# Pioneer Produced Water Pipeline Project RCU2020-00004

September 1, 2020 Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing Community and Economic Development Department Case Manager: Greg Barnes



### Requests

- Conditional Use Permit to construct a new pipeline system conveying produced water
- Development Agreement that covers pre-construction requirements, construction and operational standards, and maintenance.

## Background

- Can connect to 16 regional well pads
- Transports Produced Water
- Destination: Expedition Water Solutions #6 Wastewater Injection and Disposal facility in Weld County
- Pipeline Length:
  - Overall : 48.5 miles
  - Adams County: 19 miles
    - Unincorporated: 12 miles (42 properties)
    - Brighton/Thornton: 7 miles
- 4-12 inches in diameter
- Reduction of an estimated 5,000,000 truck miles and over 50,000 truckloads per year on local roads

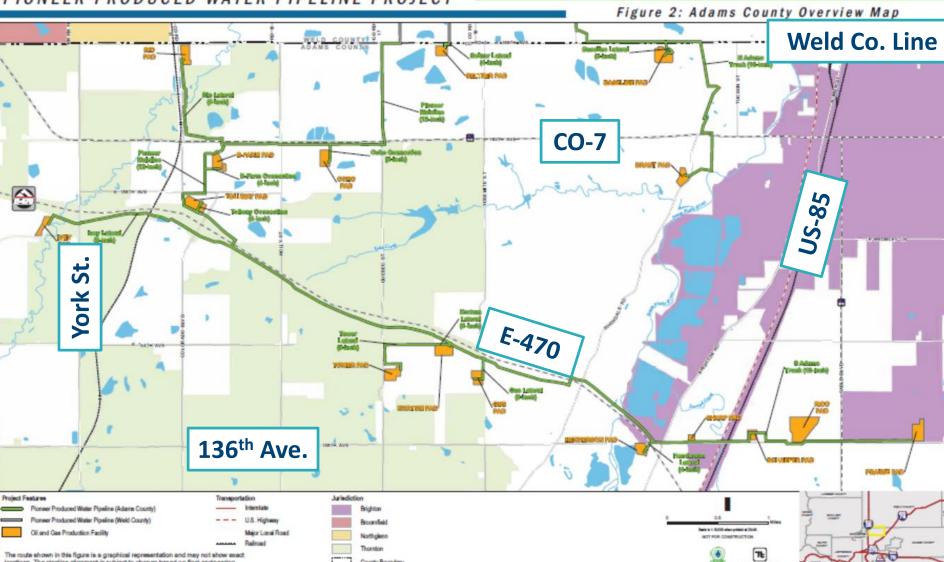
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#### Table 3:

Oil and Gas Production Facility Permitting Jurisdictions and Permitting Status

| Oil and Gas Production<br>Facility Name | Permitting Jurisdiction | Permit Number/Status  |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| Baseline                                | Adams County            | USR2018-00010   |
| B-Farm                                  | Adams County            | USR2017-00004   |
| Brant                                   | Adams County            | USR2018-00011   |
| Gus                                     | Adams County            | USR2018-00013   |
| lvey                                    | Adams County            | USR2016-00006   |
| Kortum                                  | Adams County            | USR2018-00009   |
| Ocho                                    | Adams County            | USR2016-00005   |
| Rio                                     | Adams County            | USR2019-00001   |
| Schaefer                                | Adams County            | USR2016-00003   |
| Seltzer                                 | Adams County            | USR2018-00002   |
| Tollway                                 | Adams County            | USR2018-00005   |
| Tower                                   | Adams County            | USR2018-00012   |
| Sharp                                   | Adams County            | Application for USR in progress                             |
| Rico                                    | Adams County            | Application for USR in progress                             |
| Henderson                               | Adams County            | Application for USR in progress                             |
| Prairie                                 | Brighton                | Located within the City of Brighton<br>(Case File 18-00214) |



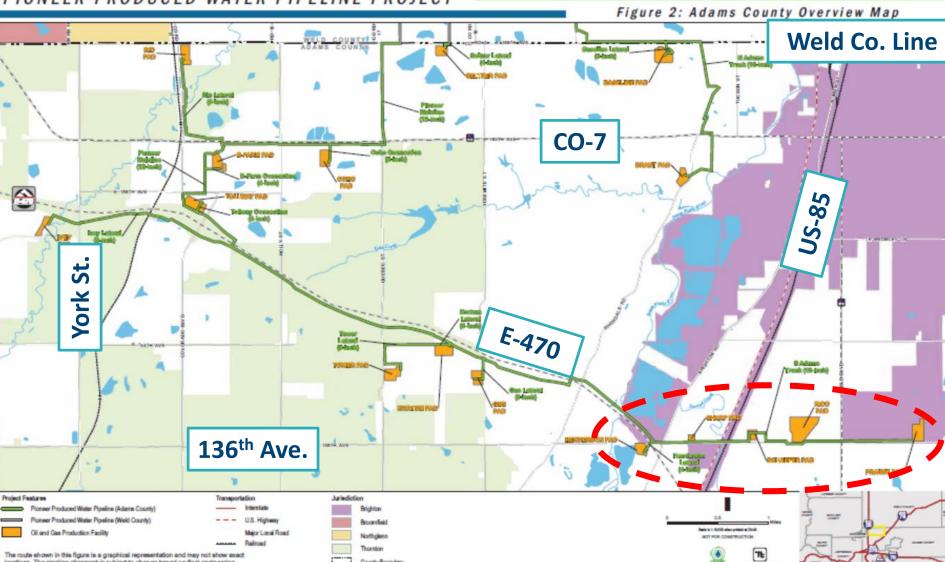


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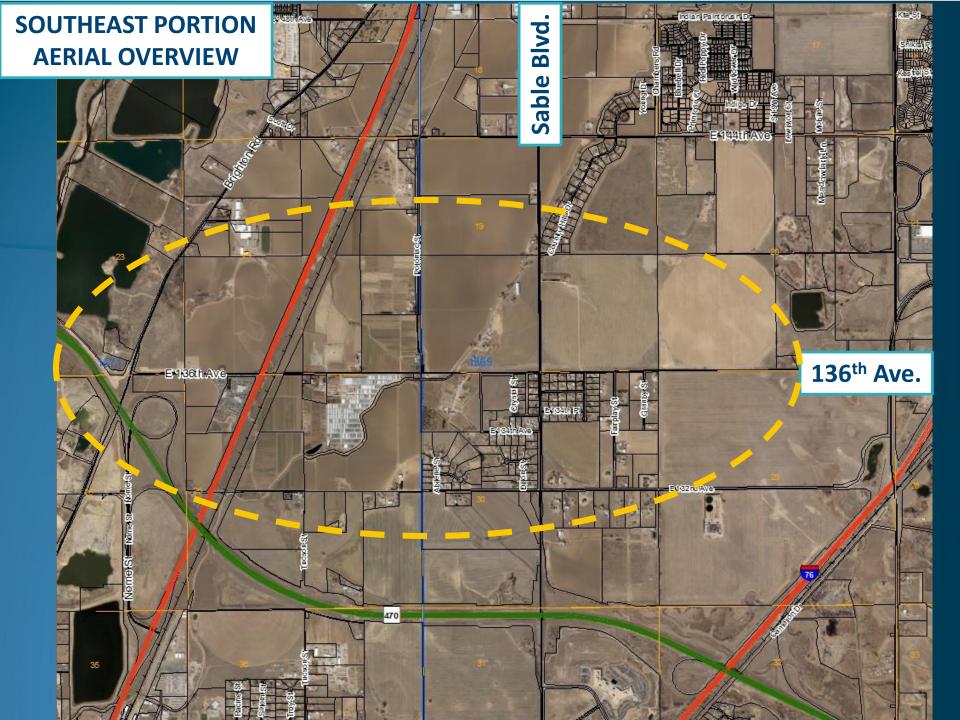


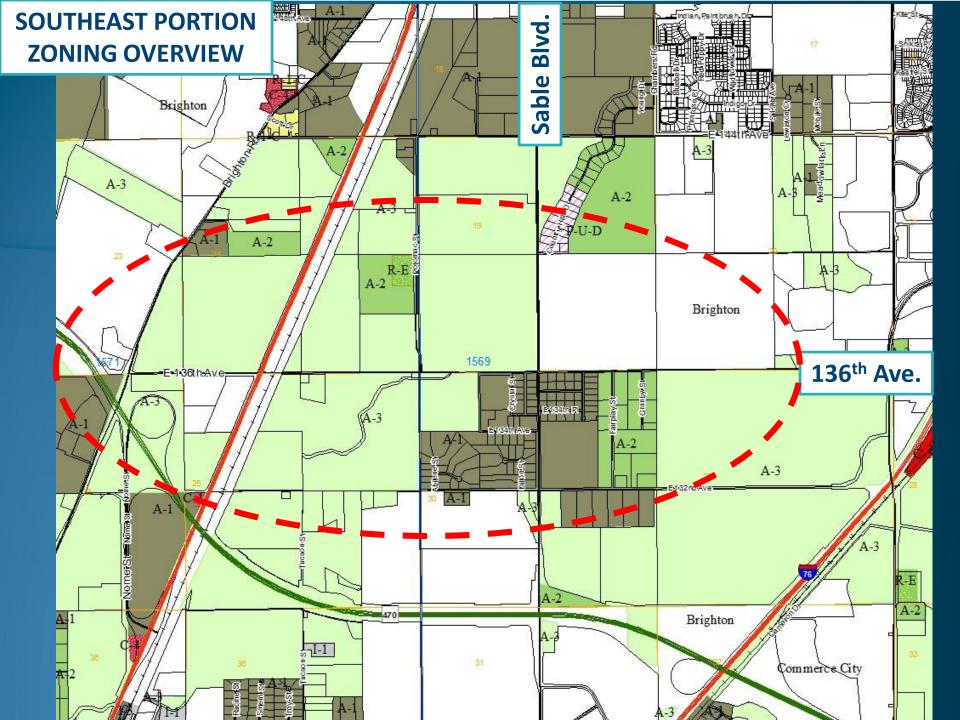


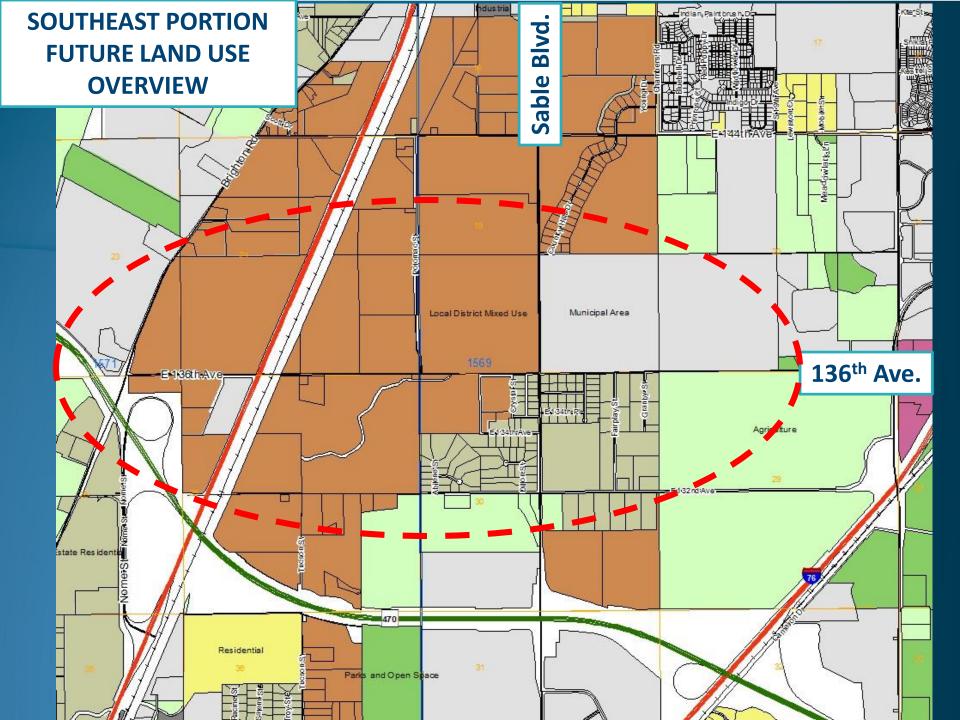
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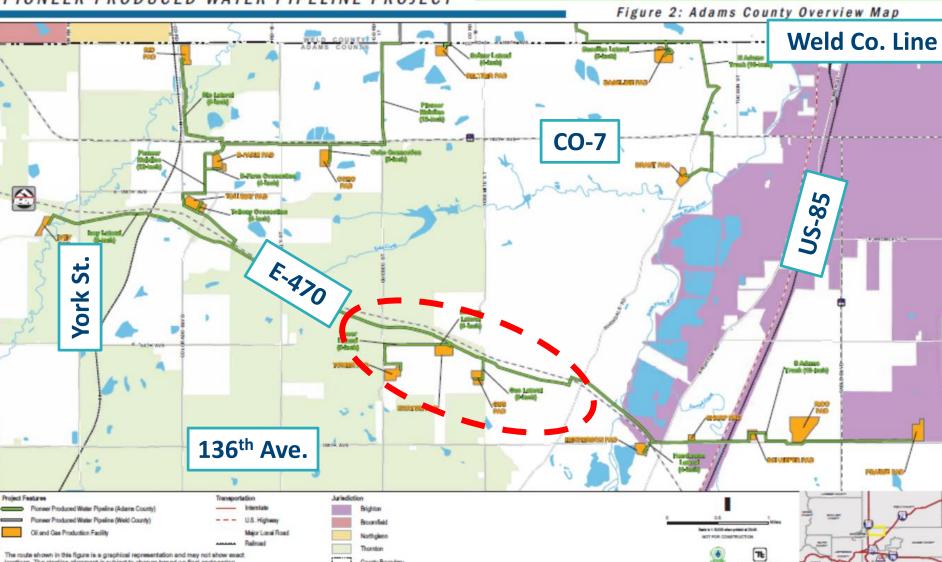
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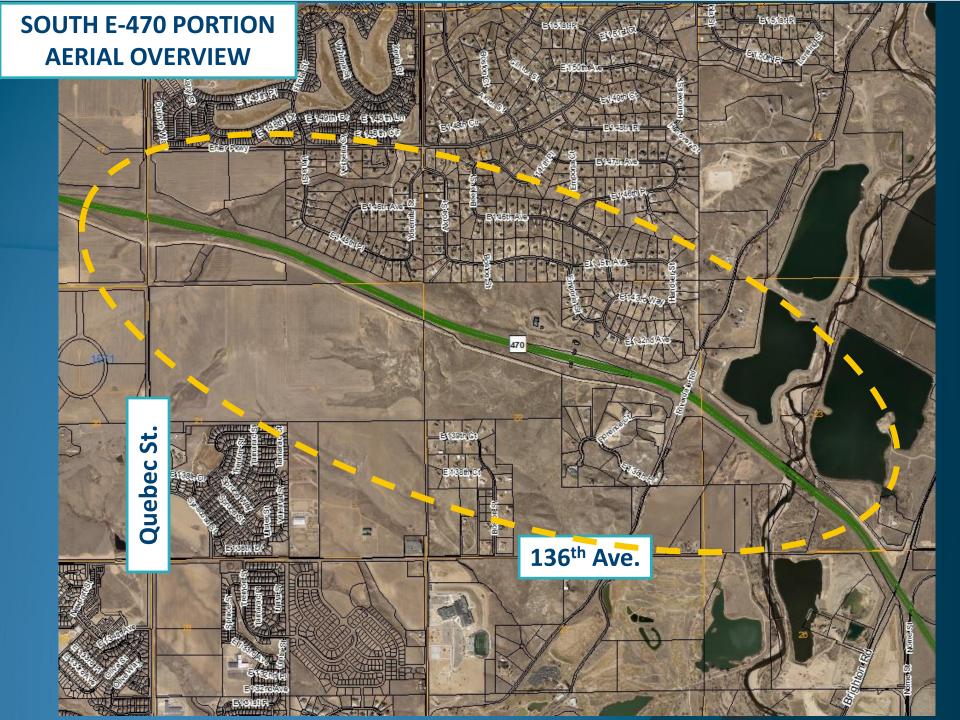


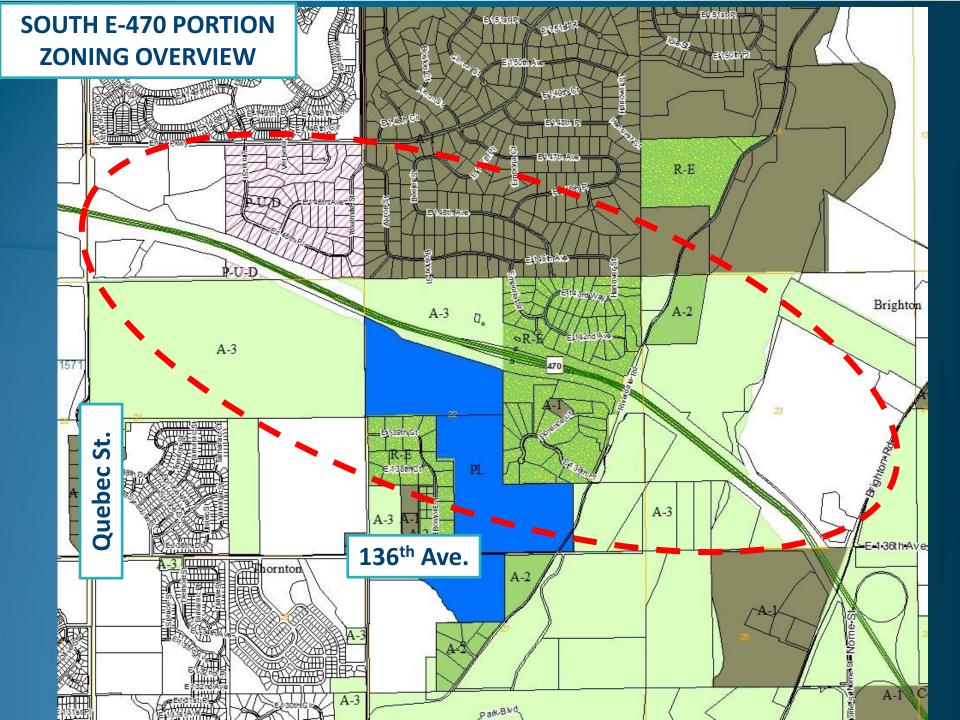


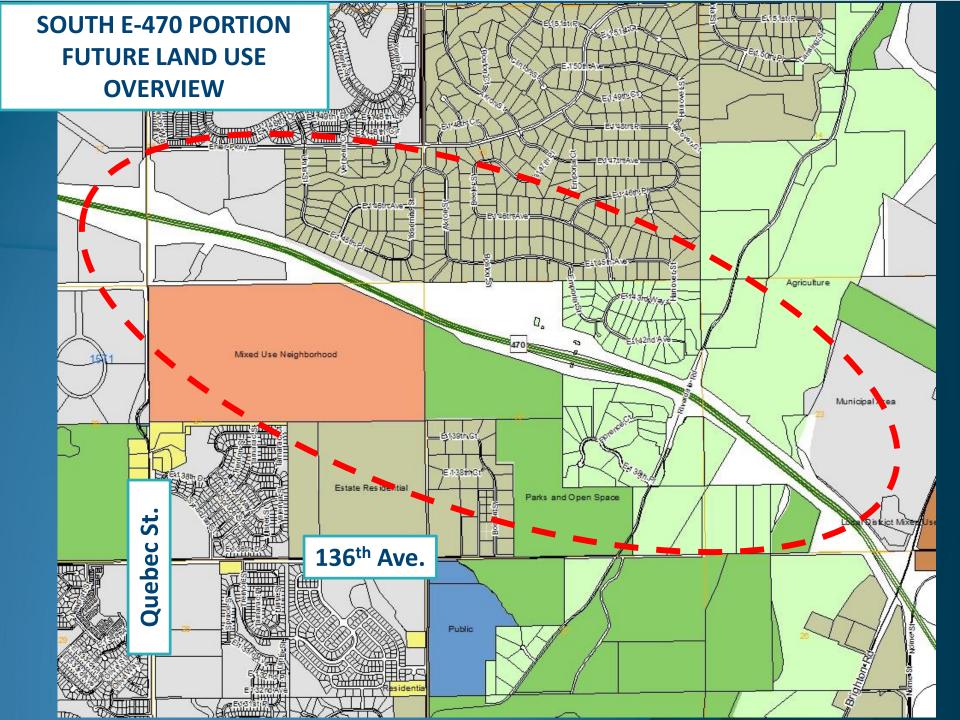
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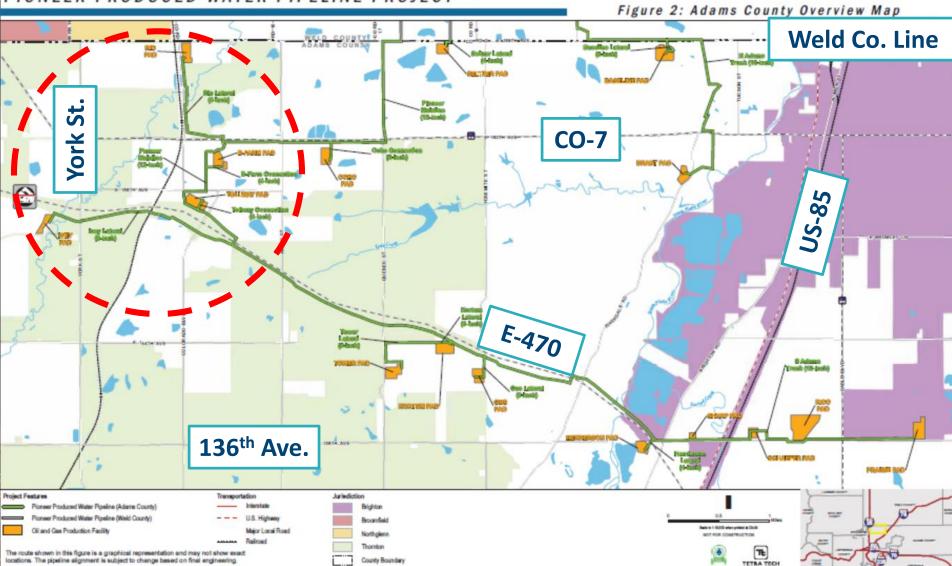
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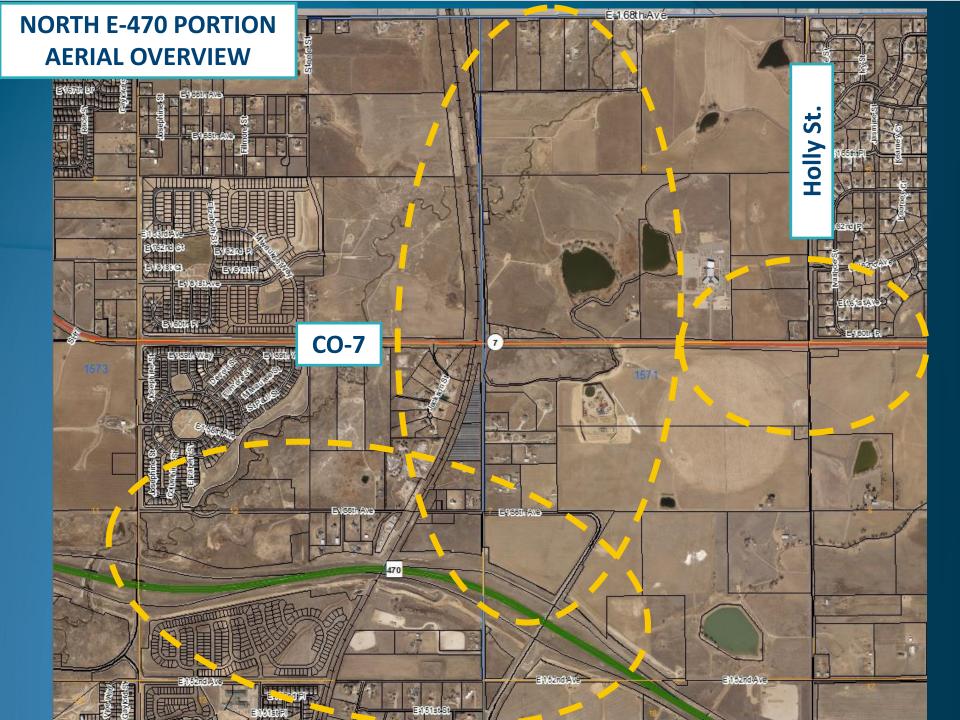


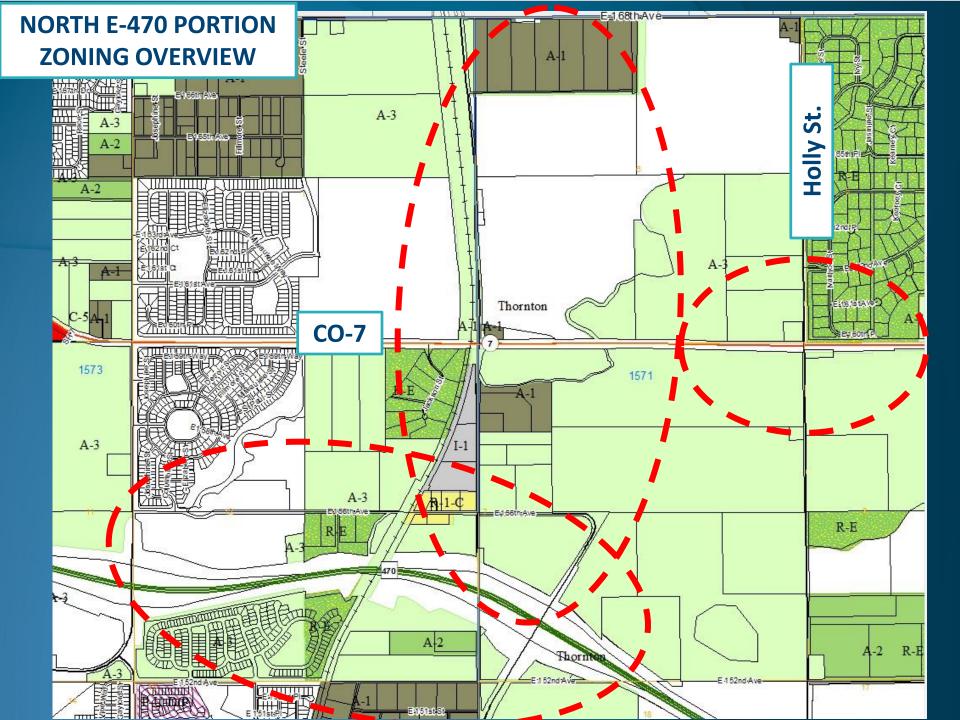


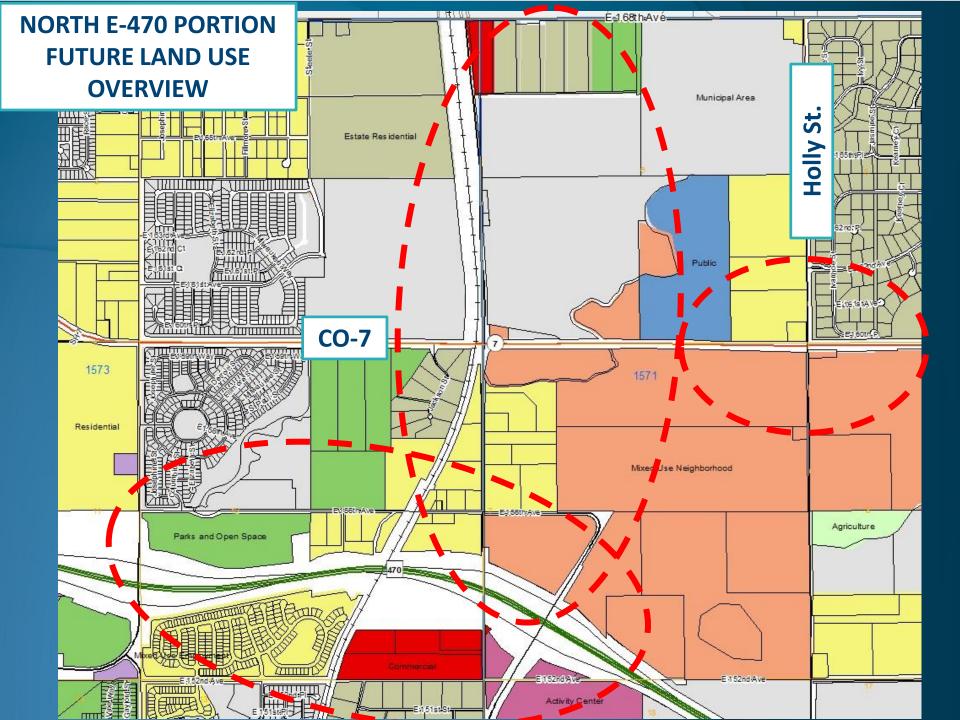


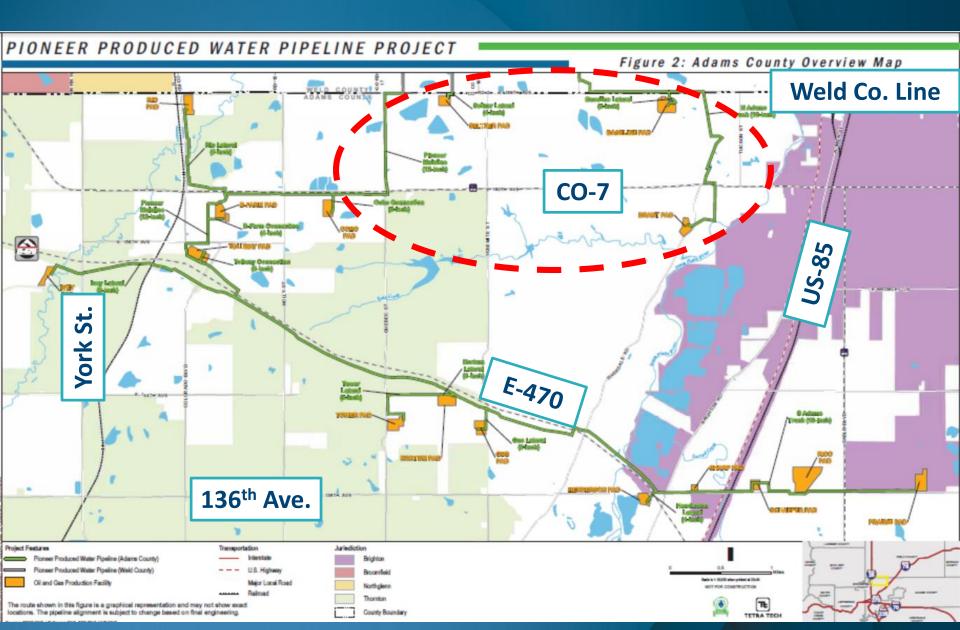
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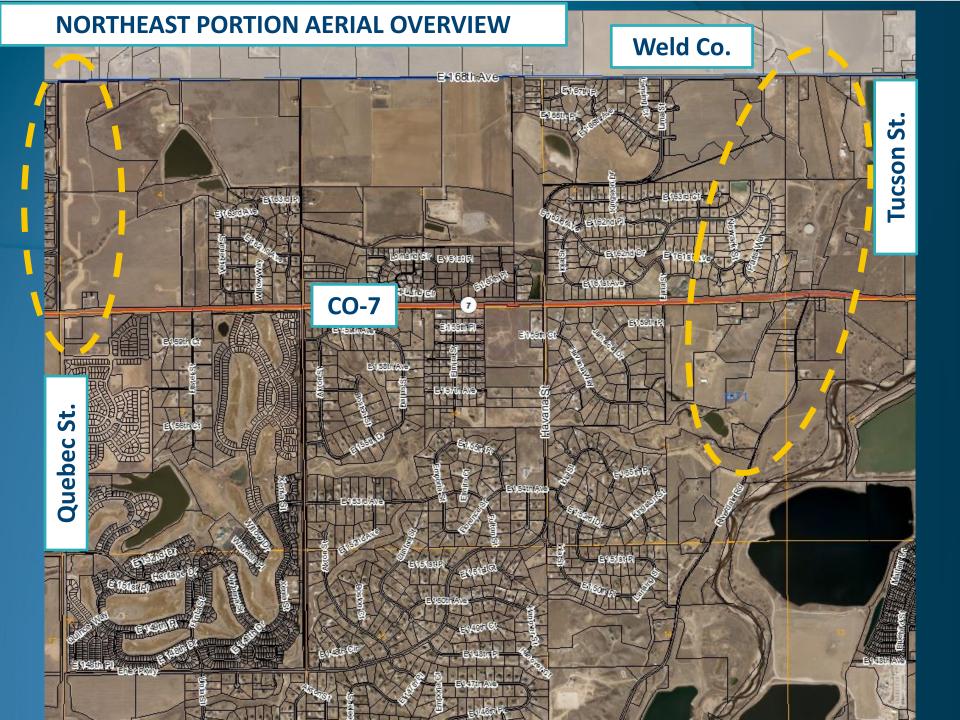


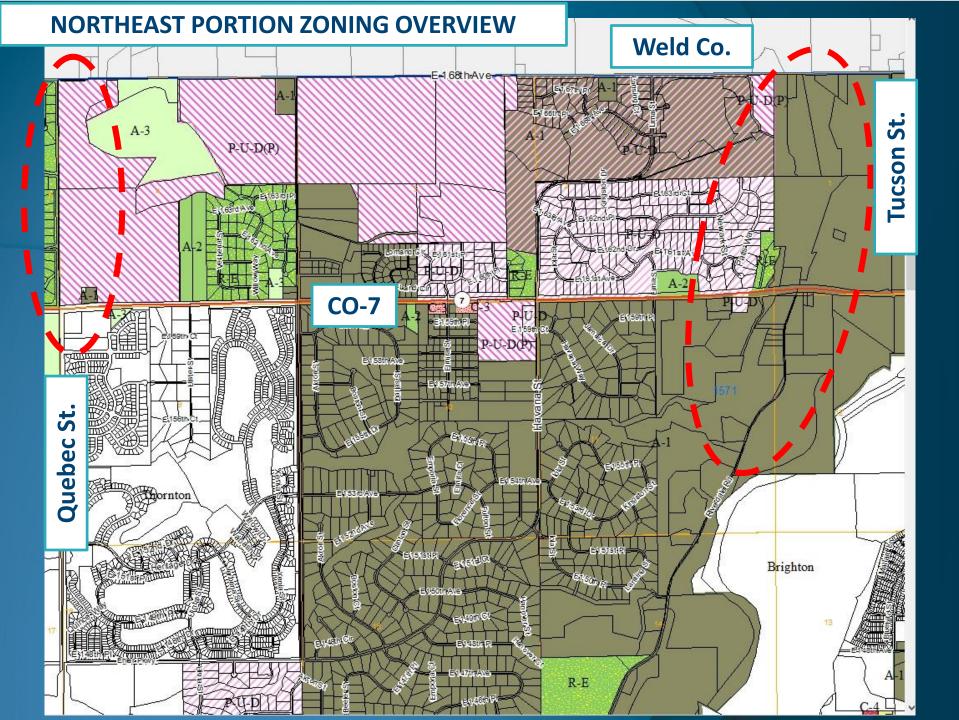


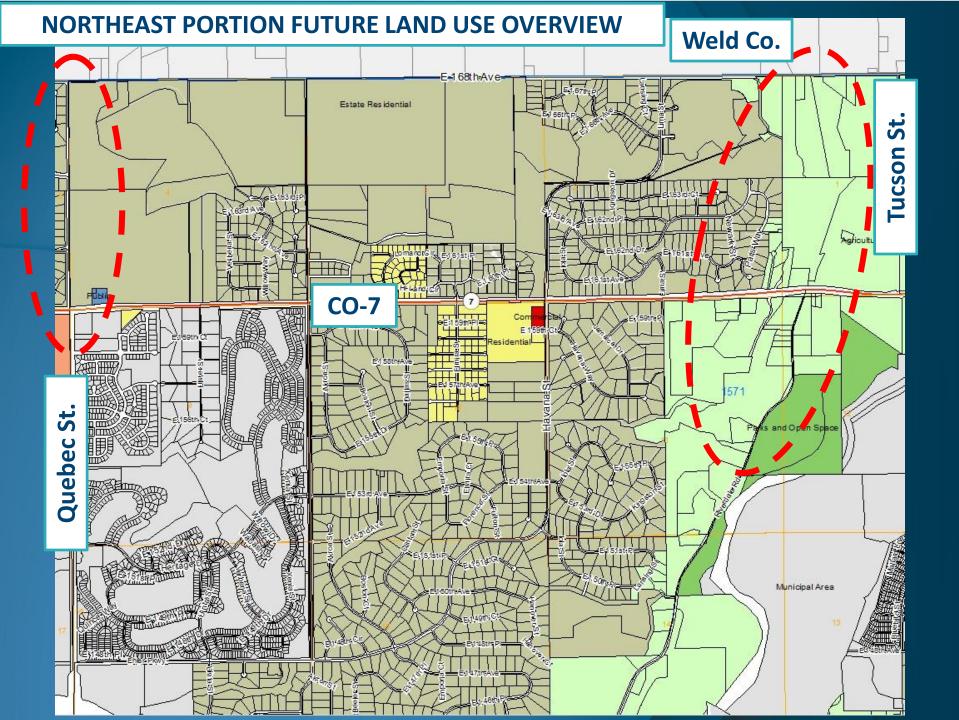












### **Development Agreement**

- Compliance with federal safety standards & engineering codes
- Covers multiple requirements:
  - pre-construction
  - compliance with referrals
  - submittal of construction plans
  - submittal of traffic control plans
  - standards of construction for the pipeline
  - operational standards
  - ongoing maintenance of the pipeline

### **Criteria for Conditional Use**

Section 2-02-09-06

- 1. Permitted in zone district
- 2. Consistent with purpose of regulations
- 3. Comply with performance standards
- 4. Harmonious & compatible
- 5. Addressed all off-site impacts
- 6. Site suitable for use
- 7. Site plan adequate for use
- 8. Adequate services

### **Additional Criteria**

- 25 more criteria included from AASI:
  - Documentation on property rights
  - Technically & financially feasible
  - Natural hazards
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Financial impacts to government / residents
  - Environmental / cultural

### **Referral Comments**

**Referral agencies** 

- City of Thornton
- CDPHE
- CPW
- E-470 Authority
- Metro Wastewater
- Xcel Energy

Public comments: Property owners and residents within 1,000 feet of the proposed pipeline:

| Notifications Sent | Comments Received |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 728                | 1                 |  |
|                    |                   |  |

### Summary

The request is consistent with:

- Surrounding areas
- Comprehensive Plan
- Development Standards & Regulations
- AASI findings
- Benefits Region with Reduction of Traffic

### **Planning Commission Update**

- Hearing Date: August 13, 2020
- Questions regarding safety of produced water and precautions for environmentally sensitive areas
- No public comments were provided
- Planning Commission recommended approval (6-0)

### **PC/Staff Recommendation**

Approval of Conditional Use Permit (RCU2020-00004) and associated Development Agreement based on:

- 33 Findings-of-Fact,
- 1 condition, and
- 1 note

#### **Recommended Condition of Approval:**

1. The applicant shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the executed Development Agreement between Pioneer Water Pipeline, LLC and Adams County.

#### **Recommended Note to Applicant:**

1. The applicant shall execute the Development Agreement associated with the conditional use permit prior to the scheduled September 1, 2020 Board of County Commissioners hearing. The executed Development Agreement shall be submitted to Adams County staff no later than August 28, 2020.