

Schwarzbachtrasse: Former railway by citizens

Since 17 years I support the projects of the association called Wuppertalbewegung / Wuppertal Movement - our town is close to Düsseldorf and Cologne.



Before i present these project i would like to introduce our association:
We are a non-profit association with more than 1.000 members and about 30 active citizens.

Five Projects



First Path: Nordbahntrasse

Our association initiated **the Nordbahntrasse** wrote funding applications and provided the 10% own contribution and realized 2.5 kilometers of the route. **Through our expertise** in conversion of the former railway line, we converted a second cyclepath and footpath.



Second Path: Schwarzbachtrasse

Our Association was the builder of the "**Schwarzbachtrasse**", which was made possible by a **ground lease**. (Five years)
In this way it was possible for us to build a public transportation path on public land.



About Funding

December 2017, the Wuppertal Movement receives the notification of funding of **90% from the national climate protection initiative.**

3.6 million Euros were **budgeted** for the **realization of the 1.8 km stretch**, but we need less than Euro 3.32 million. We had **cost savings of about 280,000.**

The **Wuppertal Movement bears 10%** as a private contribution including the planning costs.

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NATIONALE
KLIMASCHUTZ
INITIATIVE

By Citizens for Citizens

There was a great interest from the beginning: In April 2017, the activities started with a first large-scale route inspection, where hundreds of citizens explored the route.



Helping hands

The route was cleared of waste that has accumulated for many years.



Successful Voluntary Work

Dipl. Ing. Michael Kraft, Lutz Essrich, Rolf Dellenbusch, Dr. Carsten Gerhardt



All activities were centrally handled by the citizens' initiative (Wuppertal Movement) from **planning over acquisition of funds** to building and operating the track.

The Route



Skizze Yvonne Schmitz

Technical details

The use of the route as a cycle path required extensive rehabilitation measures on engineering structures in 2018 and 2019.

For the 186 meter long viaduct, the base course was excavated and renewed in a width of 6 meters.

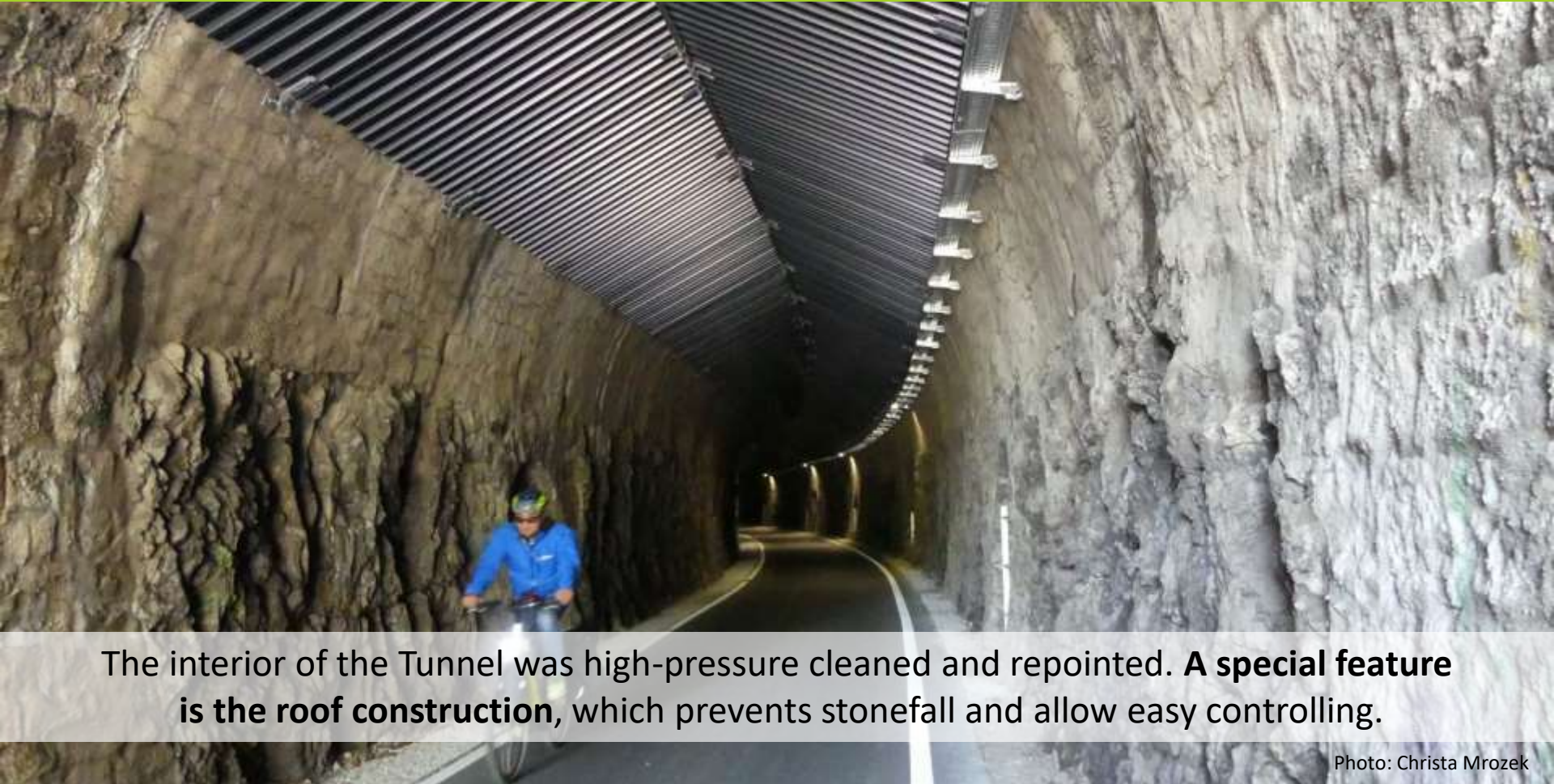


Renovated Bridges

Two steel bridges from the 19th century were renovated from the ground up. They were completely derusted and given a new primer and protective coating.



Special Roof Construction



The interior of the Tunnel was high-pressure cleaned and repointed. **A special feature is the roof construction**, which prevents stonefall and allow easy controlling.

Rock Walls

Very important was to **protect the way for falling stones**.
A special company stretched metal-nets over a large area on the rock walls.



The Lighting



We decided to use cost-saving LED light for the entire route, in the tunnel and the portal.

The Opening was 2020

Since 2020 it's a route to work, school and connection path.

50,000 residents get to other bike paths such as Rhein-Ruhr area. (Panorama cycle path, Ruhrradweg and more...)



The Graffiti-Art-Bridge

We are the first private initiative, that has built a highly challenging track with 1 viaduct, 1 tunnel, 3 bridges one is the Graffiti-Art-Bridge. (Before it was a grey concrete Bridge).



Tasks of our association

2006-2023

CONVERSION A RAILWAY PATH

Initiation & Applications for Funding
Rough Work by volunteers
Citizens build a sidewalk
Our Association realized 2,5 from 22 kilometers



PUBLIC WORK

Archive about all press Information
Documentation & Presentations
Bike Tours for experts
Creation a Route Plan



PRESERVATION AND CARE

Railroad History
Draisine Activities
Belvedere Park with the Greenteam
Waste away



INFORMATION

Calender since 2010 (Before & Now)
Info-Flyer during the conversion
Guides and Volunteers
Create a Plan about the highlights



Thank you for your attention

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