Presentation to the Swiss Public Transport Journalists



Agenda

- HNTB Overview
- HNTB Rail Systems
 Qualifications
- The Swiss Connection
- Overhead Contact System Capabilities
- Swiss Expertise



Corporate Overview

- Multidiscipline engineering firm specializing in rail/transit, aviation, DOT, toll, and water market sectors
- Architectural, engineering, consultant firm with more than 3,700 personnel in more than 70 offices nationwide
- #1 Go-To Mass Transit Design Firm (*Road & Bridges* - 2012)
- Celebrating 100 year anniversary







Local Presence

- Northeast
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts
- Maine
- Connecticut





HNTB Rail and Transit Client Map



HNTB Rail Systems Qualifications

- 400+ professionals specializing in rail/transit and railroad design engineering and inspection
- 100+ professionals specializing in rail/transit systems engineering
- Rail resources positioned strategically throughout the country to service our clients
- Massachusetts office is the National Center for Systems Engineering







Overhead Contact Systems Capabilities



Zakim Bridge

- Leonard P. Zakim Bridge Interstate-93
- Landmark bridge and structure
- HNTB Engineer of Record
- Conceptual designer-Christian Menn of Switzerland







OCS Capabilities

- Conceptual design
- Complete detailed design
- Construction phasing plans
- Existing system evaluation and condition assessment
- Renovation and modernization of existing systems
- Feasibility studies for new lines, planned extensions and improvements to existing systems
- Value engineering for various types of OCS design
- Transmission line design
- LiDAR surveying



Major OCS Clients

- Amtrak
- MBTA
- SEPTA
- Caltrain
- MNRR
- Toronto Transit
- SANDAG
- Muni

- DART
- Baltimore MTA
- St. Louis Metro
- San Jose VTA
- Los Angeles Metro
- Milwaukee Streetcar
- Washington DC Streetcar





Swiss OCS Expertise









Toronto Transit Commission OCS Conversion

- New fleet of streetcars
- Entire system OCS conversion 82km of track
- Elastic suspension
- Special low bridge suspension
- Reduction of hardware at intersections
- Sectionalizing at Grand Unions
- Aesthetic OCS
- Utilizes Kummler+Matter overhead
- HNTB leading the OCS design in conjunction with TTC engineers







Toronto Transit Commission K+M Overhead Components



Low bridge supports



Aesthetic intersections



Diode section insulator



Pole/pantograph crossing



Pole/pantograph curve pullovers



Elastic Arms-Union Station







Toronto Transit Commission Eglinton Tunnel Conductor Rail

- 19 km of tunnel
- Overhead system is Furrer
 + Frey conductor bar
- Concept designed by HNTB









Amtrak Thames River Bridge

- New bridge for Amtrak over the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut
- Bridge and OCS designed by HNTB
- Overhead system is Furrer + Frey conductor bar
- All Amtrak movable bridges use F+F Conductor Bar



Thames Bridge by HNTB

Furrer+Frey Conductor Bar



Amtrak and SEPTA Section Insulators

- Electric Railroads use Sectionners
- Arthur Flury Sectionners in Use
- Excellent Results



SEPTA Regional Rail System



MBTA Boston Overhead Contact System

- Extensive use of Kummler + Matter OCS Hardware
 - Used in light rail, streetcar and trolley bus system
 - K+M hardware is use
 - Section insulators
 - Pullover arms
 - Trolley wire splices
 - Wire crossing devices
 - Door bridge devices
 - Elastic hangers
 - Elastic arms
 - Insulators



- Steady arms
- Cantilever arms-ARCAS system
- Trolley Bus switches and crossings
- Inclined Pendulum Suspension
- Balance weights and weight brakes



K+M Engineering Excellence

Meeting the needs of the client

- Modifications to Elastic Hanger
 - MBTA required articulation
 - K+M incorporated this into their standard part
- Modifications to Elastic Arm
 - MBTA required swivel end
 - K+M designed special fitting now a standard part
- Special contactor for Trolley Bus Switch
 - Designed special parts

- Diode Sectionner for pantograph
 - Designed for all pantograph operation
- Short Pendulum
 - Designed for Harvard Square
 Subway







K+M Components



Feed Tap Clamp



Diode Sectionner for Pantograph



Between the Tracks **Balance Weight**



Weight Brake



Roll up Door Bridge



Balance Weight Brake



Double Beam Sectionner



K+M ARCAS Cantilevers Assemblies







MBTA Blue Line



Overlaps



Original Overlap Beacon Street Overlap



Blue Line Airport Overlap





Rebuilt Overlaps



Trolley Bus-Silver Line



Switches and Crossings



Short Pendulums





Elastic Hangers



Diode Section Insulators



Trolley Bus-Cambridge/Watertown/Belmont



Cambridge Common



North Portal



West Portal



Waverly Square



Swiss OCS Engineering and Material

- Highest quality material
- Well engineered-like a "Swiss Watch"
- Ensures reliable train operation
- Minimal maintenance





HNTB Philosophy

- Quality Work
- On Time
- On Budget
- To the Client's Satisfaction











