



Southeast Transmission Main Project Newsletter

Fall 2006

SECURING A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities (City) is planning a water pipeline project in your area (see map at right) 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 citywide designed to ensure a reliable drinking water supply for the long-term needs of residents, businesses and industry.

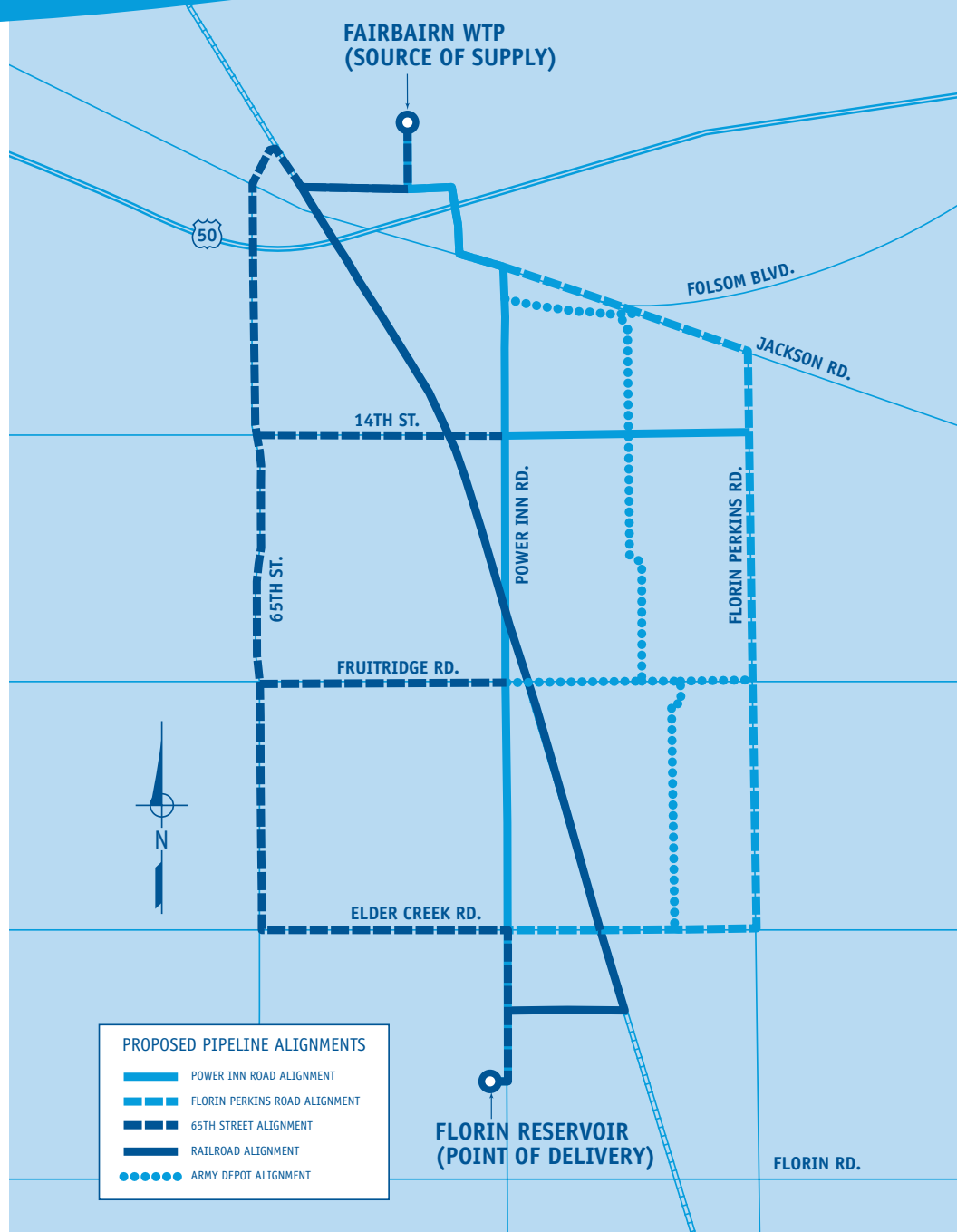
YOUR OPINION MATTERS

This fall, as part of an initial alignment study, the City will be seeking input on issues that may affect the local community where the project is ultimately designed and constructed. Some of these issues to be considered during construction are residential and business access limitations, traffic and increased noise. Although construction is not scheduled until 2009, the time to begin thinking about this project is now. Feedback received from the community will help the City determine the best alignment among the five currently proposed for the pipeline.

The City will make several presentations to neighborhood and business associations as well as other groups. If you would like to schedule a presentation to your group of neighbors, fellow business operators or others, please call Jessica Hess, Media and Communication Specialist, at (916) 808-8260 or Jim Peifer, Project Manager, at (916) 808-1416.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Alignment Study:**
July – December 2006
- **Design Considerations:**
January 2007 – Late 2008
- **Construction:** 2009 – 2010



WHAT'S NEXT?

Throughout November and December, the City will be gathering input from the local community about the proposed pipeline alignments. In 2007, a preferred alignment will be selected and design of the pipeline will begin. During design,

the City will provide additional information about the alignment selected and how the project will be built. If you have comments and cannot make a meeting in your area within the next two months, please submit a comment via our online form at www.southeastmain.com.



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PLANNING FOR RELIABLE DRINKING WATER

IMPORTANT DETAILS INSIDE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROJECT

- Visit the project Web site: www.southeastmain.com
- Call Project Manager Jim Peifer at **(916) 808-1416**
- For media inquiries, call Media and Communications Specialist Jessica Hess at **(916) 808-8260**

Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I provide comments about the alignment?

A: Several presentations will be made to local neighborhood and business associations. Look for information in your association publication for details. Those interested may also contact a project representative or log on to www.southeastmain.com and fill out the comment form.

Q: How will this project benefit me?

A: This project will help ensure a reliable, high-quality water supply citywide to meet long-term needs for your community and southeastern Sacramento.

Q: How will local neighborhoods be impacted?

A: Currently, several different pipeline alignments are under consideration. Impacts would occur during construction and may include noise, dust and traffic inconveniences.

Q: How will potential traffic impacts be addressed during the project?

A: Traffic impacts will be strongly considered in the selection of any alignment. While it should be noted that traffic will be affected by any alignment chosen, the Department of Utilities will make every attempt to minimize traffic impacts.

Q: Will access to businesses be considered during project design?

A: Yes. Several businesses operate within the area where the pipeline needs to be constructed. The City will seek input from local businesses in selecting a preferred alignment. Once an alignment is selected, the Department of Utilities will work closely with the businesses within the alignment to ensure property access.

Q: How did you determine the proposed alternative alignments?

A: The City looked for all feasible routes that would be able to accommodate construction of a large diameter pipeline and the necessary maintenance and operations that would occur periodically after the pipeline becomes operational.

Q: How will you determine which alternative to use for the Southeast Transmission Main Project?

A: The City is using the following criteria, in no particular order, and input from the public to determine the best pipeline route. The criteria includes:

- 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