

CAPX2020 HOSTING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES about proposed routes in North Dakota

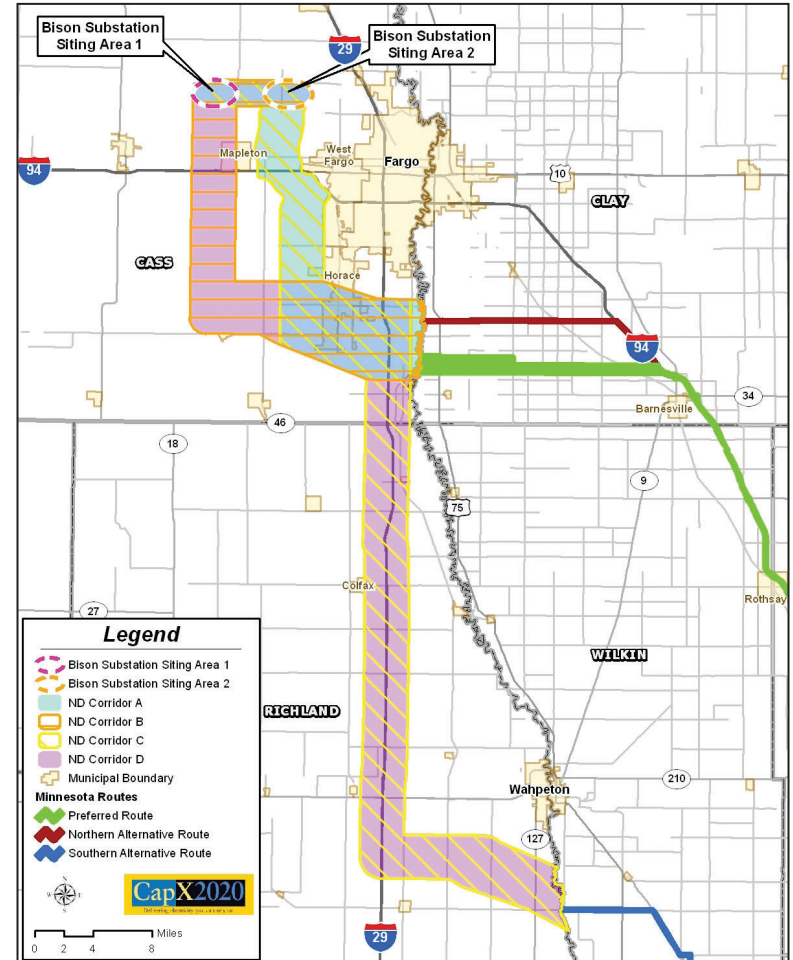
CapX2020 is hosting another round of open houses to provide information on the proposed Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line project in North Dakota. The open houses will provide a project update and details on the anticipated regulatory timeline as well as take comments and answer questions from landowners and interested stakeholders.

The open houses will include maps that display proposed route options in North Dakota. 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. It will connect a new Bison substation west of Fargo to an existing switching station in Alexandria and the new Quarry substation near St. Cloud. 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 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

Monday, March 21
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Wahpeton City Hall
1900 4th Street North
Wahpeton, ND 58075

Tuesday, March 22
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Colfax Community Center
209 Broadway Street South
Colfax, ND 58018

Wednesday, March 23
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Horace Senior Center
214 Thue Court
Horace, ND 58047

Thursday, March 24
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Mapleton City Hall/
Community Center
651 2nd Street
Mapleton, ND 58059

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 (CCC) and a Route Permit. The CapX2020 utilities filed a CPCN in October 2010; it was approved in January 2011. A CCC was filed in December 2010 and is under review. A Route Permit application is expected to be filed in June 2011.

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

