

Dorsey to Wash'ake Mayzoon Transmission Line (D83W)

Round 2: Preferred route

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 Portage la Prairie and nearby areas and meet their growing electricity needs for years to come.

What is happening and why?

Growth in the Brandon and Portage la Prairie region, including the addition of new industrial customers, is increasing electricity demand.

As part of its PACE project, Manitoba Hydro is planning to build a new 230-kilovolt transmission line starting at Dorsey Converter Station (northwest of Winnipeg) and ending at the new, to-be-built, Wash'ake Mayzoon Station (west of Portage la Prairie). 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.

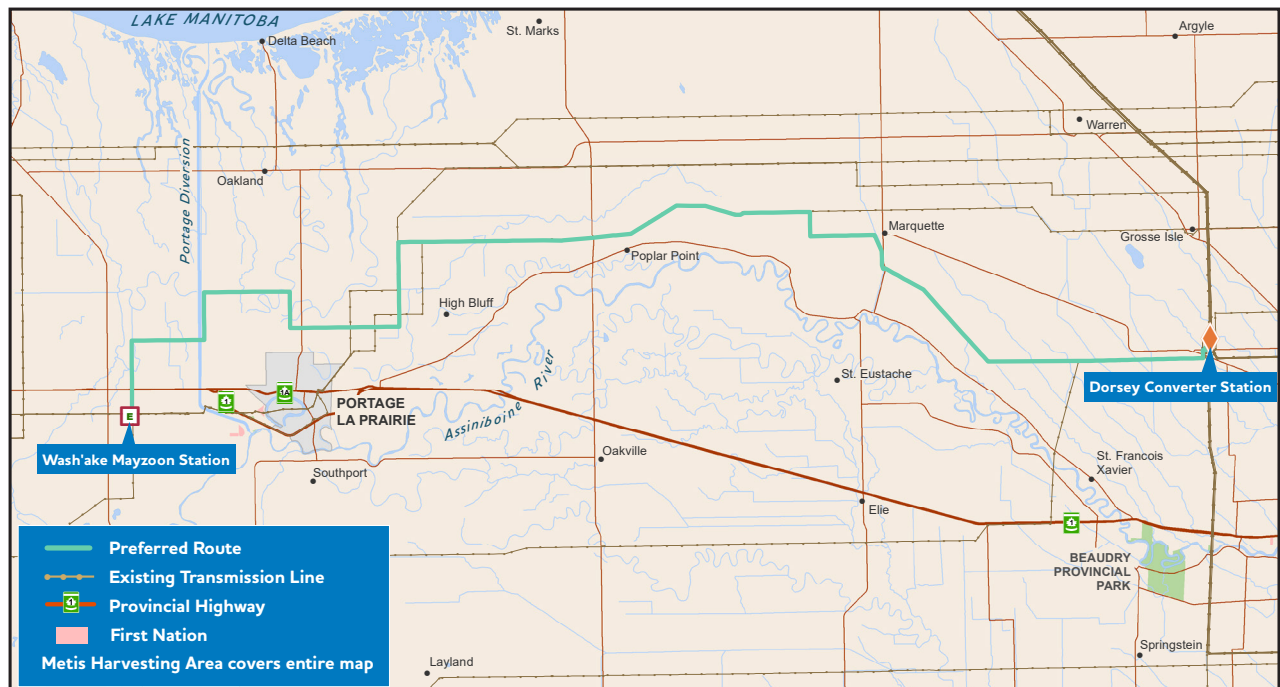
Preferred route for D83W

Round 1 of Manitoba Hydro's engagement on this project kicked off in fall 2021, where 35 alternative route segments for D83W were presented for feedback.

Data gathering, on the ground fieldwork, technical, cost, and environmental considerations, as well as input from landowners, Indigenous communities, interested parties, and the public, helped inform the evaluation of each alternative route and selection of a preferred route.

The preferred route aims to balance different interests and local concerns and limit the overall effects of the transmission line.

Read our **What we heard summary** at www.hydro.mb.ca/pace for a summary of the feedback received in Round 1 of our engagement.



Map of preferred route for the D83W transmission line (solid green line).

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:

- February 22 at 7:00 pm
- February 23 at 12:00 pm
- February 28 at 7:00 pm
- March 1 at 12:00 pm
- March 2 at 7:00 pm

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

Online survey

Tell us what you think about the preferred route in our survey at www.hydro.mb.ca/pace. Survey closes on March 25, 2022.

Online feedback portal

Comment on the preferred route and see what others are saying in our interactive feedback portal at www.hydro.mb.ca/pace.

What is next?

Round 2 of engagement will conclude in March 2022, and any final refinements necessary will be made to the preferred route. The final preferred route for the D83W transmission line will be presented in an environmental assessment report submitted to Manitoba Environment, Climate, and Parks for review and approval before construction begins. 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 route segments: October-December 2021 (completed)
- **Round 2** – Select preferred route: winter 2022
- **File environmental assessment report for regulatory review:** fall 2022
- **Anticipated licensing decision:** fall 2023
- **Transmission line construction start, if licence approved:** summer 2025

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