

TRACEY ROAD TO LA RONGE

POWER LINE REBUILD

ABOUT THE PROJECT

SaskPower is upgrading a power line that serves the Air Ronge, Lac La Ronge I.R. and La Ronge areas. The current line, which is about 73 kilometers long, is near the end of its life. Rebuilding it will help ensure reliable power for our customers in the area for years to come. And upgrading the line's capacity from 72 kilovolts (kV) to 138 kV will support future power demand.

A segment of the line from the junction of Highway 2 and Tracey Road south to the Timber Cove Substation was previously rebuilt and upgraded. This project will complete the upgrade for the remainder of the line.

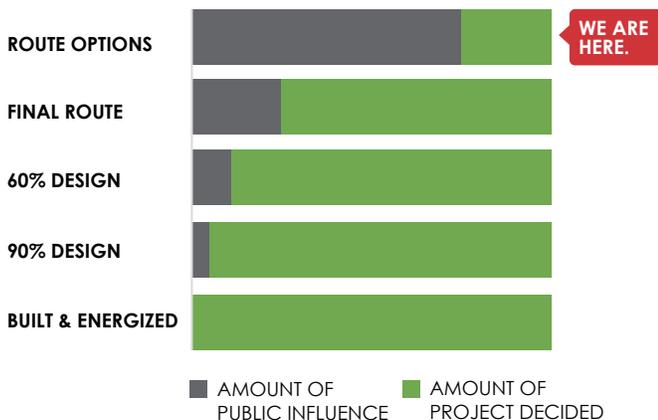
This investment supports our commitment to ensuring reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power for our customers and the communities we serve. We expect construction of the new power line to start in late 2024 and be completed in early 2027.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Building this new infrastructure means that we'll need to secure easements for a new, off-set right-of-way. We recognize the impacts on landowners, rightsholders and stakeholders as we build the project. Throughout the project, we'll provide the opportunity for you to participate in planning and provide input on how we could reduce impacts.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED

Your input is important as we search for the best overall route for the new power line. Getting involved early means your thoughts can be included before decisions are made. As time goes on, there's less flexibility to work with feedback.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Our goal is to involve you early and maintain open communication throughout the process.

From our initial assessment, we've developed some potential line routes. Please refer to the project map.

We'd like to hear from you about how you see this project impacting you and what we can do to reduce those impacts.

Please call or email us to discuss:

- For Stakeholder Engagement - 1-833-223-3370 or email PublicConsultation@saskpower.com
- For Indigenous Relations - 306-953-7645, 306-280-5816 or email IndigenousRelations@saskpower.com

Also, let us know if there are additional ways we could make it easier for you to get involved and share your feedback.



Here's what the power line could look like.

WHAT WE'LL BE TAKING FEEDBACK ON

- Power line route options.
- General knowledge of the area, including environmental and heritage resources.
- Concerns about the project, and how we can reduce impacts.

HOW WE USE YOUR FEEDBACK

We'll use the feedback from you, combined with our routing considerations, to narrow the route segments to a preferred route. We'll also look at any possible accommodation that could be made to address your concerns.

WHAT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

What we do today impacts our future. We're always working hard to reduce our impact and protect the environment.

As we plan projects, we use tools like databases, satellite imagery and field surveys to understand the environment we're working in.

As projects move forward, we'll make sure environmental protection standards are in place to reduce our impact on features like:

- Waterbodies
- Sensitive lands
- Wildlife and their habitats
- Heritage resources

We also work with the Ministry of Environment and other regulatory agencies to ensure we meet all environmental requirements.

WHAT ABOUT LAND USE?

The majority of the power line will be located on Crown land administered by the Ministry of Environment. SaskPower will ensure proper authorizations are in place prior to construction and maintenance.

We'll need a 40-metre right-of-way for this power line to ensure proper clearance for its construction, maintenance and operation. We also proactively monitor and manage vegetation around our power lines throughout the province to mitigate threats to public safety and service reliability. We'll work with landowners and rightsholders to secure any required easements.

Initial Engagement:	Underway
Follow-up Consultation:	Spring 2024
Engineering / Design Complete:	Summer 2024
Easement / Permitting Complete:	Spring 2024
Construction Start:	Late 2024
Construction Complete / Power-up:	Early 2027



THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



ENVIRONMENT:

We consider many factors like land cover, wetlands, waterbodies, and potential archaeology, as well as potential impact on rare and endangered plants and animals and their habitats. When avoidance isn't possible, we will work with stakeholders and regulators to find the most responsible way to offset or mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE:

We engage Indigenous communities to seek invaluable knowledge. Local and Indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings like hunting, fishing, trapping, ceremonial and spiritual uses.



LAND USE:

We recognize that land and resource use is important to agricultural operations, property owners, communities and resource users like hunters and trappers, commercial operators, nature, environmental organizations and the public. We consider how resources or access to resources may be affected as well as community land use plans and proximity to communities, residences, habitable buildings, outbuildings.



SOCIAL:

We consider the social value communities place on landscapes, points of interest, economic benefits to local communities, job opportunities and recreation activities.



TECHNICAL:

We consider engineering and construction standards as well as access, terrain, design, system reliability, proximity to required and other existing infrastructure. SaskPower is committed to ensuring public safety and safe access for construction and maintenance activities.



COST:

We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.



WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

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