

Brandon-Portage la Prairie (BP6-BP7)

Transmission line replacement project Round 2: Preferred route

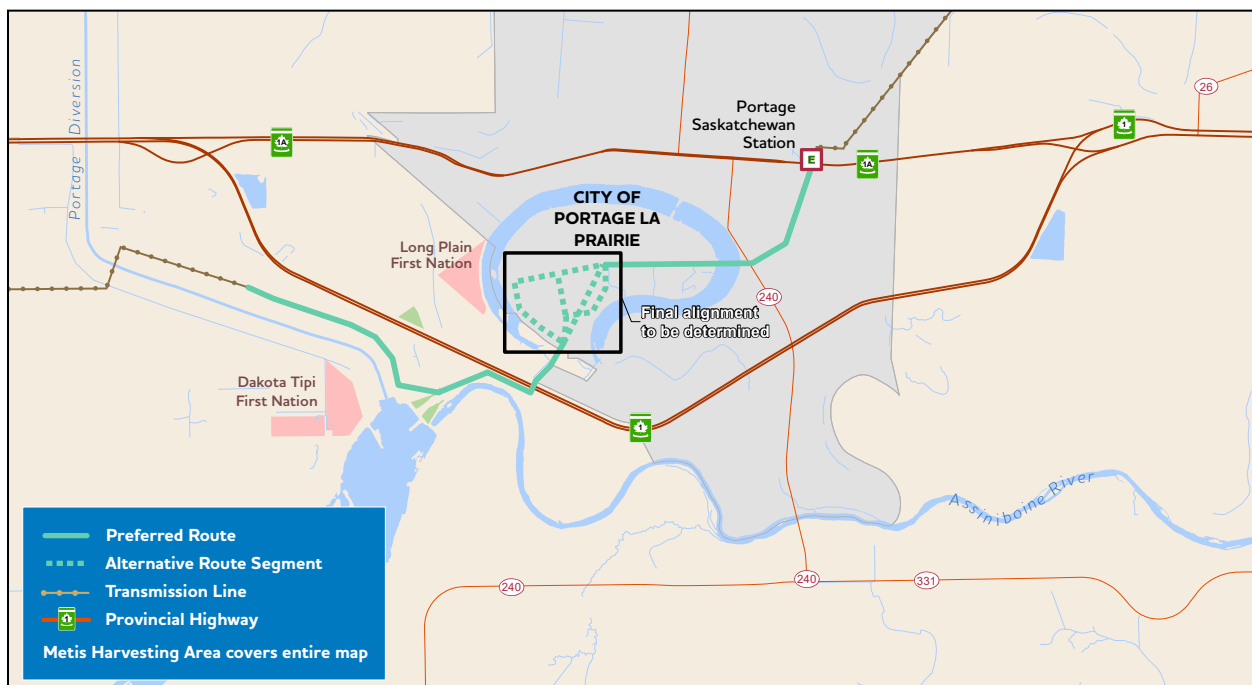
What is it and why do we need it?

Portage la Prairie and surrounding communities were some of the hardest hit by the powerful storm that ripped through southern Manitoba in October 2019. Now, work is continuing on some of the large-scale repairs and rebuilds in the area, including a double circuit transmission line between Brandon and Portage la Prairie (referred to as BP6/BP7).

Due to the extent of the damage, some sections of BP6/BP7 in Portage la Prairie need to be entirely rebuilt with permanent replacements to ensure it can continue to reliably serve the area's growing electricity needs into the future. Manitoba Hydro has considered different routes for these rebuilt sections as development beside the line has grown and requirements for right-of-way widths have increased since it was first built over half a century ago.

Preferred route for BP6/BP7

Round 1 of Manitoba Hydro's engagement on this project kicked off in fall 2020, where several alternative route segments for BP6/BP7 were presented for feedback. Alternative routes were evaluated based on feedback and information collected through our environmental assessment processes to help us determine a preferred route. The preferred route aims to balance different interests and local concerns, and to limit overall effects of the transmission line. Read our [What we heard summary](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67) at www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67 for more detail on how local feedback was considered in the selection of the preferred route.



The preferred route (solid green line) and alternative route segments yet to be determined (in black box).

Have your say on the preferred route

Round 2 of engagement is now underway. We welcome you to ask questions, voice your concerns, and provide feedback on the preferred route to help inform our final route and plans.

Virtual information sessions

Join us for a virtual information session on:

- March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- March 17, 2021 at 12:00 pm

To register, e-mail LEAprojects@hydro.mb.ca or call 1-877-343-1631.

Online survey

Go to www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67 to complete our survey.

Online feedback portal

Check out our online feedback portal to comment on the preferred route and see what others are saying.

Go to www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67 to get started.

What's next?

Round 2 of engagement will conclude in March 2021, and any final refinements necessary will be made to the preferred route. The final preferred route for the rebuilt sections of BP6/BP7 will be presented in an environmental assessment report submitted to Manitoba Conservation and Climate for review and approval before construction work can begin. Part of this process includes a public review period for local residents, Indigenous communities, interested parties, and the public to share their concerns and ask questions about the report. Manitoba Hydro will continue to share information as these processes progress.

When will the work happen?

The tentative schedule (subject to change) is:

- Round 1 – Identify & evaluate alternative routes: fall 2020
- Round 2 – Select preferred route: March 2021
- File environmental assessment report for regulatory review: 2021
- Construction start, if regulatory approval is received: 2022

For more information:

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