

## Appendix L

### Public Open House Materials

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## Appendix L1: Notification Letter for Open House Meetings in June 2023

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## Jamestown to Ellendale

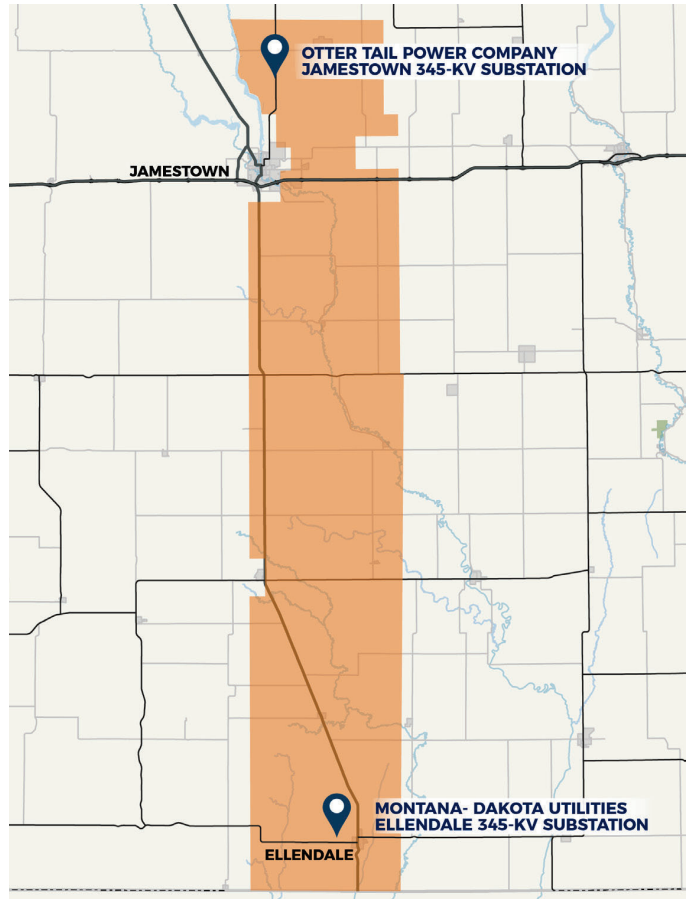
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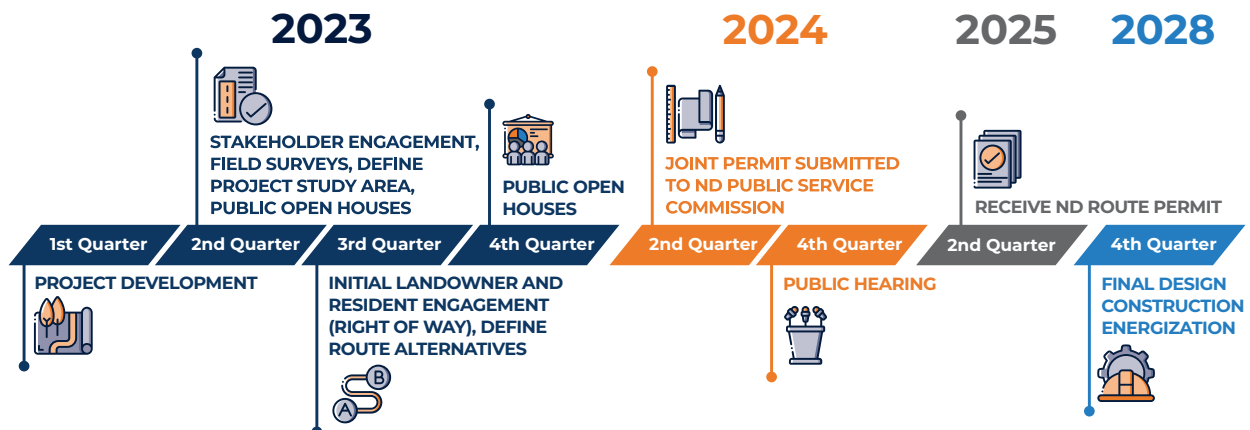
## STUDY AREA MAP

Study area is marked in orange on the map below and subject to change.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change.



We appreciate your interest in the Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line project!

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LEARN MORE ON THE INSIDE



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## ELLENDALE

June 13, 2023  
4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Ellendale Opera House  
55 Main Street  
Ellendale, ND 58436

## EDGELEY

June 14, 2023  
4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Hakuna Matata Bar and Grill  
101 Industrial Park Rd  
Edgeley, ND 58433

## JAMESTOWN

June 15, 2023  
4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Bunker Hill Club House  
1520 3rd St. SE  
Jamestown, ND 58401

You're invited to an open house for Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project. This project will improve electric reliability, increase resiliency to extreme weather conditions, reduce transmission congestion, and increase access to low-cost energy in the region.

JOIN US!

## Appendix L2:

### Notification Letter for Open House Meetings in July 2023

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# JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

 July 24, 2023

 4:00-7:00 p.m.

 Hakuna Matata Bar and Grill  
101 Industrial Park Rd  
Edgeley, ND 58433

 July 25, 2023

 4:00-7:00 p.m.

 CBS' of Ellendale  
415 1st Ave N  
Ellendale, ND 58436

## We discovered some people didn't receive an invitation to our recent open houses.

We apologize for this oversight and are holding another round of open houses. Please join us **July 24 or 25!**

We'll share the same information we provided at the previous open houses.

# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



View display boards and add a comment to the interactive map on the project website:

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Send the project team an email:

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Leave us a voicemail at:

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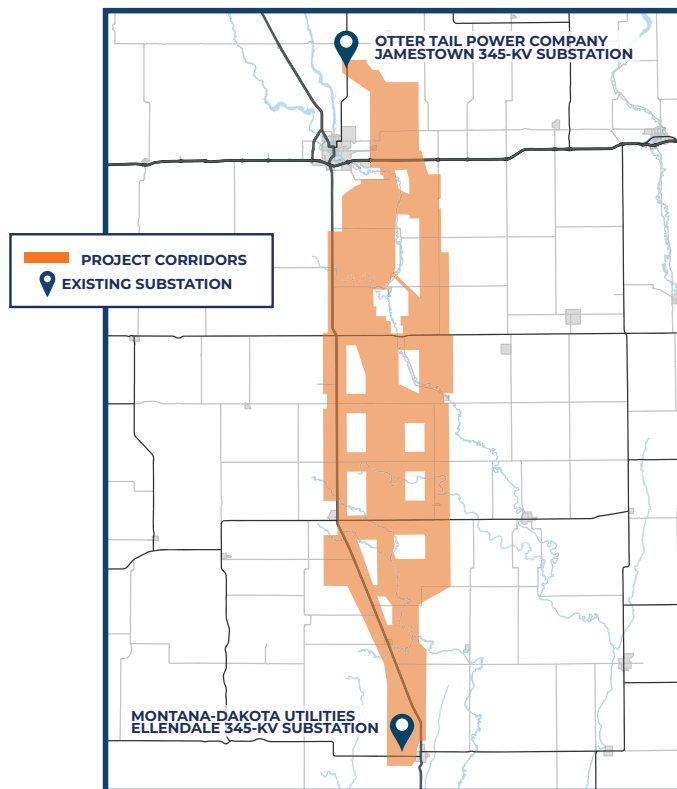
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# JETx Jamestown to Ellendale



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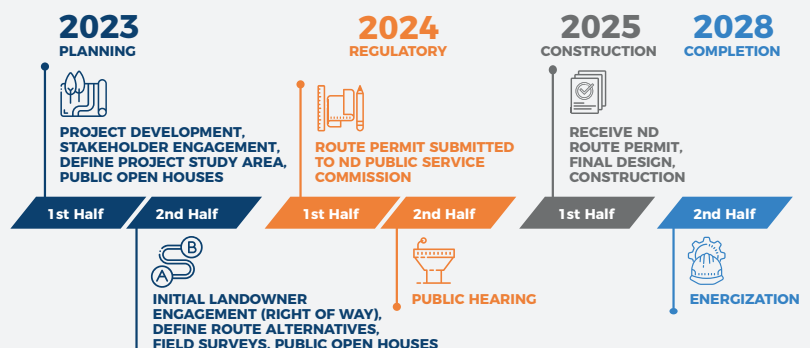
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- 1. DEFINE STUDY AREA**
- 2. IDENTIFY PROJECT CORRIDORS**
- 3. WE ARE HERE HOST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES**
- 4. DEVELOP ROUTE ALTERNATIVES**
- 5. HOST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES**
- 6. SELECT PROPOSED ROUTES**

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Developing and constructing transmission lines is a multi-year effort, and we are currently targeting an in-service date of late 2028. Many steps need to take place before the Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line is fully operational. Refer to the project schedule for a snapshot of how we anticipate this project will develop. We look forward to receiving your input!

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## Appendix L3: June and July 2023 Public Meeting Boards

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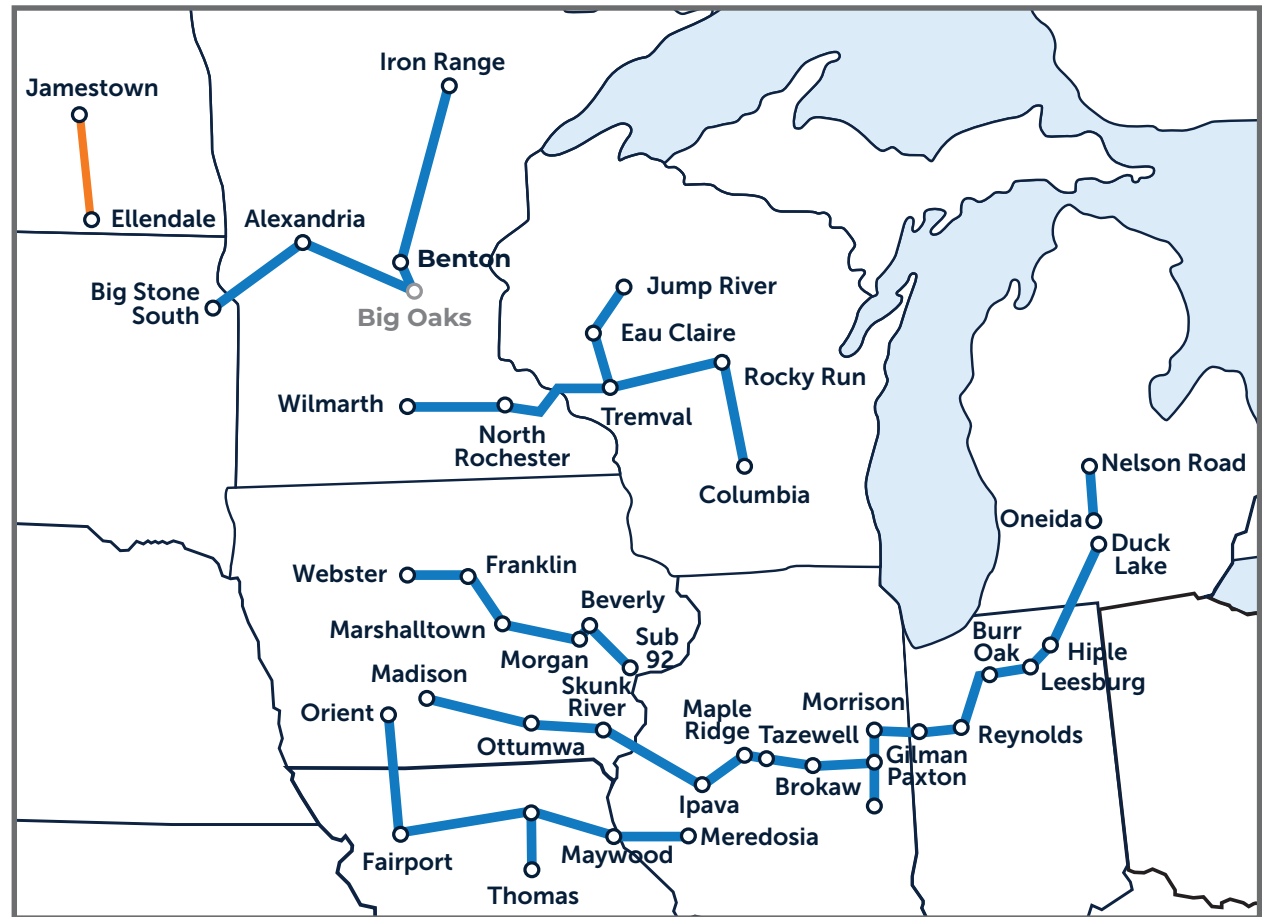
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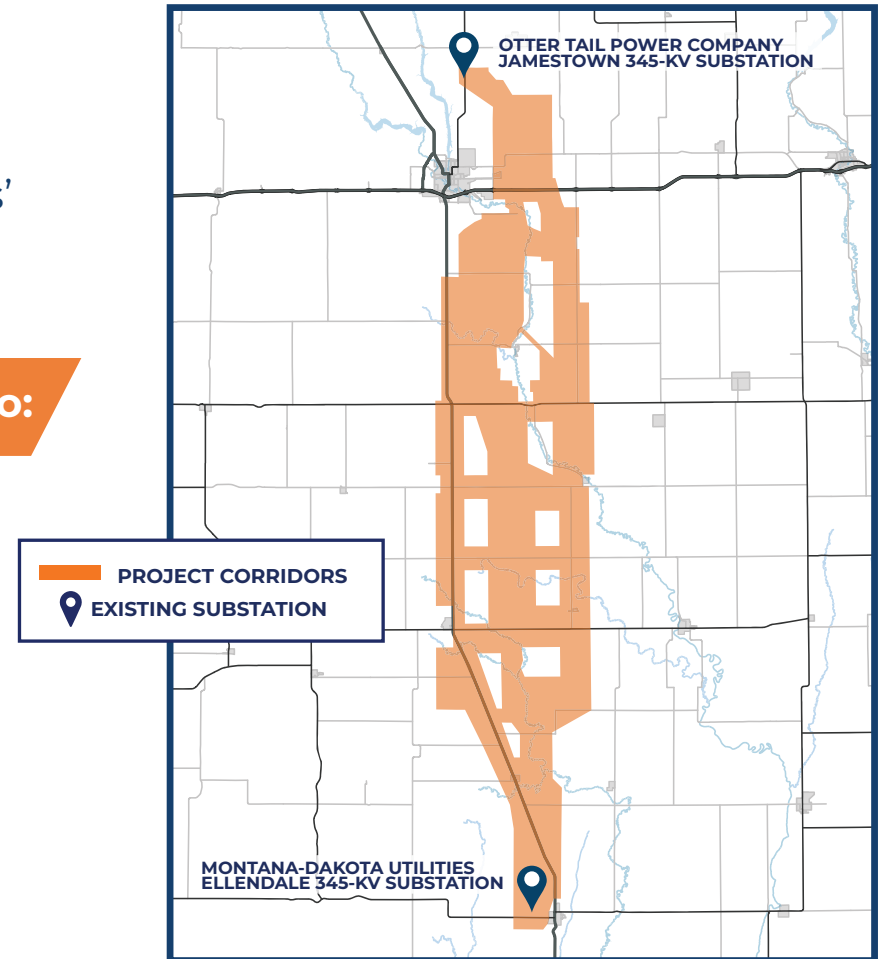
Increase resiliency to extreme weather conditions

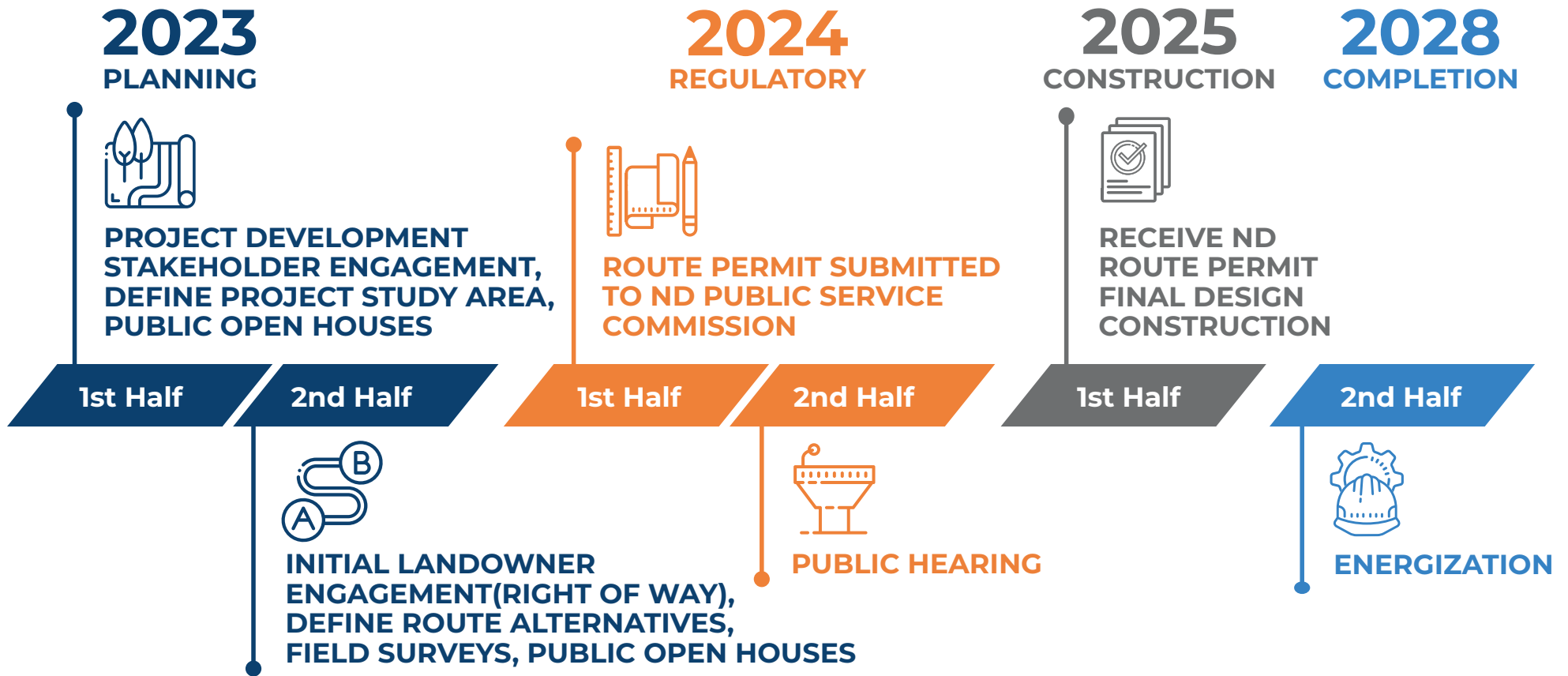


Reduce transmission congestion



Increase access to low-cost energy

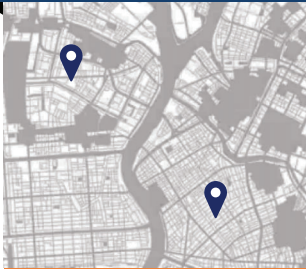




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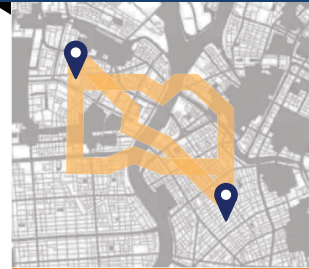
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With an established project need from MISO, we identified a large study area that contained both substations.

## 2. PROJECT CORRIDORS



We then analyzed the study area to identify project corridors where construction may be possible.

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Community input provides information on opportunities and challenges with the project corridors.

## 4. ROUTE ALTERNATIVES



Using community feedback, we'll continue narrowing the project corridors and developing a number of potential route alternatives.

## 5. PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



A second open house provides opportunity for additional community feedback on different route alternatives.

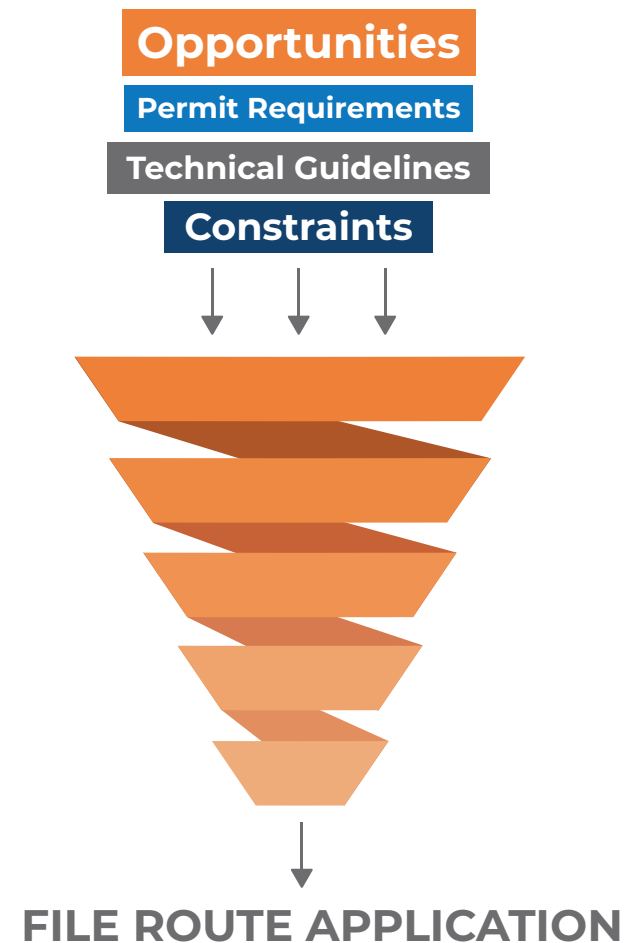
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A proposed route will be selected and submitted to the Public Service Commission, who will review and hold a public hearing before making a decision on the route permit.

We'll hold meetings with agencies and the public throughout the study area to gather feedback and information helpful to our routing team in developing potential line routes.

After carefully considering that input and evaluating opportunities, constraints, permit requirements, and technical guidelines, we'll identify route options.



## ? What is Right of Way?

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## ? What is an Easement?

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**04.**



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## ONGOING OUTREACH

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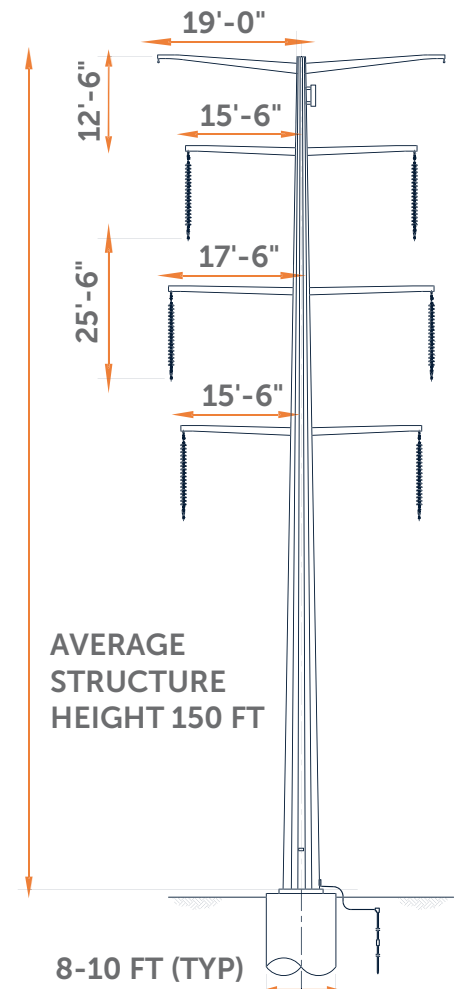
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## Stay Informed

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## Get connected as we provide more information regarding the development and permitting efforts for this project.

Our next round of public meetings will be later this year. We hope you are able to join us as we provide more information regarding project development, permitting, and the regulatory process for this project.

There will be many opportunities to participate throughout the project development and permitting processes. You can submit feedback, attend public meetings, ask questions, and learn more!



## Questions or comments about the project?

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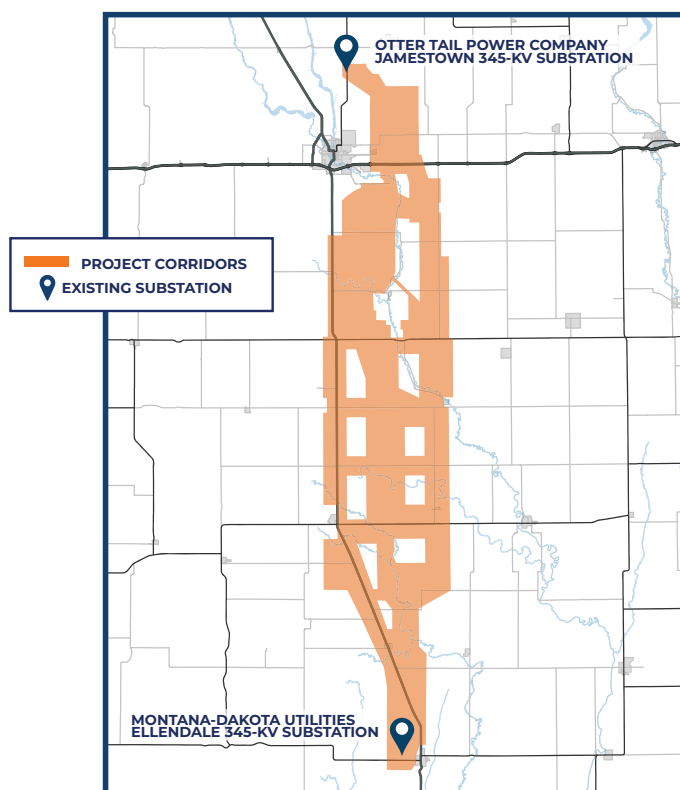
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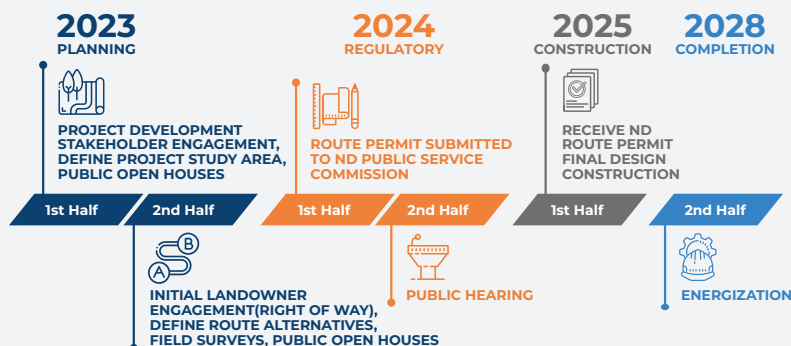
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You're invited to our upcoming open houses to learn more about the project and provide your input to our team.

## ELLENDALE

 September 12, 2023

 3:00-6:00 p.m.

 **Ellendale American Legion**  
82 Main St  
Ellendale, ND 58436

## JAMESTOWN

 September 13, 2023

 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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## CAN'T MAKE IT?

You can still provide input in several ways:

-  Request a mailed or emailed information packet.
-  Set up a meeting with our project team.
-  Leave a comment on our online map at [JamestowntoEllendale.com](http://JamestowntoEllendale.com).

## SCAN ME!



## LEARN MORE ON THE INSIDE

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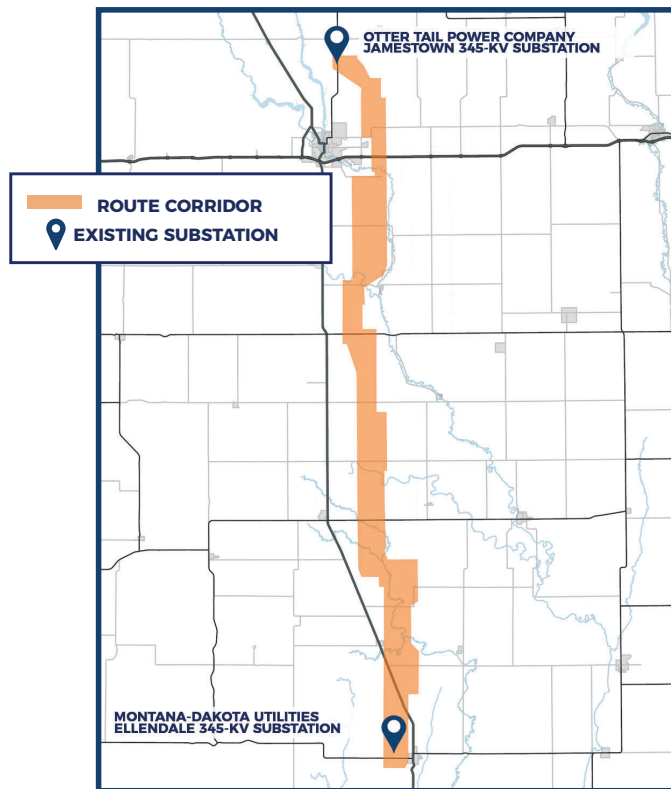
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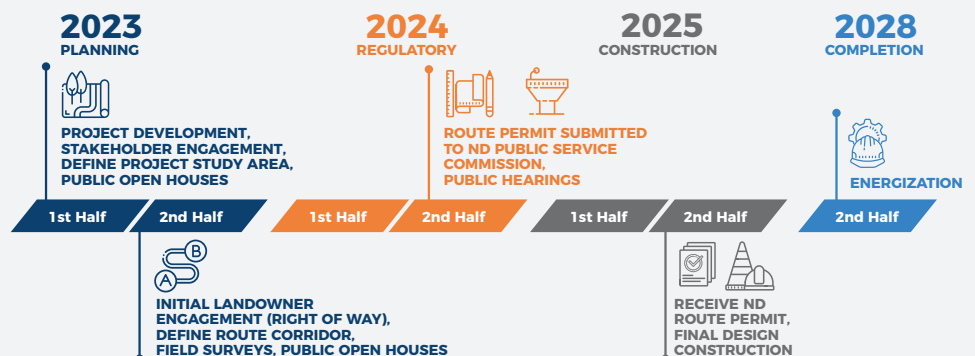
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## PROJECT SCHEDULE

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## Appendix L6: September 2023 Public Meeting Boards

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# WELCOME

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

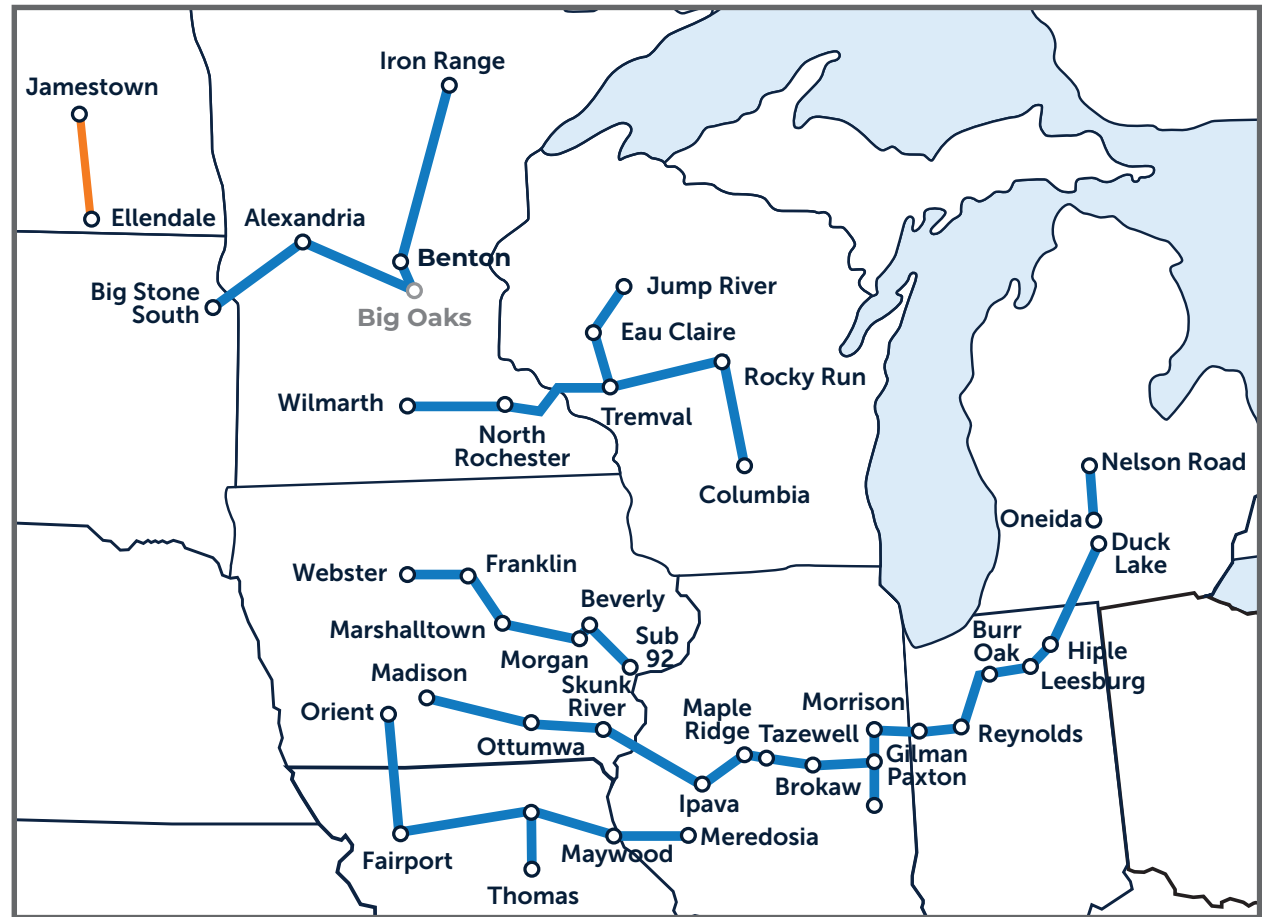
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## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES?

### TRANSMISSION

Transmission lines are for transporting large amounts of electricity long distances.

#### Voltage

35-765-kilovolt (kV)

#### Average Pole Height

50-200 feet

#### Purpose

Strengthen interconnections between electrical companies to promote the efficient transportation of electricity across a large geographic region.

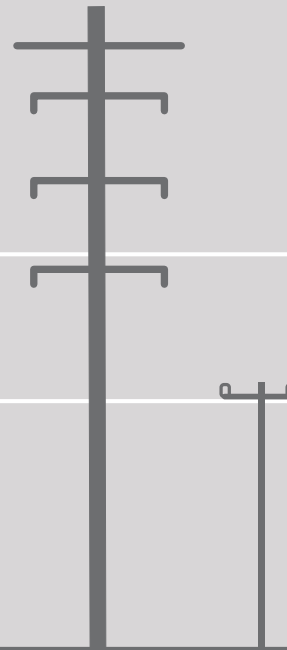
### DISTRIBUTION

Distribution lines are for transporting smaller amounts of electricity shorter distances.

4-35-kilovolt (kV)

25-50 feet

Providing energy locally to communities, businesses, and residents.



*Typical values*

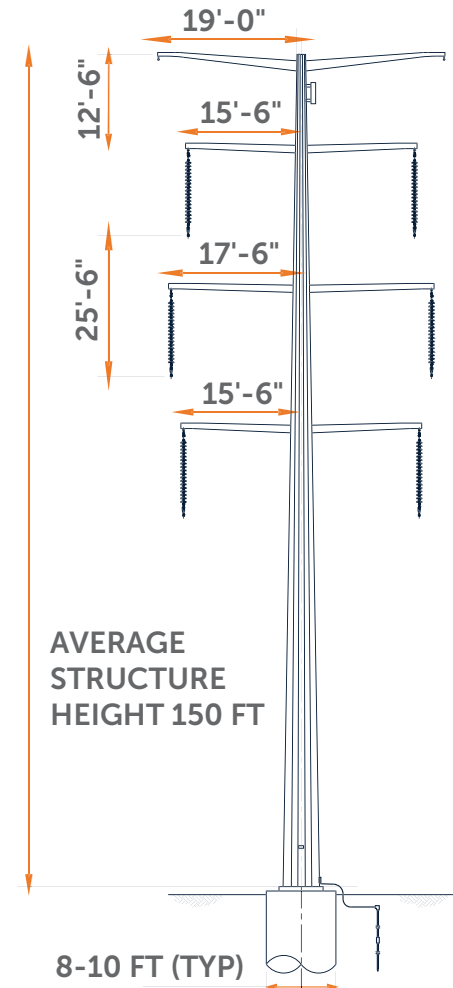
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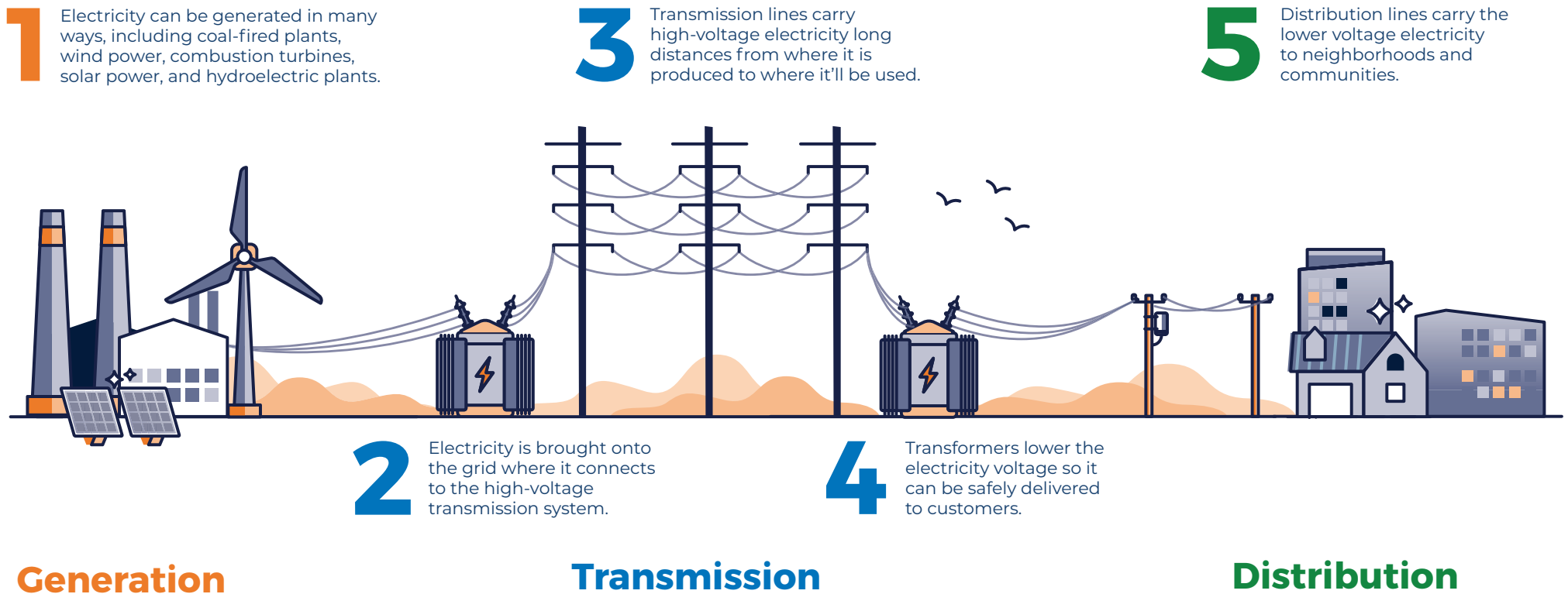
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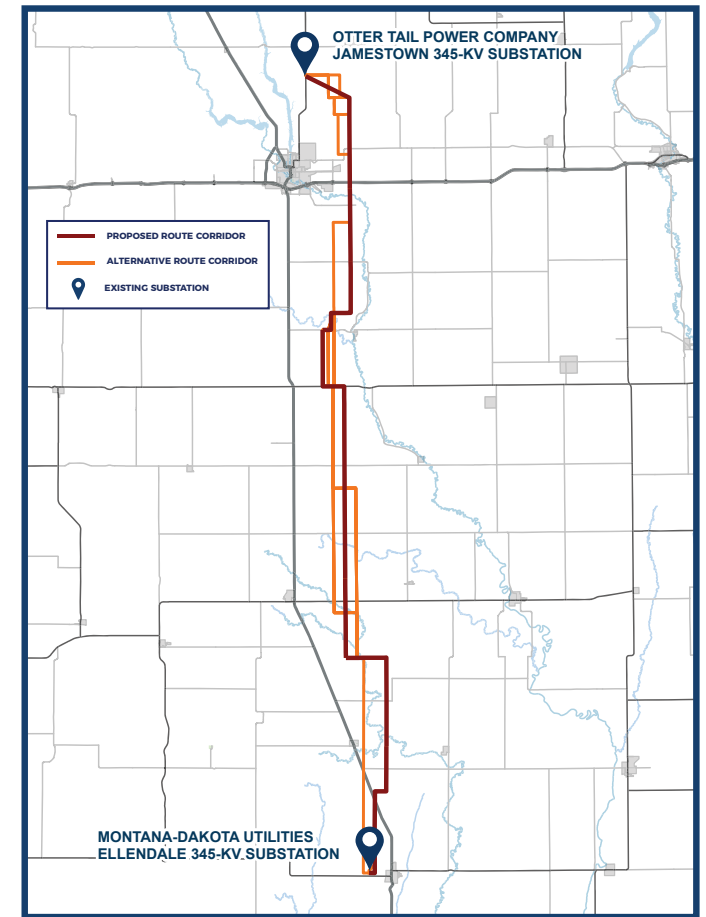
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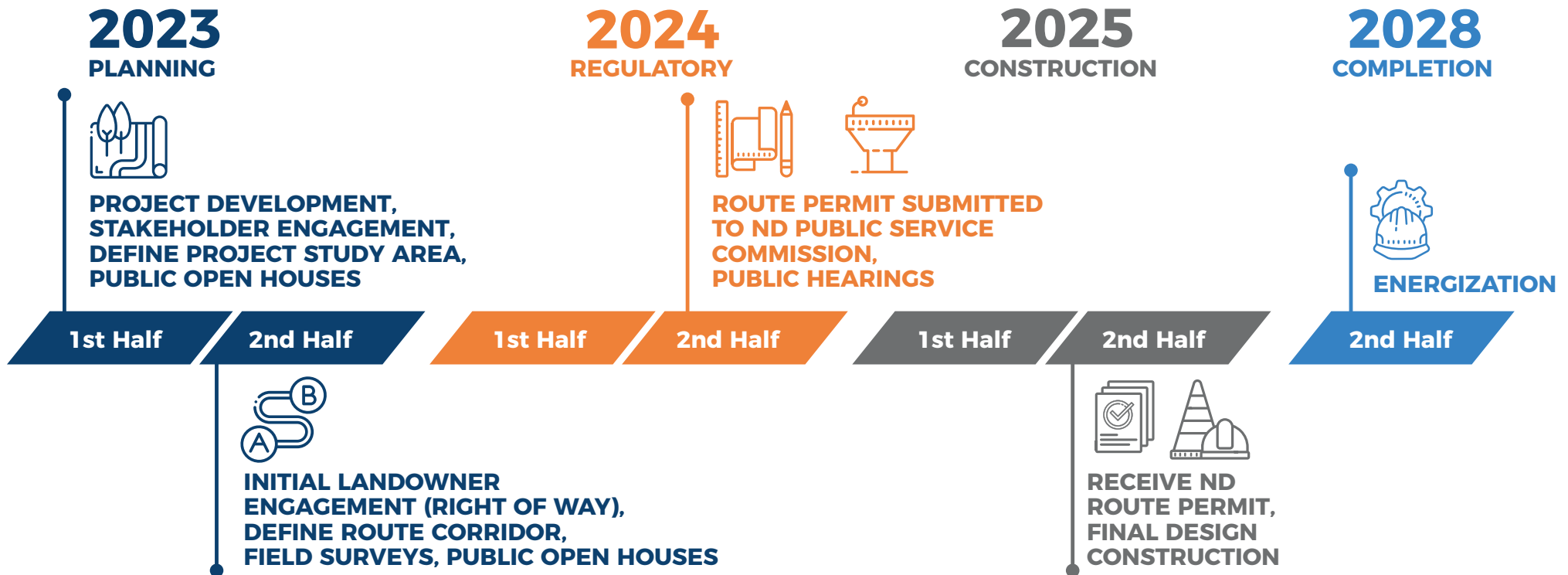
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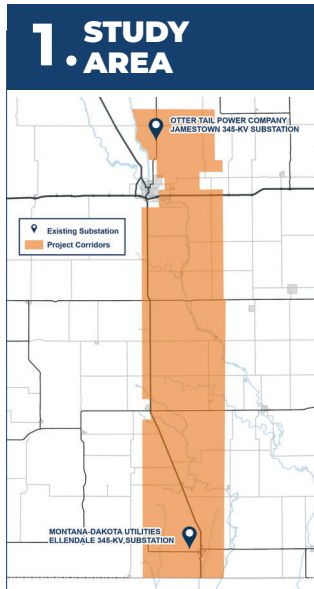
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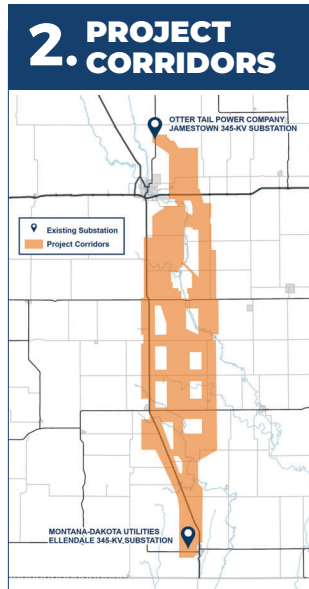
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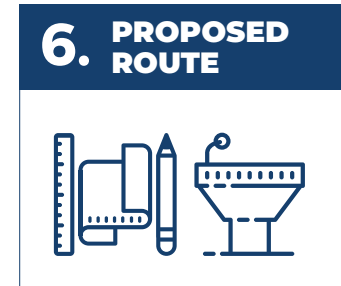
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Visit **[www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov)** to follow.

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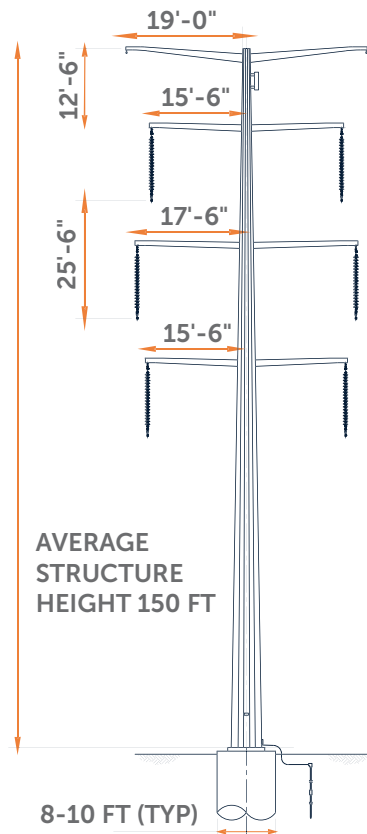
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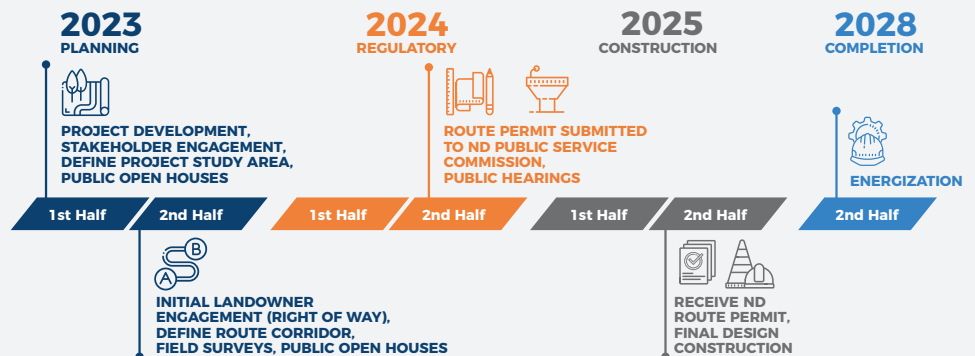


## ROUTING PROCESS



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

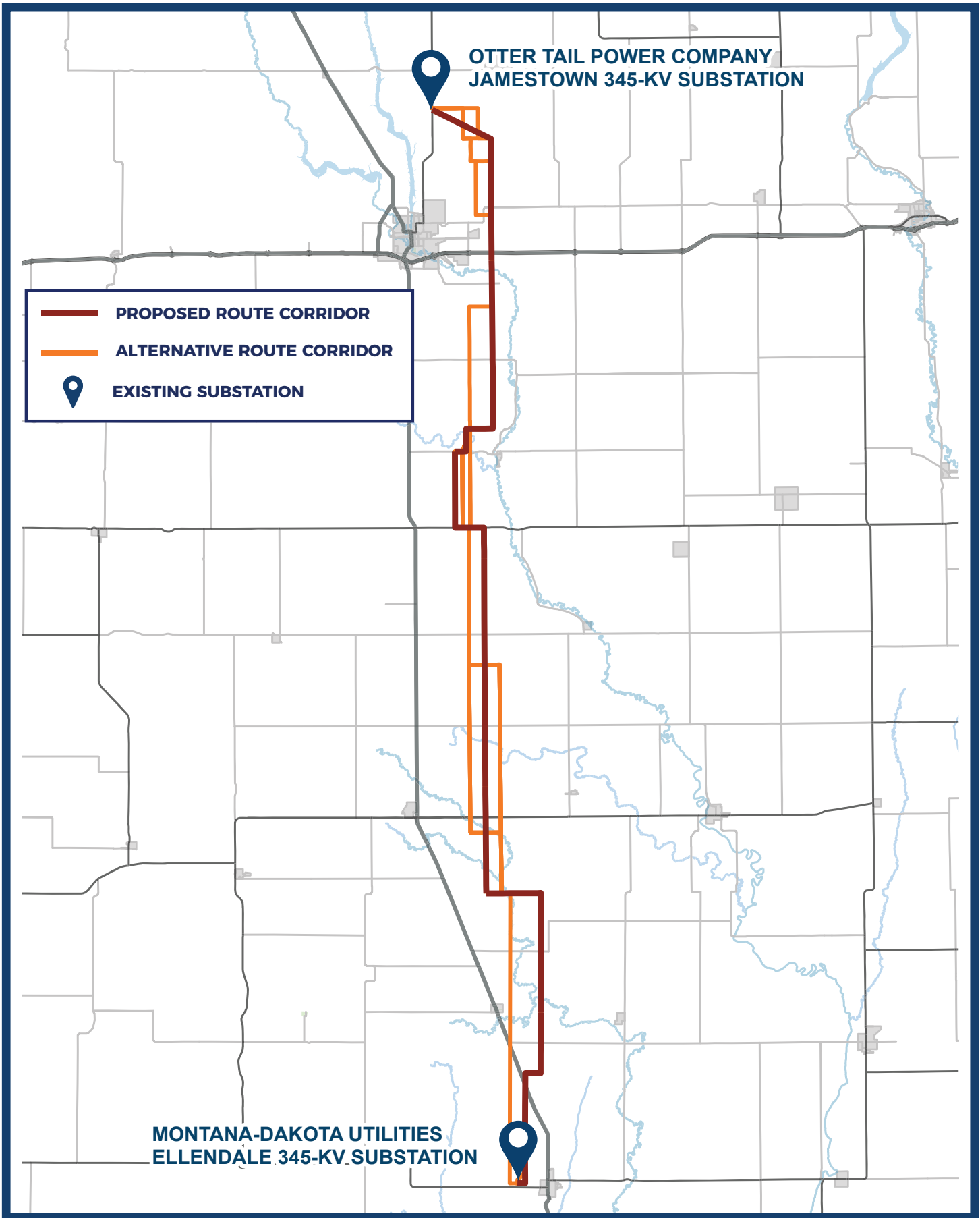
Developing and constructing transmission is a multi-year effort, and we are currently targeting this transmission line to be in service in late 2028. We gathered initial public feedback this summer and incorporated it into the route corridor. We'll continue coordinating with landowners, local governments, agencies, and other stakeholders and welcome your input.



Scan the QR code to visit the project website.



*\*The schedule is subject to change.*



▲ Routes subject to change.