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WTP4 CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER IN 2014

Construction of Water Treatment Plant 4 (WTP4) is 75% complete and the project is on schedule to provide clean drinking water to Austin area residents and businesses by summer 2014. Heading into the last year of construction, significant progress can be seen on various segments of WTP4, with some nearing completion.

RAW WATER SYSTEM

Critical to WTP4 operations will be the raw water system that will bring water from Lake Travis to the plant for treatment. Construction of the raw water intake that draws water from Lake Travis and the raw water tunnels that carry the water to WTP4 has been completed and will be bringing water into the plant this winter to begin testing the tunnel system from the lake to the pump station. Meanwhile, construction of the raw water pump station located off of Bullick Hollow Road is well underway, with completion expected in early 2014.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Also underway is construction of the plant itself, located near RM 2222 and RM 620. Some of the larger components at the plant site will be completed by the end of this year, allowing for testing and finish out activities throughout spring 2014. Some significantly completed facilities include the primary power substation and its connections to the plant by Austin Energy. Underground utilities are also nearing completion, which will distribute power and communications throughout the 92-acre plant site. The chemical treatment and process mechanical facilities are also well underway.



Austin Water's mission is to provide safe, reliable high-quality water services to its nearly 900,000 current customers and to ensure reliable water to its future customers



CONTACT INFORMATION

Please email questions and comments about WTP4 to info@wtpfour.com or call us at 512-498-9874. This newsletter is mailed to stakeholders.

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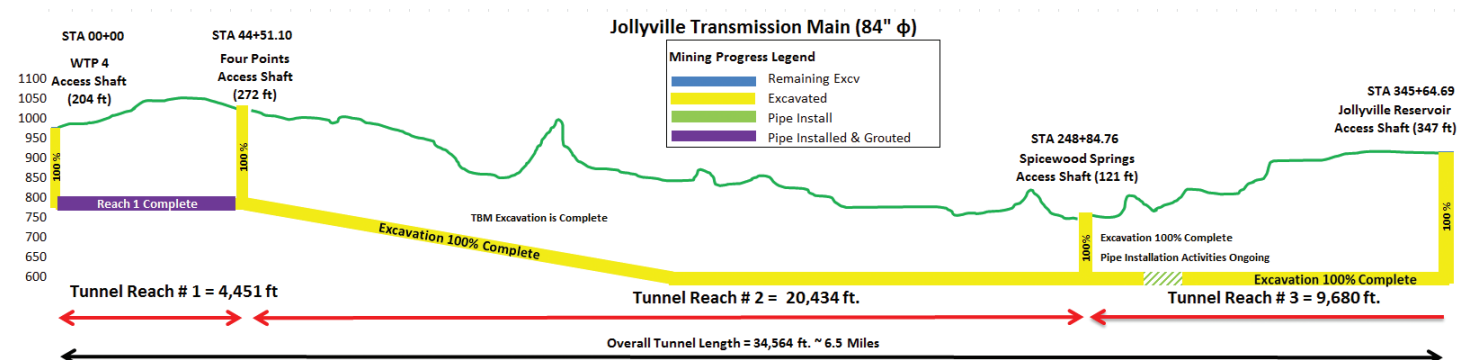
The Bullick Hollow Road duct bank is another key component of WTP4. The duct bank is necessary to deliver power from the plant to the Raw Water Pump Station. The duct banks have been completed and Austin Energy is scheduled to pull final wiring in the fall. Temporary nighttime road closures that were necessary to facilitate construction of the duct bank have ended. Roadside stabilization including wildflower and grass seedings has been completed. A temporary irrigation system is in place to help establish the vegetation. It will be important for people to avoid pulling over into these areas along Bullick Hollow Road in order to allow the vegetation to establish evenly. Paving of the road has been completed and striping is scheduled to occur by September. Final road surface finishing using chip seal will occur as the WTP4 project nears completion.

Construction of the duct bank on Bullick Hollow Road has been completed.



JOLLYVILLE TRANSMISSION MAIN

The Jollyville transmission main will deliver clean drinking water to the Jollyville Reservoir, where it will be stored and distributed to Austin Water customers. The transmission main is more than 70% constructed. Four vertical shafts were excavated from fall 2011 to spring 2013 to provide workers access for construction of the transmission main. Tunnel boring machines (TBMs) were used to excavate three horizontal tunnels between the shaft sites. A TBM excavating from the Four Points shaft site arrived at the Spicewood Springs shaft in mid-August. In total, nine miles of horizontal tunneling have been completed for WTP4. Pipe installation is underway from the Jollyville shaft and from the Spicewood Springs shaft as well.



WTP4 ON TRACK TO EXCEED SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS SET BY CITY OF AUSTIN

With one year left until WTP4 is scheduled to be operational, the project is on track to significantly surpass the Small and Minority Business participation goals set by the City of Austin. Of the more than 200 subcontractors working on WTP4, eighty-five of those are certified women and minority owned businesses, earning an average of \$1.5 million per month. Hundreds of jobs have been sustained over the three year project to date, with a total anticipated benefit to the local Austin area small and minority business community of over \$50 million.

Following is an interview with Cloteal Haynes of Haynes-Eaglin-Waters, LLP, a local company that is participating in the WTP4 construction effort.



Cloteal Haynes of Haynes-Eaglin-Waters, LLP

What role does your company have in construction of WTP4?

I provide MBE/WBE outreach services and construction management services for the project.

How many employees do you have working on WTP4?

I have 4 employees working on the project.

How has the WTP4 construction project impacted your company?

Participating in the WTP4 project has provided a tremendous opportunity for my company. The experience has been profitable and, at the same time, it has allowed us to enhance our capabilities and knowledge of "wet infrastructure" projects in a manner that will be helpful for future work pursuits. Moreover, participation on this project afforded us economic stability during a time when the Austin area was experiencing an economic downturn.



The second of two tunnel boring machines broke through at the Spicewood Springs shaft on August 14th.

How would you describe the experience working on WTP4?

Working with the WTP4 project team has been one of the best experiences of my career. The entire MWH team has been supportive and truly interested and vested in the success of all companies involved.

Is there anything else you would like to mention about working on this project?

MWH has taken steps to ensure that minority and women-owned businesses have participated in the construction of WTP4, the second largest project undertaken by the City of Austin. I am proud to have been a part of this effort.