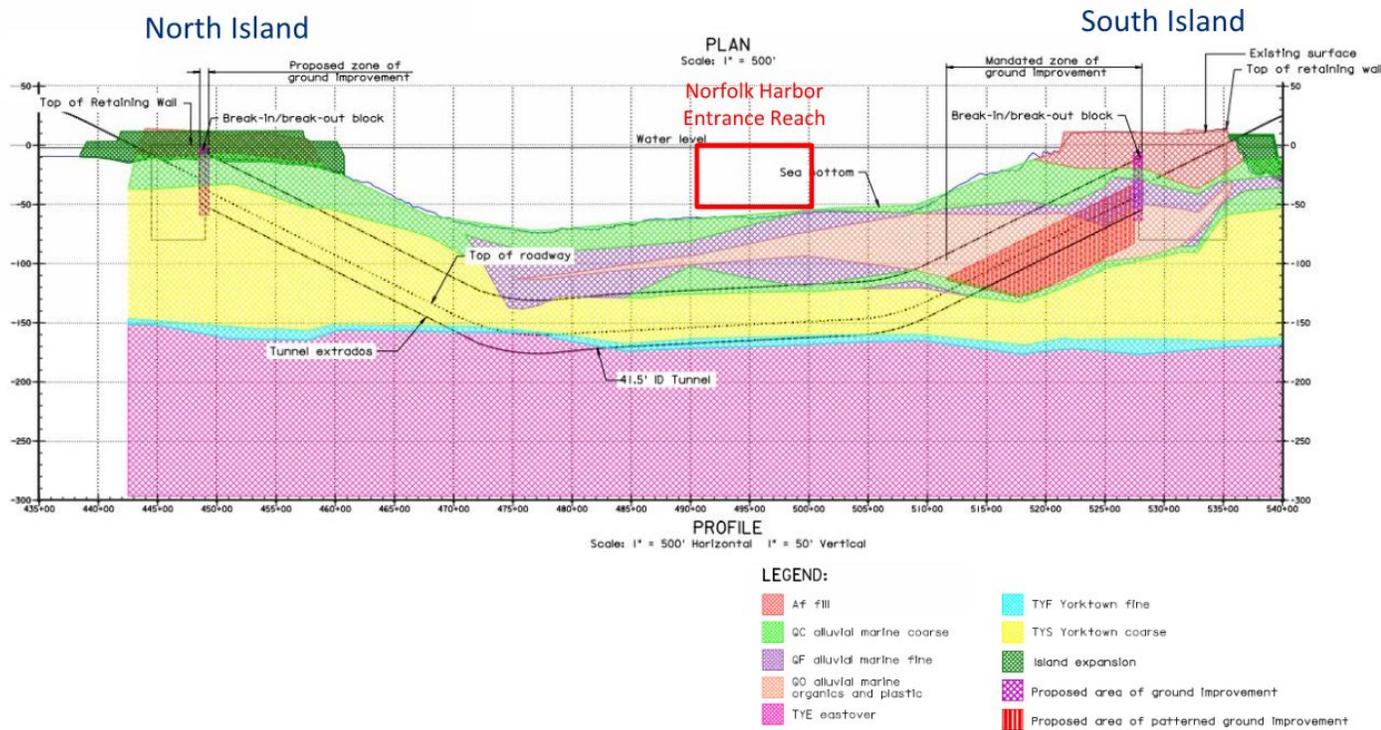


- Soil variations at north and south islands
  - HRBT has one “good island” and one “bad island”
- Mitigation of soft material at HRBT south island for each tunnel
  - 1957: material was excavated and replaced with sand fill
  - 1976: surcharge and sand drains were used to consolidate compressible layers
  - 2025: contract specifies ground improvement program



- Maximum surcharge: 26 feet (at future vent building) above island elevation
- Maximum settlement: 13 feet
- Total settlements achieved 15 months after fill reached final elevation





- Proposed alignment for the bored tunnel between existing North and South Islands



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FINAL GEOTECHNICAL BASELINE REPORT

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ISSUANCE OF FINAL GBR:  
NOVEMBER 28, 2018





**Questions?**