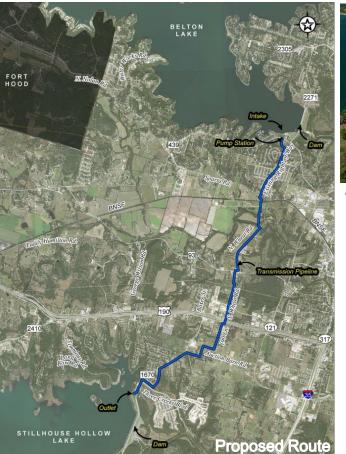


## **Belhouse Drought Preparedness**





In 2005, the BRA authorized additional water supply contracts from Lakes Belton and Stillhouse Hollow to meet future demands in Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Falls, Lampasas, and Williamson counties. To meet these demands during times of drought, a raw water transfer system is required to manage this portion of the water supply system to ensure water can be accessed when and where it is needed within this part of the basin.

## The Project

The raw water transfer system will consist of multiple components, which include an intake and pump station at Lake Belton, an outlet at Stillhouse Hollow Lake, and a transmission pipeline between the lakes. Development of the transfer system will occur in multiple phases to carefully address project risk and to ensure the project configuration can be implemented in a costeffective manner. Phase 1 included evaluation, feasibility, and preliminary design, along with significant jurisdictional and environmental agency coordination and public outreach. Future project phases will include final design, environmental permitting, contractor procurement, and construction phase services.

## Current Project Status 11/17/2023

- Preliminary Engineering Report has been finalized.
- Scope and fee development is ongoing for the Phase 2 design contract which will include final design services, environmental permitting, easement acquisition, and continued public outreach.

