

SHAPING FUTURES

Ontario Minor League Stadium City of Ontario



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A Deadline That Couldn't Move

ONT Field had no flexible deadline. The ballpark was committed to opening for the 2026 California League season and for an inaugural concert and sold-out Opening Day, both scheduled before construction documents were complete. Built on a fast-track, multi-prime delivery method for the City of Ontario, the project carried a fixed opening date, a \$250 million budget, and a mandate to anchor the largest sports and entertainment complex of its kind in Southern California. Schedule was the priority, and every decision was measured against it.

Beyond the ballpark, Tilden-Coil is also constructing the Ontario Sports Empire, the largest sports and entertainment district in Southern California. Located on the same nearly 200-acre site as ONT Field, this regional complex will feature eight baseball/softball diamonds, eight full-size soccer fields, multi-use athletic fields, six concession stands, two championship plazas, playgrounds, and a family activity area with public art installations.

Inside ONT Field

ONT Field is a 6,500-seat Single-A ballpark and the home of the Ontario Tower Buzzers, the Los Angeles Dodgers' new Single-A affiliate. The venue offers 4,500 fixed seats plus berm and terraced seating, and includes a team store, an exterior food hall pavilion, dugout suites, press facilities, team clubhouses, a private club, and suites. It is designed for dual use: professional baseball alongside concerts, festivals, and community events. The stadium takes its name from nearby Ontario International Airport, which purchased the naming rights, a theme the Tower Buzzers' identity continues.

Tilden-Coil was engaged early to assist the City with architect procurement, interviews, and contract negotiations. Before design began, the team worked with the City to define and rank project priorities, with schedule established as the primary constraint.

Quick Facts

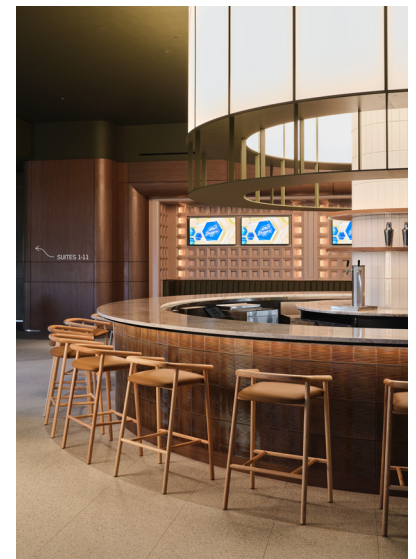
Architect: Populous

Delivery: CM Multi-Prime

Construction: 18 months

Capacity: 6,500

Scope: Single-A ballpark with team store, food hall pavilion, dugout suites, press facilities, team clubhouses, and private club and suites



Pictured Above: VIP Bar



Aligned From Day One

Populous coordinated tours with the Tilden-Coil and the City to visit several stadiums across the United States that reflected the scale and character the City envisioned. This enabled programming and conceptual design to start from an informed, practical perspective. After this, Tilden-Coil and Populous facilitated a series of structured visioning sessions. These sessions identified design goals, operational needs, fan experience priorities, and revenue generating opportunities.

Throughout every meeting, schedule remained at the forefront. As design progressed, any decision that introduced potential schedule risk was identified immediately and addressed strategically. Rather than deferring difficult conversations, we proactively evaluated alternatives, phasing strategies, and procurement solutions to protect the critical path. This disciplined approach allowed the project team to make timely decisions and avoid cumulative delays that often occur during design development.

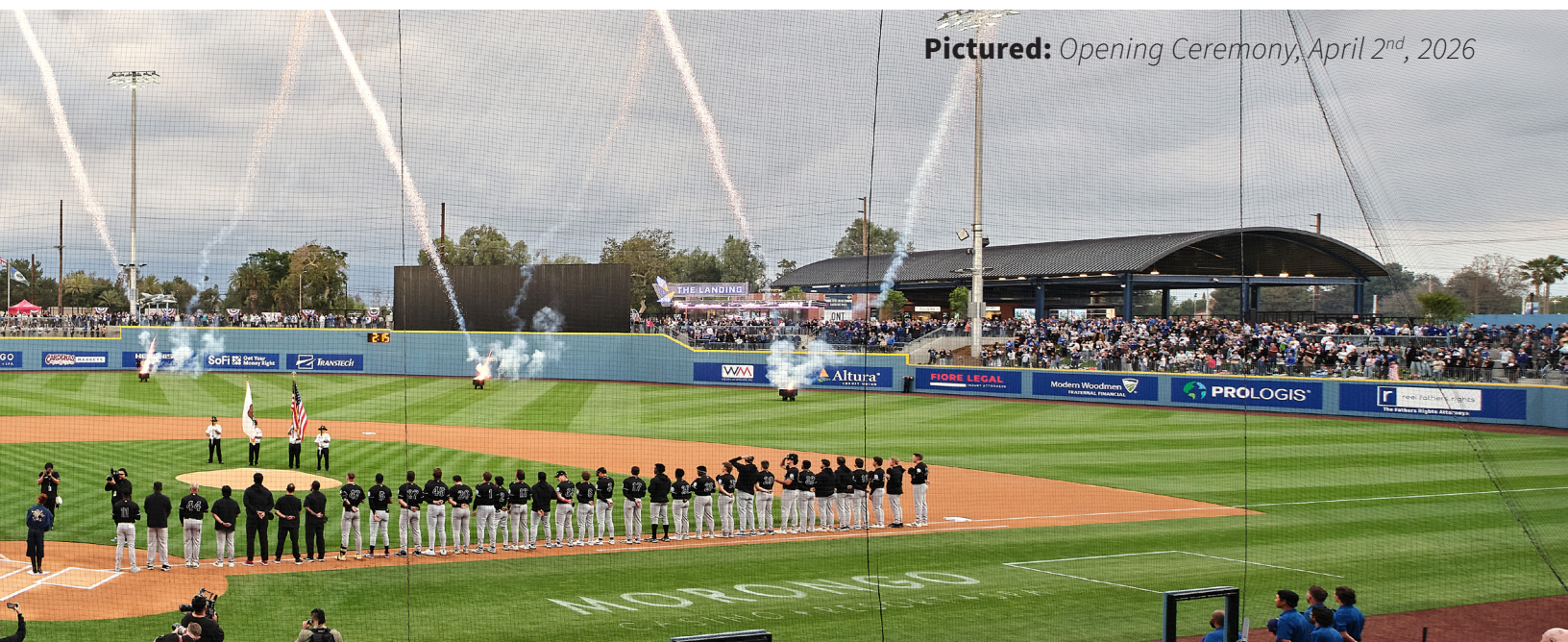
The importance of City of Ontario's leadership to the project's success can not be understated. The City:

- Set clear goals/expectations from the very beginning and did not waiver
- Made decisions within minutes, not days week or months
- Held everyone accountable, including their own team
- Was available 24/7 to support the team
- Continually challenged and motivated the team
- Encouraged safety at the beginning of every meeting

"The ONT Field stadium project is special and represents something truly exceptional. Achieving its completion in such a short timeframe was impressive and a clear reflection of the commitment, coordination, and excellence of the TCC team including all the contractors and team members behind the scenes. Everyone was responsive, collaborative, and highly professional. This is a project that will remain in our memories as an incredible success of which we can all feel proud."

**- Cynthia Heredia-Torres, Design & Construction Principal Project Manager,
City of Ontario**

18 months. One month early. A deadline that could not move.



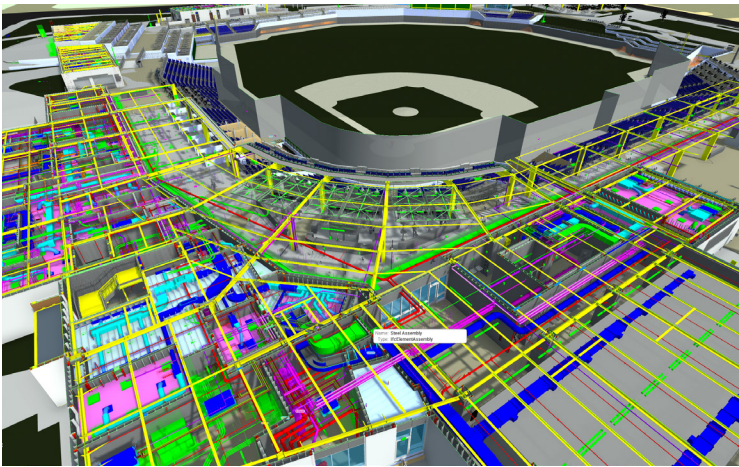
Pictured: Opening Ceremony, April 2nd, 2026

Won in Preconstruction

The success of this project was rooted in disciplined and intentional preconstruction planning. From day one, the team defined scope, sequencing, procurement strategy, and critical-path activities, identified high-risk items early, and front-loaded long-lead materials to protect the schedule. The emphasis on anticipating risks and staying ahead of procurement allowed the team to make informed decisions quickly and maintain momentum throughout construction.

Real-Time Cost and Constructability Input

One of the most significant advantages of Tilden-Coil's early involvement was the ability to provide real-time cost feedback. During design, Tilden-Coil worked closely with the owner and architect to continuously align scope with budget and schedule objectives. As concepts evolved, we provided detailed cost estimates to help the City evaluate trade-offs between premium amenities, long-term revenue enhancements, and schedule implications. This allowed the City to make informed decisions about scope without losing sight of the top priority, which was the schedule.



Simultaneously, our team conducted multiple constructability reviews as construction documents were being developed. Using building information modeling and three dimensional coordination tools, we evaluated structural systems, MEP integration, access sequencing, and logistics. These reviews reduced ambiguity in the documents, enhanced bidder confidence, and minimized the risk of change orders during construction.

Pictured Above: *BIM Coordination Model*

We also presented value engineering recommendations. Rather than reducing quality, these recommendations focused on improving efficiency, simplifying construction sequencing, and identifying material or system alternatives that maintained design intent, while supporting budget and schedule goals.

Strategic Procurement and Phased Bidding

Recognizing the fixed opening date, the team developed a phased bidding and procurement strategy, releasing trade packages in multiple phases so early work could proceed while later elements were still being finalized. The offsite utilities package and the parking structure were bid early and constructed on separate critical-path timelines.

To stay ahead of supply-chain risk, the team worked with the design team to identify long-lead components and secure them early, notably procuring switchgear roughly 3-6 months before needing to be installed, ensuring critical systems would not jeopardize the opening.

Structuring the bid process this way broadened subcontractor participation and created competitive tension. Clear documentation and early engagement with key trades produced strong bid coverage and a bid-day value that came in 1% under the client's budget.

Delivering One Month Early

Effective preconstruction planning positioned the project for a well coordinated start to construction. Design documents were thoroughly reviewed, long lead materials were proactively procured, and trade partners were aligned with the project schedule and expectations. The impact was measurable:

- 18 months from groundbreaking to delivery
- Completed one month ahead of schedule
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy achieved December 2025
- Opened March 2026 for an inaugural concert headlined by The Avett Brothers and Dwight Yoakam, ahead of the Tower Buzzers' sold-out April 2nd home opener
- 2,600+ coordination issues identified and resolved prior to field installation
- 18 days from BIM coordination to field installation across ~25,000 sq ft of underground utilities
- Switchgear and long-lead systems procured early

With schedule certainty as the top priority, the outcome reinforced the value of disciplined preconstruction leadership and early alignment. The team operated as one integrated group, resolving challenges collaboratively while building trust, accountability, and strong working relationships across the contractor, designer, and owner teams.

Safety Without Compromise

On a project defined by speed, the high standard for safety was never compromised. Safety was planned with the same discipline that protected the critical path; sequencing, site logistics, and trade coordination were meticulously planned with job site safety in mind. The result speaks for itself: the project was delivered with zero recordable incidents, proof that finishing early and working safely are not competing goals.

Pictured Below: *Steel Erection, March 2025*



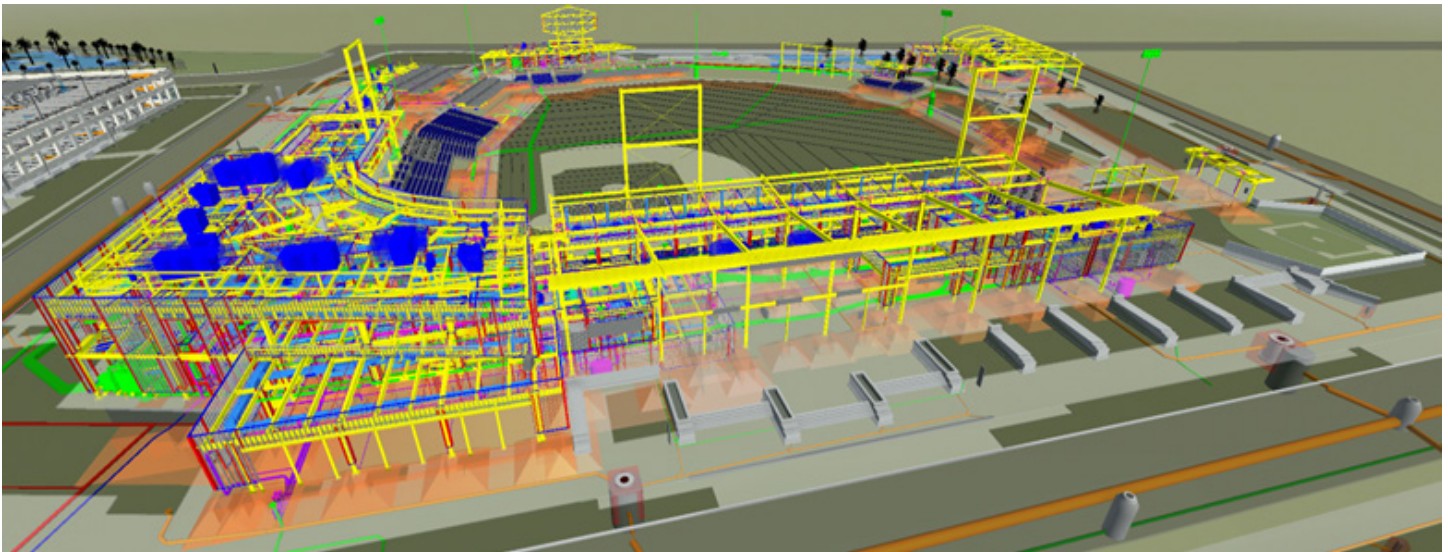
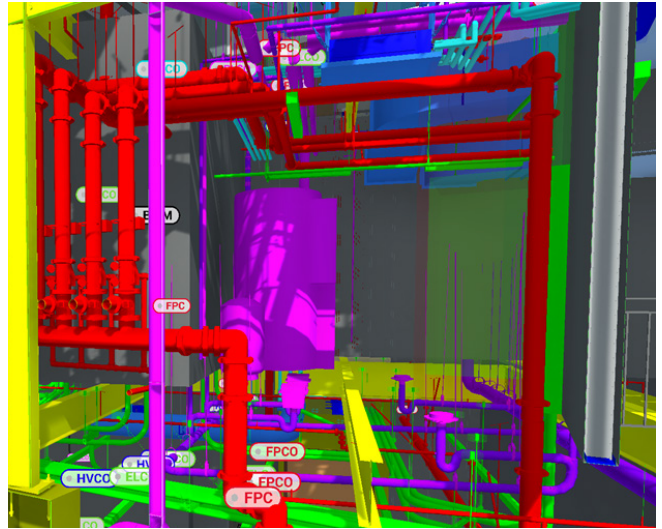
"The design and construction team worked together to create a place where people of all groups can come together and enjoy some Ontario Tower Buzzers baseball or enjoy an evening at a music concert on the field. ONT Field has been a constructive challenge for the Populous and Tilden Coil team to come up with creative solutions to get the stadium done efficiently on an accelerated schedule."

- Casey Hagen, Senior Associate, Architect, Populous

Built Digitally First

The Ontario Ballpark project required an aggressive, fast-track delivery approach where early construction activities began before full design completion. Leveraging BIM and VDC processes, the team successfully coordinated complex building systems, kept pace with a compressed schedule, and integrated multiple deferred approval designs.

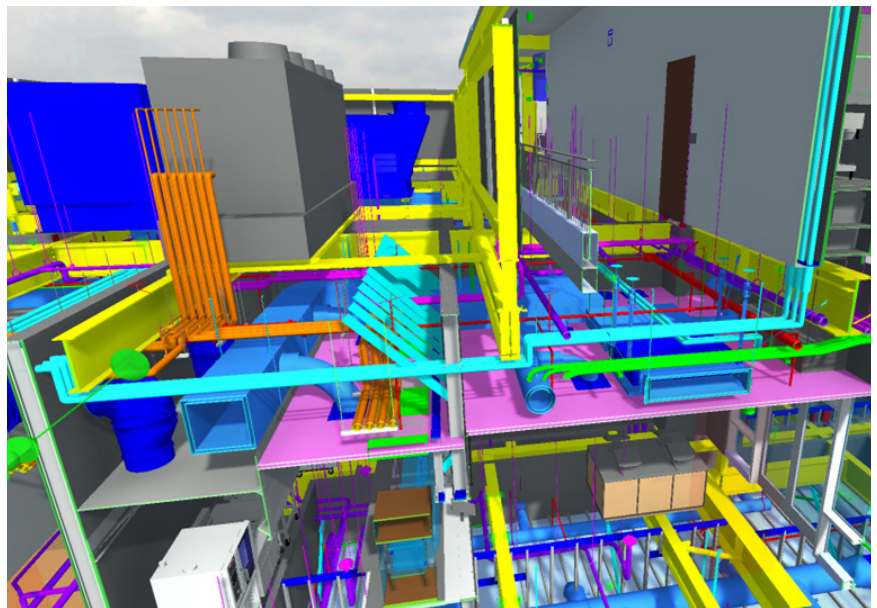
The coordination model illustrates the high level of system density across structural steel, MEP trades, and architectural elements within the stadium and adjacent facilities. Multiple systems were developed concurrently, requiring precise spatial planning and continuous collaboration week to week.



BIM coordination officially kicked off on October 3, 2024. Within just 18 days, deep underground utilities serving approximately 25,000 square feet of the field-level building were:

- Fully coordinated in the model
- Converted into shop drawings
- Fabricated and delivered to the site
- Started being installed in the field

This rapid turnaround required real time decision making and close collaboration between design teams, trade partners, and field crews. The ability to move from coordination to fabrication and installation in such a short timeframe was critical to maintaining the overall project schedule.



Parallel Coordination to Protect the Critical Path

One of the most significant challenges was coordinating early underground systems, while simultaneously advancing overhead building systems. Structural steel fabrication and delivery were on the project's critical path, leaving no room for delay. Through model-based coordination, the team:

- Ensured underground routing would not conflict with foundations or structural elements
- Advanced overhead coordination early enough to support steel detailing and fabrication
- Prevented rework that could have impacted erection sequencing

2,600 Conflicts Resolved Ahead of Construction

Over the course of coordination, more than 2,600 major issues were identified and resolved using Revizto Collaboration Software. This issue tracking process enabled accountability across all trades and an efficient method of quick response to RFI questions. The design team had direct access to the collaboration model, which enabled rapid understanding of the issue along

with an illustrated resolution in many cases. This meant the entire team was able to address conflicts digitally rather than in the field.

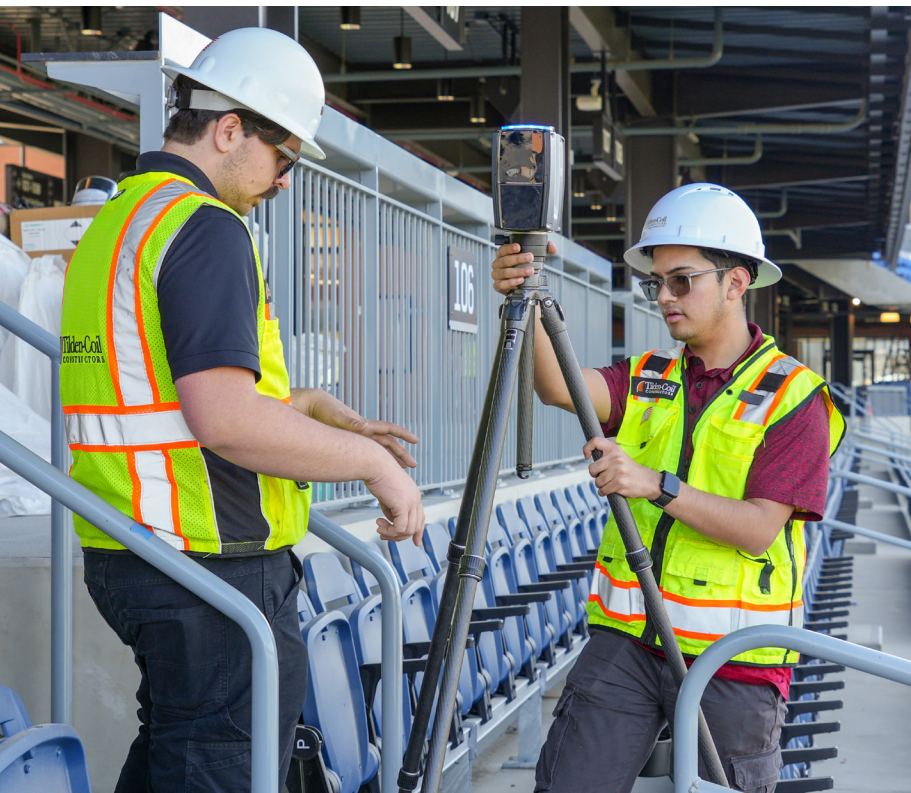
Integration of Deferred Approval Systems

The project included several deferred approval components, notably, Metal Stud Framing, Fire Protection Systems, Curtain Wall, and Pre-cast Seating. Because these designs were developed after initial coordination began, the BIM process remained flexible. As new information became available, systems were modeled, checked against existing coordinated systems and validated for constructability prior to installation.

Outcome

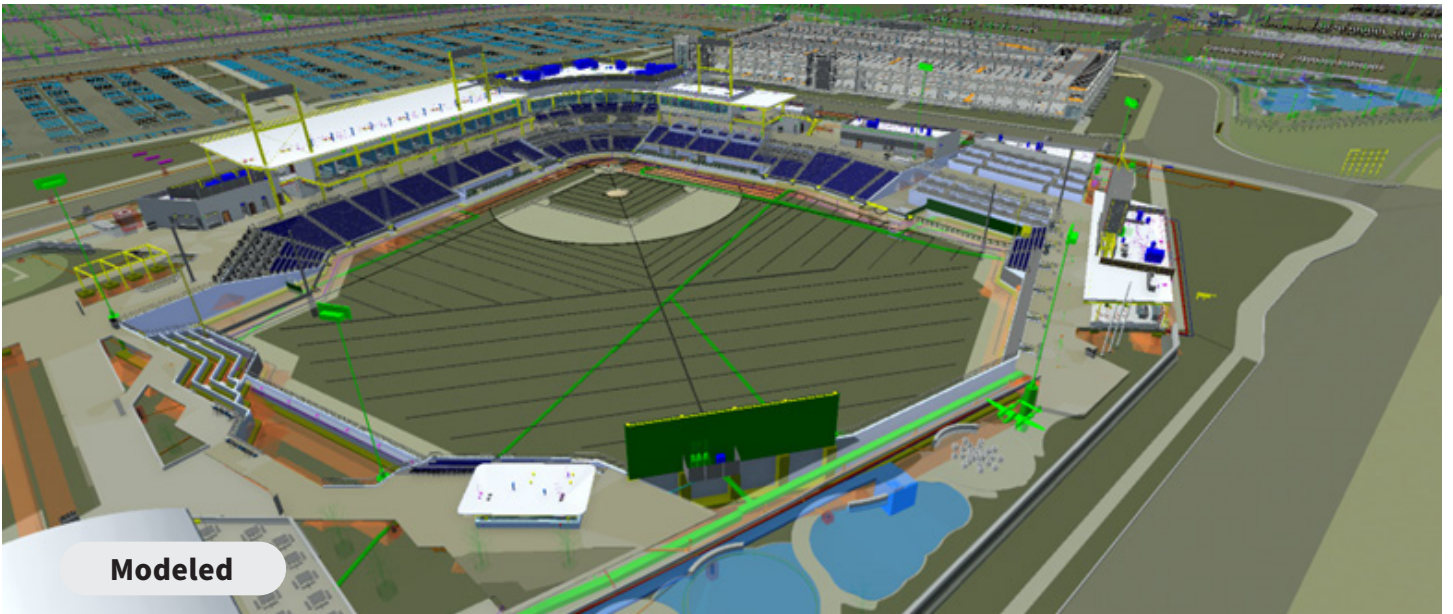
Disciplined trade coordination kept fabrication and installation ahead of the critical path and let the team resolve conflicts digitally rather than in the field. By integrating deferred-approval systems as their designs matured, without disrupting already-coordinated work, the VDC process absorbed the fast-track sequence that would otherwise have generated rework and delay. The result was a coordination process that directly supported the project's on-time, fast-track delivery.

Pictured Below: Reality-capture scanning verified installed work against the coordinated model throughout construction.



Pictured Below: Team Lounge





Modeled



Built



Opened

The Team Behind the Build

Great accomplishments require great partnerships! Tilden-Coil recognizes those exceptional prime contractors who played a major role in completing this project:

- Anderson Charnesky Structural Steel Inc.
- Best Contracting Services, Inc.
- Bogh Engineering LLC
- Bomel Construction Company, Inc.
- BrightView Landscape Services, Inc.
- California Commercial Pools, Inc.
- Caston, Inc.
- Commercial Roofing Systems, Inc.
- CONCO
- Continental Plumbing, Inc.
- Crew, Inc.
- Econo Fence, Inc.
- ECORP Consulting, Inc.
- Golden State Glazing, Inc.
- Haxton Masonry, Inc.
- Inland Building Construction Companies, Inc.
- J.P.I. Development Group, Inc.
- K & Z Cabinet Co., Inc.
- Kamran and Company LLC
- KCB Towers, Inc.
- Kerns Inc. A California Corporation
- KPFF Consulting Engineers
- Magnum Drywall, Inc.
- Progressive Surface Solutions LLC
- Rancho Pacific Electric Construction, Inc.
- Southcoast Acoustical Interiors, Inc.
- Star Hardware
- Terra Pave, Inc.
- Third Floor North
- Westland Mechanical LLC



Baggage Claim Food Plaza



Team Reception



Private Suite

Pictured Below: *Entry Pavilion*



"Arguably the best minor league stadium in the whole nation, regardless of classification"

- Allan Benavides, General Manager

"The Tilden-Coil team demonstrated a disciplined and professional approach to leadership and problem solving throughout the entire project. Their process was consistently fact-based, option-oriented, and solution-focused, which proved invaluable when navigating the challenges of this fast-paced and complex project. When issues arose, their team did not simply identify problems, they presented clear options and solutions that allowed the City to make decisions with confidence."

- Dan Beers, Design & Construction Director, City of Ontario







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