

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL**

August 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.

Mayor Jeff Grove called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present - Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

Excused Absence: Alderman Thompson, Alderman Herndon

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Economic Development Director Leah Inman, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Watson, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, City Attorney James McPhedran

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve, accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 25, 2022. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to allow Leah Dettmers and Kim Gross of Ameren to address the council in regard to the proposed LaSalle Link Project.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

***EXHIBIT A (PowerPoint)**

Leah Dettmers and Kim Gross of Ameren spoke to City Council in regard to the LaSalle Link Project.

Ameren is proposing a New 138 KV from the New Corbin substation Oglesby to existing North Utica substation. To be from point A to point B, Ameren has to construct a new 138 KV transmission line. This will expand the existing footprint of the new North Utica substation.

Mrs. Dettmers referred to the **EXHIBIT A** PowerPoint while she explained the purpose of improving local energy reliability for everyone in La Salle County.

Ameren took the study area to the public for the first round and gathered all their feedback. They took another set of opinions or concerns from the public. They then gathered data from landowners. The public was most concerned about residents and sensitive species when looking at each route and area. Ameren then put together three routes: the purple route, blue route and orange route. Ameren stated from all the feedback from the public, the purple route will no longer be discussed. The orange route and blue route will be looked at for future discussions.

Impacted landowners will receive notifications and Ameren will host another round of open houses. Impacted landowners will then be assigned a real estate agent.

Mayor Grove mentioned how both the orange line and blue line do go through or very close to Rotary Park. He has concerns about each of these lines. Ameren does want to have more one-on-one conversations with landowners to differentiate their concerns.

Ameren stated that the open comment period online has ended and they are still digesting all comments that have been submitted.

Alderman Reynolds asked about interference with other electronic devices and transmission lines. Ameren stated that they are on different frequencies.

Ameren would want to sit down and do a better in-depth search on the area around Rotary Park. There are some homes around there that they are trying to avoid. Engineer Brown stated that during some discussions that on the orange route, Ameren discussed if they stayed on the west side, it would not impact the wooden area. Ameren is very open to sitting down and discussing these details with the city.

Ameren stated that they have multiple areas on the orange and blue route that they will be able to double circuit.

Residents that have any questions can visit the website lasallelinkproject.com.

There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS:

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 380 N. 2959th Road to install gas and electric services.

AYE: Mayor Grove, Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Thompson, Herndon **Abstain:** Alderman Lavieri

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 930 1st Street to retire gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 561 LaHarpe Street and 637 Sterling Street to repair class 3 below grade gas leaks.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to approve a request for a 2022 Raffle License for Buzzy's to raise money for Officer Santa.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

City Attorney McPhedran explained how the residents in regards to the following item were just looking for a small subdivision approval. Attorney McPhedran believe City Engineer Brown to feel that this was complaint with the city's small subdivision ordinance. These are in regard to subdivisions smaller than 5 lots. Within this ordinance, there are no new streets of access or easements are required within this.

City Engineer Brown did ask for the resident to obtain a copy of the sewer easement agreement and record with the plat with the 15 ft. easements.

There was no action taken tonight in regard to the request of Joseph Schwamberger and Carolyn Franklin for consideration of approval of a small subdivision plat in regards to premises just south of 2148 Donahue Street, on the east side of Donahue Street.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for July 2022 showing total fees collected of \$5,077.84 with total value of construction of \$935,891. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file the Monthly Police Report Income Report for July 2022 showing total fees collected of \$9,067.23.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the recommendation regarding bid award for the 2022 Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Paving Program.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Engineer Brown mentioned that the city received a bid last Tuesday and was hoping to get approval tonight to award the low bidder, Universal, for work to begin. There will be 14 roads, with 2 being alleys. This award of bid is contingent of the 8-day waiting period.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a request for repairs at the Ninth Street Water Tower Building from Just Masonry for \$17,850.00.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a request to purchase a 24-foot trailer, \$12,895.00, for water main and sewer repairs.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a 20-foot trailer for skid loader and attachments for \$12,395.00

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the purchase of a John Deere Skid Steer Road Broom, \$8,000.00.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a potential CDARS agreement.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds denied the request to install four-way stop signs on Second Street at Marquette, Gooding, and Wright Street intersections due to a lack of a motion. Each of the intersections will remain as is.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to ratify the straw vote regarding a request from Same Patel from LIV Wellness to close First Street from Gooding Street to Wright Street as well as the use of public property across from LIV Wellness for a block party.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize Pay Estimate #4 & Final to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totaling \$37,772.05 for work completed to date on Rotary Park Phase III – Path to Prairie Lake – OSLAD.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to authorize Pay Estimate #4 & Final to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. totaling \$61,550.90 for work completed to date on Rotary Park Phase III – Path to Prairie Lake – RTP.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Moved by Alderman Jeppson and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize Pay Estimate #5 & Final to Ski Sealcoat & Maintenance, Inc. Totaling \$73,682.21 for alternate bid work completed to date on 2021 DCEO Sewer Separation.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Alderman Reynolds provided each and every alderman with a copy of his update that he received from Mr. Watson from the 801-805 First Street. He had an email from Mr. Watson dated July 25th. Reynolds will reach out to Mr. Watson prior to the next city council meeting and Reynolds will be requesting dates for project.

Reynolds mentioned that Watson assumed everything was fine during the latest construction.

City Engineer Brown suggested that if any project modification happens, the city's structural engineer should be informed to look at the project with their recommendation.

Alderman Bacidore asked about if the scaffolding was going to go up for protection of any walls from falling. Reynolds did not believe they were going to build any scaffolding.

Alderman Bacidore mentioned that Rosie closed her business from the Kaskaskia building. He wasn't sure if CL Enterprises wanted to tear down the homes around and build a nice parking lot. This is the old Prince Castle building. He wanted Reynolds to inform Mr. Watson of this during his next meeting.

Alderman Jeppson appreciates the current line of communication between Alderman Reynolds and Mr. Watson.

Mayor wanted residents to know that the city is doing its due diligence and the city recognized it and tried to make sure it was safe.

City Attorney and Brian Brown both indicated that any plans should be letting the city's engineer know of any progress from a safety standpoint.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Crane asked Engineer Brown about the Sidewalk program. Ladzinski Cement was the low bidder. With approval tonight, Ladzinski can get the 540 done first and west side of Gooding this week.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the quotes received for the City of LaSalle Decorative Sidewalk Installation Program – 2022.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

COMMENTS

Lenoard Keenan thanked the City LaSalle for all the work that was done to Wenzel Road.

Resident Jeff Senica wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council for all the work that was done and the support that has been going on with the Ameren Link Project.

Alderman Reynolds would like the city to consider a city-wide cleanup week. He is not asking for an additional cleanup/garbage day. He would like more beautification projects happening to all neighborhoods are the city.

There were no more comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, authorize, and place on file the bills from July 25, 2022. Total Submitted: \$475,768.67 (Total Payroll \$198,367.91, Bills to be paid \$67,889.16, Total Bills Paid \$209,511.60). Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon, Thompson **Abstain:** NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0


Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:19pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Quinn".

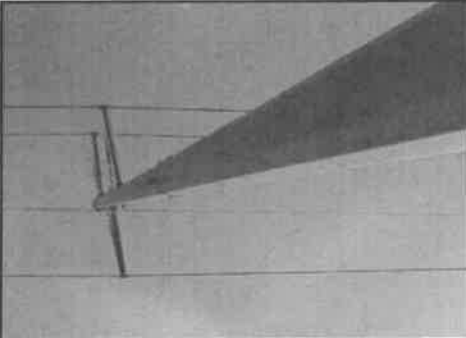
Amy Quinn, City Clerk



LASALLE LINK TRANSMISSION PROJECT

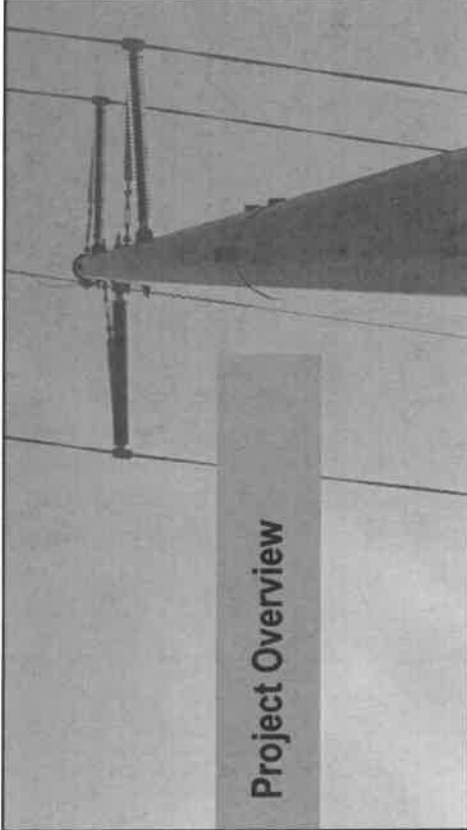
City of LaSalle
City Council Meeting

August 8, 2022
6:30pm



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Project Overview



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- Ameren Illinois is proposing the LaSalle Link Project to improve energy reliability for local customers in the LaSalle County area.
- This Project includes the construction of a new 138 kV transmission line to connect the new Corbin substation in Ogleby, Illinois to the existing North Utica substation near North Utica, Illinois.




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Improving Energy Reliability




Improve local energy reliability by creating additional pathways to support current and future energy needs




Help minimize power outage impacts to the local communities



Support expansion needed for continued area growth

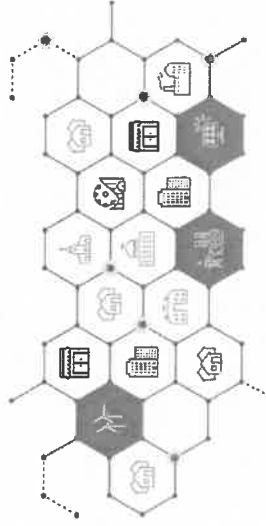


Upgrade aging substations



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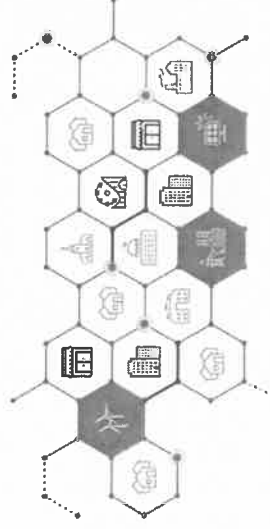
Energy Reliability



Energy is generated from various traditional and renewable sources on our grid. From there, transmission lines carry this energy to areas where electricity is needed. Transmission lines are like the interstate highway system in the way they allow energy from generation sources to travel short or long distances, as needed, at any given moment. Transmission lines in the LaSalle County area are essentially roadways of energy.

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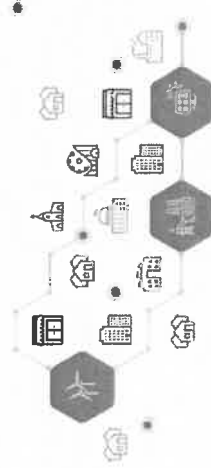
Energy Reliability



In some cases, alternatives just don't exist or they can't handle the increased traffic and users experience backups. Additional pathways are needed to create resiliency. This is no different with the energy grid! Communities can be impacted if more than one transmission "route" is out of service due to weather-related events.

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Energy Reliability



This area has many substations and transmission lines that connect them but is primarily supplied by only two transmission lines. If these lines are out of service, local homes and businesses would be served by the lower voltage system that has a much lower capacity which could lead to reliability issues in the area.

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Energy Reliability



By building this new line and upgrading aging infrastructure in the project area, we're creating additional energy pathways for local homes and businesses. The LaSalle Link Project will provide more reliability and help minimize community-wide impacts should an outage occur.

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Why LaSalle Link?

Communities in this area are currently supported by **only two** Ameren Illinois transmission lines that serve as the backbone for the energy system in this area.

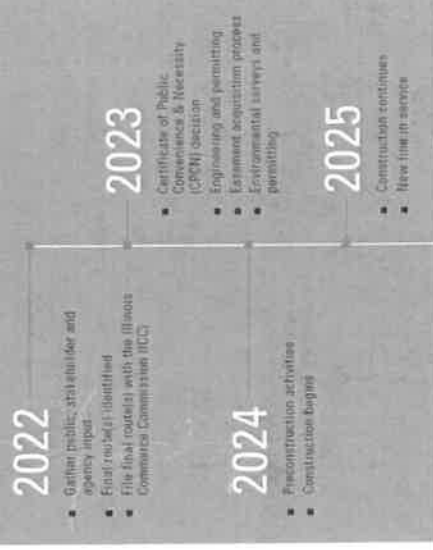


Continuing to rely on these transmission sources in the event of a power outage could result in extended restoration times and community-wide impacts.

This project will help minimize power outage impacts to the local communities by **creating additional pathways to support current and future energy needs**. As we continue to serve and invest in our communities, new projects — like the LaSalle Link Project — allow us to support the needs of our customers in your area.



Anticipated Schedule



*All items shown are pending regulatory approvals. Schedule is subject to change.



Structures

- Benefits of galvanized steel monopoles:

- Compact footprint compared to H-frame and lattice tower
- Galvanized layer protects steel from corrosion
- Engineered to optimize performance

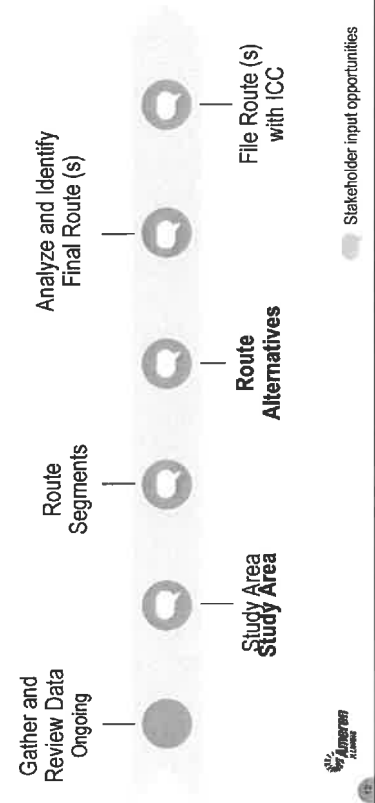
Typical 138kV Steel Monopole Structures*

- Height: 80 - 120 ft
- Span: 700 - 800 ft
- Structures/mile: 7 - 8
- Conductor clearance: 21 ft (minimum)
- Drilled concrete pier foundation: 6 - 10 ft diameter
- Typical easement width: 100 ft
- Above-ground foundation: 2 ft

Note: This graphic is not to scale. The number of arms on a typical structure and the sizing of the structure may vary depending on the final route. Currently, there are existing Ameren transmission corridors in area that may provide an opportunity to co-locate lines along the same corridor or combine transmission lines onto one set of larger steel structures. This will be determined during the routing process.



Routing Process & Outreach



Routing Criteria

Our goal is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements.



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Routing Criteria



OPPORTUNITIES

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors



SENSITIVITIES

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves
- Contaminated Areas
- Cultural/Historic Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains (more difficult to construct and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest/Grassland
- Hospitals
- IL DNR Resource Lands
- IL DNR State Parks
- Karst Areas
- Levees/Dams
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines*
- Railroads*
- Religious Facilities
- Residences (especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Highways
- Schools/Daycares
- Sensitive Crops
- Sensitive Species
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells



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Routing Criteria



TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

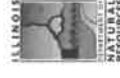
- Minimize line length
- Ensure adequate access for construction and maintenance activities
- Comply with horizontal and vertical clearance requirements
- Maintain required or sufficient setbacks from roads and highways
- Minimize angle structures
- Minimize crossing of existing transmission lines
- Minimize impractical construction requirements
- Minimize non-standard designs
- Ensure safety and compatibility with existing infrastructure
- Align design with National Electric Safety Code (NESC)
- Minimize tall or long crossings



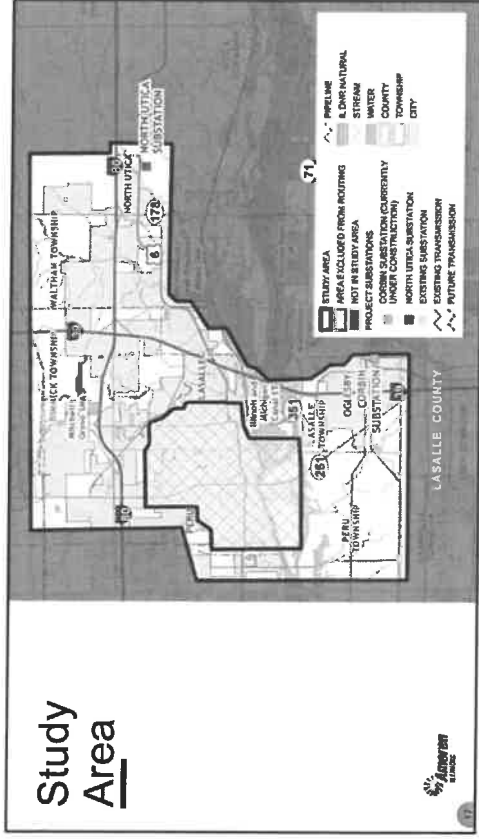
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Aggregating Criteria/valuation

Our project team coordinates with federal, state and local agencies regarding protected or sensitive resources in a project area when siting a new transmission line. Sometimes additional permits or approvals from these agencies are necessary to construct a project:



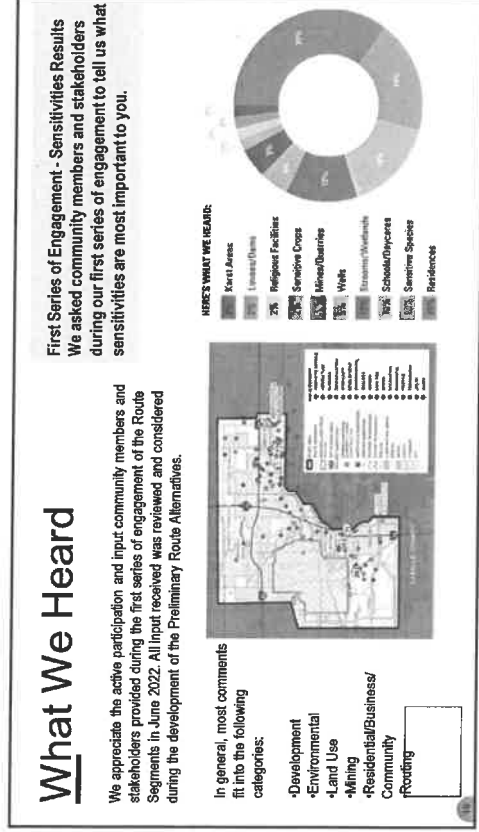
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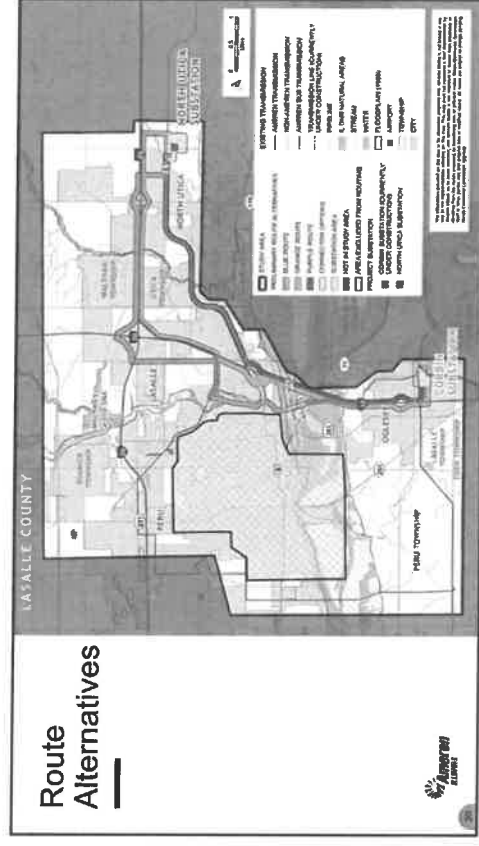
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Real Estate

Once a final route has been approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission, our team will begin real estate discussions with impacted landowners. Our team will continue to keep landowners updated during the easement acquisition process for the transmission line.

- 1 Final routes filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- 2 Illinois Commerce Commission reviews and approves final route.
- 3 Notification letters mailed to all landowners along the final route to request access to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys/studies and to begin negotiations for acquiring easements.
- 4 Project representatives begin meeting with affected landowners to discuss:
 - Project overview
 - Land Surveys / Studies
 - Proposed easement
 - Type of structures
 - Compensation
 - Land restoration
 - Damage settlement

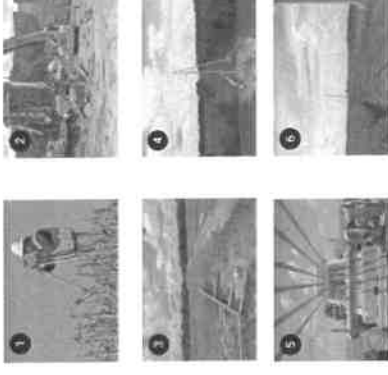


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Construction

Construction on the new line is anticipated to begin in 2024 and be completed by summer 2025. Transmission line construction is completed in intermittent phases and will not be constant on landowners' property during the two-year construction period. We will provide more information before construction begins. There will be six major stages of construction including:

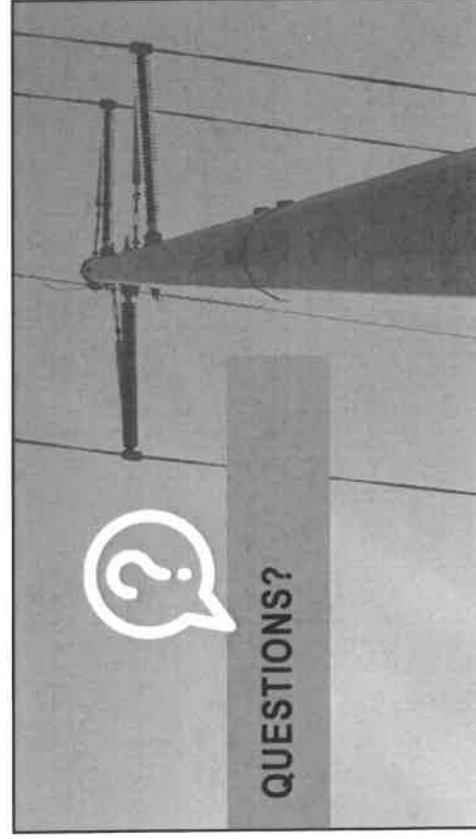
1. Survey structure locations, soil borings and vegetation clearing
2. Drill hole and pour foundation
3. Assemble structure on the ground
4. Lift and place structure on foundation
5. String wires
6. Restore easement and energize line



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QUESTIONS?



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