

Tunnel Terminology

Tunnel:

- underground passageway dug (excavated) through the earth

Portal:

- the entrance or exit from the ground surface to the tunnel

Trench:

- an excavation dug into the ground

Cut-and-Cover:

- tunnel construction method that requires digging a trench, installing the tunnel structure, then covering it with fill

Bored Tunnel:

- tunnel construction method that requires excavation of a tube-like opening

Bore:

- the tube-like opening with a lining for ground support

Liner:

- material that supports the ground and forms the bore interior

Invert:

- the base interior level of the bore; considered the "floor" of the tunnel

