

# LANDOWNER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As our project team speaks with landowners like you regarding the Wink to Webster Pipeline, we wanted to provide you with answers to some of the more frequently asked questions we've received. Please reach out to our project team or to visit [www.WinkToWebsterPipeline.com](http://www.WinkToWebsterPipeline.com) for more information.

## **How is the route for the Wink to Webster Pipeline being developed?**

Our engineers deliberately and thoughtfully selected the route for the Wink to Webster Pipeline to consider all aspects of the project's impact on the environment, landowners and communities. As Wink to Webster Pipeline LLC refines the route during the planning and permitting process, we will continue to consider a number of factors including landowner concerns, environmental issues, cultural resources and constructability.

## **Can landowners still use their property after the pipeline is built?**

Nearly the entire length of this pipeline will be buried underground and will have limited impact on the surface. Once construction is complete, our teams will work with you to restore our work area to as near its original condition as feasible.

Farmers can still use the land to grow various crops and ranchers can still use the land for grazing. The land can also be used for a variety recreational purposes. However, because we always need to access the pipeline for maintenance, the permanent right of way must remain clear of trees and permanent structures. Before digging or starting any new projects, please call 811 so we and other utilities can verify where pipelines and other infrastructure are located on your property.

## **What can we expect from Wink to Webster Pipeline LLC throughout the next few months?**

Our project team's objective is to work with you to come to a mutually beneficial agreement to acquire and maintain the right of way needed for the project. Team members will be available to listen to any concerns or answer any questions you may have. They will strive to treat you with openness and respect.

If you would like to communicate with the project team directly, please call our public information line at (877) 442-1357. You also can opt to receive our email newsletter with project updates by visiting [www.WinkToWebsterPipeline.com](http://www.WinkToWebsterPipeline.com) and filling out the request form.

## **What can we expect throughout construction and clean-up?**

We will be providing you with more information as we approach the start of construction, which we expect to be in the first half of 2020. When that time comes, our teams will work hard to complete

construction in a timely and safe manner and in a way that limits potential disruptions. Throughout the process, we will remain engaged and available to assist you with issues you may have.

### **How deep will this pipeline be buried?**

Throughout the project, our team will meet or exceed safety, design, construction and operating standards. For example, the top of the pipeline is buried at least three feet below surface when installed – which exceeds regulations. Whenever possible, the Wink to Webster team will place the pipe at a deeper depth, up to four feet below the surface when installed, to continue to reduce the risk of third-party damage.

### **How will Wink to Webster Pipeline LLC keep the pipeline on my property safe?**

Wink to Webster Pipeline LLC is committed to designing, constructing, operating and maintaining a safe and reliable pipeline system.

Wink to Webster Pipeline LLC will have:

- A route developed and constructed to minimize the collective impact to the environment, landowners and the public
- New pipe manufactured to meet or exceed industry standards and specifications, treated with a special coating to help prevent corrosion
- X-ray examination of all pipeline welds during construction to verify their integrity prior to placing the line into service
- Internal and external integrity assessments prior to and after placing the pipeline into service
- A 24/7/365 monitoring and control system that connects our operations center to gauges, valves and other pipeline facilities via satellite so we can constantly monitor and remotely control the safe operation of the pipeline
- A cathodic protection system designed to guard against corrosion and help ensure its ongoing integrity
- Regular aerial surveillance and ground patrols of the right of way once in operation

### **How will you inspect this pipeline?**

We use several methods to inspect the pipeline before, during and after construction.

Before construction, as part of our quality assurance program, we require the pipe manufacturer to run several tests of the pipe's integrity before the pipe is even shipped to us, and our project team goes to the steel mill to monitor these on-site inspections.

During construction, we will X-ray all the welds made in the field to examine their integrity. Once completed, we will inspect the integrity of the entire pipeline.

As soon as the pipeline is placed into service, its safe operation will be monitored and controlled 24/7/365 by our control center that is connected to gauges, remote-controlled valves and other pipeline facilities via satellite. We also will use in-line inspection tools – known as “smart pigs” – to travel through the pipeline and inspect its integrity. These tools will provide information that will help

guide our preventive maintenance program. In addition, we will regularly monitor the effectiveness of the cathodic protection system designed to guard against corrosion and conduct routine aerial and ground inspections of the right of way.

### **How will we be treated by the company and its team members?**

Our team members are committed to treating you and your families with openness and respect. After all, our goal is to establish a long-term, trusting relationship with you as a good neighbor. We will negotiate in good faith, be sincere in our commitments and work hard to come to a mutually acceptable agreement. As our work begins, we will be forthright in our communications and respond to your questions promptly. If you are ever concerned about an interaction you have had with us, please let us know by calling (877) 442-1357, and we will work hard to resolve the situation.

## **GENERAL PIPELINE QUESTIONS**

### **Why do we need pipelines?**

Pipelines are one the safest modes of transportation to move crude oil from production areas to refineries, where it can be converted into products that are used to heat our homes, fuel our vehicles and manufacture products, such as plastics, that we rely on every day.

The Wink to Webster pipeline is important to the Texas economy because it provides a critical piece of infrastructure needed to maintain the growth of jobs and tax revenues supported by crude oil production in the Permian Basin, refining on the Gulf Coast and other industry activities throughout the state. Pipelines also help reduce semi-truck traffic, which can improve safety, relieve road congestion and enhance road conditions.

### **Are pipelines safe?**

U. S. Department of Transportation statistics show that underground pipelines are one of the safest modes of transporting crude oil.

### **Who regulates this pipeline?**

As of now, The Texas Railroad Commission will be the pipeline's main regulator. It will be involved in the project's permitting, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and will oversee the pipeline's operations.