
Subject: T3-2022-16220 Bull Run Filtration Projects

Outreach and Involvement with Area Schools

The Portland Water Bureau has met with a number of interested parties to share available information and discuss traffic considerations related to the Bull Run Filtration Project. This includes key schools in the area that could be potentially impacted (Oregon Trail Academy, Sam Barlow High School, West Orient Middle School), Gresham-Barlow School District staff (Chief Financial Officer Jordan Ely, Director of Facilities Terry Taylor, Security Coordinator Mike Melton), Gresham-Barlow School District's transportation provider (First Student), and Multnomah County Safe Routes to School.

The project team has also been meeting regularly with the community since 2019 to provide a community perspective on the facility design, construction, and ongoing operation (see Exhibits A.27 and A.29). One of the outcomes of these conversations was using community input to help identify preferred routes for new pipelines, which, in part because of that feedback, use public rights-of-way where feasible.

As the project design developed and more information about construction needs became available, the project team reached out to engage with area schools in more detail on bus routes and other traffic considerations. The Water Bureau has also proposed continued communication with Oregon Trail Academy and a workgroup with the Gresham-Barlow School District to continue these conversations throughout construction and to better understand any changes to student ridership in the project area between school years.

Throughout all phases of the project, the Water Bureau is committed to keeping customers and community members informed and involved with regular meetings and events, mailings, email, website updates, door hangers, and other ways to stay up to date. This has included a community open house and several neighbor meetings hosted at Sandy High School, an online open house and several online meetings, numerous mailings to within five miles of the facility site, a presentation to students at Springwater Trail High School, and direct outreach and communication with Oregon Trail School District staff (Communications Director Julia Monteith) and Oregon Trail Academy staff (Director Tim Norfleet, Director Rachel Weeks, Director Emily Hafer, Board Chair Sharon Givens) and other school interests in the project area.