

R. J. Corman Construction Crews Completes One Part Of The Biggest Tunnel Expansion Projects In United States History.

The first project involves two tunnels, Hemphill 1 (864 ft) and Hemphill 2 (1,142 ft). Project two is the Welch Tunnel, in Welch, WV (1,335 ft). Both projects are considered "partial liner removal" projects, which requires "notching" both sides of the tunnel to provide the additional clearance.

R. J. Corman has been doing railroad construction for over thirty-five years; however, tunnel expansion is very new to our crews, but we have the equipment and expertise.

We began the evaluation process in the Fall of 2008 with "probing", which determines the existing concrete liners' depth and whether notching or total liner removal is required to achieve proper clearance.

We found that approximately 210 LF of liner in tunnel 1 needs to be removed and 654 ft requires notching anywhere from 6 to 12 inches, while tunnel 2 needs about 20 LF of liner removed and 1,122 ft notched.

R. J. Corman Railroad Construction is the least experienced "tunnel" contractor working this phase of the Heartland Corridor project for Norfolk Southern. We are the only contractor that has been able to stay in line with the original contract schedule.

The Hemphill Project was completed in April 2009.



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