



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 County service area.

South Hillsborough Pipeline

The new South Hillsborough Pipeline 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 start at Tampa Bay Water's Tampa Bay Regional Surface Water Treatment Plant in Brandon, connect to Hillsborough County's Lithia Water Treatment Plant and end at the County's new connection point at Balm Riverview and Balm roads. The pipeline will provide 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 13 selection criteria, which included non-cost factors such as public inconvenience, safety, environmental impacts and permitting, as well as project cost.

Tampa Bay Water's consulting engineers are currently completing 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 2025 and beyond.



Fast Facts

- 26 miles long, up to 60 inches in diameter
- Cost: \$505.7 million; up to \$84 million to be funded by Hillsborough County
- Segment A route approved Sept. 19, 2022
- Segment B route approved Jan. 23, 2023

Pipeline Schedule

- Design: through fall 2025
- Property acquisition: through fall 2026
- Construction start: as early as fall 2025
- Construction complete: spring 2029
- Pipeline in service: late 2028