

Dorsey to Wash'ake Mayzoon Transmission Line (D83W)

Round 1: Identify & evaluate alternative route segments

Manitoba Hydro has been working hard in Portage la Prairie and nearby areas over the past couple years. After the October 2019 storm that ripped through the area, several projects were initiated to make necessary repairs and restore proper function to parts of the electrical system that were severely damaged.

Now, through its Portage Area Capacity Enhancement (PACE) project, Manitoba Hydro is looking to the future and planning expansion of its transmission system to better serve customers in the area and meet their growing electricity needs for years to come.

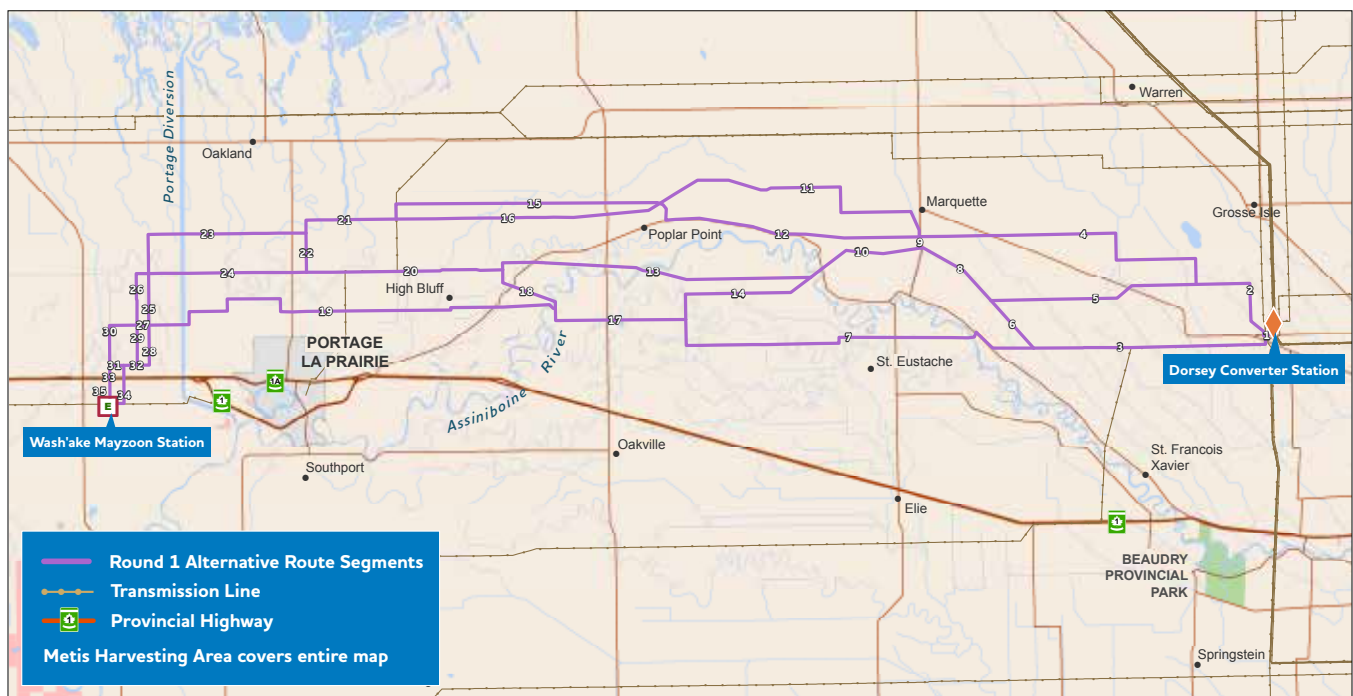
What is happening?

Manitoba Hydro is planning to build a new 230-kV transmission line starting at Dorsey Converter Station and ending at the proposed Wash'ake Mayzoon Station. As part of the utility's PACE project, this new electrical station and transmission line will increase system capacity to meet the area's increasing electricity needs and enhance reliability for customers in Portage la Prairie and surrounding areas.

Where is it?

The new transmission line will start at Dorsey Converter Station (northwest of Winnipeg) and end at the new, yet to be built, Wash'ake Mayzoon Station (west of Portage la Prairie).

The following map shows the alternative route segments (in purple) currently under review. Feedback received through engagement will help determine the preferred route.



Map of alternative route segments for the new Dorsey to Wash'ake Mayzoon 230-kV transmission line.

Why is it necessary?

Growth in the Brandon and Portage la Prairie region, including the addition of new industrial customers, is increasing electricity demand. To meet these needs and continue to deliver reliable power, Manitoba Hydro requires a new transmission line to bring electricity to the area.

Are regulatory approvals required?

Yes. This new transmission project requires approval as a Class 2 development under The Environment Act. An environmental assessment for the new transmission line route will be conducted and a report will be submitted to Manitoba Conservation and Climate for approval. A similar approval has been sought for the new Wash'ake Mayzoon Station.

How will the new route be decided?

Routing is a key part of the environmental assessment process. Data gathering, on the ground fieldwork, technical and environmental considerations, as well as input from landowners, Indigenous communities, interested parties, and the public, will help inform the selection of a preferred route for the new transmission line.

What is the schedule?

The tentative schedule (subject to change) is:

- October 2021 – Round 1 (Identify & evaluate alternative route segments)
- Winter 2022 – Round 2 (Select preferred route)
- Fall 2022 – File environmental assessment report for regulatory review
- Fall 2023 – Licensing decision
- Summer 2025 – Transmission line construction, if licence approved.

We want to hear from you

There are a number of opportunities for you to learn more about this work. We welcome you to provide feedback, ask questions, and voice your concerns to help inform our routing and plans.

Online survey

Go to www.hydro.mb.ca/pace to tell us what you think about the proposed alternative route segments. Survey closes on December 1, 2021.

Virtual information sessions

Join us for a virtual information session on:

- November 2 at 7:00 pm
- November 3 at 12:00 pm
- November 4 at 4:00 pm
- November 9 at 7:00 pm
- November 10 at 12:00 pm
- November 16 at 7:00 pm
- November 17 at 12:00 pm

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

Online feedback portal

Take part in our online feedback portal as an interactive way to comment on the alternative route segments, share suggestions, and identify points of interest in the area. Go to www.hydro.mb.ca/pace to get started.

For more information:

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