

BLAIRMORE REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

May 2025

ABOUT THE PROJECT

We're building new power infrastructure in the Blairmore area of Saskatoon to improve power reliability and support the city as it grows.

The Saskatoon area is expected to reach 500,000 people over the next 20 years. New ways of using power, such as electric home heating and electric vehicles, also add to the growth in overall power demand we expect to see in the future. This will add more load to existing power infrastructure in and around the city.

To support the city's growth, we're building:

- a new 138-25-kilovolt (kV) substation at SE 32-36-06-W3, and
- a new 138 kV transmission line to connect to our power system.

The new line will be about 3.5 kilometers long from the new substation to our existing line nearby.

We expect construction to begin in summer of 2027 and to be complete by summer of 2028.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're committed to providing reliable, and affordable power to our customers and the communities we serve. This means building new infrastructure and upgrading it as needed. It also means that we'll need land to build those new power facilities. We recognize the contributions of, and impacts to,



Rightsholders, landowners, and other stakeholders as we build across the province.

Throughout the project, we'll provide opportunity for Rightsholders and stakeholders to engage with us and provide input on how we could reduce impacts.

WE'D LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

Your input is important as we search for the best overall route for the new power lines.

From our initial assessment, we've developed some potential line route options. We'd like to hear your thoughts on these options, plus:

- who else we should be talking to about this new power line project;
- potential impacts we should be aware of and how we can reduce them;
- the environment and wildlife;
- existing and future local infrastructure in the project areas; and
- concerns and questions you might have.

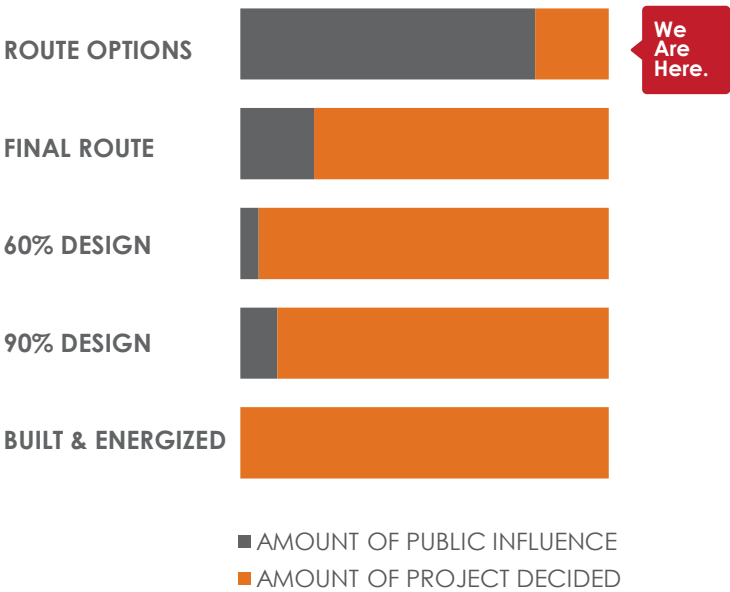
FINDING A ROUTE

Please see the attached map showing potential line routes. Currently, we have a routing corridor that's about 500-metre in width to allow room for planning purposes. Eventually, this will be reduced to a 40-metre right-of-way once we have a final route.

We'll use the feedback from you, combined with our routing considerations, to narrow down to a final line route where the new power line will be built. We'll reach out again to directly impacted landowners for more comments when we get to that point. This will allow you to look at the details including where structures will be placed. We'll also look at any possible accommodations that could be made to address your concerns.

YOUR INFLUENCE ON DECISIONS

Getting involved early means your thoughts can be included before decisions are made. As time goes on, there is less flexibility for us to work with feedback.



WHAT'S NEXT

Our goal is to involve you early and maintain open communication throughout the process. We're currently booking meetings with each landowner in the project area.

Our team will be at the **Best Western Blairmore on July 8 and 9, 2025**. Appointments are available from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Please get in touch to pre-book your appointment by **July 4**. If you prefer an online meeting instead, please let us know and we will arrange one for you.

Call **1-833-500-5501** or email **PublicEngagement@saskpower.com** to book your in-person or online meeting. Also, let us know if there are additional ways we could make it easier for you to get involved and share your feedback.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Initial consultation:	Underway
Follow-up consultation:	TBD
Engineering/design complete:	TBD
Easement/permitting complete:	TBD
Construction start:	TBD
Construction complete/power up:	TBD

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 are working in.

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

- Water bodies
- 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 RIGHTS?

Landowners play a major role in bringing power to our homes and businesses. If the power line ends up on your land, we'll work with you to secure an easement. That's an agreement between SaskPower and the landowner for a right-of-way. When we get to this state, SaskPower's Land Specialist will contact landowners to discuss compensation for land directly impacted by the right-of-way.

The right-of-way is needed to ensure safety for constructions, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. It is important to ensure proper clearance is maintained around our power lines.

THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



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.



ENVIRONMENT:

We consider our potential impacts on many environmental aspects like designated lands, land cover, and heritage resources, as well as on sensitive plants, animals, and their habitats. When it's not possible to avoid these environmental features, we'll work with Rightsholders, stakeholders, and regulators to find the most responsible way to mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



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:

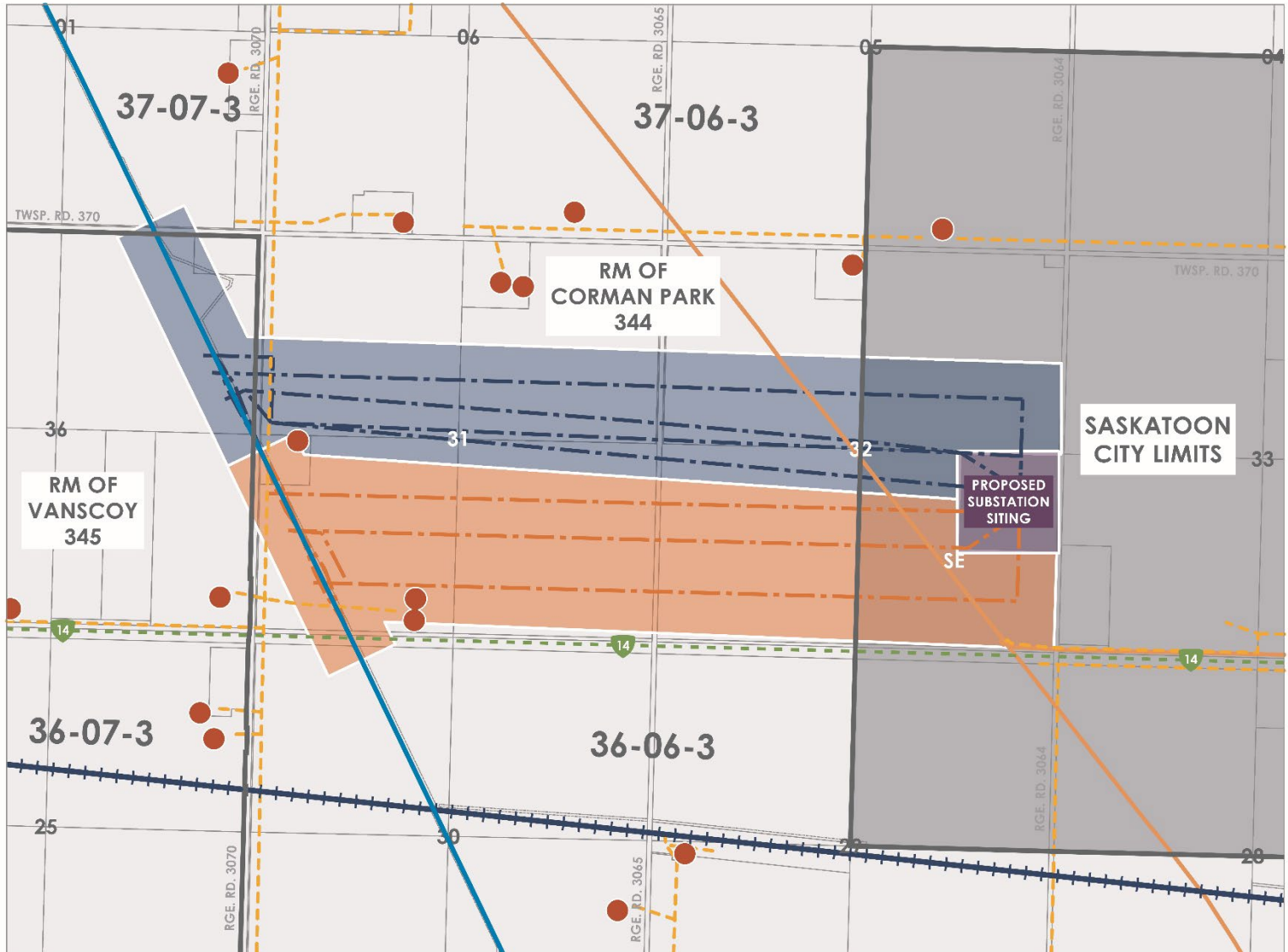
We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.



WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

Tell us in the feedback form provided.

POTENTIAL ROUTES MAP



Transmission Routes

- Proposed North Transmission Route Alternatives
- Proposed South Transmission Route Alternatives
- Proposed North Transmission Corridor
- Proposed South Transmission Corridor

Existing Infrastructure

- 138kV Transmission
- 72kV Transmission
- Overhead Distribution Line
- + + + + Railroads
- Highways
- RM Boundary
- City of Saskatoon
- Residence or Business