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Water Pipeline Route Options Discussed with Wilsonville City Council

WILSONVILLE, OR: Staff of the Tualatin Valley Water District presented the Wilsonville City Council with information about possible future water pipeline routes through Wilsonville at Thursday's Council work session. The new pipeline to serve Hillsboro and much of Washington County's urban population will traverse more than 20 miles north from Wilsonville to Beaverton and Hillsboro, using existing public rights-of-way in most locations. The starting point for all routes is the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant owned jointly by the City and Tualatin Valley Water District.

Engineers from the Willamette Water Supply Program, a partnership of Tualatin Valley Water District and the City of Hillsboro that is planning to utilize the Willamette River at Wilsonville as a drinking-water supply source, presented four alternative pipeline routes. Although pipeline construction may not begin for several years—the new water supply won't be online until 2026—selecting a route is an important early step.

One feature common to all possible pipeline routes is avoiding impacts to the primary arterial Wilsonville Road. Todd Heidgerken, program director for the Willamette Water Supply

Program, emphasized tunneling technology will be used to cross under Wilsonville Road to avoid impacts to the road and traffic flow.

Project staff will hold a public open house on Tuesday, October 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Wilsonville to discuss the potential pipeline route options with the public. Feedback from the public will help pinpoint potential issues and benefits of the different pipeline routes. “We want to hear from people who know Wilsonville best—those who live, work, and play there,” Heidgerken explains.

Learn more about the program and the upcoming open houses at www.OurReliableWater.org.

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