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Subject: DJC - publishing story on Big Dig comparison tomorrow

I just talked to Margie Slovan at the Daily Journal of Commerce - heard that she is publishing a story tomorrow comparing the AWW bored tunnel and the Big Dig project. Below is the media contact report from her interview with Ron last week.

-Kristy

April 27 Media Contact Report:

Daily Journal of Commerce

Ron Paananen, Deputy Administrator for the Urban Corridors Office, spoke with Margie Slovan at the Daily Journal of Commerce. Margie is writing a story about the similarities and difference between the Alaskan Way Viaduct bored tunnel and the Big Dig Project. Slovan noted that the Big Dig included replacing and elevated structure with a tunnel and keeping traffic moving during construction. Paananen explained the differences between the project, including that in Boston they were actually working underneath their elevated structure, and had interchanges involved in the work. The bored tunnel would not have these challenges, and is more straight forward. Paananen said that protecting the scope of the project may be the biggest challenge. He discussed the estimated cost for the bored tunnel and the portals (\$1.9 billion) and the risk and escalation included in those estimates. He described the role of Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hatch Mott MacDonald. Slovan also said she'd be doing a story next week regarding the technology associated with the bored tunnel, and will contact the program team for details.