# Summary of the Transport System for the Near Detectors

**Discussion topics** 

- Transport system General Description
- Transport system Movement Devices
- Transport system Unknowns & Mockup
- Transport system speeds/times/acceleration



### **General description**

- Unmanned, remote control movement
- Movement max speed is 10.2 cm/min, after 60 minutes of accelerating to that speed.
- Deacceleration is also spread over 60 minutes.
- The distance traveled between stops is approximately 4 meters, total travel of 30.5 meters.
- The return trip may have different stop locations, but accelerations and speeds will remain the same.
- The stop locations will vary run to run.
- The movement cycle will repeat every two weeks for 15 years.
- Use a series of roller chain type "skates" and support rails to move heavy machines to be used to move liquid filled detectors used in experiments.
- Movement is powered by electric motors and gearboxes within skate.
- The detector weight is 900 tonnes with a 20 tonne horizontal side moment load.



### **General description**

Desired total travel is within 8 hours

- 1 hour preparation at the beginning and at the end
- 6 hours remain for travel time
- Average speed is 8.5cm/min over 30.5m
- 9 stops within the 30.5m are planned, actual locations to be flexible per run
- Repeatable stop locations within +/-1cm needed; +/-1mm desired
- A round trip may take 2 weeks







## Commonality





### **Transport System Devices**

#### Use Hilman Powered rollers to move detectors



This example shows (6) 100 ton electric motorized roller assemblies moving a 400 ton test load at 1 ft/min for a nuclear waste conversion plant. Our loads are higher and speeds slower.





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Guide rollers at the 4 corners are sufficient to handle the 20 tonne side loads





### Hilman skates are common

- Non-powered Hilmans are used through out FNAL and other labs for heavier loads than we need to move
- There are several manufacturers of the non-powered skates, but only Hilman has the powered version, and its patented.
- Using a linear gear system (Rack & Pinion) would not be a smooth movement system
- A powered Hilman should be the choice, but limits us to a single vendor



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## **Powered Hilman skate**



#### Hilman 200 Tonne capacity unit



## **Determining Location along rails**

Current thoughts

- Use a rotary encoder
- Driven by a rack mounted to the rail & a pinion gear on the encoder
- Mount in a protected location below floor level
- Attach encoder to a Hilman
- Encoder output sent to control room



## Unknowns

Does motion create sloshing within a detector? Potential vibration sources-

- 1. From skates
- 2. From skate to rail interface
- 3. From energy chain
- 4. Other unknown sources

Rail cleanliness an issue?

Other issues?





## **Mockups planned**

Expect many future discussions on the following:

- 1. Considering needs & goals
- 2. Considering a scaled model
- 3. Determine if & how fluid sloshing can be modeled
- 4. Need to establish time schedule
- 5. Need to establish costs



## **Plans for Hilman**

- Hilman initially quoted \$885k and a 20 week delivery for (6) 200 Tonne units, rails, and motor control system; per detector movement system
- One system would be used for each detector
- Using a system under SAND is TBD

Future plans

- Visit Hilman in NJ
- Better understand the details of their proposal
- Refine specs, requote, etc
- Order a system for mockup trials



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- Acceleration curves

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### **Transport system movement speeds**

- Speed-time-distance charts for 4m travel within 1.6 hrs
- 9 stops along 30.5m travel.
  Flexible locations TBD
- Acceleration remains at 0.17cm/sec<sup>2</sup>





# Discussions



