



To meet the long-term water needs of this area, Tampa Bay Water is building a new South Hillsborough Pipeline that will carry up to 65 million gallons per day of additional drinking water to the fast-growing southern Hillsborough service area.

South Hillsborough Pipeline

On Sept. 19, 2022, Tampa Bay Water’s board of directors selected a route segment for part of the new South Hillsborough Pipeline to meet the region’s water needs in 2028.

At the request of Hillsborough County, Tampa Bay Water’s board of directors selected the “blue” route for Segment A of the pipeline. Segment A is approximately 18 miles long and connects Tampa Bay Water’s regional water treatment plant in Brandon to Hillsborough County’s Lithia Water Treatment Plant. Tampa Bay Water’s Board will consider the route for Segment B in early 2023.

The new South Hillsborough Pipeline will be up to 72 inches in diameter and will carry up to an additional 65 million gallons per day (mgd) of water to Hillsborough County’s southern service area when complete in 2028. The pipeline will offer redundancy between the Tampa Bay Regional Surface Water Treatment Plant in Brandon and Hillsborough County’s Lithia Water Treatment Plant.

Tampa Bay Water’s engineering consultants analyzed a total of 10 routes (five northern segments and five southern segments), which resulted in a shortlist of

three top-ranked consolidated routes. The routes were evaluated against 11 selection criteria, which included non-cost factors such as public inconvenience, safety, environmental impacts and permitting, as well as project cost.

The next project phase will be for Tampa Bay Water’s Board to select a route for Segment B and for consulting engineers to complete the detailed design for the pipeline. Tampa Bay Water has received \$4.5 million in co-funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District for preliminary design and will apply for additional funds in fiscal year 2023 and beyond.

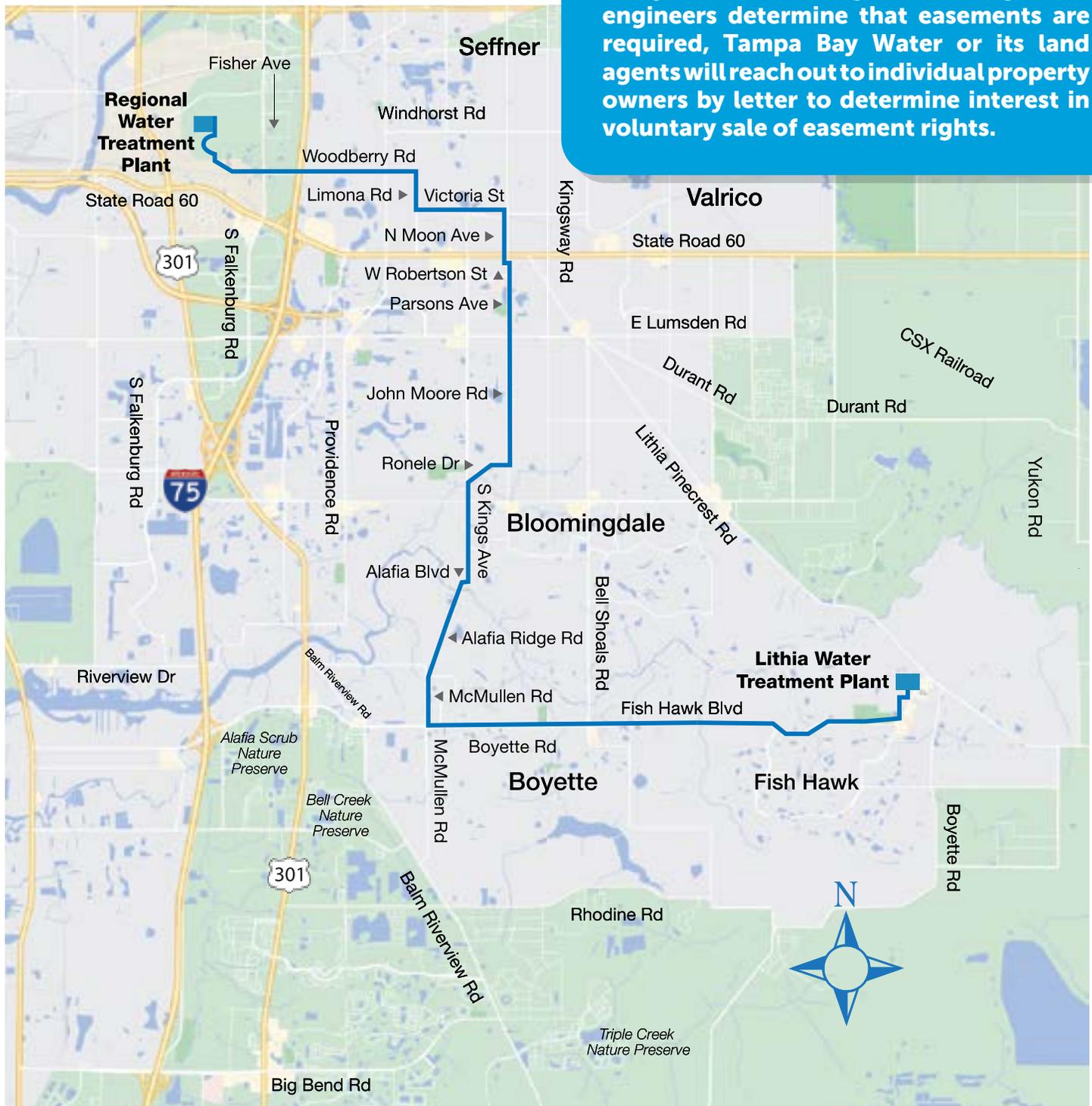


Pipeline Segment A Schedule

- **Advertisement for Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services:** Early 2023
- **Final design complete:** Mid-2024
- **Property acquisition complete:** Late 2024
- **Construction bidding:** Late 2024
- **Construction complete:** Early 2028

Note: Tampa Bay Water has not yet determined the exact location within the approved route of the South Hillsborough Pipeline. We will know the exact location later in 2023, once the final design is completed. If during final design our engineers determine that easements are required, Tampa Bay Water or its land agents will reach out to individual property owners by letter to determine interest in voluntary sale of easement rights.

South Hillsborough Pipeline Map



For More Information

Tampa Bay Water provides wholesale water to the public utility systems of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties, as well as the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa. Visit TampaBayWater.org/SHP for information and project updates. You may also opt in to receive notices by sending an email to projectinfo@tampabaywater.org or by calling (813) 486-0361.