

April 2022 Filtration Neighbor Information Meeting

Location:	Zoom Meeting	Date:	April 14, 2022
		Time:	6–7 p.m.
Speakers:	Bonita Oswald, Communications Lead	Jon Johnson, Construction Lead	
	Michelle Cheek, Deputy Program Director	John Kolkman, Facility Contractor	
	Ken Ackerman, Pipeline Design Lead	Joe Sesil, Pipeline Contractor	

Meeting Summary

Meeting Purpose: Share a brief update on Bull Run Filtration design progress and provide an overview of typical construction activities.

1. Welcome

- a. Project Communications Lead Bonita Oswald welcomed community members and introduced the agenda and speakers. She noted ongoing ways the Water Bureau is working to keep the community informed, including a recent printed newsletter sent to project neighbors and ongoing project e-newsletter updates.

2. Program and Filtration Update

- a. Deputy Program Director Michelle Cheek noted the Improved Corrosion Control Treatment project is in the homestretch and will be in operation by the April 30 compliance deadline. The project will adjust the chemistry of Bull Run water to help improve health outcomes and further reduce the risk of lead at customers' taps.
- b. Michelle spoke to recent Bull Run Filtration design efforts, including ongoing work to optimize site grading and onsite soil reuse as well as simplify planned facility structures. She noted the upcoming Multnomah County pre-application conference is the start of a multi-step land use permitting process. She shared images of the proposed filtration facility design and anticipated views from SE Carpenter Lane and SE Bluff Road of the facility.
- c. John Kolkman described the facility construction team's ongoing work to develop construction management and traffic control plans that will prioritize safety and help reduce disruption. He described what to expect during typical facility construction, noting the nature of the



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construction activities will change over time. Initial stages will include site preparation to establish a safe and secure work zone, followed by excavation and site grading work. Later phases of construction will include concrete construction of basins and structures, electrical and mechanical work, and finally testing and startup of the facility.

3. Pipeline Update

- a. Pipeline Design Lead Ken Ackerman described the current pipe routes and noted new pipes are no longer planned in Clackamas County as part of the Bull Run Filtration project. Ken also noted there will be a small-diameter distribution main installed in SE Cottrell Road to serve filtered water to local water customers, including four water districts.
- b. Joe Sesil noted ways the pipeline construction team is engaged during design and what steps are upcoming to prepare for construction, including developing construction management and traffic control plans. He described what to expect during typical open cut pipeline construction, noting how the work is completed in segments. He also described typical traffic control measures for pipe installation in the right-of-way, including considerations to keep traffic moving, prioritize safety, maintain emergency access, and provide ongoing communication.

4. Questions and Comments

- a. Bonita facilitated discussion with meeting attendees. Questions are summarized below and additional comments are captured in the transcript of the meeting chat.
 - i. *Is the Multnomah County pre-application conference a public meeting?* Members of the public can attend the online pre-application conference. The pre-application conference is not a public hearing and no decisions will be made.
 - ii. *Will the facility be locked up at night during construction? Will there be additional security for the area?* We anticipate having perimeter fencing around the site during construction with access gates that will be locked up and secured outside of regular construction hours. The Water Bureau will also coordinate as needed with local law enforcement.
 - iii. *How wide is the SE Dodge Park Boulevard right-of-way? Did this change recently?* The 100-foot right-of-way on SE Dodge Park Boulevard is part of the established County record and dates back to the old trolley days.
 - iv. *How wide is the SE Carpenter Lane right-of-way? When was it established?* The 60-foot right-of-way on SE Carpenter Lane between SE Cottrell Road and the City's western property line has been in place since it was established in 1891. The portion of SE Carpenter Lane that fronts the City's property has a 30-foot right-of-way that was established in 1887.
 - v. *What is the project budget?* The total Bull Run Treatment Program funding is for \$1.48 billion and includes the water filtration facility, related pipelines, and improved corrosion control projects. This amount is the basis for the current projections of water bill impacts from the projects. Additional detail is available at: [Project Financing and Rate Affordability](#).
 - vi. *Why is the City investing in design before receiving land use approval from the County?* The primary land use process will be Multnomah County's Type III Conditional Use Review process for the facility site. The design work underway is an important step to identify what

specific facilities will be built. The design information is needed as part of the application to the County.

- vii. *What is the City doing to protect against lead in drinking water?* Since 1997, the Water Bureau has treated the water to make it less corrosive to lead and copper. We work in close coordination with our regulators to protect everyone who drinks our water. The Improved Corrosion Control Treatment project, which will be online later in April 2022, is one of the steps we're taking to make Bull Run water less corrosive to lead found in some home plumbing. There is more information about sources of lead and steps we take to protect public health at: [Lead and Drinking Water](#).

5. Adjourn

- a. Bonita noted the next neighbor information meeting will be July 14, 2022 6-7 pm. She thanked everyone for their time and questions and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Chat

Speakers addressed written comments and questions from the chat during the meeting. Along with information in this summary, the meeting recording is also available to hear detailed responses.

Dean and Pat Walter : We can hear you this time.

From PAfLfDW PAfLfDW : Hi Bonita, I hope I won't be barred again from asking corrosion control expert Michelle Cheek (or other engineers here tonight) about Filtration treatment and so-called "Improved" corrosion control treatment to address PWB's pervasive lead contamination problem?

From paul willis : Ms. Cheek I believed said that the pre--app meeting was not open to the public...is that correct?

From Bonita Oswald : The upcoming pre-application conference is not a public hearing and no decisions will be made but it is open to the public

From Pat Meyer : howw wide is Dodge Park?

From Pat Meyer : Yes

From Pat Meyer : Thx

From Pat Meyer : When was that established/

From Pat Meyer : YES

From Pat Meyer : It's a dead end country lane. That seems very large

From Pat Meyer : yes

From Pat Meyer : Do you have a current expected final cost of this project?

From Pat Meyer : ok

From Dean and Pat Walter : Thanks. See you in a few months.

