

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I stay updated on Project progress?

You can sign up for email updates on our website: www.BeverlyRegionalTransmissionReliabilityProject.com. As we get closer to construction, we'll be sending periodic emails regarding Project updates and progress.

Feel free to use the "Contact Us" feature on this website to ask questions, voice concerns, or offer suggestions.

You can also call us on our toll-free hotline at 833-BEV-GRID (833-238-4743).

Q: What is the expected timeline for completion?

Under our proposed schedule and barring any unforeseen issues, permitting will begin in the fall of 2018, construction will begin in early 2021, and to have the new line in service by late 2022.

Q: What can I expect for traffic and road closures?

National Grid will closely consult with each municipality to establish traffic management plans to facilitate vehicle and pedestrian flow around work sites.

National Grid will make every effort to minimize traffic disruptions and road closures, and we will regularly alert residents of any affected areas well before any disruptions take place through our email newsletters, traffic alerts, physical signage, and mailings.

Q: How was the route was selected?

To select the route for this Project, National Grid gathered extensive engineering and environmental information on the main streets / corridors that could be used to link the Essex Bridge, our substation on River Street, and our substation off Boyles Street. National Grid developed a scoring system to help us identify routes that would allow us to move quickly through construction while minimizing impacts to Beverly residents, businesses and commuters, and to the environment.

National Grid met with City officials to discuss the advantage and disadvantages of various routes, and ultimately selected a route which we believe minimizes local impacts and will be cost-effective to construct.

Our route selection process and our choice of route will be evaluated by the MA Energy Facilities Siting Board during its review of the Project.

Q: How long will the new cables last before requiring replacement?

The cables themselves are expected to last 40 years or more, while the duct bank and manhole system is expected to last much longer.