Water Pipeline Construction Along Bonita Road Will Begin in March

Construction of the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership’s new water pipeline that will connect the Bonita Pump Station with the system in Lake Oswego is expected to begin in March. This pipeline is part of the effort to upgrade and expand Lake Oswego’s drinking water supply to serve both Tigard and Lake Oswego.

The upgrades will provide customers with higher-quality drinking water and a resilient system designed to withstand major earthquakes—all for about a penny per gallon.

The half mile section of pipe will be installed under Interstate 5 and down Bonita Road where it will connect with the pipelines that have already been constructed at the intersection of Milton Court and Bonita Road.

Construction of the pipeline will require excavation in the street. To reduce the impacts to traffic and businesses, the majority of work will be done at night between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Expect to see and hear excavators, loaders, pipe, steel plates, gravel, and dump trucks during this time. Most equipment will be stored along the right-of-way during construction.

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Who Got Walk?  
Dogs Do, and so Does Tigard

Tigard’s newly adopted strategic vision calls for creating the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy health and interconnected lives. This journey will take place over the next 20 years, and will happen at the neighborhood level. It will build on the city’s current assets, including neighborhoods and trails where residents are connected already.

To celebrate and call attention to these connections and to walkability already enjoyed by Tigard’s residents, the city has launched its first ever dog walk video contest, open to all Tigard dogs and dog walkers of all ages. If any group walks the walk, it has to be our resident canines and dog walkers. Show your neighbors—and the world—where you like to put paws to the pavement.

Videos that are one or two minutes in length can be submitted as URLs posted to YouTube or Vimeo, or they can be mailed or hand-delivered to City Hall on a CD. The contest opened Feb. 6. The deadline for all submissions is March 10.

Short videos filmed using dog-mounted video cameras and smart phones have skyrocketed in popularity. One video filmed on the back of a dog who runs into the sea now has more than 15 million hits on YouTube.

Contest participants are encouraged to show in their videos why and where they like to walk in Tigard. The contest seeks a perspective from the dog’s-eye view.

The Tigard Dog Park Committee has agreed to be the first round of judges picking finalists. The Tigard Youth Advisory Council will pick the winning three videos. Young filmmakers are strongly encouraged to participate.

The city will host an awards ceremony in the Burgess Room of the Tigard Library at 7 p.m. on April 13, when winners will be announced publicly and the video finalists will be screened.

Help us celebrate what makes Tigard a walkable home for all.

Visit the dog walk video contest website for details and entry form: www.tigard-or.gov/video_contest. Questions? Email dogwalks@tigard-or.gov.

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The majority of construction on Bonita Road will be done at night between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Once the pipeline is installed, crews will temporarily repave the roadway. Permanent pavement restoration will occur once the pipe is tested and weather is favorable for final paving and restriping. This portion is expected to be complete by summer 2015.

For more information: email lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us, follow @LOTwater, call the hotline at 503-697-6502, or sign up to receive Bonita Road email updates at www.lotigardwater.org. You can also visit the city’s website at www.tigard-or.gov/water_partnership.php.