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The Dig Down below Toronto Union Station

80 year old Concrete Augmented with
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1. HISTORY OF UNION STATION

1.1 THE HEAD HOUSE




- Head House completed by 1919
- Hybrid of steel frame and masonry
- Concrete slabs with encased steel at & below grade
- Terracotta flat arches on steel framing above grade

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1. HISTORY OF UNION STATION

1.2 THE VIADUCT STRUCTURE




- Viaduct structure by end of 1920's
- Concrete substructure and suspended slab

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1. HISTORY OF UNION STATION
1.3 THE TURNER FLAT SLAB



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- Four-way system of reinforcement with bent bars
- Mushroom columns with drop panels

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2. THE REVITALIZATION PROJECT
2.1 MAIN OBJECTIVES

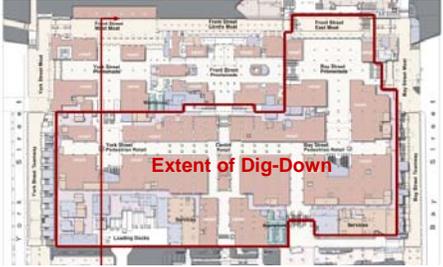


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- Enlarge concourse of busiest train station in Canada
- Create new commercial and food outlets
- Conserve one of Canada's most significant heritage sites

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2. THE REVITALIZATION PROJECT
2.2 THE CONCEPT

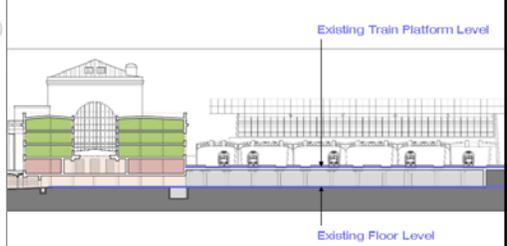


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- An area of 25,000 sqm (270,000 sqf) is dig down
- The dig-down ranges from 3 to 3.8 m
- Will roughly match elevation of TTC concourse

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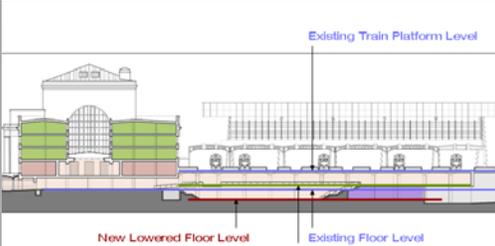


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- Section through the station before dig down

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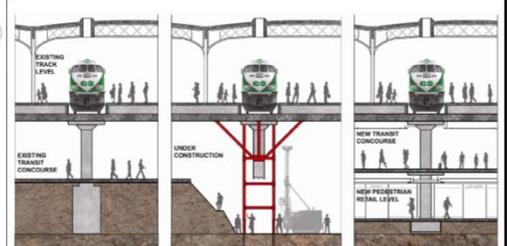


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- Section through the station after dig down

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- Column replacement concept

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2. THE REVITALIZATION PROJECT
2.3 THE UNDER-UTILIZED BASEMENT

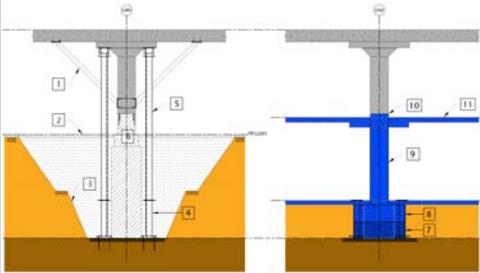


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Basement was used for parking, car rentals and only partially for station activities

3. COLUMN REPLACEMENT
3.1 PLANNED SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION



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3. COLUMN REPLACEMENT
3.2 ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT



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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Slab on grade is removed and site is excavated to bedrock to remove all unsuitable fill.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Micropiles are used to support the HSS shoring system.

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Jacks are placed at top of telescopic shoring posts. Manifold used to ensure equal pressure at 4 jacks.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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With jacking process completed, the telescopic shores are welded in place and jacks removed.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Once shored the existing column is cut, the pedestal removed and the rebars are prepared for coupling.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Mechanical couplers are installed in a staggered pattern to splice the new rebars to the round ones.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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New columns are formed, ready to pump SSC from the base. Grouting the last 50 mm follows

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Extended columns show dowels used to splice to drop panel rebars prior to casting suspended slab.

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Formwork and scaffolding prepared for casting the concourse slab

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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Lower retail space prior to casting the slab on grade



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3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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New upper concourse showing track slab, existing drop panels and column mushroom capitals



3. COLUMN REPLACEMENT
3.3 CONSTRUCTION



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Hub room slab on micropiles to support track equipment. Couplers used to connect to new slab.



4. MONITORING COLUMN REPLACEMENT



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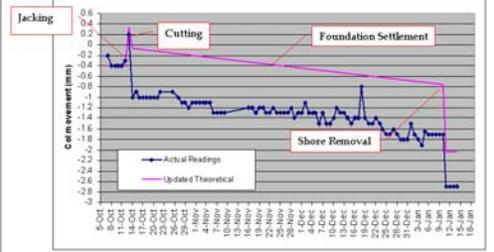
- Robotic total-station
- Monitoring during load transfer and beyond
- 0.3 mm accuracy
- 6 mm tolerance



4. MONITORING COLUMN REPLACEMENT



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Theoretical and actual movement of column



5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
5.1 MAIN ENCOUNTERED CONDITIONS



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- Column replacement
 - two stage cast
 - 1st pour early strength low shrinkage
 - 2nd pour 50 mm grout with ES and LS
- Column jacking
- Repair of spalled and delaminating concrete
- Carbonated concrete



5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
5.2 EXISTING CONCRETE STRENGTH

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Testing before and during the dig down

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- Assumed strength of columns is 25 MPa
- Tested concrete is higher than specified strength of 1.5 and 2 ksi assumed for lower and upper part of pedestals respectively
- Significant variability in the core testing
- The concept of CFRP could not be applied to the weak unreinforced concrete pedestals

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5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
5.3 MIX DESIGN SPECIFICATION

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Constraints on Mix Design

- Congestion of the reinforcement at splice
- Need to pump from the base of the column
- Vibration not practical
- limited access to the basement site
- Early strength required for replacing over 200 columns on site almost sequentially
- Shrinkage must be limited as casting is done between two set points to transfer load

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5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
5.3 MIX DESIGN SPECIFICATION

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Mix Design Criteria for Column Concrete

- Flowable SCC for pumping and eliminating need for vibration
- ShrinkGuard™ to reduce shrinkage
- 7 day strength of 35 MPa. Use of cement rich mix with WR admixture
- Maximum aggregate size is 10 mm
- Use of high range water reducing admixtures

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5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
5.4 MIX DESIGN – Self Consolidating Concrete

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- High Range Water Reducing Admixture
- Euclid Chemical admixture: **PLASTOL 5000**
- Polycarboxylate based
- Increases early concrete strength as well as ultimate strength.

• Other admixtures such as *Plastol 341* and *Eucon WR* have also been used.

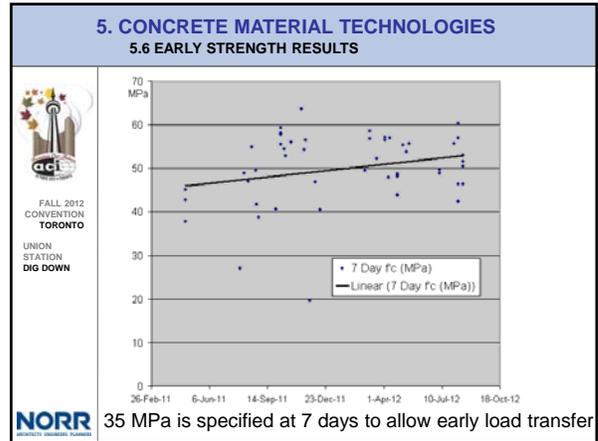
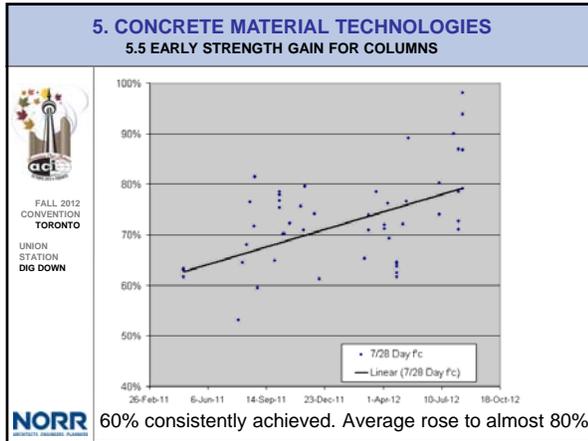
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5.4 MIX DESIGN – Shrinkage Reduction

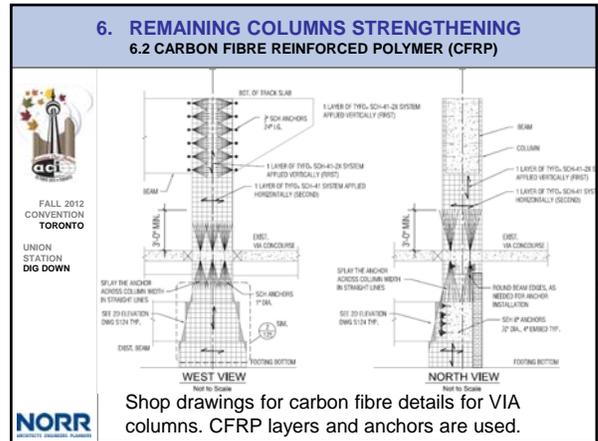
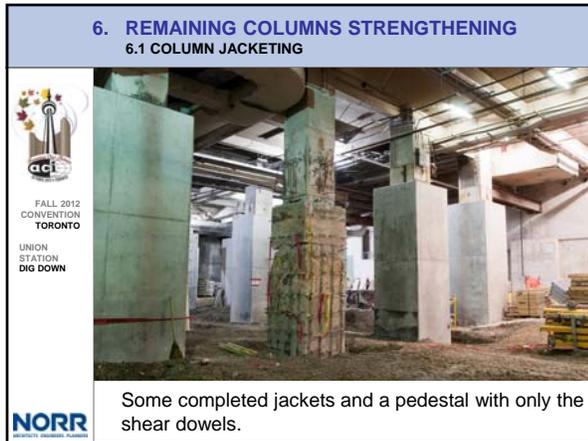
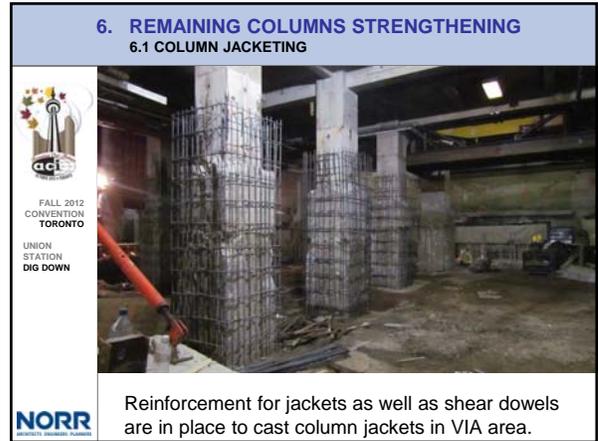
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- **ShrinkGuard™** is a ST MARYS CBM Shrinkage Reducing Admixture used to limit shrinkage by as much as 50% and is based on Eclipse® technology.
- **Eclipse® 4500** from Grace is a liquid admixture that dramatically reduces drying shrinkage. Rather than functioning as an expansive agent, Eclipse 4500 acts by reducing the surface tension of pore water

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- ### 5. CONCRETE MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES
- #### 5.7 Grout – Second Pour
- SikaGrout 212 HP
 - high-performance cementitious grout with silica fume
 - Two-stage shrinkage compensating mechanism in both the plastic and hardened states
 - Placed at various consistencies ranging from flowable to fluid



6. REMAINING COLUMNS STRENGTHENING
6.2 CARBON FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER (CFRP)

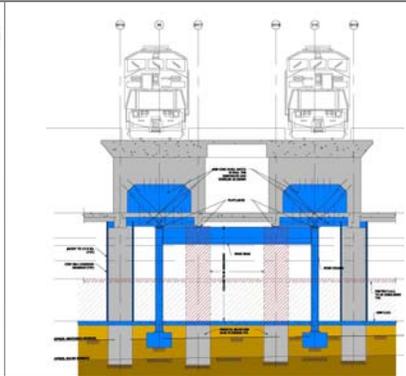


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Applied carbon fibre viewed from the lower retail level. Concrete jackets are planned for pedestals.



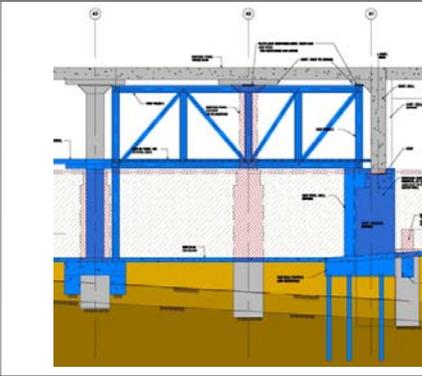
7. OTHER INTERVENTIONS
7.1 WIDENING OF MALL



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7.2 COLUMN REMOVAL AT LOADING DOCK



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Storey-high loading dock transfer trusses are erected in order to remove one line of columns



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7.2 COLUMN REMOVAL AT LOADING DOCK



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Two trusses per column take up its load. Jacks are placed on top of trusses to transfer load.



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7.2 COLUMN REMOVAL AT LOADING DOCK



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Column is wire cut at the underside of its capital. The column and pedestal are then segmentally removed.



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7.2 COLUMN REMOVAL AT LOADING DOCK



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Shown are the remaining column capital, trusses, their lateral restraint and a monitoring target

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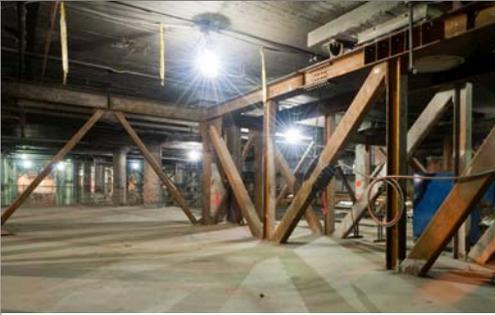


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Loading dock double width bay is created by the removal of a line of existing columns

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Trusses in the upper concourse over the new loading dock will be enclosed within partitions.

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