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Phase 2 - Preliminary Route Alternatives

October 2020

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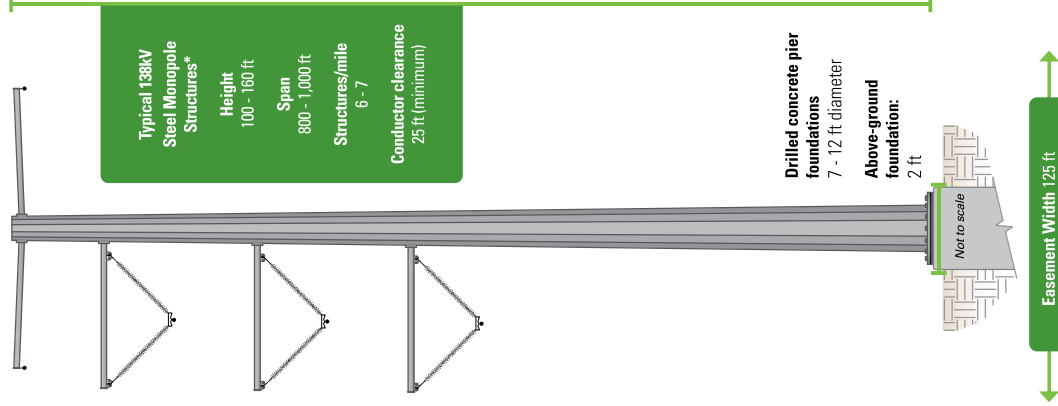
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PROJECT BENEFITS



Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses



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EXPLORE UPDATED PROJECT INFORMATION THROUGH A SIMULATED OPEN HOUSE SETTING FROM THE CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF YOUR HOME. VISIT EACH STATION AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT ON THE PRELIMINARY ROUTE ALTERNATIVES.



CONNECT WITH THE PROJECT TEAM

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573.232.3003

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

2020

- Collect data
- Gather public input
- Develop routes

2021

- Engineering & permitting
- File for Certificate from PSC
- PSC review process

2022

- Engineering & permitting
- Field surveys
- Real estate acquisitions
- Preconstruction activities
- Substation construction

2023

- Construction
- Project in-service (December)

Visit us online to learn more about the project

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ROUTING PROGRESSION

The goal of the routing process is maximize Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements. The Preliminary Route Alternatives have been narrowed down within the Potential Route Corridors. Our project team will continue to review and gather data from stakeholders and community members during each phase of the project to select a final route.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



See how our routing process has progressed and comment on the Preliminary Route Alternatives.

A list of Opportunities and Sensitivities is available on the project website.

JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 28!



Visit our project website on **October 28** to join one of the Virtual Webex Meetings: limestoneridgeproject.com

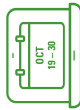
Attend one of our virtual, Webex meetings on **Wednesday, October 28** at **12:00pm** or **7:00pm**. These online meetings will provide attendees the opportunity to learn about the project, listen to subject matter experts discuss different elements of the project, ask questions and provide input. The same information will be available at each Webex meeting. Detailed maps showing the Preliminary Route Alternatives will be available for review.

— To participate by phone, call

12:00pm Meeting
408-418-9388
Access Code: 146 694 7519

7:00pm Meeting
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ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING OCTOBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 30:



Explore our 3D room virtual open house available **October 19 – 30**. Visit our project website for the link.



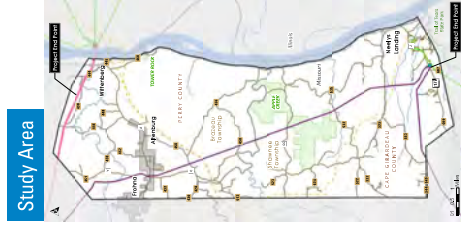
Pick up a packet of project information at Citizens Electric Corporation, located at 1500 Rand Avenue, Perryville MO 63775 Monday-Friday between **7:30am-5pm** from **October 19 – October 30**.



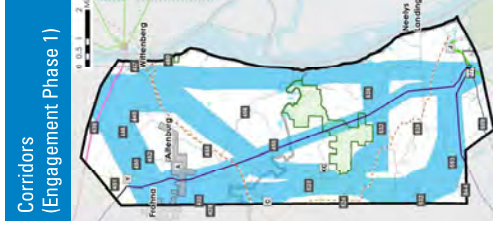
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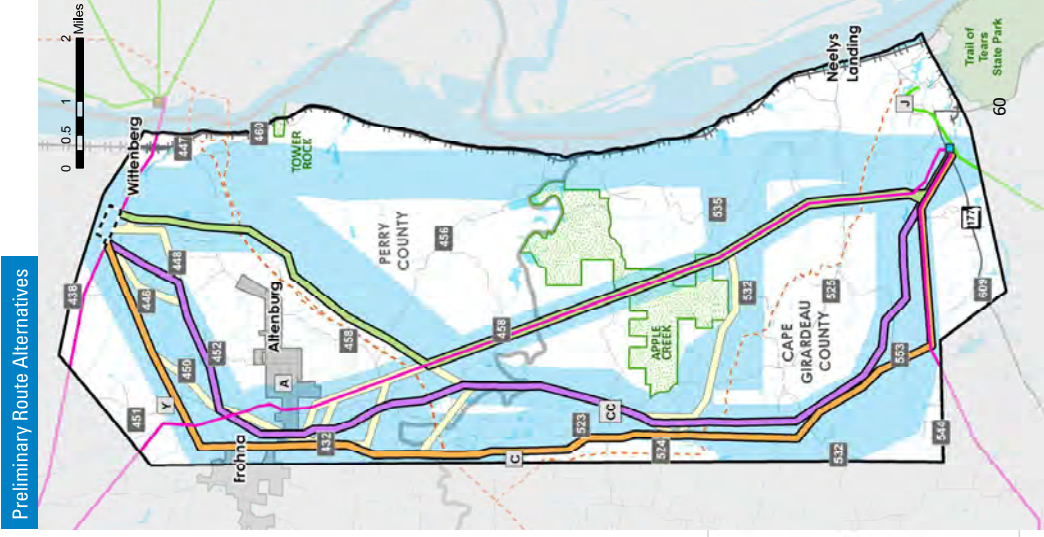
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Study Area



Corridors (Engagement Phase 1)



Preliminary Route Alternatives

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- Study Area
- Substation Area
- Preliminary Route Alternatives
- Orange
- Purple
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- Corridors
- Ameren Transmission Lines
- Wabash Transmission Lines
- Wabash Substation
- Power Plant
- County
- City
- MO Conservation Land
- MO DNR Land
- Wetlands and Water
- Railroad
- Pipeline

DATE

NAME
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RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

Dear [Insert Name],

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Due to COVID-19, we are taking action to keep you and our staff safe and healthy. Rather than an in-person forum, we're hosting two types of virtual engagement – Virtual Webex Meetings and a Virtual Open House. A detailed mailer including a map of the Preliminary Route Alternatives will be mailed to you and community members with property within the Study Area next week. This letter is to provide you advance notice and to reach out to our project team with any questions.

Please mark your calendar and join us at one of our two **Virtual Webex Meetings on Wednesday, October 28 at Noon or 7:00 p.m.** Each meeting will provide attendees the opportunity to learn about the project, listen to subject matter experts discuss different elements of the project, ask questions and provide input. The same information will be available at each meeting. Detailed maps showing the Preliminary Route Alternatives will be available for review. Starting October 19, additional information will be made available on the project website LimestoneRidgeProject.com.

If you are unable to attend or would prefer to have the materials mailed or emailed to you, please contact us by email at LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com or call us at 573.232.3003 and provide your preferred mailing or email address. Contact our project team if you have any questions or you would like to provide input regarding the project or routing process.

Thank you for your time and feedback as we develop this important energy project.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Jack

Jim Jontry
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Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

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G-20 suspends poor nations' debt payments for six more months

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Group of 20 nations, representing the world's biggest economies, agreed Wednesday to extend the suspension of debt payments by an additional six months to support the most vulnerable countries in their fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

The suspension of what the G-20 says could provide relief of \$16 billion in debt payments had been due to expire at the end of the year. Wednesday's decision gives developing nations until the end of June 2021 to leave significant health care and emergency stimulus programs rather than debt repayments.

The G-20 agreement was made initially on Twitter during a meeting of the group's finance ministers and central bank governors, and later confirmed at a news conference. The virtual discussions are being held at the start of this week's meetings of the 119-nation International

Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which are also being conducted virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic.

International aid groups expressed disappointment that more debt relief isn't being provided by extending the moratorium on debt payments for a full year or by forgiving part of the debt rather than merely suspending payments. "This pandemic has laid bare a glaring and unjust double standard. The world's wealthiest countries play by one set of rules and the world's poorest by another," said David McNamara, executive director for global policy at Oxfam International aid group.

G-20 officials argued that the relief that is being provided is helping 46 of the 73 countries eligible with efforts under way to expand the help.

Some critics have also complained that China, which has the largest share of debt relief plans that have

been advanced.

"It is unfortunate that the pressing need for broader debt relief for poor countries is being sidelined by the apparent recalcitrance of China, which has become a major creditor," said Róger Prasad, an economics professor at Cornell University and a former head of the IMF's China division. "China has proven a reluctant participant in multilateral debt relief efforts putting its narrow economic and geopolitical interests ahead of a collective approach to easing the burden on poor countries."

"We still need to do more," Mohammad al-Jadaani, the finance minister for Saudi Arabia, told the year's chair of the G-20, acknowledging at a news conference after Wednesday's meeting. "We must ensure these nations are fully supported in their efforts to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. We have agreed to extend the debt service suspension initiative by six months."



A teacher sits in an empty classroom and prepares materials for children at a closed school Wednesday in Prague, Czech Republic.

Closing schools is latest front in virus fight in Europe

By KAREL JANICEK and JOSEPH WILSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRAGUE — Dark splashes that indicate zones of high coronavirus contagion are staining maps of Europe blood red as governments scramble to prevent another round of total lockdowns, even by taking unpopular decisions to close schools, bars and gyms.

The Czech Republic has seen a second wave of the biggest hot spot during the resurgence of COVID-19. Britain, France, Belgium, Russia and many other countries are following the same unenviable trend.

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pandemic. But many medical workers are demoralized by what they see as the ineffective leadership of authorities who have tried to protect public health as well as ailing economies.

European countries, and even regions inside countries, are applying drastically conflicting strategies. In one area bars are completely closed, while in another, only bars and gyms are closed.

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panic. I apologize to parents for the permanent uncertainty. But it's necessary to do it and to do it fast," Czech Education Minister Robert Plánek said.

The unpopular measure was necessary to prevent the health system from collapsing, Health Minister Roman Prymula said in Wednesday's televised address, which was watched by almost a third of the nation.

Prymula said the number of infected teachers and education employees have skyrocketed since September, reaching 4,800 more than the number of health personnel who are ill from the virus. Students represent 15% of infections, more than any other group, he said.

Russian-U.S. crew welcomed aboard the space station

By VLADIMIR SACHENKOV ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — A trio of space travelers blasted off to the International Space Station on Wednesday, setting the first time a fast-track maneuver that allowed them to reach the orbiting outpost in just a little over three hours.

NASA's Kate Rubins, along with Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchikov of the Russian space agency Roscosmos, lifted off as scheduled Wednesday morning from the Russian-owned Baikonur space launch facility in Kazakhstan for a six-month stint on the station.

For the first time, they used a two-step approach and docked with the space station in just a little over three hours after lift-off. Previously it took two as long for crews to reach the station.

Aboard the station, they

were welcomed by the station's NASA commander, Chris Cassidy, and Roscosmos cosmonauts Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner, who have been aboard the complex since April and are scheduled to return to Earth in a week.

Speaking during Tuesday's pre-launch news conference at Baikonur, Rubins emphasized that the crew spent weeks in quarantine at the Star City training facility outside Moscow and then did a two-week quarantine to avoid any direct contact with the coronavirus.

"We spent two weeks at Star City and then 17 days at Baikonur in a very strict quarantine," Rubins said. "During all quarantine stays with crew members, we were wearing masks. We made PCR tests twice and we also made three times antigen fast tests."

She said she was looking forward to scientific experiments planned for the mission.

"We're planning to try some really interesting things like bio-printing tissues and growing cells in space and, of course, continuing our work on sequencing DNA," Rubins said.

Ryzhikov, who will be the station's skipper, said the crew will try to pinpoint the exact location of a leak of a station's Russian section that has slowly leaked oxygen. The small leak hasn't posed any immediate danger to the crew.

In November, Rubins, Ryzhikov and Kud-Sverchikov are expected to greet NASA's SpaceX first operational Crew Dragon mission, which is bringing NASA astronauts Mike Hopkins, Victor Glover and Shannon Walker, and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Soichi Noguchi to the space station aboard the Crew Dragon vehicle. It follows a successful Demo-2 mission earlier this year.

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Join us for our first online public meeting on October 21. The meeting will be held on Zoom at 12:00pm on 10/21/20. Each meeting will include a presentation, Q&A session and explanation of input opportunities.

ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING OCTOBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 30

- Engage our Wabash Valley Power Alliance website from October 15 - October 30
- Pick up a packet of project information from Citizens Electric Corporation 1000 West Avenue, Potosi, MO 63450
- Receive a packet of project materials in the mail or email
- Leave a message on our project hotline at 636-333-3333

Visit the project website for Webex links, view our virtual open house, and learn more about upcoming engagement opportunities. www.limestoneproject.com 616.227.3001 | info@wvpa.com | www.ateren.com

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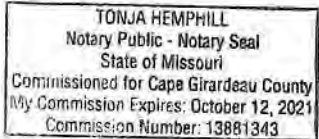
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State House, Perry County Commission seats up for grabs

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Aside from state and national races, state Perry County, Missouri, voters will have two locally contested issues to consider Tuesday.

Republican Rick Francis is facing Democrat Mike Lindley for the District 145 seat in the State House, and Republican Keith Schumer is facing independent Rocky Schumer for the District 2

sent on the Perry County Commission.

District 145 covers Bollinger, Madison and most of Perry counties. Francis was first elected to the state House in 2016. He is a farmer and is a former teacher, coach and school ad-



Rick Francis



Mike Lindley

ministrative. Lindley is a resident of Glen Allen. He is a farmer and part-time bus driver. He is a Republican, and Schumer, an independent, are seeking an open seat for the Jim Surtzover anonymous he would not seek reelection.

Incumbent 8th District congressman faces two challengers

B.J.C. REEVES
SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN

Missouri's 8th Congressional District voters will choose from among three candidates. Republican incumbent Jason Smith, Democrat Kathy Ellis and Libertarian Tom Schmitz. Rep. Smith, a native of Salem, Missouri, has held the seat since June 4, 2013, when he was elected to finish former congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson's term following her resignation. He went on to win reelection in 2014, 2016 and 2018. In the 2018 election, Smith defeated his current Democratic challenger, Ellis, in a landslide, winning 74.7% of the vote.

Committee. Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. PAC and the Charter Communications Inc. PAC, among others.

"You just fundraise constantly," Smith said. "I've been fundraising for seven and a half years. ... If you're a conservative, I don't spend money unless we need to spend it. I just make sure that it's there for any battle that's ahead."

Smith's Democratic challenger, Ellis, who lives in Festus, Missouri, ran against the incumbent in 2018, receiving 24% of the

donating to us from all over the country."

Tom Schmitz

Libertarian candidate Schmitz works for the Missouri Public Defender's Office in St. Louis, Missouri, where he resides.



Tom Schmitz

Schmitz is also heavily focused on health care. In contrast to his Democratic opponent, however, Schmitz believes in separating health care and state, which means limiting government involvement.

"I believe we are near a tipping point," Schmitz said. "I think that, especially with the mainstream discussion about pre-existing conditions, I think we are absolutely nearing a tipping point, or are at the tipping point, toward what I believe will be the inevitable, that the government will take total control of the health care system."

"Looking at health care, it's an issue that's important to everyone, and the solutions that we are hearing from the two main parties are more government, more government, more government. Government is the problem in health care, and the two big parties are telling us that more government is the solution to the problem."

Schmitz supports a foreign policy of peace, strength and non-interventionism, and wants to bring the troops home from overseas. He's also focused on minimizing taxation, abolishing a minimum wage, cutting spending across the board by percentage to tackle the national debt, transitioning to a privatized education system, protecting Americans' right to keep and bear arms, decriminalizing drug use and decriminalizing sex work.

Financially, Schmitz has refused any fundraising, and is 100% self-funding his entire campaign.

"I have had some doubts, come forward and want to give me money," Schmitz said, "and I am not taking donations."

"For this campaign, we made the decision that any money that would be spent would be my money. I wouldn't spend any party money if party money was given to me. I wouldn't take any donations. I would want money for this campaign."

For more information about each candidate, visit knowwithknow.com, ellisforcongress.com, and tomschmitzforliberty.com.

For more information about each candidate's fundraising, visit aj.gov.

Jason Smith

Smith — who has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association, the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Missouri Right to Life committee and the National Right to Life committee, among other organizations — says he is focused on rolling back national government regulations in Missouri, limiting government involvement in health care options, reducing taxes, supporting military veterans and active military members and ensuring the national government doesn't restrict natural resources in the State of Missouri.



Jason Smith

"Without a doubt, one of my greatest joys, and the most important issues I work on as the representative, has been helping the folks of our area get what they're owed out of the government," Smith said. "Making sure the citizens of southern Missouri are looked out for and not overlooked by the government definitely remains the main priority of mine."

"My home is here in Southeast Missouri, and it has been my family's home for seven generations. I look forward to continuing to fight on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of southern Missourians who wake up every day just wanting to do what's right for their family, for God and for their future."

According to the Federal Election Commission, Smith has received a total of \$1,631,413.01 for this election, including \$427,186.09 coming from individual contributions, \$90 coming from party committee contributions and \$1,224,161.95 coming from other committee contributions, including \$5,000 from the Koch Industries Inc. Political Action

Kathy Ellis

Ellis — a licensed clinical counselor — says she supports strong public and debt-free education, strong union jobs, investing in rural infrastructure, protecting the environment by supporting new policies including the Green New Deal, ending Citizens United, LGBTQ+ rights to be inclusive and comprehensive health care access, and opposes legislation that would restrict the free exercise of religion. Her main issue she is focused on in this election is health care.



Kathy Ellis

"We're just really, very concerned about the lack of health care in the district," Ellis said. "As you may be well aware, we've lost a number of hospitals over the past few years without any real attempts to begin to solve that problem."

"Wherever I've gone, that has always been the No. 1 issue, that we can have some accessible and affordable health care, and certainly have reduced prices in some of the prescription drugs that are available."

Ellis has raised \$207,246.10 in total contributions, according to the FEC. Of the contributions, Ellis has received, \$273,276.10 has come from individual contributions: \$90 from party committee contributions, \$1,817.41 from candidate contributions and \$12,959 from other committee contributions, which includes a \$5,000 donation from the IAW Voluntary Community Action Program. Ellis openly refuses donations from political action committees (PACs).

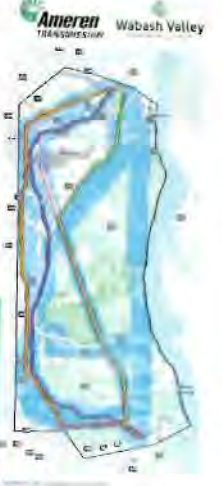
"We don't want to accept any dark money," Ellis said. "We don't want to accept anything other than those kinds of things that come directly from the people in the district."

"And people from outside? Quite frankly, we've had people who have been

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ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH OCTOBER

- **Attend our virtual Open House**
- **Pick up a packet of project information from District Electric Companies**
- **Attend a virtual meeting on October 29th**
- **Attend a virtual meeting on October 30th**
- **Attend a virtual meeting on November 3rd**

Visit the project website to view the Virtual Wabash Meeting presentation materials, explore the Virtual Open House and leave your feedback on our comment log.



Dr. Gretchen Price, DO

DIFFERENCE MAKERS 2020

Before the novel coronavirus pandemic even reached the Cape Girardeau community, Dr. Gretchen Price was instrumental in creating a proactive plan for Saint Francis Healthcare to care for patients.

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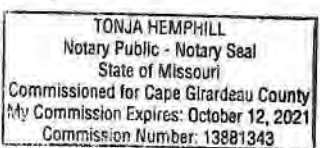
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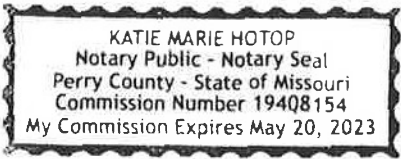
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 First Insertion: Thursday, October 15, 2020
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Signed Beth Durreman
 Beth Durreman, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me
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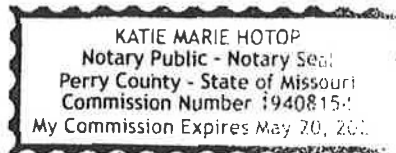
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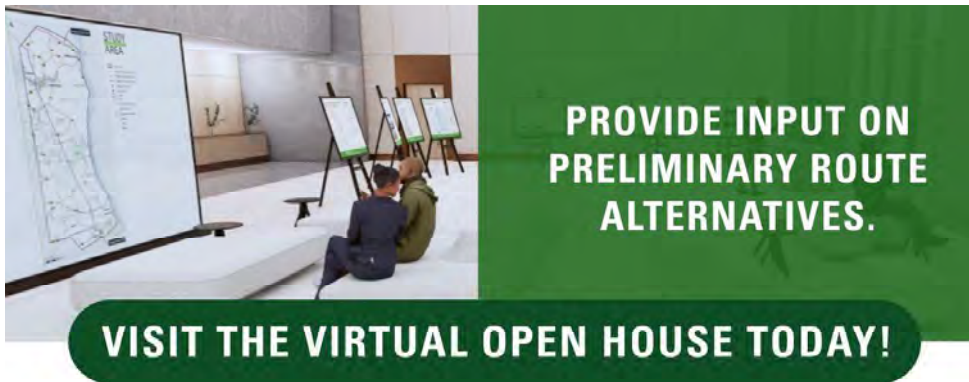


Social Media Posts

Ad 1: October 19 - October 28, 2020

Ad 2: October 29 - October 30, 2020

Ad 1:

A graphic for a virtual open house. On the left, a photograph shows a person sitting on a stage in front of a large screen displaying a map. To the right, a green background contains the text "PROVIDE INPUT ON PRELIMINARY ROUTE ALTERNATIVES." Below this, a dark green rounded rectangle contains the text "VISIT THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE TODAY!"

PROVIDE INPUT ON
PRELIMINARY ROUTE
ALTERNATIVES.

VISIT THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE TODAY!

Ad 2:



Online engagement opportunities are now available to review and provide input on the Preliminary Route Alternatives for the new Limestone Ridge Project. The new line will improve energy reliability and support continued growth in the area. Mark your calendar for our virtual Webex meetings.

A screenshot of a Facebook post. The post features a map of the Limestone Ridge Project area on the left. To the right of the map, a green box contains the text "OCT 28 VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETINGS FOR THE LIMESTONE RIDGE PROJECT" and "VISIT THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE TODAY!". Below the map and green box, the text "AMEREN.COM" is visible. At the bottom of the post, it says "Limestone Ridge Project | Ameren Transmission" with a "Learn More" button. Below the post, there is a "Share" button.

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Limestone Ridge Project | Ameren Transmission [Learn More](#)

Virtual Engagement Opportunities will be held on October...

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For Immediate Release

Ameren hosts second phase of virtual open houses for Limestone Ridge Project

Project will provide additional energy and improved reliability for Southeast Missouri businesses and homes

ST. LOUIS (Oct. 20, 2020) – **Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI)**, in collaboration with **Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA)**, **Citizens Electric Corporation** and **Ameren Missouri**, is hosting virtual open house meetings to inform and collaborate with the public on a new energy investment for Southeast Missouri. The proposed Limestone Ridge Project consists of an estimated 14-19 mile transmission line and several state-of-the-art substations designed to support continued growth for local communities in Southeast Missouri.

The 138-kilovolt line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau counties, providing additional energy support to local manufacturing facilities and improving energy reliability for homes and businesses. The proposed in-service date for the project is December 2023.

The Limestone Ridge Project team will host two virtual open houses to provide an update on the project and give the public another opportunity to provide input on route development within the study area. The **virtual online Webex meetings will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at noon and 7 p.m.** Each meeting will include a presentation on the project, a Q&A session and an explanation of how you can provide input.

“Gathering community feedback is an important part of our planning process, but we want to be mindful of everyone’s safety during the pandemic,” said Jim Jontry, project manager for ATXI’s Limestone Ridge Project. “We hope interested members of the public and landowners will join us during these virtual meetings to learn more about the project and share their feedback, so we can make sure we are taking into account any needs and concerns from the community.”

Ameren held the first round of open houses for the Project with stakeholders in August. Following the public outreach and route development process, Ameren anticipates filing a petition in early 2021 with the Missouri Public Service Commission



(PSC) seeking approval of the Limestone Ridge Project and a final recommended route.

Additional information is available on the project's website at limestoneridgeproject.com, by sending an email to LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com or by calling the project hotline at 573-232-3003.

About Ameren Corporation

St. Louis-based Ameren Corporation powers the quality of life for 2.4 million electric customers and more than 900,000 natural gas customers in a 64,000-square-mile area through its Ameren Missouri and Ameren Illinois rate-regulated utility subsidiaries. Ameren Illinois provides electric transmission and distribution service and natural gas distribution service. Ameren Missouri provides electric generation, transmission and distribution service, as well as natural gas distribution service. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois develops, owns and operates rate-regulated regional electric transmission projects. For more information, visit Ameren.com, or follow us at [@AmerenCorp](https://twitter.com/AmerenCorp), [Facebook.com/AmerenCorp](https://www.facebook.com/AmerenCorp), or [LinkedIn.com/company/Ameren](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Ameren).

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[Sign-In Form](#)

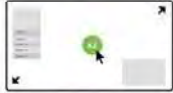
[Re-watch the Welcome Video](#)


[Accessible Text Version](#)


How to NAVIGATE


In the next section you will be entering our Virtual Open House. In the Virtual Open House you will be able to view all of the station information boards, listen to project team audio clips and watch videos about the project. For best results, use Chrome, Firefox, or Edge browsers to view the map.

Here's how to navigate the Virtual Open House:

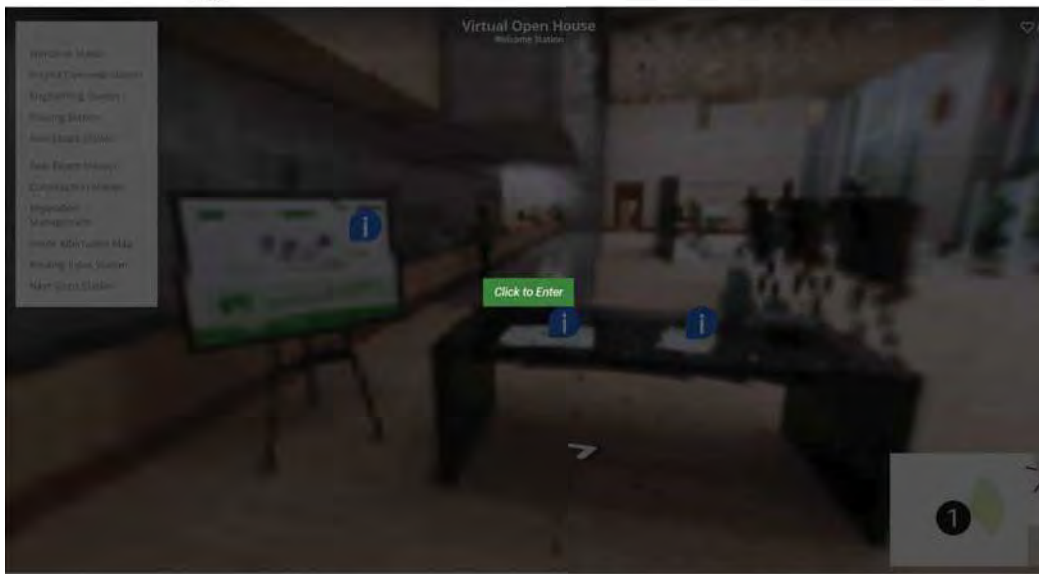
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Double click inside the virtual room to enter Full Screen Mode. Press Esc to return to this page.
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Click and drag to look around the room.
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Click any of the icons to learn more from the project partners.
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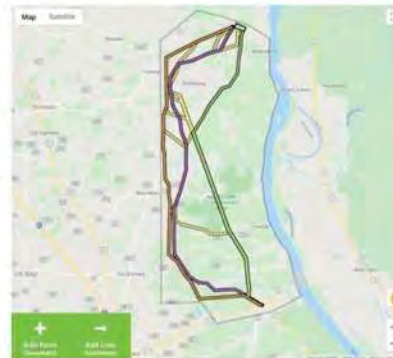
To jump to a certain section, use the navigation list on the left.



View Detailed Maps



Leave a Map Comment



Project RESOURCES

[Project Handout](#)

[Vegetation Management](#)

[Project Partners](#)

Join our MAILING LIST

Our team has engagement opportunities tentatively scheduled for later this fall, pending the status of COVID-19 restrictions. Be sure to sign up for updates to be informed of scheduled engagement opportunities.

[Join the Mailing List](#)

Submit a COMMENT

Submit a comment form by clicking the "Submit a comment" button at the top of your screen. Routing comments will be accepted through October 31st.

[Submit a Comment/Request a Meeting](#)

Share THIS INFO

Please pass along the link to this online open house to family, friends and coworkers who live in the area.



Home page



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Virtual Open House

Engineering Station



- Welcome Station
- Project Overview Station
- Engineering Station**
- Routing Station
- Real Estate Station
- Construction Station
- Vegetation Management
- Route Alternative Map
- Routing Input Station
- Next Steps Station



Virtual Open House
Welcome Station

Limestone Ridge Project

Hello!
Welcome to the
Limestone Ridge Project Virtual Open House

Learn

Plan to attend? We will be happy to answer your questions and help you get ready. Contact us at 800-368-7263 or visit our website at www.limestoneridgeproject.com. We will be happy to help you get ready for the virtual open house. We will be happy to help you get ready for the virtual open house. We will be happy to help you get ready for the virtual open house.

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**Online Open House #2 Statistics Web Traffic:
Oct 19 – Nov 3 (16):**


- **Total Users (MO): 41**
- **Total Sessions (MO): 57**
- **Avg time on page: 2:48**
- **Pageviews by Device:**
 - **Desktop: 137**
 - **Mobile: 34**
 - **Tablet: 4**

Information Packet

Differences from Phase 1 Packet are pictured and included below:

“What We Heard” Page
Preliminary Route Alternatives Map

Limestone Ridge Project

What We Heard


During our Phase 1 of public engagement in August 2020, our project team received input from the community on the Proposed Route Corridors. All comments were reviewed during the development of our Preliminary Route Alternatives. In general, most comments fit into the following categories:

- Development
- Engineering and construction
- Environmental
- General
- Land use
- Real estate
- Recreation


Phase 1 Virtual Open House Survey Results
Select the top three Sensitivities that are most important to you



Sensitivity	Percentage
Forest	25%
Streams/Wetlands	14%
Agricultural conflicts	11%
Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves	11%
Floodplains (more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)	11%
Other sensitivities	26%




PRELIMINARY ROUTE ALTERNATIVES



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Phase 3 - Preferred Route Options January 2021

- **Impacted landowner letter and packet**
- **Study area letter**
- **Agency letter**
- **Tribal letter**
- **Folded project handout (included with letters)**
- **Paid newspaper advertisements and Affidavits**
- **Social Media Facebook advertisements**
- **Press release**
- **Online open house screen grabs**
- **Information Packet**

January 7, 2021

NAME
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RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Phase 3 of public engagement January 11 – February 1, 2021

Dear [Insert Name],

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We appreciate the active participation and input community members have provided during the phase 1 engagement of the Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020 and the phase 2 engagement of the Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options. **Because public records show you own property along the Preferred Route Options, attached is a map of the Preferred Route Options, a detailed map of your property and a detailed information packet for your review and input.** You may also receive another letter with an overview handout that was sent to everyone in our study area.

Please contact our project team to set up a virtual meeting or phone call if you would like to discuss the project or your property in more detail:

- Email: limestoneridgeproject@ameren.com
- Hotline: 573.232.3003

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk level and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we are taking action to keep you and our staff safe and slow the spread of COVID-19. Similar to our previous phases of engagement, we're providing various no-contact, engagement opportunities **starting January 11 through February 1** to learn more about the project, connect with the project team and provide input on the Preferred Route Options.

Mark Your Calendars for two Meeting Opportunities on Thursday, January 21

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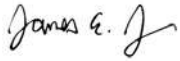
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Sincerely,



Jim Jontry
Project Manager
Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois



Brian Jack
Engineering Project Manager
Wabash Valley Power Alliance

PACKET OVERVIEW

Please review the enclosed detailed information packet

It is important to read the materials in this detailed information packet to better understand the project and the project as it relates to your property. **We encourage you to provide comments on the map to share your valuable input with us.**

PACKET MATERIALS

Your packet of information includes the following materials:

- ▶ Detailed Map showing your listed parcels in proximity to the Preferred Route Options
- ▶ Project Factsheet
- ▶ Virtual Meeting and Telephone Public Meeting Presentation Materials
- ▶ Preferred Route Options Map
- ▶ Comment Form

You can return your input to us using one of the following options:

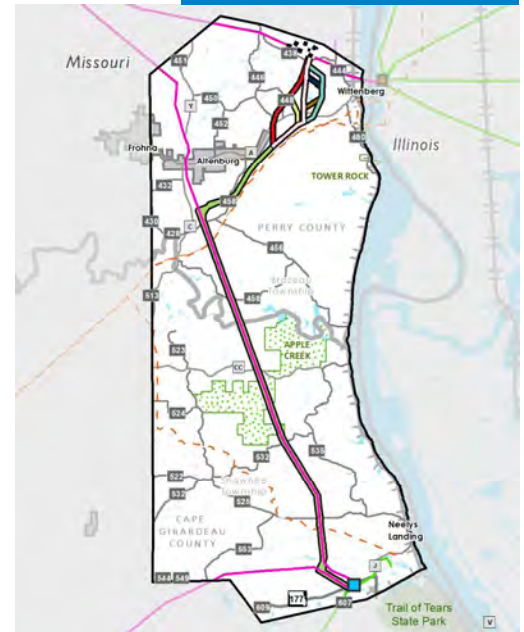
- **Mail** the comment form and map back to our team using the prepaid return envelope
- **Drop it** off at Citizens Electric
- **Scan and email** it to us
LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com
- **Visit** the project website to view our online comment map
- **Call us** and we can talk through your questions and gather your input at 573.232.3003

Comments will be accepted through **FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**

Next Steps

After reviewing and considering input gathered during the third phase of engagement, the Limestone Ridge Project will file one route with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC). Once the PSC reviews the project and a final route is approved (anticipated late 2021), notification letters will be mailed to all landowners along the route. At that time, Ameren will collaborate with landowners and request access to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys and studies. Our project team will continue communicating with affected landowners throughout this process.

Preferred Route Options



Limestone Ridge Project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? Why is the Limestone Ridge Project needed in Southeast Missouri?

Communities located in Citizens Electric’s southeast service territory are currently supported by a 161 kV Ameren Missouri transmission line. With increased energy use over the past several years, continuing to rely on this sole transmission source in the event of a power outage would result in extended restoration times and community-wide impacts. The Limestone Ridge Project will provide an additional source of transmission supply to create a stronger and redundant transmission network. By providing multiple pathways of energy, this new 138 kV transmission line and expanded substations will improve grid reliability and reduce the existing outage risks to homes, businesses and communities of Southeast Missouri.

? Why can’t you pause on this project until COVID is over?

Energy resiliency is about making sure communities have a strong and regular supply of electricity in the event of a power failure. With a sole transmission line supplying portions of the project area and an increase of energy usage during the past several years, Southeast Missouri’s existing and future grid needs an additional transmission line to ensure homes and businesses have this critical energy resiliency. Another transmission line is needed today to supply a new path of energy and reduce the outage risks and impacts to communities.

? Why is the line proposed in Missouri instead of Illinois?

The Limestone Ridge Project is not being proposed in Illinois due to several factors including:



The existing river crossings in the area are not capable of supporting a new transmission circuit. Rebuilding those crossings, or constructing and maintaining new crossings, would be very expensive.



The project benefits communities located in Missouri. It is fair for these facilities that create these benefits to be located in Missouri.



Developing a route in Illinois would pose its own challenges as most of the land adjacent to the river is also forested and/or within a floodplain.

? How will the final route be selected?

Our goal is to identify a final route that will balance minimizing impacts to sensitivities and building a cost-effective, reliable and safe transmission line within statutory and maintenance requirements. The routing process starts with a large study area, which is then narrowed into wide corridors. Preliminary Route Alternatives (more narrow) are then developed within the corridors using routing criteria.

The project team provided various opportunities for community leaders and members of the public to provide input during the phase 1 engagement of Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020, phase 2 engagement of Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options. Once all comments from the phase 3 of engagement have been collected and reviewed, the team will finalize and submit a route and application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to the Missouri Public Service Commission – anticipated in March 2021.

? Why aren't you having any in-person meetings?

The safety and health of all communities and customers is our Limestone Ridge Project Team's top priority. Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk levels and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we're providing various no-contact opportunities to collect feedback from the public and share information about the project. To minimize public health risks and in accordance with Missouri's COVID recommendations, our team is conducting meetings to speak with landowners directly via conference calls, virtual open houses and telephone public meeting.

? How have you been connecting with the public?

For each phase of engagement, we offered various engagement opportunities for community members to learn about the project and provide input including:



Project information mailings to everyone who owns property within our study area



Online open houses with detailed maps and interactive comment map



Virtual public Webex meetings (midday and evening options including a call-in option)



Detailed information packets (requested by mail or pick-up at Citizens Electric)

In addition, a project website, local hotline number and project email are available for the public to share feedback any time and talk with the project team. All input gathered is reviewed by the routing team.

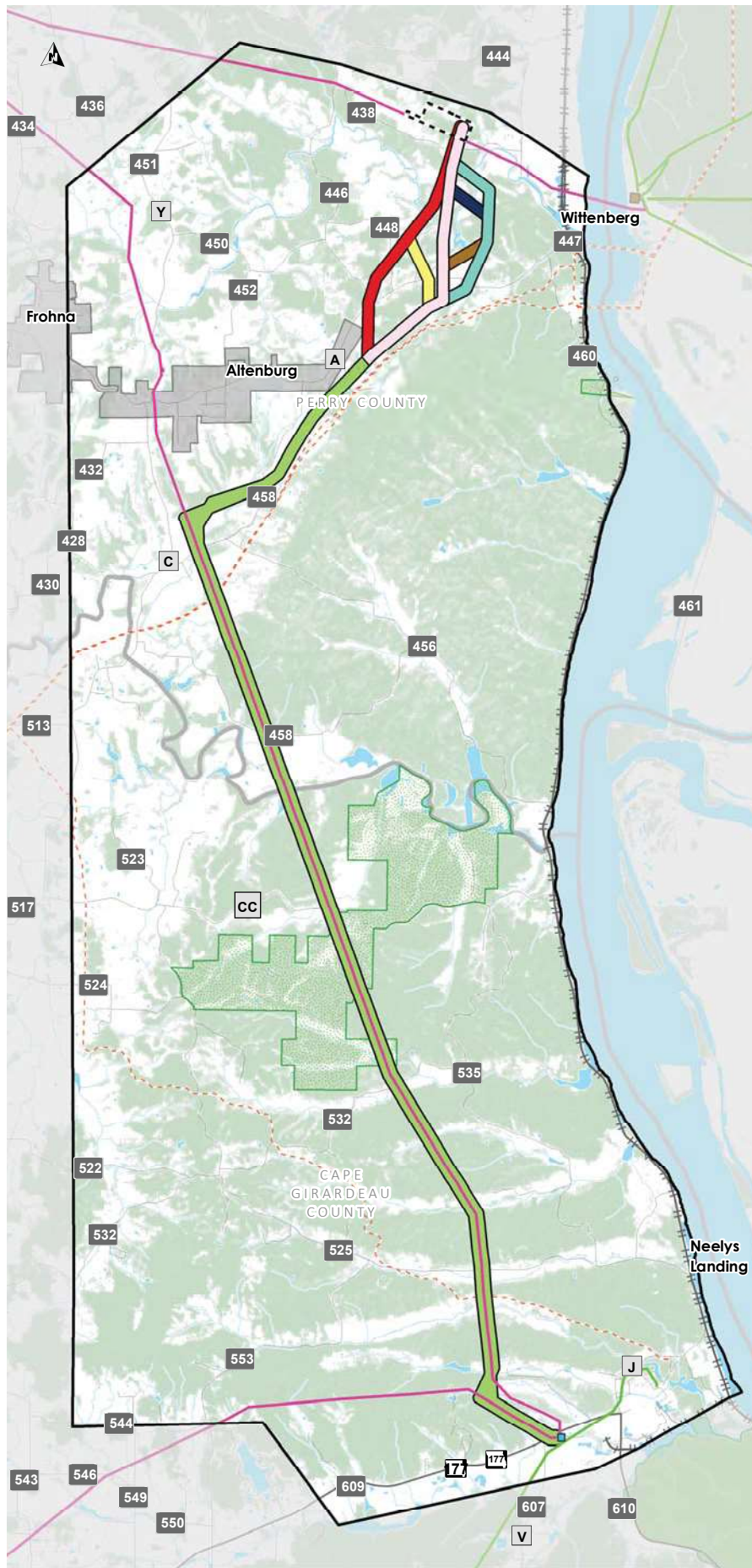
? How can I provide comments?

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? How will I know if the final route will be on my property?

Once the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) reviews and approves a final route (anticipated late 2021), notification letters will be mailed to all landowners along the route. Once a final route has been approved, Ameren will begin negotiations to acquire easements and request access to landowner's property to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys and studies.

PREFERRED ROUTE OPTIONS



- Study Area
- Substation Area
- Preferred Route
- Preferred Route Options**
- Route Red
- Route Pink
- Route Teal
- Connector Yellow
- Connector Brown
- Connector Navy
- Ameren Transmission Lines
- Wabash Transmission Lines
- Wabash Substation
- Power Plant
- County
- City
- MO Conservation Land
- MO DNR Land
- Wetlands and Water
- Tree Canopy
- Railroad
- Pipeline

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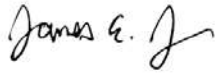
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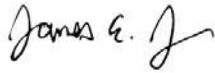
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Public collaboration remains a top priority for our project team and we appreciate your participation throughout our engagement process. Thank you for your time and feedback as we develop this important energy project that will improve energy reliability for Southeast Missouri.

Sincerely,



Jim Jontry
Project Manager
Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois



Brian Jack
Engineering Project Manager
Wabash Valley Power Alliance

DATE

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Phase 3 of public engagement January 11 – February 1, 2021

Dear [Insert Name],

We reached out to your Tribe in December 2020 regarding a new proposed transmission line being studied by Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA), Citizens Electric Corporation and Ameren Missouri, to improve energy reliability for local communities in Southeast Missouri. The new line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. As noted in our earlier correspondence, the potential routes under consideration are on private and state lands, and at this time, a federal undertaking that would trigger the formal Section 106 process has not been identified. However, we are continuing to coordinate with many interested parties regarding the project.

The project team has identified a Preferred Route but is seeking input on three route options to connect the Preferred Route into the new substation at the north end of the study area. Attached to this letter you will find additional information regarding the proposed project, the preferred route and route options, and schedule of next steps. We have also scheduled a variety of engagement opportunities for all interested parties which are noted below.

Engagement opportunities available January 11 through February 1

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This information is being provided as part of continued coordination and no action is required by your Tribe at this time unless you have questions or wish to provide comments regarding the project.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I can be reached at nmorgan@ameren.com or 314-452-8579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nancy Morgan
Permitting and Natural Resources Manager
Ameren Services

Limestone Ridge Project

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA), Citizens Electric Corporation and Ameren Missouri, is proposing to construct a new, approximately 15-mile 138 kV transmission line and state-of-the-art substations to improve energy reliability for local communities in Southeast Missouri. The new line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. Our goal is to have this project completed and bringing project benefits to the community by 2023.

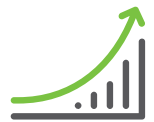
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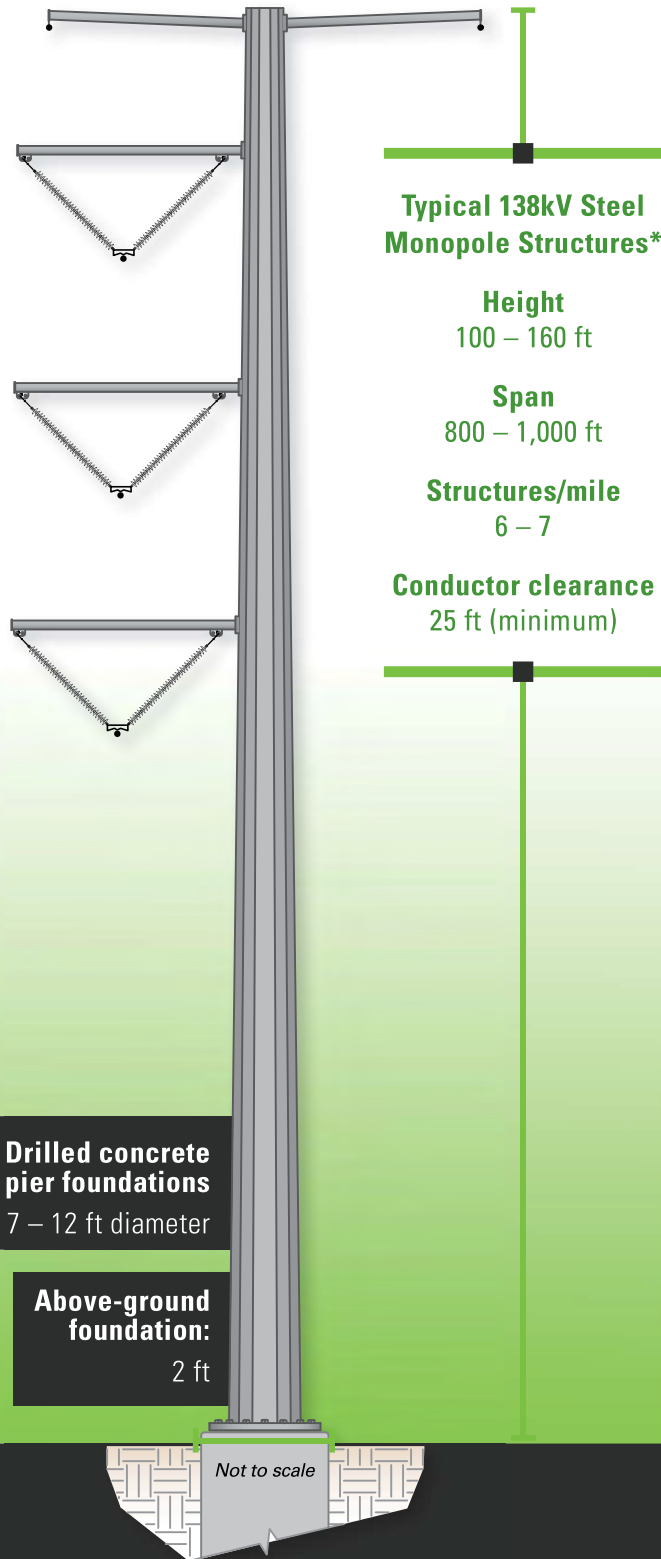
Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses



Provide additional energy support to local manufacturing facilities



Support continued area economic growth



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

2020

- Collect data
- Gather public input
- Develop routes

2021

- Engineering & permitting
- File for Certificate from PSC
- PSC review process

2022

- Engineering & permitting
- Field surveys
- Real estate acquisitions
- Preconstruction activities
- Substation construction

2023

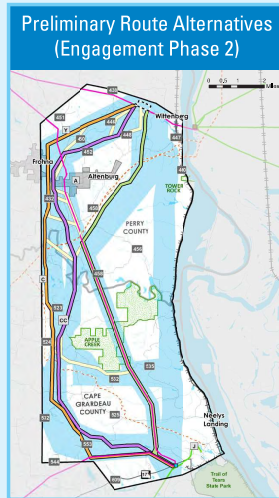
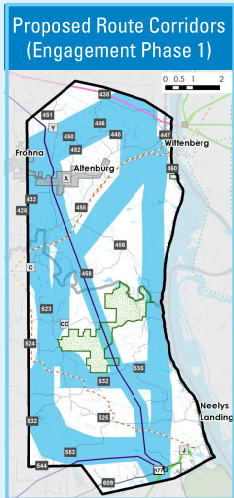
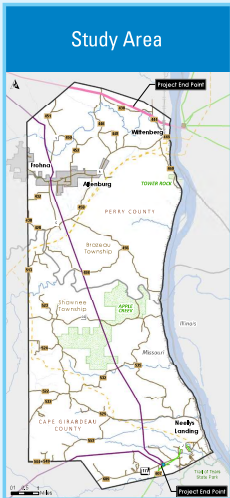
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- Project in-service (December)

Easement Width 125 ft

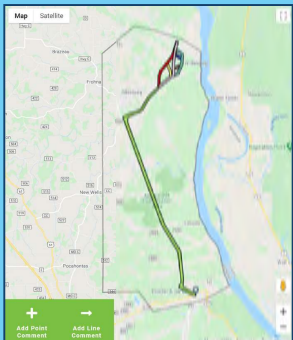
*138kV with the potential of a future 345kV circuit

ROUTING PROGRESSION

The goal of the routing process is maximize Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements. We appreciate the active participation and input community members have provided during the phase 1 engagement of the Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020 and the phase 2 engagement of the Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options.



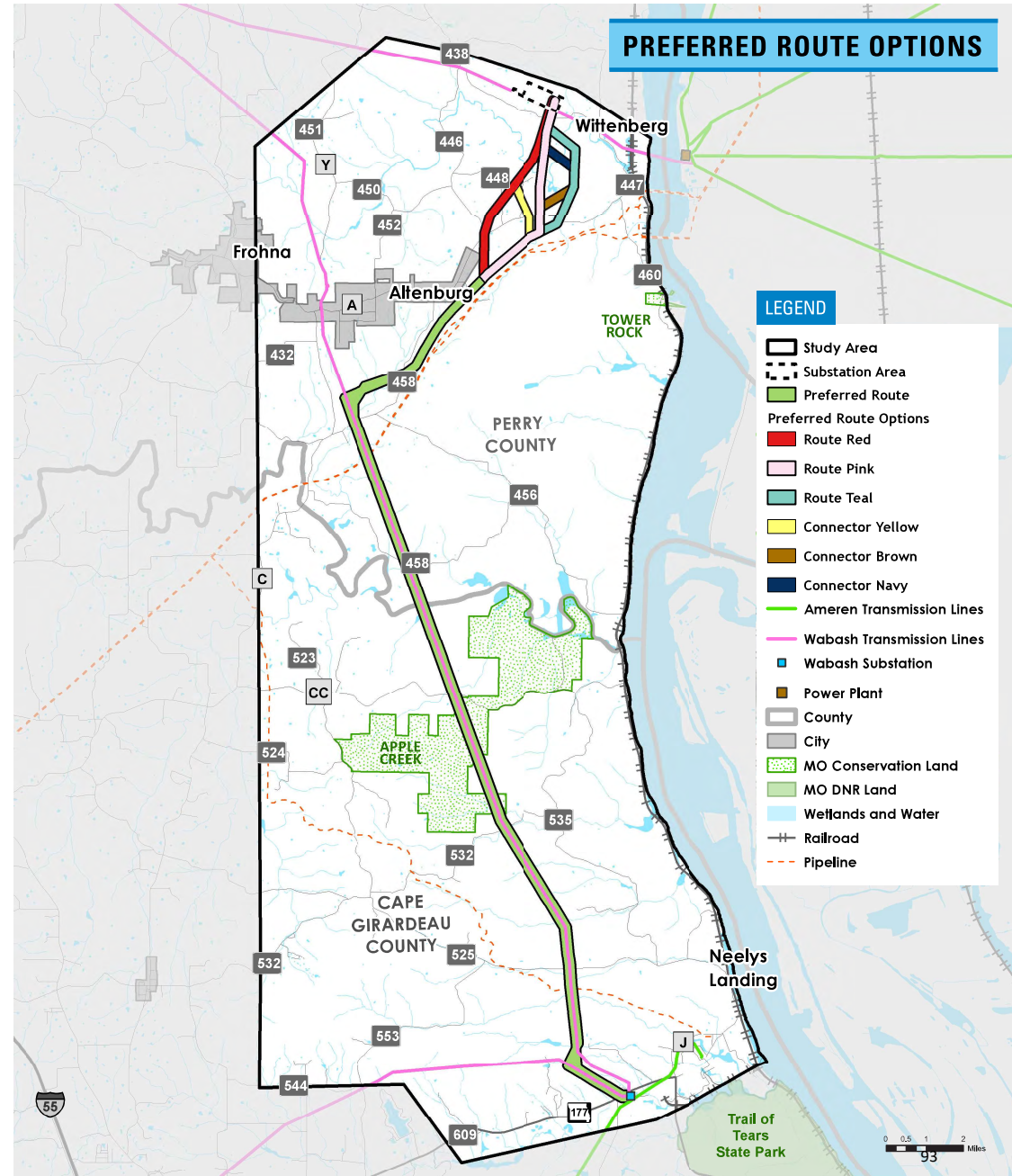
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW AND ADD A COMMENT TO OUR ONLINE PROJECT MAP.



HOW TO TIPS:

- Type the following link into your search engine: limestoneridgeresources.com/interactivemap.html
- Click the green "add comment" button
- Use your mouse to navigate to a point on the map in the area of your comment
- Complete the text box
- Click submit

PREFERRED ROUTE OPTIONS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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? Why can't you pause on this project until COVID is over?

Energy resiliency is about making sure communities have a strong and regular supply of electricity in the event of a power failure. With a sole transmission line supplying portions of the project area and an increase of energy usage during the past several years, Southeast Missouri's existing and future grid needs an additional transmission line to ensure homes and businesses have this critical energy resiliency. Another transmission line is needed today to supply a new path of energy and reduce the outage risks and impacts to communities.

? Why is the line proposed in Missouri instead of Illinois?

The Limestone Ridge Project is not being proposed in Illinois due to several factors including:



The existing river crossings in the area are not capable of supporting a new transmission circuit. Rebuilding those crossings, or constructing and maintaining new crossings, would be very expensive.



The project benefits communities located in Missouri. It is fair for these facilities that create these benefits to be located in Missouri.



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? Why aren't you having any in-person meetings?

The safety and health of all communities and customers is our Limestone Ridge Project Team's top priority. Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk levels and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we're providing various no-contact opportunities to collect feedback from the public and share information about the project. To minimize public health risks and in accordance with Missouri's COVID recommendations, our team is conducting meetings to speak with landowners directly via conference calls, virtual open houses and telephone public meetings.

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LEGEND

- Study Area
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- Preferred Route
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 - Route Red
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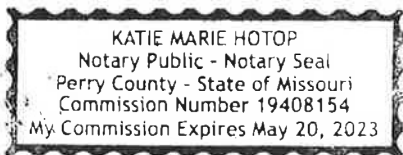
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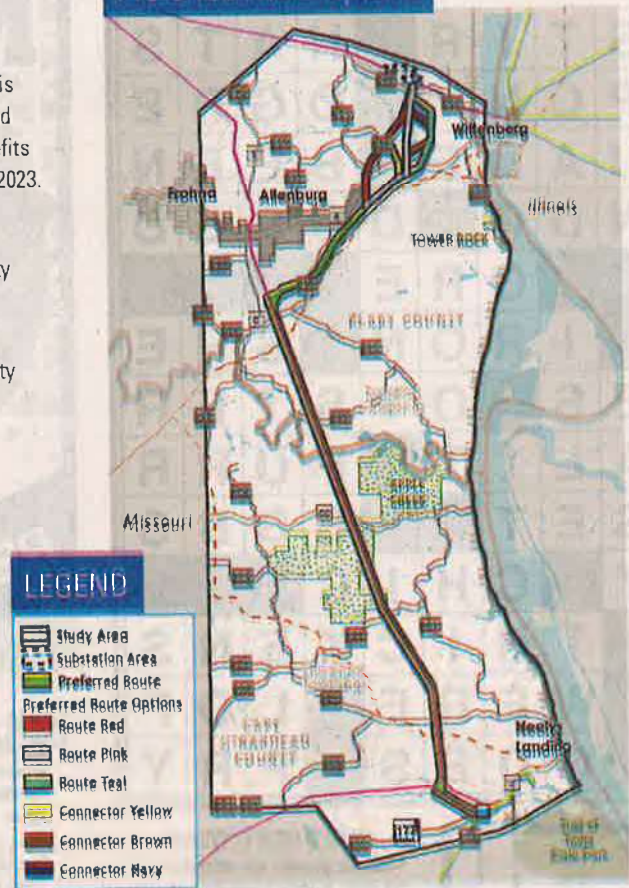


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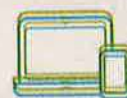


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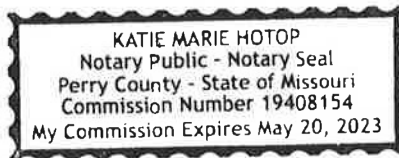
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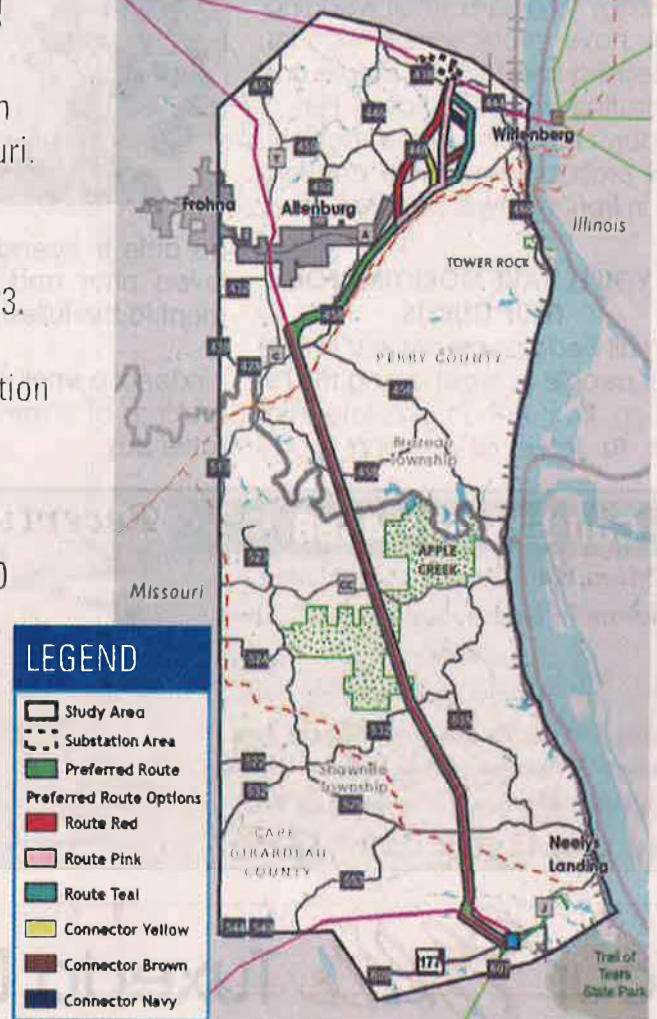
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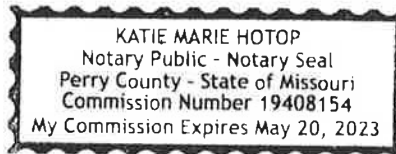
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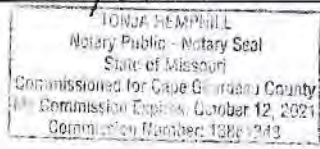
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Photo gallery Right, Cape Girardeau Mayor Bob Fox pies the face of councilman and mayor pro tem Robbie Guard during Tuesday's fundraiser with Jordan's Way via Facebook Live at the Southeast Missouri Humane Society. Also featured performing challenges from the animal shelter in the four-hour online program was social media personality Kris Rotonda of Clearwater, Florida, who established Jordan's Way, a charitable organization raising awareness and funds for animal shelters. More photos are in a gallery at semissourian.com.

Camper fire extends to home on South Benton

BY J.C. BEEVES
SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN

A camper was destroyed and a house sustained minor damage during an overnight fire on South Benton Street in Cape Girardeau.

The fire didn't extend too far into the house," fire department Capt. Shawn Morris said, "just a little bit on the back porch area and a little bit into the kitchen." The situation was under control within 15 to 20 minutes, Morris said. "We were there for some overhaul for quite a while," Morris said, "but that's about it." The camper was deemed a total loss, and the home received "minor damage."

The fire department had not estimated damages as of Wednesday. There were no injuries reported at the scene. The Jackson Fire Department assisted on the scene. East County, Goddardville and Brent City fire departments manned Cape Girardeau fire stations during the incident.

Mask-making Patriot Medical of Cape urges 'buy American'

By JEFF LONG
SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN



Patriot Medical Devices CEO Rick Noelham said Wednesday, the day of the inauguration of a new U.S. president, that with the advent of widespread COVID-19 vaccine distribution in the U.S. and with it, hopes for an end to the pandemic, people may start to forget to buy American-made personal protection equipment (PPE).

"My concern I have is we may fall into old habits of buying cheaply made (PPE) products from China," Noelham said.

Patriot Medical opened a PPE plant this past summer at 1021 Rust Ave in Cape Girardeau where more than 60 people are employed in the making of three-ply disposable face masks. The company, in a one-page marketing "Why Buy American" handout, drills down on Noelham's warning. "It is cheaper to make products overseas because other countries often have little to no laws protecting the rights of their workers. These facilities exploit child labor, pay unfair wages and our have extremely dangerous working conditions," the PPE handout reads. "We need a laser-eye focus on where we are buying masks and gloves from (and) I hope our country will vigorously support American PPE manufacturing," Noelham said. Noelham said PMD's decision to locate a plant in mid-America makes for "excellent and efficient delivery" throughout the U.S., while adding a centralized facility

lowers the carbon footprint in distribution. Noelham said he believes if President Joe Biden follows through with a national mask mandate on federal property and in interstate transportation, the order will likely have "minimal impact" on PMD's operations, noting post-pandemic, the company's ongoing customers will be hospitals, government entities, the veterans' administration, local (especially semi) businesses. PMD does promote a discount package of disposable three-ply masks on its website, patriotmedicaldevices.com, for \$29.99. "Our products are made in the USA by American workers," Noelham said. PMD's sales forecasts are "exceeding expectations," said Noelham, adding the company's "target" is to begin producing higher quality N-95 face coverings in the second quarter of 2021.

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ROAD WORK

NB U.S. 61 in Cape County reduced for sidewalk work
Northbound U.S. 61 (Jackson Boulevard) in Cape Girardeau County will be reduced to one lane from Kimbel Lane to Gloria Drive in Jackson as contractor crews make sidewalk improvements. According to a Missouri Department of Transportation news release work will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily Feb. 1 through Feb. 5.

Sidewalk Improvements reduced Route D in Cape County
Route D in Cape Girardeau County, from Farmington Road to Rowland Drive in Jackson, will be reduced to one lane as contractor crews perform sidewalk improvements, a Missouri Department of Transportation news release states. The work will be done from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily Feb. 1 through Feb. 5.

All work is weather permitting. Work zones will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling near those areas. For more information about these projects, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center at (888) 275-6636 or visit moDOT.org southeast.

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Southeast Missourian

Nowell donates artwork as thank-you to Cape police

SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN
 Marie Nowell, 92, of Cape Girardeau donated a picture of a police car she colored-in to the Cape Girardeau Police Department, specifically officer William Rogers, on Friday.



Nowell's daughter, Patricia Silman, said the picture was given "to say thank you, after Capitol Police handled the attack in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6th. Our men and women in blue protect us and give great service to society."
 Nowell is known far beyond her coloring skills since she picked up the hobby in 2015 to occupy her mind after her son had suffered a brain aneurysm. She continued to do so to help cope with the loss of her partner of more than 75 years, Robert Lee Nowell, when he died in 2019.

Marie Nowell presents Cape Girardeau police officer Will Rogers with a matted crayon art of a police car she colored-in as a sign of appreciation for the police department's work.

"Mother's picture is intended to show appreciation. Even a small donation is added to others and becomes a big deal. It's small, but like my Mother's picture, it becomes a large thank you, when we all work together," Silman said.
 Sgt. Joey Hann, public information officer of the Cape Girardeau Police Department, said officer Rogers brought the picture back to the station and she played it there for all of the officers.
 "Officers like this from our community are always appreciated. Our officers usually deal with citizens who are in the midst of a negative experience or are handling a traumatic event so it is always refreshing when a member of the community we serve takes the time to express their gratitude in a message such as this. Officer Rogers certainly appreciated this random and unexpected act of kindness," Hann said.
 All of her life she has given to others. At 92, she is still giving. We can all give, in our own personal way, for her grandson Chris Silman, an arson investigator.

Cape Council to consider new ordinance to control deer in city

By JEFF LONG
SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN



An antlered buck is seen in the middle of Ferryville Road on Nov. 24 in Cape Girardeau.

Dustin Ziebold is finance director for the City of Cape Girardeau, but Monday, he'll be wearing a different hat as he presents a proposed new ordinance to curb the city's deer herd to city lawmakers at their scheduled regular meeting in council chambers.

Designated as the city's "deer team lead," Ziebold brings previous experience to the task.

The native of Roll, Illinois, began his present job in September and came directly to Southeast Missouri from the Fox Valley.
 Ziebold is the former finance chief and, for nine months, also the city manager of Bowling, Mo. — a city of 8,500 along the Interstate 80 corridor in the southeastern part of the self-styled Equality State.

During his two years in Bowling, Ziebold helped develop a deer ordinance for that city, too.

The particulars
 A preliminary measure to establish a managed hunt to control Cape Girardeau's deer population is being circulated this week to Mayor Bob Fox and to each council member in the city's six wards — a debate set to begin with significant input from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

Depending on council reaction, the details of the ordinance may change by the time of the Monday meeting. The City Council will consider the measure on first reading Monday.

The ordinance will come up for second and third readings, meaning possible passage, at the next council session Feb. 15.
 As it stood in draft form Tuesday, an extensive urban deer management program includes the following features:

- A managed archery hunt this fall in four designated areas of city property: Twin Trees, DeRose Park, Fountain Park and Cape Rock, in five designated hunting periods from Nov. 1 to Dec. 5.
- No firearms allowed, only longbow, compound bow, or crossbow, and crossbow permitted.
- A mandatory orientation meeting for all interested hunters will be held Oct. 16, at which time a pull draw will be conducted to assign a designated property to each hunter.
- Elevated stands at least 10 feet off the ground must be used, no ground hunting.
- All arrows taken into the field must have labels in permanent marker on the shaft the Missouri Conservation ID number of the hunter.
- Hunter permits are valid for seven days.
- Permits will allow the taking of two deer; the first must be antlerless, the second may be either sex.
- The city will strictly limit the number of hunters who may be in the field in the designated areas.

Initial reaction
 Fox said the proposed ordinance leaves little room for debate to the original 2015 deer ordinance.

"They are completely different," said Fox, adding the 2021 statute will provide "a lot more control," noting the required October training by MDC.
 "We will evaluate the harvest on a yearly basis to see how many deer were taken," added Fox, mayor since 2018.

"I wholeheartedly support and commend the council and the mayor for going forward with this," said former Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, a Cape Girardeau resident who brought the issue back before city lawmakers in October and asked for consideration.

Other methods
 Ziebold's presentation considered — and ruled out — other methods of reducing the deer herd in city limits, believed responsible for causing significant landscape damage in the municipality and as many as 38 deer-vehicle collisions as recently as 2019.

Among the methods rejected were the use of trained marksmen (sharpshooters), trapping and euthanizing, trapping and relocating and sterilization.

History of the deer ordinance

In July 2012, by a 4-3 vote, the City Council approved an archery hunt, but 4,000 signatures were soon gathered on petitions in protest.

A year before the council's vote, the Southeast Missourian reported musically-permitted hunting for whitetail deer in several Missouri cities — St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia and Jefferson City.

Cape Girardeau City Council members none of whom is still serving today chose not to repeal the ordinance, so the matter set to a referendum in April 2013, resulting in a 1,465-1,272 vote, 53.7% to 46.3%, in favor of rolling back the decision — the first time in municipal history an ordinance had been repealed by plebiscite.

"As I recall, the ballot language back then was confusing and could have made people think a 'yes' was a no and a 'no' was a 'yes,'" Kinder said.

"I happen to have talked to a number of city residents who say they voted 'no' last time who say they will vote 'yes' this time should the matter go to a referendum again," he continued.

The City Council meets for a study session at 5 p.m. Monday in council chambers, followed immediately by its regular session.

Both sessions are open to the public at City Hall, 80 Independence St.

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Webinars: Virtual Q&A. Schedule a call with house available. Join our project team through our website. Discuss your property.

Request a Meeting: Virtual or in-person. Pick a 15-minute 1:1 video session 7 a.m.-5 p.m. at O'Brien Electric Corporation, 1530 Sand Avenue, Ferryville MO 63775. Request a meeting or email request by contacting the project team.

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Cape County commissioners approve 2021 final budget

By J.C. REEVES
SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN

Cape Girardeau County commissioners approved the county's final budget for the 2021 fiscal year Monday.

According to county Auditor Pete Praxler, the 2021 budget reflects an approximately 10% increase in county revenue to reduce spending but still meet required operating costs. Although 2020 was considered to be an "unusual year" because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Praxler said he anticipates things will most

likely return to normal in 2021.

The total funds available in the 2021 budget are \$14,676,917.77, of which \$10,934,026.66 is estimated income. Cape Girardeau County has an unencumbered balance of \$3,741,864.34. Budget requests total \$9,839,941.72, which would leave the county with an unencumbered balance of \$4,827,413.28.

Commissioners also approved the movement of \$1.3 million from the unencumbered balance in the capital improvement fund to assist with payment of multiple projects the commission has planned for this year.

As a result of the Law Enforcement Tax being passed in 2018, the sheriff will have a separate budget starting this year. The sheriff's office is estimated to receive \$11,922,064.92 in 2021, and currently has \$62,438.54 on hand for a total of \$12,044,503.46. Budget requests total \$1,083,033, which leaves an unencumbered balance of \$87,358.47.

In other business Monday, commissioners:

- Approved the purchase of five classic and a desk for \$4,790 toward renovations in the county clerk's office.
- Accepted a bid to install wireless consulting for \$122,871 to purchase digital papers for emergency management.
- Approved the purchase of vehicle ramps, not to exceed \$4,000 for the curator's office.

Budget requests for the road and bridge fund total \$4,969,529, which would leave an unencumbered balance of \$1,711,463.97.

The county's anticipated Prop 1 revenue is \$7,299,301. The on-hand balance as of the end of 2020 is \$1,046,538.07, making the total funds available \$8,545,739.07. However, budget requests equal the amount of total funds available, leaving an unencumbered balance of \$0.

Possible the 2021 assessment anticipates receiving \$1,020,301.02 in revenue in addition to the \$150,000.45 remaining from 2020, making the total amount available \$1,170,301.47. Budget requests total \$1,083,033, which leaves an unencumbered balance of \$87,358.47.

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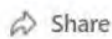


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For Immediate Release

Ameren hosts third phase of public engagement for Limestone Ridge Project

Project will provide additional energy and improved reliability for Southeast Missouri businesses and homes

ST. LOUIS (Jan. 11, 2021) – **Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI)**, in collaboration with **Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA)**, **Citizens Electric Corporation** and **Ameren Missouri**, is hosting a series of public engagement opportunities to inform and collaborate with the public and landowners on a new energy investment for Southeast Missouri. The proposed Limestone Ridge Project consists of an estimated 15-mile transmission line and two state-of-the-art substations designed to support continued growth for local communities in Southeast Missouri.

The 138-kilovolt line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau counties, providing additional energy support to local manufacturing facilities and improve energy reliability for homes and businesses. The proposed in-service date for the project is December 2023.

The Limestone Ridge Project team will host a variety of engagement opportunities January 11 through February 1. Due to COVID-19 health restrictions and concerns, the following options are open to the public throughout this time period:

- **Receive a Detailed Information Packet**
 - Pick up Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Citizens Electric Corporation, 1500 Rand Avenue, Perryville, MO 63775.
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In addition, there will be a virtual Webex meeting and a telephone public meeting on Thursday, January 21.

Each meeting will provide community members with an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the preferred route options.

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 - There will be a brief presentation followed by a Q&A with the project team.

“Gathering community feedback is an important part of our planning process, and it’s essential we be mindful of everyone’s safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said **Jim Jontry**, project manager for ATXI’s Limestone Ridge Project. “We encourage interested members of the public and landowners to join us for these online and telephone meetings to learn more and to share their input about the project. Listening to public feedback is an important element to make this project successful.”

Ameren held the first round of open houses for the project with stakeholders in August. Following the public outreach and route development process, Ameren anticipates filing a petition in early 2021 with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking approval of the Limestone Ridge Project and a final recommended route.

Additional information is available on the project’s website at limestoneridgeproject.com, by sending an email to LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com or by calling the project hotline at 573-232-3003.

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Limestone Ridge Project

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LIMESTONE RIDGE PROJECT



Why aren't you hosting **in-person meetings** to discuss the Limestone Ridge Project?

The safety and health of all communities and customers is our Limestone Ridge Project Team's top priority. Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk levels and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we're providing various no-contact opportunities to collect feedback from the public and share information about the project. To minimize public health risks and in accordance with Missouri's COVID recommendations, our team is conducting meetings to speak with landowners directly via conference calls, virtual open houses and telephone public meetings.

Meeting STATIONS

Click through the information below to get caught up on where we are in the routing process, provide your feedback, and be informed of next steps.

- [Routing Process](#)
- [Project Schedule](#)
- [Preferred Route Options](#)
- [Engagement Opportunities](#)
- [Additional Project Resources](#)

Routing PROCESS

Our team started by using data from federal, state and local agencies, stakeholders and publicly-available data sources to create our study area. We took into account existing utility corridors, resource areas, cultural environment data and flood storage data to help minimize impacts while providing a feasible route opportunity. We appreciate the participation and the great deal of input many community members have provided during the phase 1 engagement of Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020 and phase 2 engagement of Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All comments were reviewed during the development of our Preferred Route Options. Click through the map below to see our routing progression.

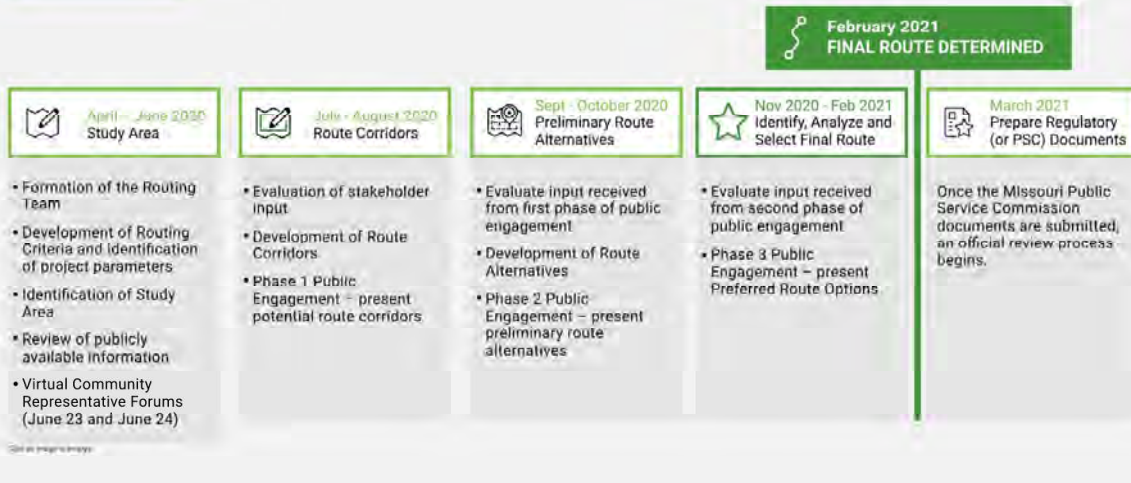


Routing Criteria

Our goal is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements. We used these three categories to develop Preferred Route Options. Click on the boxes below to learn more about each criteria and about the agencies we're coordinating with during this process.

- [Opportunities](#)
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- [Technical Guidelines](#)
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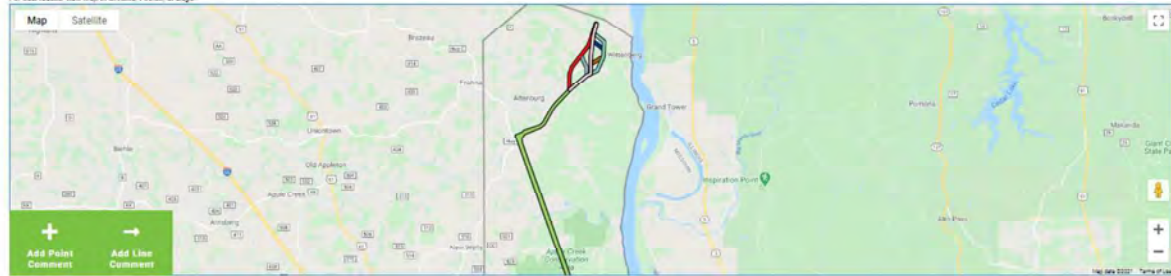


Preferred ROUTE OPTIONS

The next step in the routing process is to finalize the Preferred Route and prepare the Regulatory Documents for our filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Review the Preferred Route Options map and provide your feedback to help the routing team finalize a Preferred Route. There are three ways to provide your feedback on the Preferred Route Options:

- Add a comment point or line to the map below
- Submit a comment by clicking the button at the top right of this page
- Send us an email with your input.

For best results, view map in Chrome, Firefox, or Edge.



Engagement OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to this virtual open house, we have various ways community members can engage with the project team and provide feedback:

Additional Engagement Opportunities: January 11 - February 1

Virtual Public Meetings

Mark your calendars for two meeting opportunities on **Thursday, January 21**. Each meeting will provide community members with the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Preferred Route Options.

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

Thursday, January 21
12:00pm

- To join from a computer, visit this registration page and enter the following password: LRP#phased
- To join from a phone: Call 404-415-9300 and enter the following access code: 448 679 8906

TELEPHONE PUBLIC MEETING

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6:00-8:00pm

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- Height: 150 - 180 ft
- Spine W: 1,000 ft
- Structures/mile: 0 - 2
- Conductor clearance: 25 ft (minimum)
- Drilled concrete pier foundation: 7 - 12 ft diameter
- Excavation width: 12 ft
- Above-ground foundation: 2 ft

*Based on the profile of a 138kV steel tower. Ameren will meet with the provider of a tower design. Ameren will meet with the provider of a tower design. Ameren will meet with the provider of a tower design.

RESOURCES

Download and print the information covered throughout this online meeting to review at your own convenience.



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Packet



Preferred Route Options Map



Detailed Route Maps

Stay UPDATED

Thank you for your interest in the Limestone Ridge Project! It is important to understand the projects and be informed of what's happening in your community. Now is the right time to provide your feedback to Ameren as we select a final route.

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- Total Users: 137
- Total Sessions: 161
- Total Pageviews: 218
- Avg time on site: 6:01

Page views by Device:

- Desktop: 180
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- Tablet: 2

Information Packet

Differences from Phase 1 and 2 Packets are pictured and included below:

Routing Progression Page
Frequently Asked Questions Page
Preferred Route Options Map

ROUTING PROGRESSION

The goal of the routing process is maximize opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements. We appreciate the public participation and input community members have provided during the phase 1 engagement of the Preferred Route Corridor in August 2020 and the phase 2 engagement of the Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options.

Daily Area

Proposed Route Corridor (Engagement Phase 1)

Preliminary Route Alternatives (Engagement Phase 2)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW AND ADD A COMMENT TO OUR ONLINE PROJECT MAP.

HOW TO USE:

- Tap the following link into your search engine: limestoneridgeresources.com/interactivemap.html
- Click the green "add comment" button.
- Use your mouse to navigate to a point on the map in the area of your comment.
- Complete the text box.
- Click submit.



Limestone Ridge Project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Why is the Limestone Ridge Project needed in Southeast Missouri?**

Communities located in Citizens Electric's southeast service territory are currently supported by a 161 kV Ameren Missouri transmission line. With increased energy use over the past several years, continuing to rely on this sole transmission source in the event of a power outage would result in extended restoration times and community-wide impacts. The Limestone Ridge Project will provide an additional source of transmission supply to create a stronger and redundant transmission network. By providing multiple pathways of energy, this new 138 kV transmission line and expanded substations will improve grid reliability and reduce the existing outage risks to homes, businesses and communities of Southeast Missouri.
- Why can't you pass on this project until COVID is over?**

Energy resiliency is about making sure communities have a strong and regular supply of electricity in the event of a power failure. With a sole transmission line supplying portions of the project area and an increase of energy usage during the past several years, Southeast Missouri's existing and future grid needs an additional transmission line to ensure homes and businesses have the critical energy resiliency. Another transmission line is needed today to supply a new path of energy and reduce the outage risks and impacts to communities.
- Why is the line proposed in Missouri instead of Illinois?**

The Limestone Ridge Project is not being proposed in Illinois due to several factors including:

 - The existing river crossings in the area are not capable of supporting a new transmission circuit. Rebuilding those crossings, or constructing and maintaining new crossings, would be very expensive.
 - The project benefits communities located in Missouri. It is fair for these facilities that create these benefits to be located in Missouri.
 - Developing a route in Illinois would pose its own challenges as most of the land adjacent to the river is also flooded and/or within a floodplain.
- How will the final route be selected?**

Our goal is to identify a final route that will balance minimizing impacts to sensitivities and building a cost-effective, reliable and safe transmission line within statutory and maintenance requirements. The routing process starts with a large study area, which is then narrowed into wide corridors. Preliminary Route Alternatives (more narrow) are then developed within the corridors using routing criteria.

The project team provided various opportunities for community leaders and members of the public to provide input during the phase 1 engagement of Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020, phase 2 engagement of Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options. Once all comments from the phase 3 of engagement have been collected and reviewed, the team will finalize and submit a route and application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to the Missouri Public Service Commission - anticipated in March 2021.
- Why aren't you having any in-person meetings?**

The safety and health of all communities and customers is our Limestone Ridge Project Team's top priority. Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk levels and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we're providing various no-contact opportunities to collect feedback from the public and share information about the project. To minimize public health risks and in accordance with Missouri's COVID recommendations, our team is conducting meetings to speak with landowners directly via conference calls, virtual open houses and telephone public meetings.
- How have you been connecting with the public?**

For each phase of engagement, we offered various engagement opportunities for community members to learn about the project and provide input including:

 - Project information mailings to everyone who owns property within our study area
 - Online open houses with detailed maps and interactive comment map
 - Virtual public Webex meetings (midday and evening options including a call-in option)
 - Detailed information packets (requested by mail or pick-up at Citizens Electric)

In addition, a project website, local hotline number and project email are available for the public to share feedback any time and talk with the project team. All input gathered is reviewed by the routing team.
- How can I provide comments?**

We appreciate your participation. We not only want your comments, we encourage them. You can submit questions, leave a comment, and provide input on the website. We also have a dedicated project hotline available at 573.232.3003. If you leave a message, a project representative will return your call. You can also send us an email at LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com.
- How will I know if the final route will be on my property?**

Once the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) reviews and approves a final route (anticipated late 2021), notification letters will be mailed to all landowners along the route. Once a final route has been approved, Ameren will begin negotiations to acquire easements and request access to landowner's property to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys and studies.



The information provided on this map is for discussion purposes only and does not represent a final determination by Ameren as to route selection. All landowners within this study area are advised to stay engaged as the project progresses through siting and regulatory approvals.

Final Proposed Route Filing Notifications
April 2021

- Impacted Landowner Letter
- Full Study Area Postcard
- Agency Letter
- Tribal Letter
- Fully Study Area Email
- Paid Ad



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April 12, 2021

NAME
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RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Final Proposed Route Selected and Next Steps

Dear [Insert Name],

The Limestone Ridge Project team recognizes the importance of keeping valued customers and community members informed about project milestones and we want to provide you with the latest updates and an overview of next steps. After listening, reviewing and considering input received during three phases of engagement from landowners, community members, interested agencies and local officials, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) and our partners have selected and will be filing a Final Proposed Route for the Limestone Ridge Project, a new 138 kV transmission line that will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties.

You are receiving this letter because public records show you own property located along the Final Proposed Route. Attached for your review is a map of the Final Proposed Route and a detailed map of your property.

In the coming weeks, ATXI will submit an application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Limestone Ridge Project. The expected timing for a PSC decision is late 2021.

If approved by the PSC, easement negotiations will begin with affected landowners in early 2022 with construction anticipated to start in early 2023. Our goal is to have this project completed by December 2023 and providing benefits to the local community, including – improving energy reliability, providing additional capacity to local manufacturing facilities and allowing for efficient future expansion of the transmission grid.

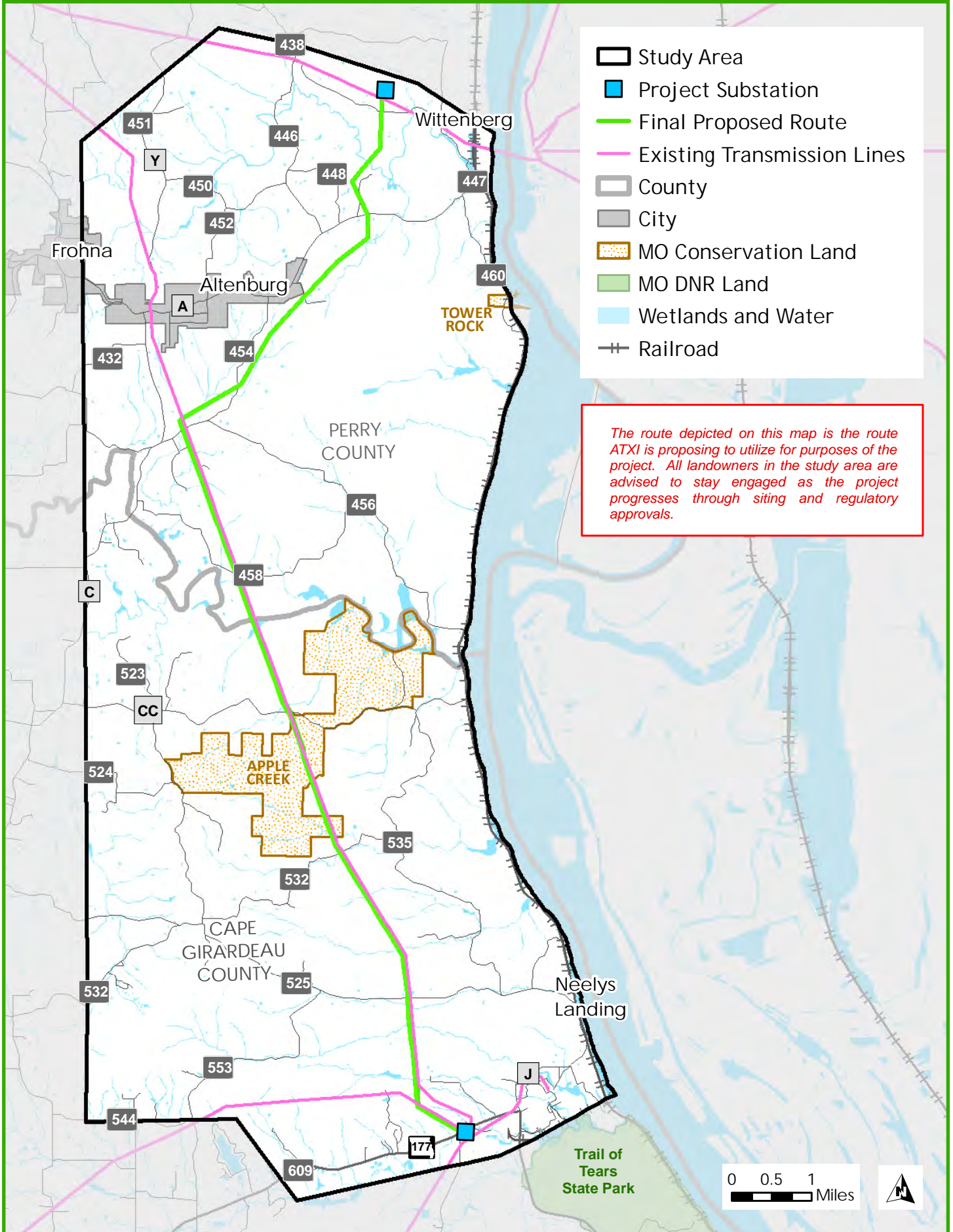
Should you have questions about the Final Proposed Route or would like to share additional information about your property, please contact the project team at 573.232.3003, by email at LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com or visit the project website at limestoneridgeproject.com. If you have questions for the Missouri Public Service Commission please call 573.751.3234 or for the Office of the Public Counsel, please call 573.751.4857.

Public collaboration remains a top priority for our project team and we appreciate your participation throughout our engagement process. Thank you for your time and feedback as we develop this important project to improve energy reliability for Southeast Missouri.

Sincerely,

Jim Jontry
 Project Manager
 Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

Chris Daniels
 Engineering Project Manager
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The Limestone Ridge Project team has selected and will be filing a Final Proposed Route for the Limestone Ridge Project.

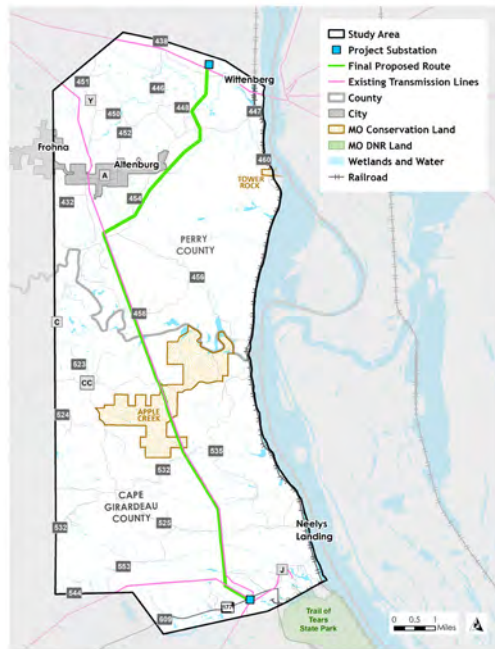


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Because you have been previously notified throughout the routing process, we wanted to provide you with the latest updates. If you are a landowner whose property is located on the Final Proposed Route, you will receive a second letter containing additional project details.



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April 12, 2021

RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Final Proposed Route Selected and Filed

Hello,

The Limestone Ridge Project team recognizes the importance of keeping resource and regulatory agencies informed about project milestones and we want to provide you with the latest updates and an overview of next steps. After listening, reviewing and considering input received during three phases of engagement from landowners, community members, interested agencies and local officials, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) and our partners have selected and will be filing a Final Proposed Route for the Limestone Ridge Project, a new 138 kV transmission line that will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. Attached for your review is a map of the Final Proposed Route.

In the coming weeks, ATXI will submit an application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Limestone Ridge Project. The expected timing for a PSC decision is late 2021. If a permit or consultation is required from your agency, a formal request/application will be filed with your office.

If approved by the PSC, easement negotiations will begin with affected landowners in early 2022 with construction anticipated to start in early 2023. Our goal is to have this project completed by December 2023 and providing benefits to the local community, including – improving energy reliability, providing additional capacity to local manufacturing facilities and allowing for efficient future expansion of the transmission grid.

Should you have questions about the Final Proposed Route or would like to share additional information with our project team, please contact us at 573.232.3003, by email at LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com or visit the project website at limestoneridgeproject.com to learn more about this project.

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April 12, 2021

RE: Limestone Ridge Project – PROJECT STATUS UPDATE – NO ACTION REQUIRED

Hello,

The Limestone Ridge Project team recognizes the importance of keeping your Tribe informed about Limestone Ridge Project milestones and we want to provide you with the latest updates and an overview of next steps. After listening, reviewing and considering input received during three phases of engagement from landowners, community members, agencies, local officials and Native American Tribes, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) and our partners have selected and will be filing a Final Proposed Route for the Limestone Ridge Project, a new 138 kV transmission line that will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. Attached for your review is a map of the Final Proposed Route.

In the coming weeks, ATXI will submit an application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Limestone Ridge Project. The expected timing for a PSC decision is late 2021.

If approved by the PSC, easement negotiations will begin with affected landowners in early 2022 along with surveys of the affected parcels with construction anticipated to start in early 2023. Our goal is to have this project completed by December 2023 and providing benefits to the local community, including – improving energy reliability, providing additional capacity to local manufacturing facilities and allowing for efficient future expansion of the transmission grid.

This information is being provided as part of continued coordination and no action is required by your Tribe at this time. We will continue to coordinate with you during the survey phase. If you have questions about the Final Proposed Route or would like to share additional information with our project team, please contact me at nmorgan@ameren.com or 314-452-8579

We have appreciated your participation throughout our engagement process and thank you for your time and feedback as we develop this important energy project that will improve energy reliability for Southeast Missouri.

Sincerely,

Nancy Morgan

Permitting and Natural Resources Manager
Ameren Services

From: [Goldsmith, Gabriel](#)
Subject: A Final Proposed Route has been selected and will be filed for the Limestone Ridge Project
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[Click here](#) to view the Final Proposed Route that will be filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC).

Next Steps

In the coming weeks, ATXI will submit an application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Project. The expected timing for a PSC decision is late 2021. If approved by the PSC, easement negotiations will begin with affected landowners in early 2022 with construction anticipated to start in early 2023. Landowners whose property is located on the Final Proposed Route, will receive a letter containing additional project details.

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About the Project

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA), Citizens Electric Corporation and Ameren Missouri, is proposing to construct a new, approximately 15-mile 138 kV transmission line and state-of-the-art substations to improve energy reliability for local communities in Southeast Missouri. The new line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties.

Contact our project team

Visit the project website: limestoneridgeproject.com

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Thanks,

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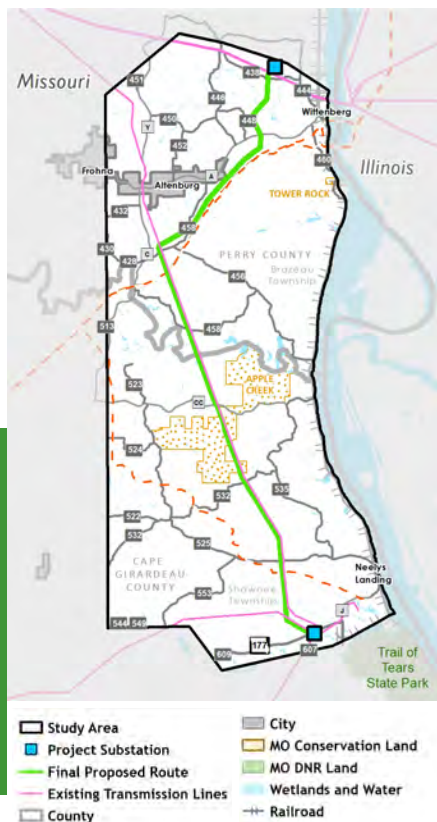


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