Saving Trees and Installing Tees (Bases): Routing 4 Miles of 48-Inch Sewer Main Through San Antonio Parks Trail System

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Agenda













Background

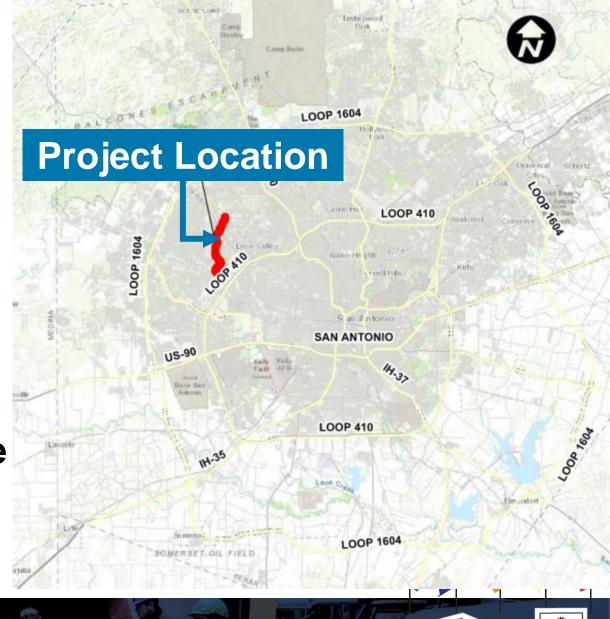




San Antonio Water System (SAWS)

Over 5,200 Miles of Sewer Pipe

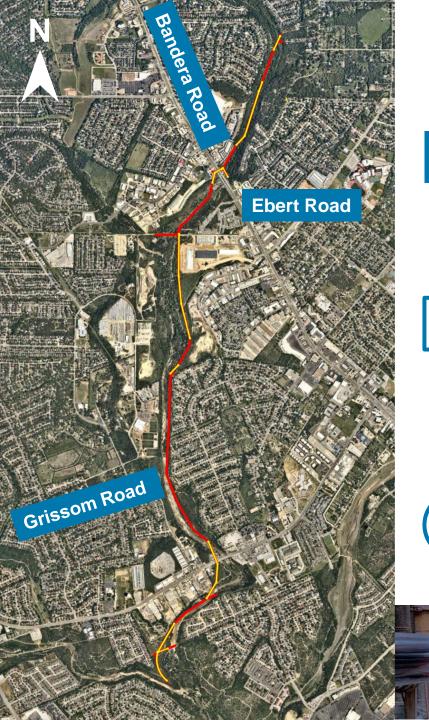
- Aging Wastewater Infrastructure
- SSOs Common
- Consent Decree











Project Overview

Location – Leon Creek (NW SA)

- Existing 33- and 36-inch (RCP)
- Proposed 48-inch (FRP)

22,000 LF

10,000 LF tunneled (yellow)

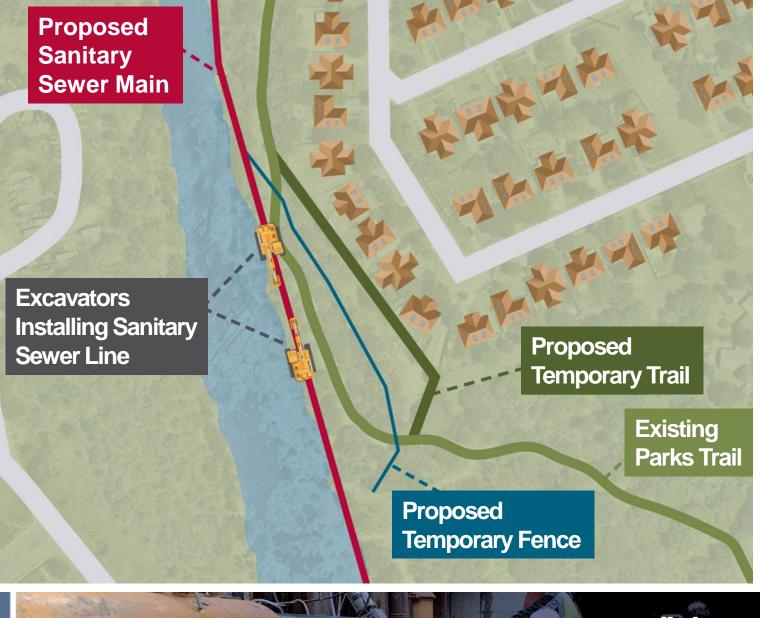
12,000 open cut (red)





CoSA Parks (100-year floodplain



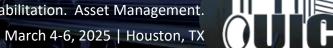


Challenges: **City Parks and Trail System**





Construction. Rehabilitation. Asset Management.







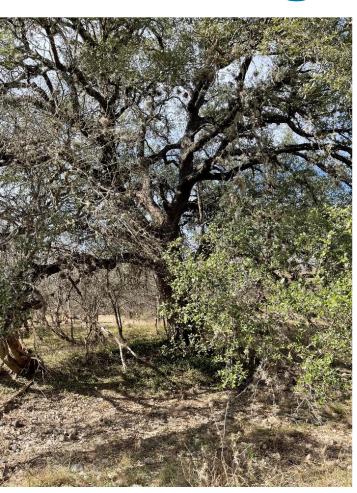


Challenges: Flood Plain Construction





Challenges: Heavy Vegetation







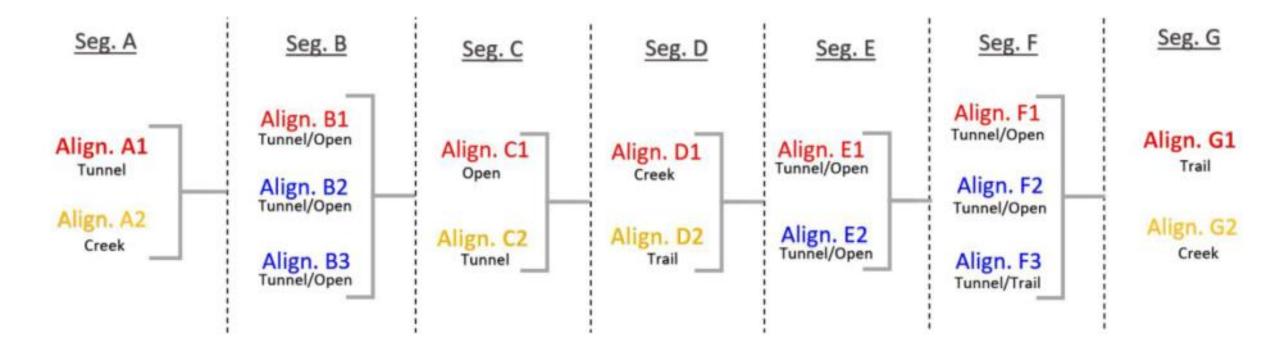


Challenges: Route Analysis





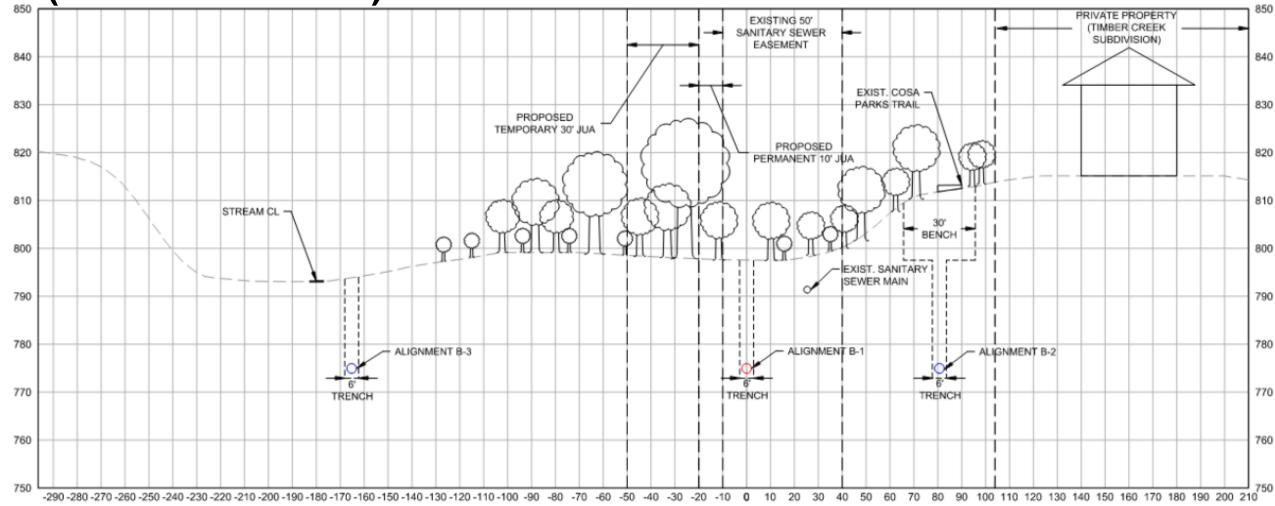
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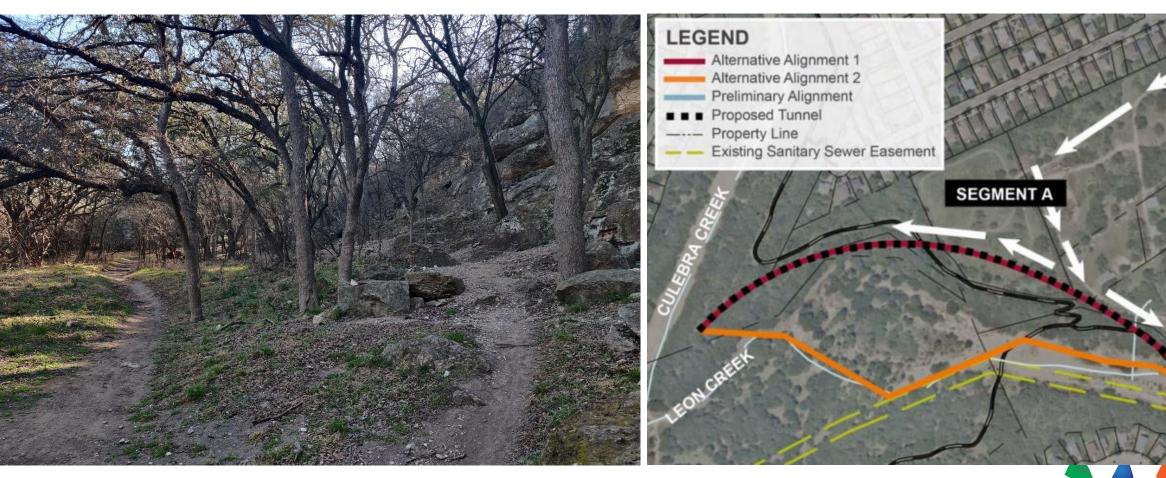


Challenges: Narrow Construction Corridor and Deep Sections

(>30 Feet of Cover)

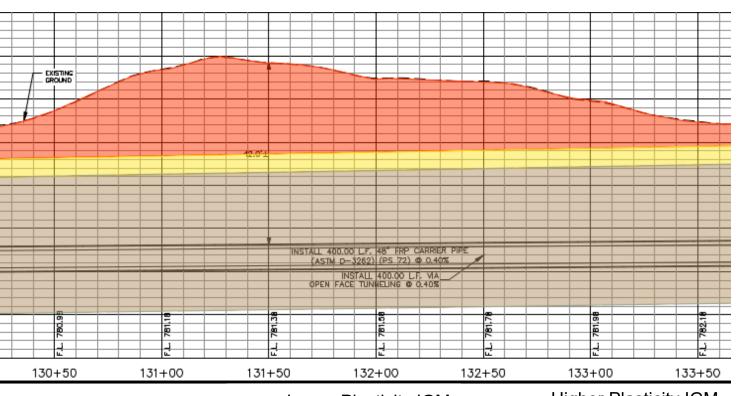


Challenges: Challenging Accessibility



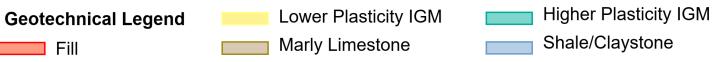


Challenges: Rock Excavation



Hard to Very Hard Marly Limestone

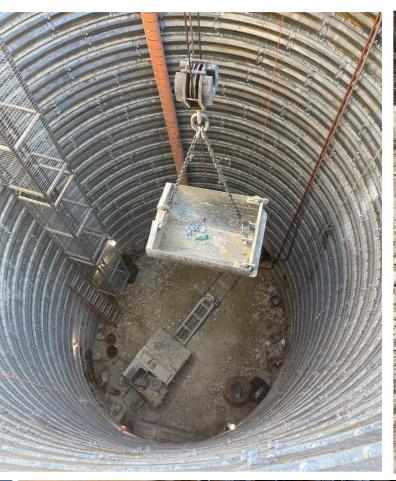
500 – 6,000 psi UC Average RQD – 55% LL – 31; PI – 16 Cerchar Abrasivity – 0.85 SPT - Refusal



Terrace Deposits/Residual Soils --- Baseline Groundwater Elevation



Construction Progress







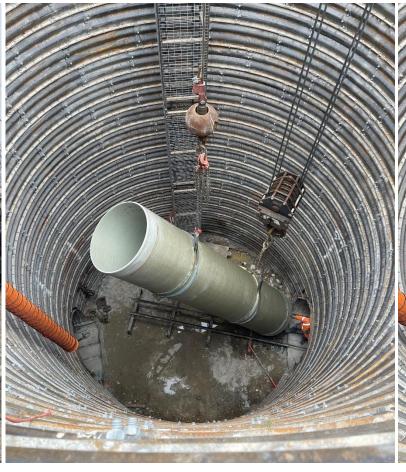
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Construction Progress









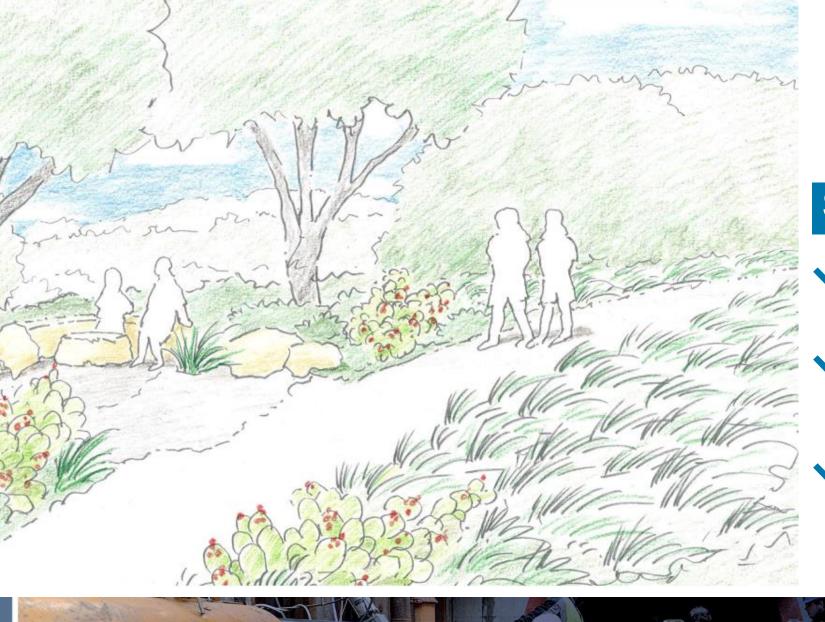
Construction Progress











Lessons Learned

Start the Process Earlier

- Easement Acquisition
- Coordination with CoSA Parks
- Geotechnical Baseline Report

Questions



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