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Global Benchmarking Program
About the Benchmarking Program

- Dedicated mechanism to discover and adapt proven international innovations to help FHWA respond to challenges facing the U.S. highway system
- Connects FHWA technical experts with transportation advances around the world

Program Goal:
*Avoid duplicative research, reduce overall costs, and accelerate improvements to our transportation system*
Fixed Fire-Fighting Systems in Highway Tunnels

From the final report on Burnley:

“Overall, in fire safety terms, the provision of the water based deluge system and smoke control system appear to have contributed most significantly to life safety and minimisation of asset damage and operational interruption.”
Bridge Security Design Manual
Thank You!

Questions?