

City of Sacramento Department of Utilities in Initial Phase of Southeast Transmission Main Project

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities (DOU) is planning a water pipeline project that will provide dependable and high-quality drinking water to the southeastern Sacramento area. The pipeline, called a transmission main, is needed to transfer drinking water from the recently expanded Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant to areas south of the plant. This project is one of several city-wide projects designed to ensure a reliable drinking water supply for the long-term needs of residents, businesses and industry.

The City is currently conducting an alignment study to help determine the best route for the pipeline. In the alignment study, both cost and non-cost factors are considered. The criteria being used to help determine the best alignment option include:

- ◆ Controlling project costs
- ◆ Providing safe access for maintenance and operations
- ◆ Using existing right of way
- ◆ Minimizing conflicts with other utilities
- ◆ Minimizing traffic impacts
- ◆ Minimizing environmental impacts

Other issues being considered include residential and business access limitations, traffic and increased noise. Construction is not anticipated to begin until 2009. In 2007, the City will provide additional information about the alignment selected and the design process.

For more information regarding the project, visit www.southeastmain.com or call Jim Peifer, Project Manager, at (916) 808-1416.