

CAPX2020 HOSTING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES about proposed transmission line

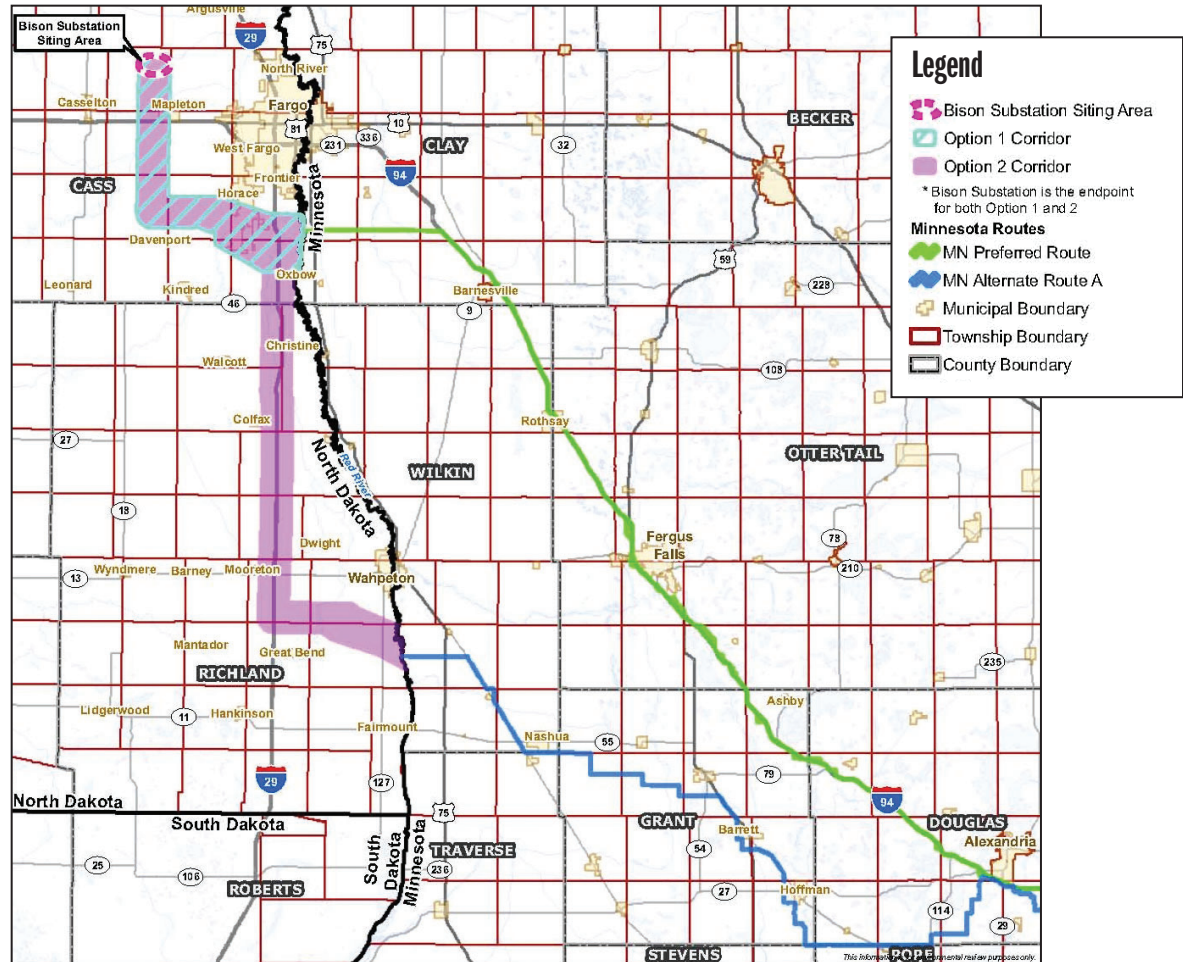
CapX2020 is hosting public open houses in North Dakota to provide information on the proposed Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project in North Dakota, as well as to take comments and answer questions from landowners and interested stakeholders. The project team will also discuss and collect information for the ongoing route development process.

The open houses will include maps that display two alternative corridors in North Dakota (see map). Please stop by anytime to provide your comments on the route options. No formal presentation is scheduled.

This line is one of three 345 kV transmission lines proposed by CapX2020, a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region, including Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company. The initiative is designed to expand the electricity infrastructure to ensure continued reliable service, address local community reliability needs in the southern Red River Valley and the Fargo, Alexandria and the St. Cloud areas, and support additional generation development, including renewable generation, in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota.

If you are unable to attend an open house, you can submit comments by visiting www.capx2020.com, calling 1-866-876-2869 or sending an email to fargoinfo@capx2020.com.

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OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Horace Senior Center
214 Thue Court
Horace, ND 58047

Monday, May 24

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Colfax Community Center
209 Broadway Street South
Colfax, ND 58018

Thursday, May 20

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mapleton City Hall/Community Center
651 2nd Street
Mapleton, ND 58059

Tuesday, May 25

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wahpeton Eagles Club
114 Dakota Avenue
Wahpeton, ND 58075

ABOUT THE FARGO-ST. CLOUD PROJECT

The Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission project will connect a new Bison Substation west of Fargo to an existing switching station near Alexandria, Minnesota, and a new Quarry Substation near St. Cloud. A Route Permit application for the Fargo-St. Cloud project has been filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY PROCESS

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC) requires three permits – a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit. The CapX2020 utilities expect to file the required North Dakota permits later in 2010.

For more information about the North Dakota regulatory process, please contact the ND PSC at www.psc.state.nd.us or (701) 328-2400 for further information.

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