



Well Water Transmission Main Project Update


City Council Briefing
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BACKGROUND

Key Components of Water Supply

1. Adequate Source Water Supply
 - Wells
 - 5 new wells in 10 years ~12 MGD drought yield*
 - **Conveyance Capacity**
 - Ability to move water through pipes from the supply wells to the treatment facility*
2. Treatment Capacity

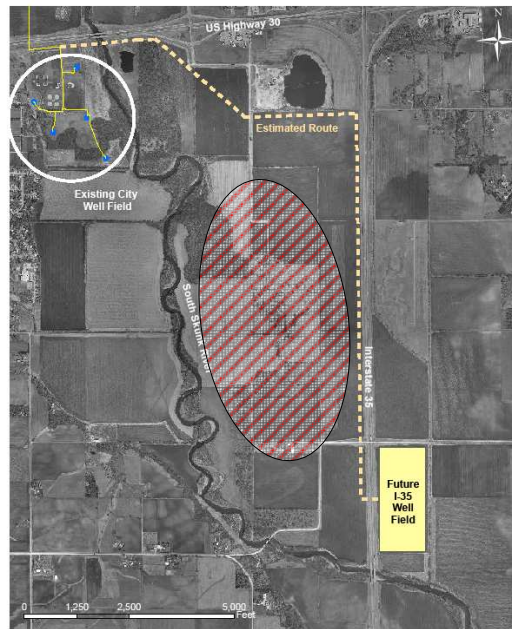


PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Provide increased reliability and redundancy for approx. 65% of the current supply capacity
- Increase the productivity of existing well fields by approx. 1 MGD by reducing existing pipe friction losses
- Extend the well piping system closer to future well fields
- Balance between customers & affected property owners



FUTURE WELL FIELDS





FUNDING

FY 07/08	\$ 500,000	Engineering, Easements, Permits
FY 08/09	\$1,500,000	Engineering, Construction
FY 09/10	\$2,000,000	Construction

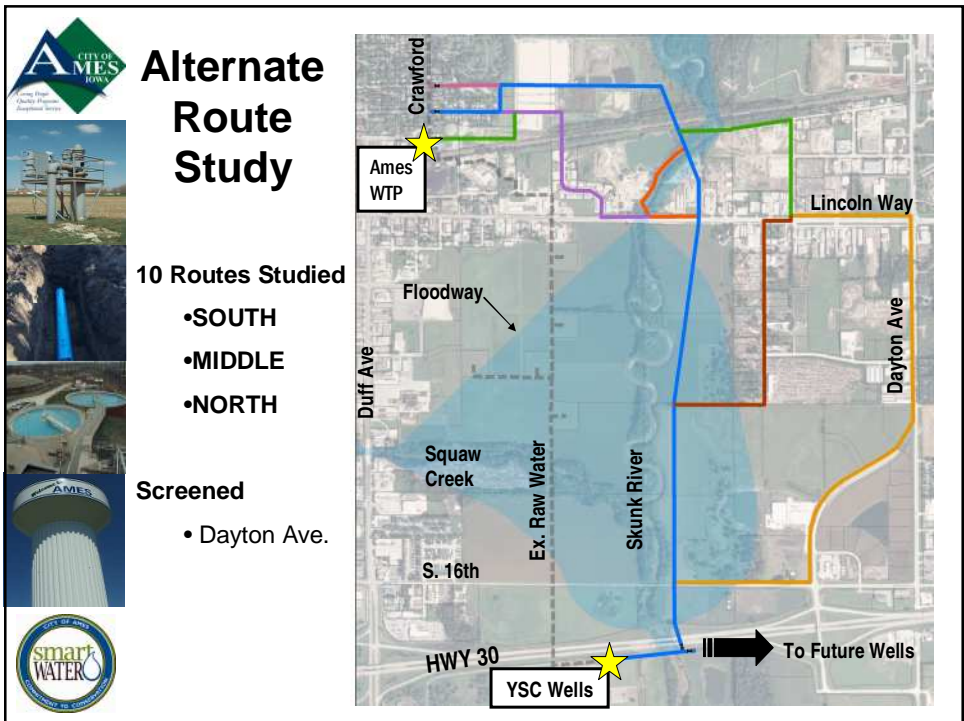
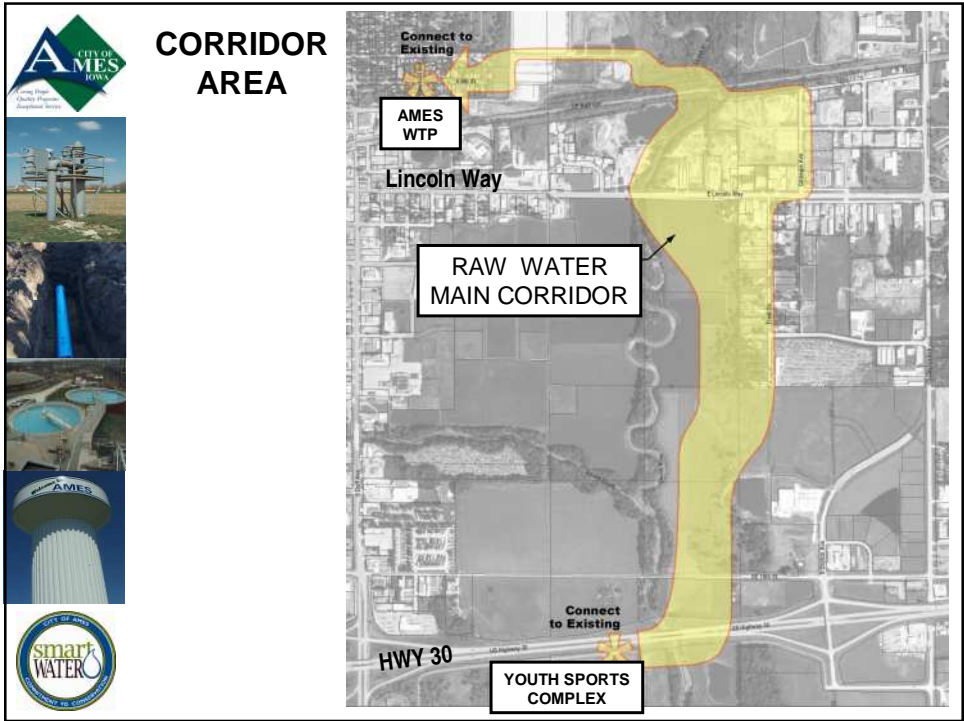
**Total Estimated
Project Cost \$4,000,000**

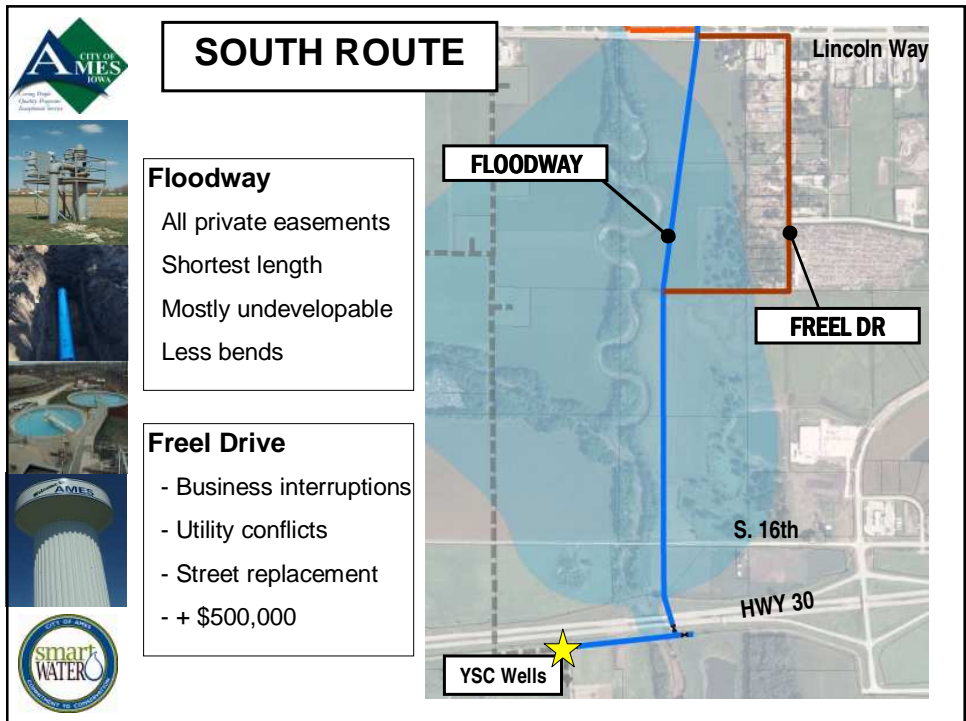
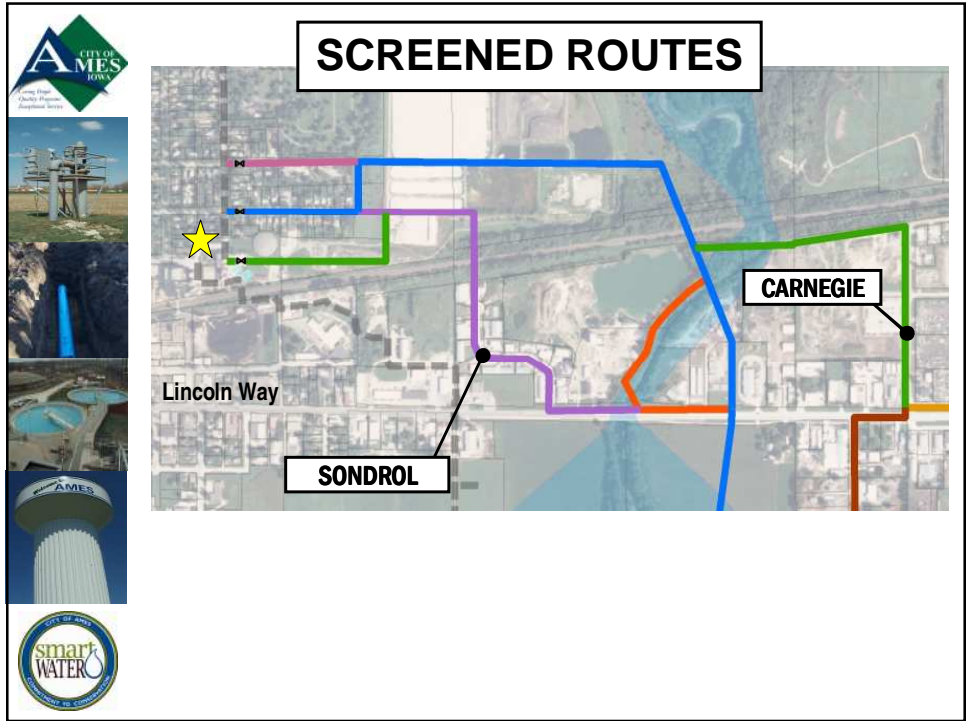








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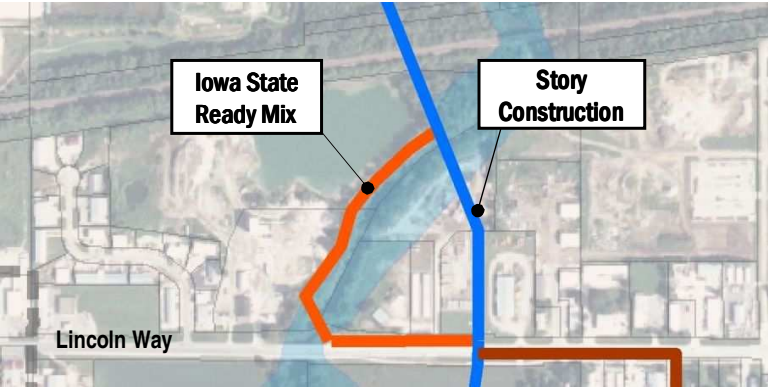
- Nov 27, 2007 Project Open House
(letter mailed and follow-up phone call)
- Permission granted for preliminary work (i.e. geotechnical, environmental, survey)
- Information packets mailed if requested.
- One-on-one meetings offered
- Met with all property owners of permanent easements required for the project
- Sent informational letters and notice of public hearing to all affected property owners (Feb 13th)
- Created project construction webpage on department website for updates during design and construction





MIDDLE ROUTE









Iowa State Ready Mix

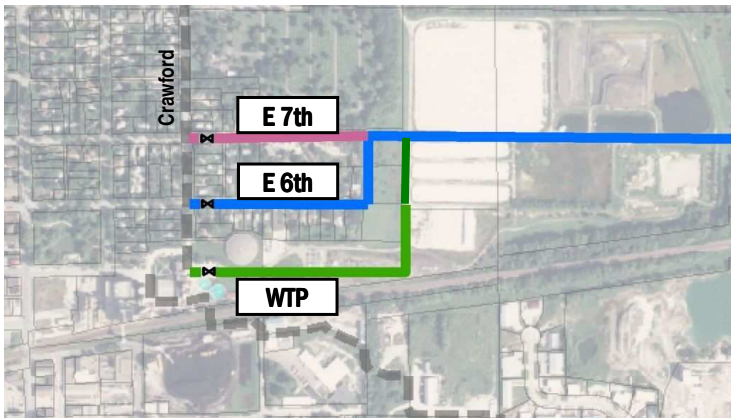
- Longer pipe length
- Additional easement
- Rubble fill

Story Construction

- Shorter pipe length
- Fewer bends

NORTH ROUTE



WTP

- Utility conflicts
- Higher design & construction costs

E 7th St.

- Eastwood apts
- access
- location

E 6th St.

- Access maintained
- Existing easement



RESULTS

Section	Environmental	People	Construction	Cost
South				
1. Floodway				\$
2. Freel Dr.				\$\$
Middle				
1. ISRM				\$\$
2. Story Const.				\$
North				
1. 6 th St.				\$\$
2. 7 th St.				\$\$
3. Water Plant				\$\$\$



SELECTED ROUTE

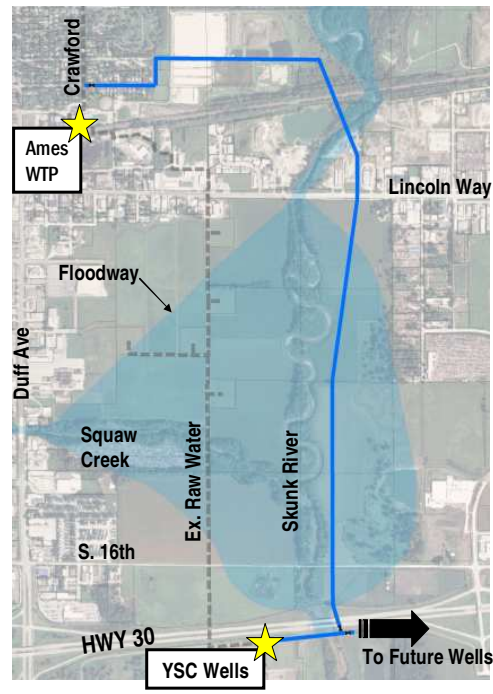
13,200-Ft of 30" pipe

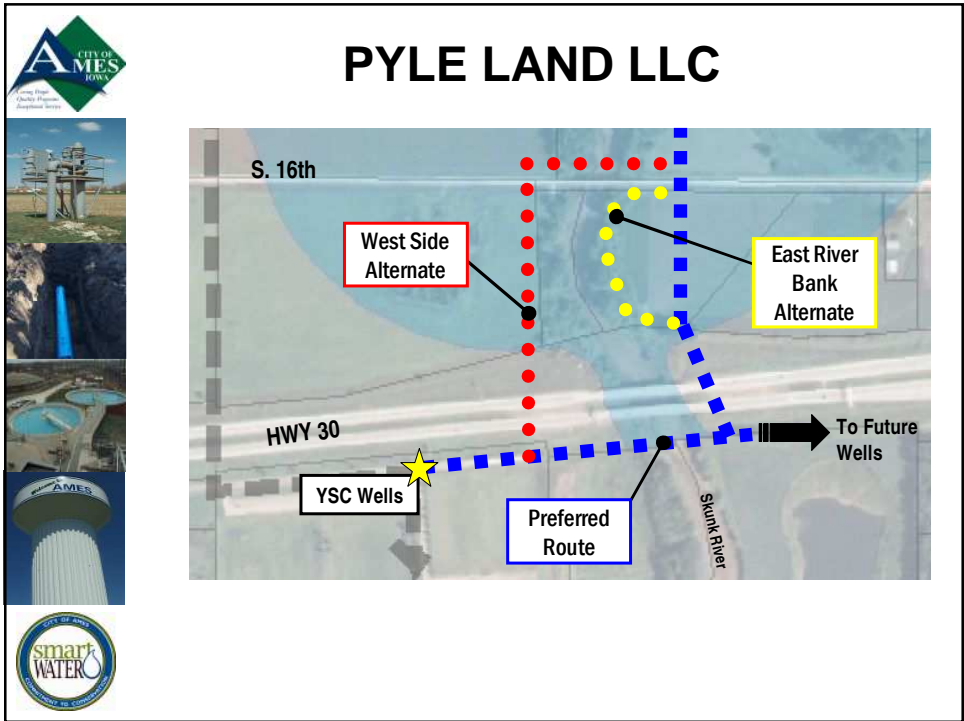
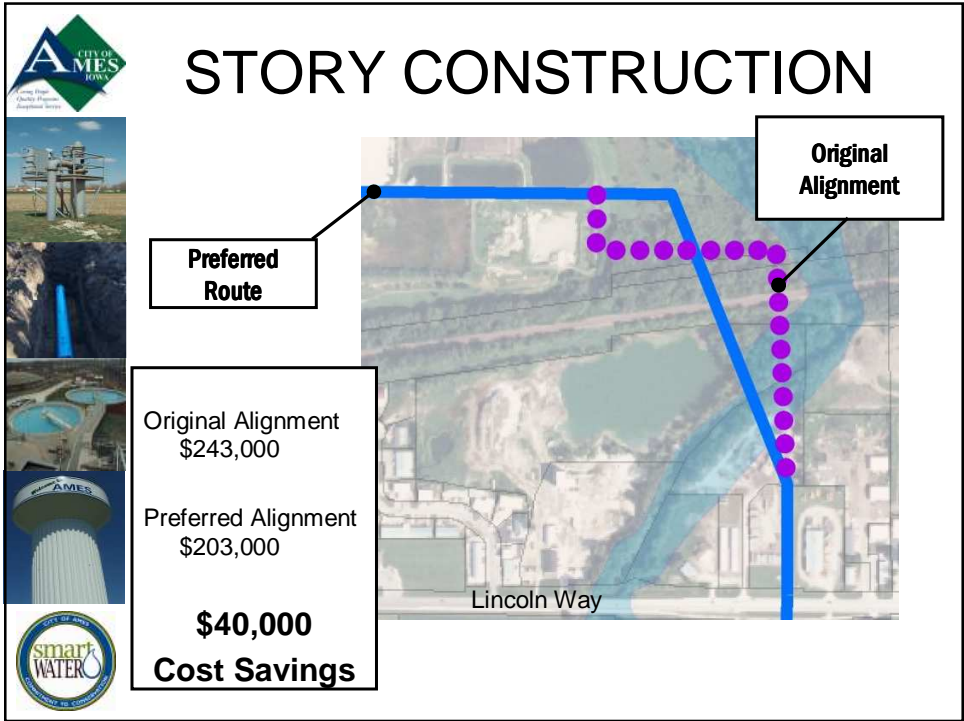
85%

Floodway or City Property

Permanent Easements = 6

Properties affected by construction (including 6th residents) = 31







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West Side Alternate ●●●●●●●●●●

(\$26,400) – Pyle Route vs. Selected Route
 \$235,400 – Future Water Main Extension

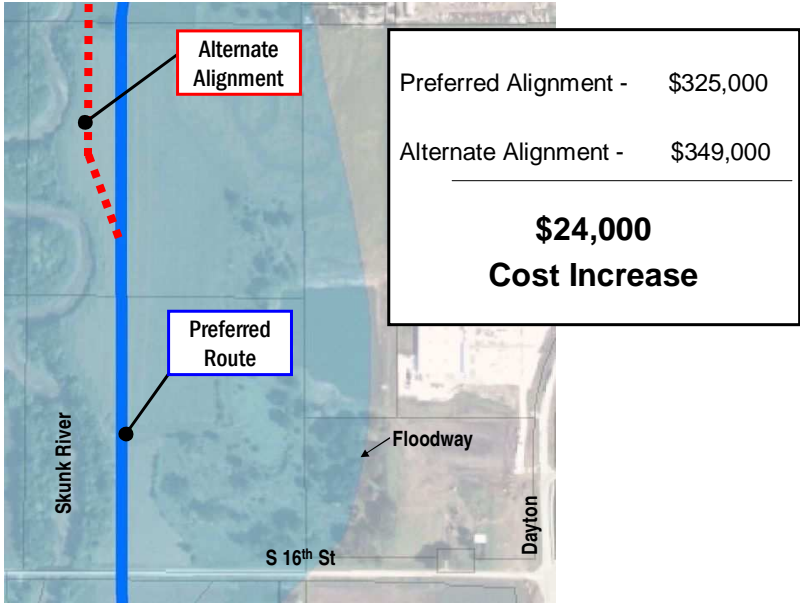
\$209,000 Cost Increase vs. Preferred Route







East River Bank Alternate ●●●●●●●●●●

\$90,000 Cost Increase vs. Preferred Route

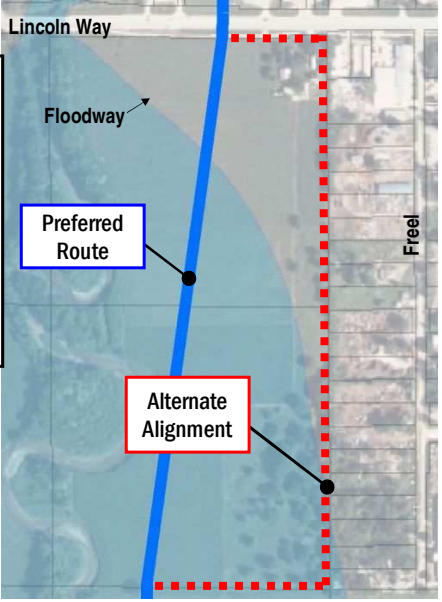


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Preferred Route - \$450,000

Alternate Alignment - \$700,000

**\$250,000
Cost Increase**

Timeline

February 12, 2008	30-Day Notice of Public Hearing regarding the public improvement project declared at meeting of Ames City Council.
March 25, 2008	Public hearing for Public Improvement Project.
March 28, 2008*	Property owners of locations where permanent easements need to be purchased will be contacted by the appraiser hired by the City
April 23, 2008*	Preliminary offers, based on appraisals, will be sent to affected property owners.
May 5, 2008*	After 10-day waiting period required by state law, property owners and negotiations for easements begin
June 10, 2008*	Easements are obtained, council approves and authorizes payment
Aug/Sept 2008*	Preliminary plans and specifications are approved, bid letting, and contract award
October 2008*	Construction begins
October 2009*	Estimated project completion

*These dates are preliminary and subject to change.



NEXT STEPS

Pass a resolution approving proceeding with the project and acquiring easements by condemnation, if necessary

OR

Direct staff to modify the selected route on the identified affected properties and approve a resolution proceeding with the project and acquiring easements by condemnation, if necessary

OR

Direct staff to redesign the project to alter the number and location of impacted properties. Start the notice of public hearing proceedings over.

