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Performance Measurement on a Connected Site

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About the Speakers

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- Currently work for Western Program Alliance as part of the Level Crossing Removal Projects,
- Work side by side to generate the most value from Connected Sites,
- Both are passionate about changing the construction industry



About the Topic



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Topic outline

In this presentation we'll explain:

- 'What is the Connected Site' and how it started,
- What Connected Site set out to achieve,
- The journey to date and challenges faced,
- What we have created and
- Where we are going next.







Why it all started

Is there anything more to say?

Then the facts:

- Resource shortage
- A saturation of work





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The mantra of Connected Sites was simple:

"A solution that was rapidly deployable, cheap and real-time."

A solution that was Problem First, not Technology led.



From the holistic idea





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From the holistic idea through to



through to the Final Solution





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What is an 'Reinforced Earth Wall'?

- Structure made of three key elements:
 - Precast Panels (roughly 2x2m and 1.4t each),
 - Fill Material and
 - Metal straps (tying to the precast into the compacted material)
- Relies on the correct sequence of concurrent activities

Why is the 'Reinforced Earth Wall' important?

- Is the Projects critical path activity,
- A delay in that could result in a delay in project completion







The Northern RE Wall Construction at Aviation Road







With the Critical Path in Mind-A New Focus

What problems did we want to solve?

- How much Fill has been placed today vs Planned?
- How many panels have been installed today vs Planned?

Associated KPI's

- Plant Hours per widget,
- Labour Hours per widget,
- Cost per widget.





Constraints

- Only 6 weeks left of Pilot
- Infrastructure was just up and running

How?

- Implementing 'Collaborative Planning'
- Detailed Milestones
- Agreed on Minimal Viable Product





What we knew

- Planned vs Actual was the critical measure
- Targets changed frequently

What we needed to allow for

- Ability to add Daily/Weekly Targets
- All Fill Material types need to be tracked
- A distinction between Direct vs Stockpile placement

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RE Wall Fill Material Tracking – What we did

- Created an App
- Gave the Gate Keeper the responsibility
- At each entry, details were logged directly to the system
- Demonstrated Real-Time Tracking of Fill







Total Fill Today

RE Wall Fill Material Tracking - Did it work?

- Fill Material Tracking was a great success
- Several add-on benefits including the removal of some administrative effort
- Instantly shows if there might be any issues through the visuals.







RE Wall Panel Tracking – The Theory

- Overlay of Panel GPS Location (from Model),
- Correlate the position of Installation Crane,
- Assume a stationary crane over the alignment represented an install.







RE Wall Panel Tracking – What we did

- Used existing GPS Sensors
- Increased accuracy and data pack intervals (1 min to 15 sec)
- Placed two sensors on the installation Crane (Body and end of Boom)









RE Wall Panel Tracking - Did it work?

- No... Why?
- Relied on:
 - GPS sensitivity which had a large scatter, therefore required aggregation, and
 - An algorithm and Al which didn't get to a working solution
- BUT, watch this space!











Connected Sites version 2.0

The pilot was a success and will be utilized on the next Project/s

- Expanding the Existing Use Cases through:
 - Geofencing for cost code reconciliation
 - Utilizing Machine Learning
- Developing new Use Cases, including:
 - Prestart and Toolbox attendances,
 - Gate Keeper Processes and
 - Individual Precast Panel Tracking.





Prestart and Toolbox attendance

- Removes the paper attendance form,
- Records attendance with a simple scan,
- Uses existing mandatory ID Card,
- Collates meeting content,
- All stored in central location and
- Can be readily reported on.





Gate Keeper Processes

- Major Workflow removes several paper forms, including:
 - Driver Inductions and
 - Dockets
- Records vehicles currently on site,
- Time In and out of site,
- Actual Deliveries made vs Planned,
- Visibility of locations of where deliveries are placed,
- Plus many more.





Individual Precast Panel Tracking

- Transforms an entire process through full visibility, by:
 - Including the Supply Chain,
 - Embedding Baseline, Forecast and Actuals for:
 - Cast,
 - Delivery and
 - Installation.
- Associated escalations if Forecast is exceeded and
- Incorporates QA documentation.







