

**Gladstone Pipeline Meet the Contractor
Meeting Summary
Thursday, May 29, 2013, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Gladstone Senior Center, Portland Ave.**



Attendance:

About 12 people attended the meeting, including a Gladstone City Councilor (total signed in was eight). Joel Komarek, Dennis Koellermeier, Dave Prock, Jane Heisler, Katy Fulton, Pat McDougal, Terry Buchholz, Jerome Duletzke, Katie Wilson, Corianne Hart, Eryn Kehe, and David Pease from Staheli Trenchless, were present from the project team.

The general contractor, Frank Coluccio Construction Co., was represented by Ray Clouatre, Safety Director; Ken Tannahill, Superintendent and Greg Hynes, Field Operations Director.

Notice and Handouts:

- A postcard was mailed to 740 property owners and residents near the pipeline alignment.
- Signs were posted announcing the event at: 1) the River Intake Pump Station (RIPS), 2) the walkway at Meldrum Bar Park (MBP) (Jensen Road), 3) near the restrooms at the MBP boat launch, 4) in the Fisherman Marines Supply store at Oregon City and 5) near the community Gardens sign on Dahl Road.
- An article in the monthly Gladstone City Newsletter sent to all residents on May 18, 2014
- Posted on the Partnership website: lotigardwater.org
- Sent via email to interested parties signed up to receive information about this project or the RIPS in Gladstone (about 280 emails)
- Others: Walt Fitch, the chair of the Business Association, Gladstone City Councilors; Pete Boyce, City Manager; Police Chief Pryde; Fire Chief, Mike Funk, Carol Rogers, Gladstone Community Gardens (and Board members); Tami Bannick, Gladstone Sports Team Coordinator (City Hall); Duane Kitzmiller, NW Steelheaders.
- Attendees could take several handouts including project contact cards, "[What to Expect During Construction](#)" brochure, [Water Savvy on HDD](#), Benefits to Gladstone handout, and a [project map](#).

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Eryn Kehe, JLA Public Involvement, called the meeting to order and outlined the primary purpose of the meeting, which is to have interested citizens meet project staff and representatives from the contractor and subcontractor and discuss the specifics of the construction project, including schedule, hours of work and anticipated impacts to residents. Eryn introduced Jane Heisler, Communications Director, who thanked attendees for coming, gave a brief overview of the Partnership program, and mentioned that the Partnership is looking forward to completing the project with as little disturbance as possible. Jane introduced the project team and the contractor.

Jerome Duletzke, the sponsors Construction Manager, briefly described the two types of work that would be happening and reiterated the goal of having a smooth project from start to finish.

Ray Clouarte, Frank Coluccio Construction Co. Safety Director summarized the work that would be occurring. He said there would be two crews working on the pipelines in the street and Park, and one subcontractor, Michels, working on the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) portion under the river. Ray indicated he would be the project manager on site and there would be three others from Seattle on the project, but all of the other workers would be local, primarily hired from union shops.

HDD: Ray said there would be a storage area in the mulch processing area in Meldrum Bar Park (north side of the road) and that there would be deliveries of equipment and materials to that location starting early June. **Setup of the drilling operation for the HDD for pipeline placement, will occur starting June 5** near the Willamette River. Crews will level off the area so that it is a large, flat pad that will support the pneumatically driven hammer that will install the pipe casing. A casing must be used for the first 300-400 feet because of the existence of gravel rather than hard rock in that area. The casing will be 60" in diameter and will house a 36" pipe. There will also be a separation plant, an excavator, and a power plant as well, but the boat ramp will remain open and accessible. River access from the shore in the work area, however, will be restricted during construction. The HDD pipeline will be about 4,000 feet long.

Sometime in November/December 2014, the HDD will be completed and the pipe will be pulled back in one, continuous pull lasting several days. There will be 2-3 cranes used during pullback to hoist the pipe as it is pulled through the tunnel that has been drilled. A cable on the other side of the river will be attached to the pipe on the Gladstone side and it will be pulled through.

The HDD operation will take place from June – December with demobilization and restoration of the area in January, 2015.

Micro-tunneled portion: Setup for the HDD will be followed by digging the shaft for the micro-tunneled portion of the pipeline, between Jensen/River Road and Exeter Street. This tunnel installation will eliminate any traffic interruptions on River Road and on Hwy. 99/McLoughlin Blvd. **The micro-tunnel work is expected to last from July through October.** The 12' wide, 40' long, 20' deep shaft will be located in Jensen Road (the pathway) near River Rd. **The shaft excavation work is expected to start July 19** and will continue for 2-3 weeks. Crews will assemble the drilling machine on site and it will work from west to east, ending in Exeter, where it will be removed. The portion of Jensen that is west of the mobile home park will remain open during construction. The portion from River Rd. to that point where the ball fields start will be closed to pedestrians.

Open-cut pipeline in the Park and in streets: This work will occur between July and January 2015. Utility investigations and survey work will occur in June. In the work zone where crews are installing pipeline, there will be occasional street closures with a detour to other streets to get around the work zone. More typically, one lane will be open with flaggers guiding traffic. Detours will be clearly marked. The trench will be 6-9 feet wide. Work hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Neighbors will see backhoes, a water truck, a street sweeper, an excavator and pipe in the road or alongside it, with 8-12 crewmembers in the work zone. Dump trucks will be taking away excavated material from the trench and bringing in fill material. At night, the trench will be covered with plates and opened back up for the next work day.

Eryn took questions from attendees:

Was a fish study done for the Willamette?

Yes. The HDD platform will be the only thing near the river and it is above “ordinary high water” so fish will not be impacted. Nothing will be discharged into the river. There will be silt fencing and erosion control around the platform.

Gladstone is on a fault line. How can you put a pipe across the river?

There is a pipe across the river now that this new pipe will replace. It is actually seismically safer to put a pipe 60 feet below the riverbed than a standard installation.

What will the noise level be for the pullback?

Normal construction noise (e.g., excavator, cranes, a loader, generators). There will be no hammering or drilling, but some noise from diesel engines.

Will any of my utilities be interrupted?

There may be times when utilities have to be moved to make way for the pipeline. If this happens, you will receive a notice (a door knock or a door hanger if you are not home) at least 2 days in advance (unless it’s an emergency).

I’ve experienced road workers swearing/talking loudly. What will you do to control that?

We will do our best to prevent that sort of thing, but workers are human too. If you hear or see that type of behavior, please call the hotline because we will want to know about it.

Will the work create dust?

There may be some dust around the work zone, but we will work to minimize it with our water truck and sweeper.

What kind of remuneration is Gladstone getting for letting you put the pipeline in?

We have a pipeline in the ground now and are replacing it. There are some improvements that the Partnership has offered to do, including:

- New pavement, base rock, and curbs for full street width on Bellevue, along the pipeline alignment
- New public drinking fountain will be installed at the intake pump station on Clackamas Blvd.
- Construction of new water pipelines on Clackamas Blvd. and Portland Avenue.
- New pavement overlays on Clackamas Blvd., Jensen Road, Meldrum Bar Park Road and half-street improvements on Exeter Street.

In addition, the Partnership has paid the City over \$150,000 for temporary construction and permanent subsurface pipeline easements in Meldrum Bar Park.

Why don’t you take water out of the Tualatin River since its closer?

The Clackamas River has been Lake Oswego's water source since the 1960's. Lake Oswego has water rights on the Clackamas River—not on the Tualatin.

How long will you be working on the cut and cover pipeline in Meldrum Bar Park?

The contract requires us to only work on the cut and cover pipeline through the Park from October through April, so that this work does not conflict with primary Park activities. The work in Meldrum Bar Park Road must be done at night, between the hours of 8 pm and 5 am.

The pavement on Dahl Road is deteriorating. Will you replace that?

We are required to replace any road surface where our pipeline is installed, to as good or better condition than before we started work. We will fix whatever we have disrupted with temporary trench pavement, then with permanent paving. The pipeline alignment, however, does not include Dahl Road.

If you put a curb on Bellevue, I won't be able to park my truck there. Can you preserve my parking area?

We plan to extend the curb line that exists now at the corners. We can work with you to see if there is a solution that keeps your parking area.

Your River intake project has already blocked access to fishing on the Clackamas River. When are you bringing that fishing area back?

Reinstating the fishing access will be up to Gladstone officials.

You are starting your work at the "best" time of year. How will you coordinate with my event, which is a run on August 2?

The Partnership would be happy to talk about how we can best accommodate your event.

Jane thanked everyone for coming. She reminded attendees of the ways to get in touch with the Partnership: Hotline: 603-697-6502; website: lotgardwater.org; and email: lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us.

The meeting was over by 8:00 p.m. however, project team members were available after the meeting for additional discussion with neighbors.