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Engineers keep aerial tram on track

LACEY, WA, March 31, 2016 – Cars, buses, shuttles, bicycles, a pedestrian bridge, a streetcar, a shipyard, a cycle track, and an aerial tramway - that's what you'll find at the most transportation-diverse intersection in the country located in Portland, Ore.

SCJ Alliance, a Northwest consulting firm, has been selected to be the Independent Ropeway Engineer for the tram, one of the only aerial commuter trams in the nation. SCJ has national ropeway transportation experience with high-profile projects including the gondola in Steamboat Springs, CO and the Roosevelt Island Tramway in New York City. SCJ also specializes in transportation planning and design, civil engineering, environmental and urban planning, landscape architecture and design and public outreach.



SCJ's responsibilities for Portland's tram include performing announced and unannounced inspections to ensure the system is being operated and maintained properly. With those checks in place, the city can count on the tram's reliability as a vital piece of their transportation network.

The tram's upper terminal serves as a critical transportation connection to the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) where as many 20,000 people visit every day and connects passengers to two other hospitals, a residential neighborhood and a network of nature trails.



"It is a very exciting opportunity to be able to work with the City of Portland, OHSU and Doppelmayr on this high profile urban tramway system," said SCJ Project Manager, Joel Deis, PE. "Having the opportunity to see how successful this system has been in a transit-centric city like Portland has made me appreciate how ropeways can provide safe, reliable, fun transportation in an urban environment."

SCJ Alliance is a nationally-recognized, award-winning company founded in 2006 as Shea Carr Jewell. Celebrating their 10 year anniversary in May, SCJ has grown steadily from three employees in one location, to a dynamic team of nearly 70 employees in five locations, including Vancouver, WA.