

CapX2020 HOSTING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE about proposed 161 kV transmission line

CapX2020 is hosting a public open house on the North Rochester-Chester 161 kV transmission line project to take comments and answer questions from landowners and interested stakeholders. The open house will include detailed maps that display route options (see map). Please stop by anytime to provide your comments on the route options. No formal presentation is scheduled.

If you are unable to attend, you can submit comments by visiting www.CapX2020.com, calling 1-800-238-7968 or emailing lacrosseinfo@capx2020.com.

Public Open House

Tuesday, August 2

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Farmington Township Hall
11534 County Road 128 NE
Elgin, MN 55932

About the North Rochester-Chester Project

The proposed line will run between a proposed North Rochester Substation (to be located between Pine Island and Zumbrota) and the existing Chester Substation west of Rochester. The line is part of the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse project, which includes a 345 kV transmission line between Rochester and La Crosse and a 161 kV transmission line between the North Rochester Substation and the Northern Hills Substation.

The 161 kV line will be co-located on the 345 kV structures between the proposed North Rochester Substation and to east of the Zumbro River (whichever 345 kV route is approved); from there to the Chester Substation, the line will be constructed on a new route, which includes co-locating it with an existing 69 kV line for the southern half of the new alignment. No new right-of-way will be required on the segments that will co-locate with the 161 kV and 345 kV lines.

The Route Permit application process for the North Rochester-Chester line will be a separate process from the larger CapX2020 permitting process currently underway. Before the project can be built, the CapX2020 utilities must obtain approval from state and federal agencies. There are multiple opportunities for public participation during these processes. A Route Permit application will be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission this summer. The overall project was authorized by the Certificate of Need granted by the MN PUC in May 2009.

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North Rochester-Chester 161 kV route options

The proposed North Rochester-Chester 161 kV transmission line will be co-located (double circuit) with the planned 345 kV line on whichever route is approved across the Zumbo River. The 345 kV routes under consideration are shown in orange, green, purple and blue. From the points shown east of the Zumbo River, the 161 kV line will be built on a new alignment (in red) to the Chester Substation. The southern half of the new alignment will be co-located with an existing 69 kV line.

