SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS

AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



AEP Ohio representatives plan power grid upgrades to improve electric reliability for customers in southeast Columbus and Groveport. The Southeast Columbus Area Improvements Project involves building about 5 miles of electric transmission line, rebuilding about 6 miles of electric transmission line and expanding a substation.



WHAT

The project involves:

- Building approximately 5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Groves Road and Shannon substations
- Rebuilding approximately 2 miles of 138-kV power line between Astor Substation and an existing power line off Brice Road
- Rebuilding approximately 4.5 miles of 138-kV transmission line between Bixby and Shannon substations
- Expanding Shannon Substation near the intersection of Shannon Road and Brice Road
- *This project requires Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) approval

WHY

The project:

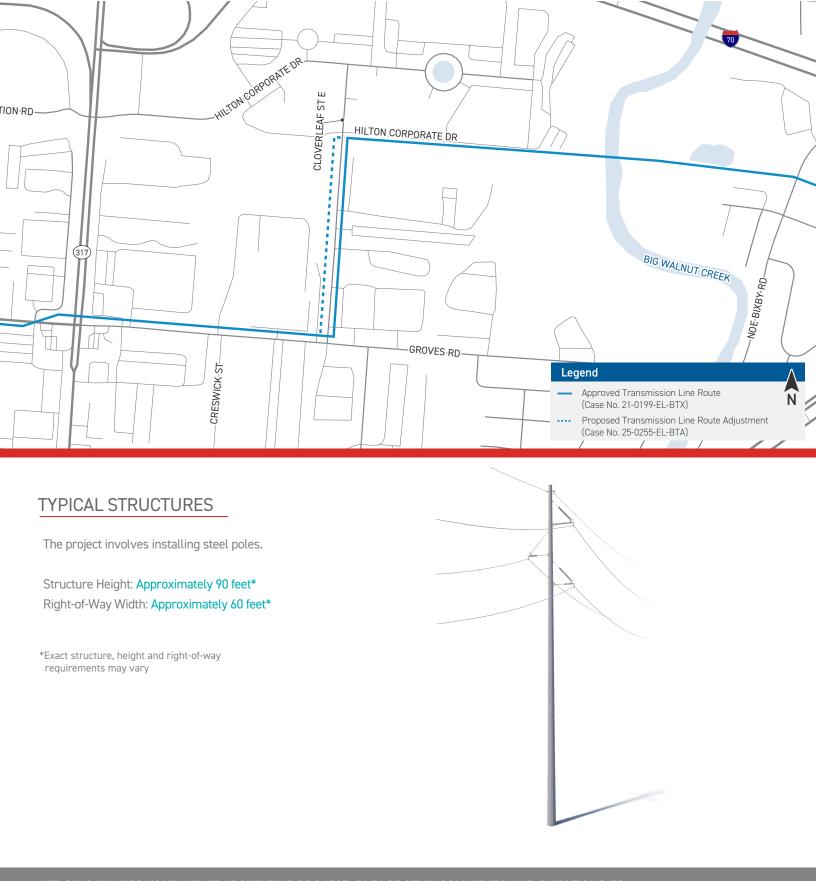
- Strengthens the electric transmission system by replacing wooden poles from the 1950s with steel poles
- Reduces ongoing maintenance of the existing power line
- Improves operational performance by installing modern equipment
- Reduces the likelihood of extended power outages
- Speeds recovery of service when outages occur

WHERE

The project area includes:

- · City of Columbus
- · City of Groveport
- Truro and Madison townships in Franklin County

PROJECT SCHEDULE 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT November 2020 FIRST VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE November 2020. **RIGHT-OF-WAY COMMUNICATIONS BEGIN** Late 2020 PJM APPROVAL October 2020 **OPEN HOUSE** PREPARATION OF OPSB APPLICATION December 2021 - March 2022 SUBMITTAL OF OPSB APPLICATION March 2022 **OPSB DECISION ANTICIPATED SUBMITTAL OF AMENDMENT #1 APPLICATION OPSB DECISION FOR AMENDEMENT #1 ANTICIPATED** October 2023 SUBMITTAL OF AMENDMENT #2 APPLICATION **OPSB DECISION FOR AMENDMENT #2 ANTICIPATED** September 2025 FINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN December 2022 - January 2025 ROW EASEMENT ACQUISITION December 2022 - December 2025 TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION **PROJECT ISD** August 2027



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