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# **Project Overview**

Project Name Ampliación de Plataformas En Aeropuerto de Monterrey

**Location Nuevo Leon, Mexico** 

**Owner Monterrey Int'l Airport** 

Trenchless Contractor Ingenieria En Tuneles Y Redes S.A. DE C.V. (InturICA)

Purpose Install 197-If. of 36-in. steel casing to meet a utility junction box on the south side of a taxiway

Timeline May - June 2017



# **Project Overview**

Pipe ID 36-inch

Trenchless Method Guided Auger Boring

#### **Equipment**

Guided Boring Jacking Frame and Guidance System, Pilot Tubes, Rock Drill Adapter with TriHawk® Drill Bit, Guide Rod Swivel with 36-inch Cutter Head and Auger Boring System

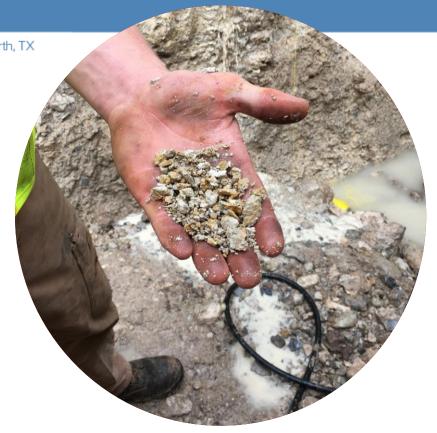




# **Project Challenges**

- Accurate installation required in order to meet junction box on other side of taxiway
- No surface access
- Construction could not interfere with taxiway traffic

- Up to 5,000 psi weathered rock conditions
- Minimal cover above the proposed alignment





#### Construction

- High compressive strength rock required use of Rock Drill Adapter and Drill Bit to lead the pilot tube installation
- Contractor's first experience guiding their auger boring machine
- Bentonite polymer used to cool the drill bit and provide viscosity to carry the cutting back to launch shaft
- Manufacturer's field technician dispatched for assistance

# Construction What is the Guided Auger Boring Method?

 Guided Auger Boring is the method of accurately installing pipelines by using a guided boring machine system in conjunction with an auger boring machine. The guided boring system is used for an accurate pilot tube installation and the final pipe installation is completed with conventional auger boring techniques.



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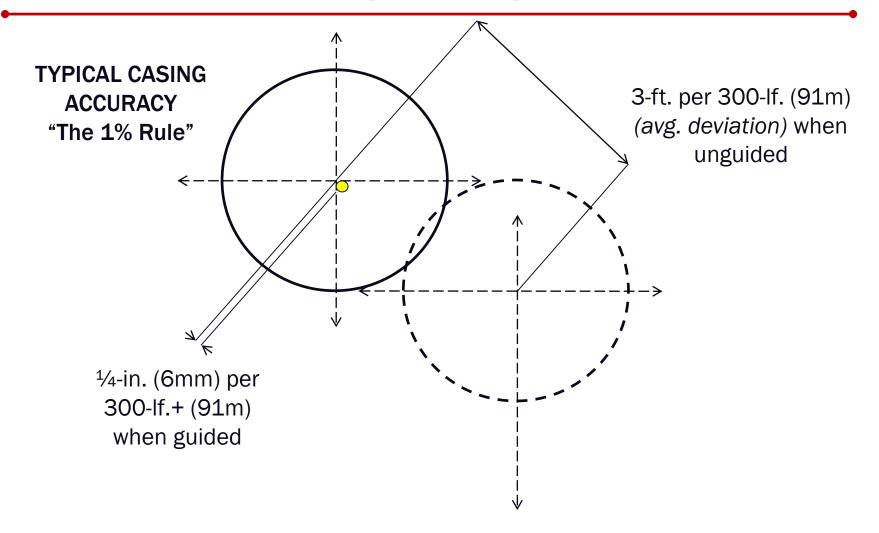
#### **Benefits of Guided Auger Boring**

Improved Accuracy	• Line and grade accuracy up to ½-in. (6mm) at 400-lf. (122m)+
Longer Drive Potential	• Distances of 400-lf.+ (122m) are regularly achieved
Smaller Casing Sizes	With an accurate line and grade, smaller casing can be obtained
Faster Installation	With pilot tubes holding the steel casing on line and grade, the steel casing installation can be facilitated quickly
Ideal for Many Ground Conditions	<ul> <li>Projects with displaceable N Value or SPT = &lt; 50 AND</li> <li>Non-displaceable N Value &gt; 50 in homogeneous ground with appropriate tooling/equipment</li> </ul>
Exploratory Work	• Find obstacles before they find you!



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#### **Benefits of Guided Auger Boring**





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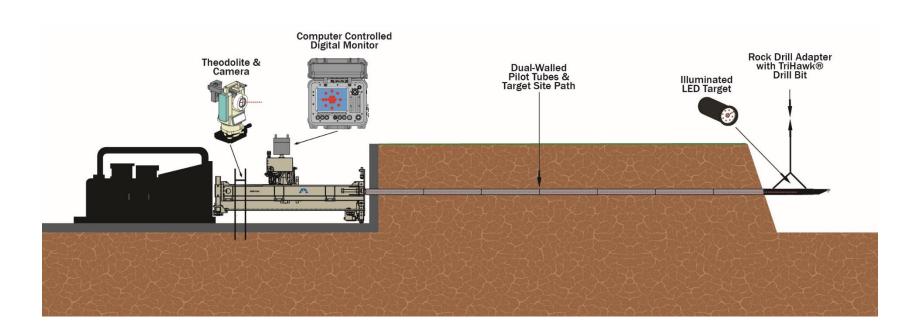
What is the Pilot Tube Rock Drilling?

 Pilot Tube Rock Drilling is the method of using a guided boring system to install pilot tubes on line and grade in rock formations up to 12 ksi UCS using the Rock Drill Adapter and drill bit leading the pilot tube string, along with an appropriate lubrication regime.



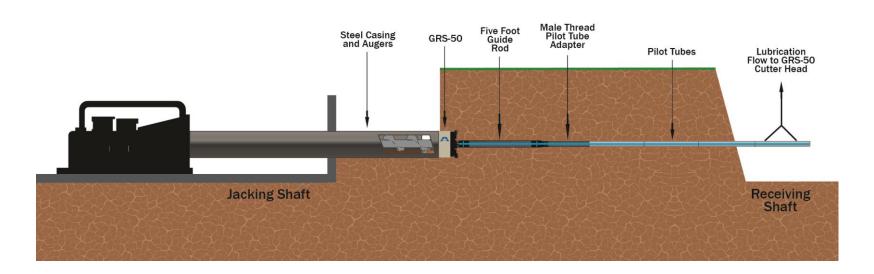
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# **Step One: Pilot Tube Installation**



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# **Step Two: Upsize Bore to Match Casing**

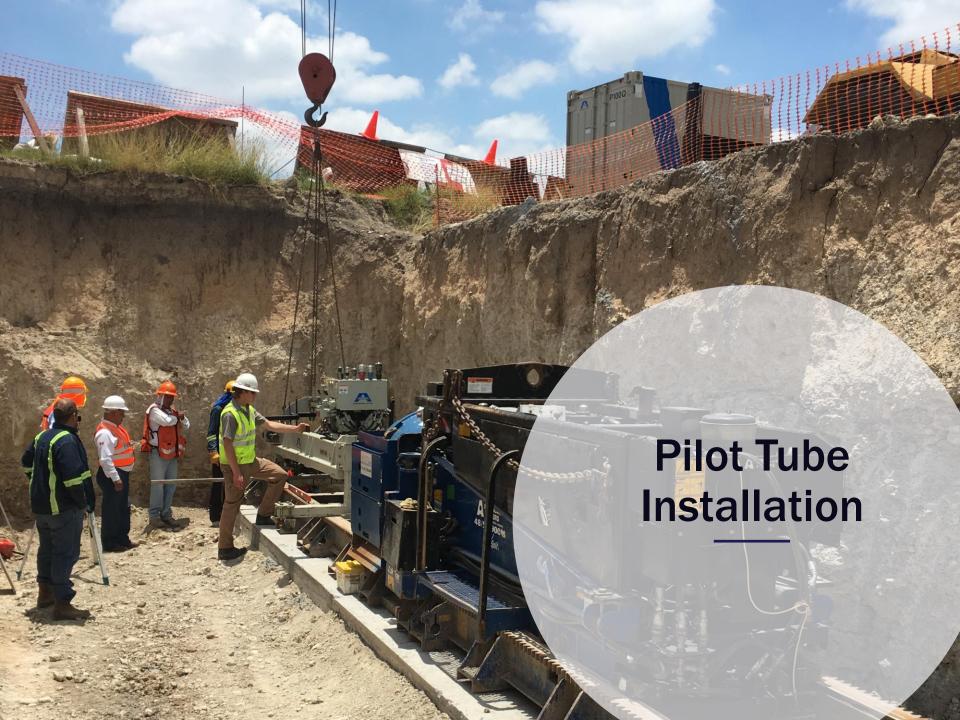


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# **Parts of the Increase Tooling**



















### **Outcomes**

- Successful installation resulted in first guided auger bore installation in Mexico
- InturICA received contracts for additional like work in this region

- Installation on line and grade
- Mitigated disruption to airport traffic



# **Questions?**

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