



Pipeline Resolution to Protect the Edwards Aquifer

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Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline

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Houston Company Proposes Crude Oil Pipeline Across Edwards Aquifer



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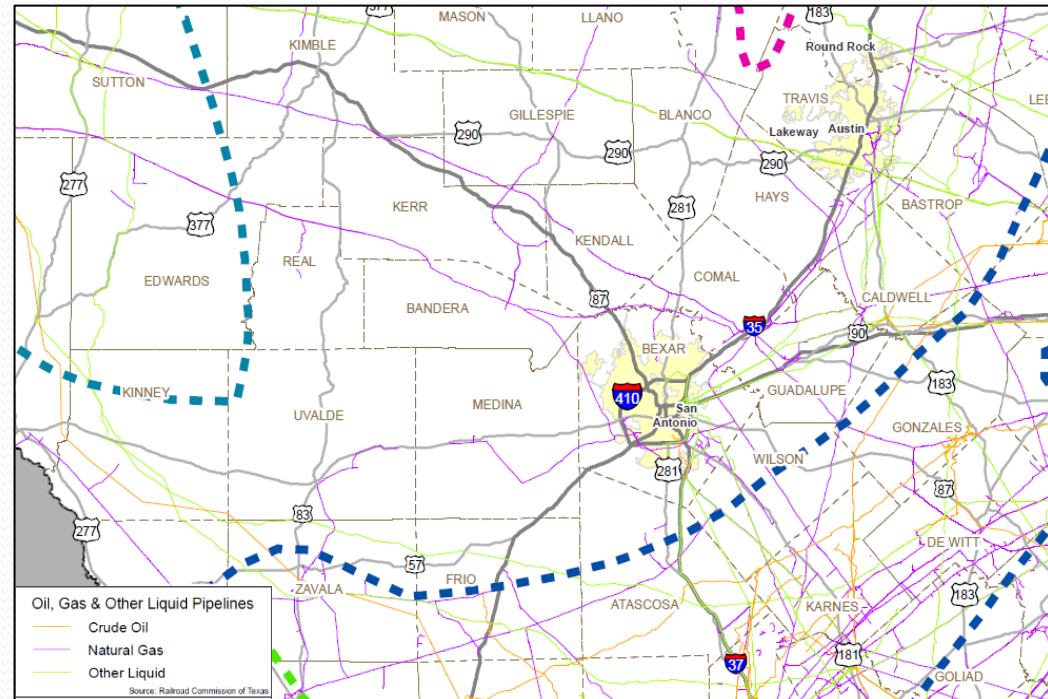


Stakeholder Outreach

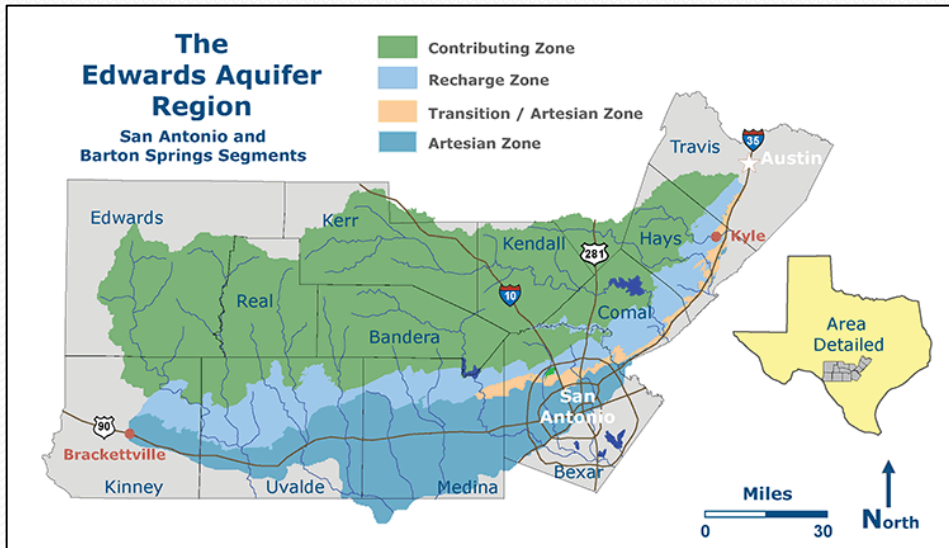
- GPA conducted outreach to local and statewide oil and gas stakeholders, including:
 - Edwards Aquifer Authority
 - Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
 - City of Austin
 - CPS Energy
 - NuStar Energy
 - Texas Pipeline Association
 - Texas Railroad Commission
 - South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable (STEER)
 - Texas Oil & Gas Association

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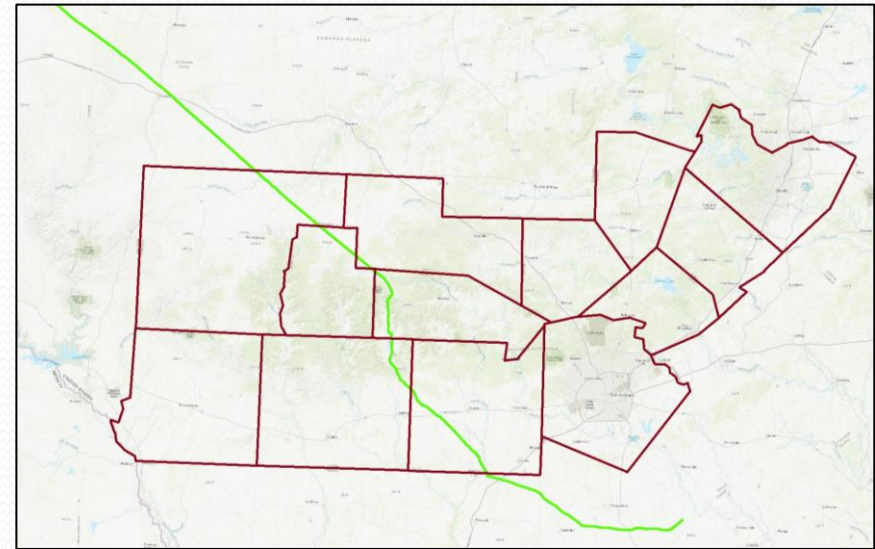
- Texas Railroad Commission has regulatory authority over oil & gas
- Pipeline authority limited to safety and rate regulation
- No approval required before construction or for routing



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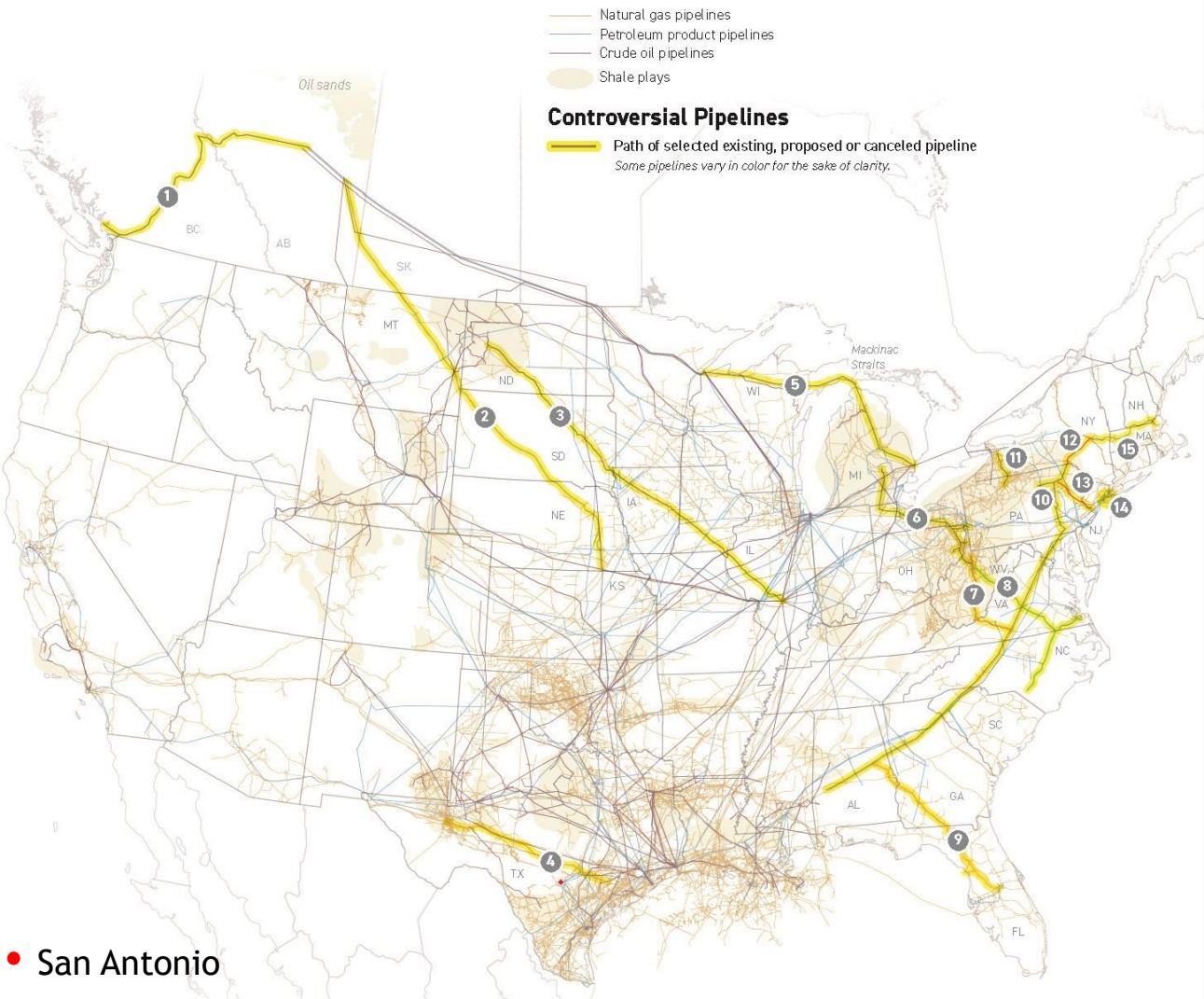


Edwards Aquifer Zones



Enterprise Proposed Pipeline

Oil & gas pipelines fueling disputes



Oil & Gas Industry Response

- Pipelines are the safest, most reliable and efficient means of transporting natural gas, crude and refined petroleum products
- State mandates a pipeline integrity management program that exceeds federal standards
- Industry uses advanced technology and techniques to safeguard public, prevent property damage while minimizing environmental impact

Texas Pipeline Association - Best Practices

- Calls for working with municipalities and landowners, establishing a POC
- When routing within a municipality, consider using existing easement and public rights-of-way
- Present municipalities with preliminary routes
- Allow reasonable timeframe for municipalities to provide comments on preliminary route
- Commit to negotiate in good faith with property owners before using eminent domain authority



Pipeline Route Modified

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Landowners Got One Hill Country Oil Pipeline Moved. But Can They Do It Again?

Rule No. 1 of averting pipeline routes: Always bring a high-powered, politically connected oil and gas executive to the negotiating table.



Andy Sanson walks on his property in the Hill Country near Stonewall. A proposed new natural gas pipeline would pass through his ranch. *AP PHOTO: ZAC GAY*

Resolution

- Oppose oil or gas pipelines with the potential to impact groundwater of the Edwards Aquifer
- Study legislative and legal avenues to protect landowners, landowners' property rights, and communities from the potential negative impact of oil and gas pipelines, including:
 - Create a regulatory process for pipeline routing that enables affected landowners and communities to provide input on the routing process, similar to the practice followed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding the routing of electric transmission lines
 - Require environmental and economic impact studies for intrastate pipelines, including the participation of local governmental entities, and making the studies available for review by the public
 - Require governmental oversight over eminent domain delegated to private companies and/or rescinding the unlimited power of eminent domain delegated to private companies



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