

What is the Beverly Regional Transmission Reliability Project?

The Beverly Regional Transmission Reliability Project is the proposed replacement of a 115-kilovolt underground electric transmission line located in Salem and Beverly, Massachusetts. Beginning at the new Waite Street Substation in Salem and ending at National Grid's East Beverly Substation, the cable supplies power to the local grid, serving nearly 50,000 electric customers in Beverly, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Manchester, Rockport, and Wenham. The existing cable was installed in 1971 and now needs to be replaced.

Why is it needed?

In recent years, National Grid has made numerous repairs to the cable to enable continued reliable delivery of electricity delivery to our customers. National Grid is proposing to replace the current line with a new, modern cable. Replacing the cable will improve electric reliability in the Beverly-Cape Ann area, and minimize maintenance and repair costs, while providing capacity for future area growth.

When is the project happening?

The Project is currently in its proposal stage. National Grid is committed to actively working with local officials in Beverly and Salem and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to solicit feedback and maintain an open dialogue throughout the permitting and route selection process. Permitting began in the fall of 2018. Under our proposed schedule, we expect construction to begin in early 2021, and to have the new line in service by late 2022.

How can I learn more?

National Grid is committed to ensuring that members of the Salem and Beverly communities are kept up-to-date with the latest Project information. We have established a Project-specific website (www.beverlyregionaltransmissionreliabilityproject.com), and residents can contact Project staff directly through our toll-free hotline number (833-BEV-GRID/833-238-4743) or info@beverlyregionaltransmissionreliabilityproject.com. In addition, residents can sign up to receive regular email updates and newsletters, which will provide detailed information on the Project's progress and, when construction begins, updates on potential traffic disruptions, parking, and other important news.