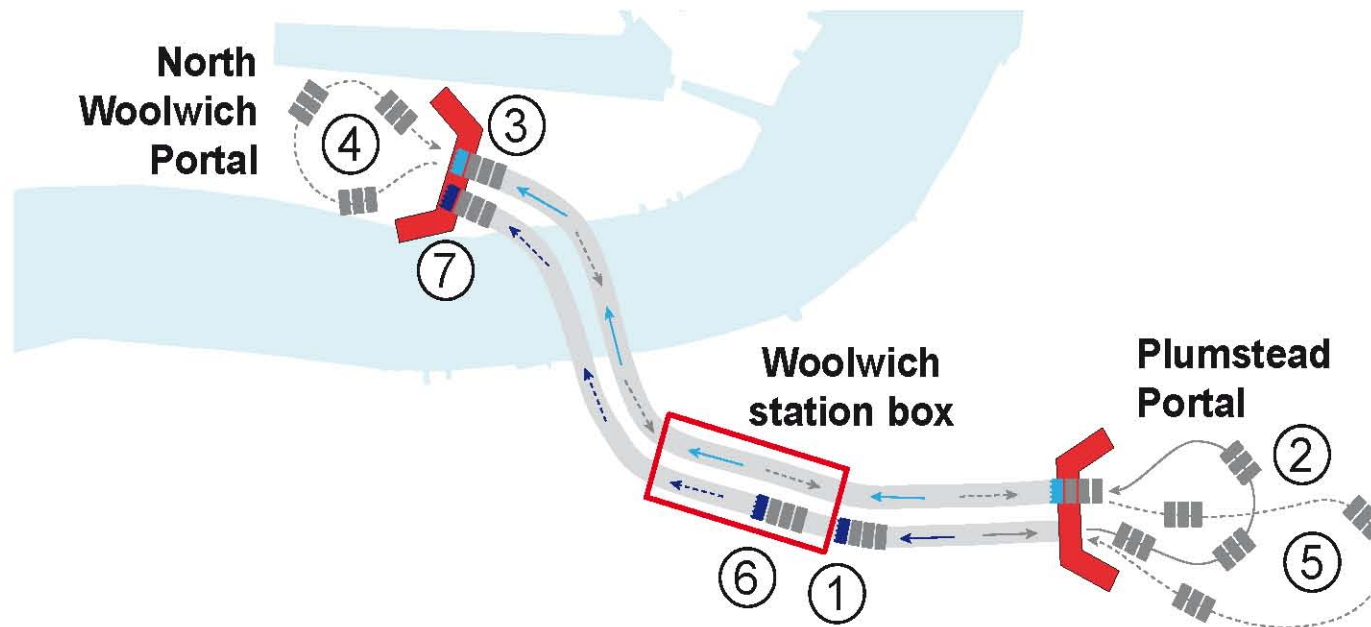


Tunnelling Sequence for the Thames Tunnel



- ① Deployment of first westbound drive up to station box, cutter head detached and maintained in position, back up system returns to Plumstead Portal
- ② Back up system turns about at Plumstead Portal and relaunched with new cutter head
- ③ Eastbound tunnel boring complete, cutter head recovered
- ④ Back up system recovered and turned around at North Woolwich Portal and taken back through bored tunnel
- ⑤ Back up system turned around at Plumstead Portal and rejoined to waiting cutter head at ①
- ⑥ Westbound drive recommenced now the station box has been completed
- ⑦ Westbound tunnel complete