



GRAND TOWER CROSSING PROJECT
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY
PART 3: PHASE 2 OPEN HOUSES

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Part 3. In-Person Engagement Phase 2: Altenburg Open Houses

A. Summary Data and Results

Schedule and Location of Open Houses

Meeting Date	Meeting Times	Meeting Location
February 25, 2025	11am-1 pm and 5 pm-7 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church 57 Church Street Altenburg, Missouri

Missouri Newspaper Advertisements and Publication Dates Announcing Open Houses

Newspaper	Ad 1 Run Date	Ad 2 Run Date	Ad 3 Run Date
Southeast Missourian	February 22-23, 2025	February 24, 2025 (e-edition)	February 25, 2025
Republican Monitor	February 6, 2025	February 13, 2025	February 20, 2025
Southern Illinoisan	February 6, 2025	February 13, 2025	February 20, 2025

Postcard Invitations Sent to Landowners & Stakeholders in Study Area

	Number of Postcards Mailed	Date of Mailing
All Landowners & Stakeholders	133	February 13, 2025
Missouri Landowners & Stakeholders	82	February 13, 2025

Open House Attendance by Stakeholders & Landowners (Number of Persons Who Signed In)

	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Total Attendees
Total Attendance	15	6	21
Missouri Attendees	15	5	20

Public Comments at Altenburg Open Houses

	Total Comments
Comment Forms	2
GIS, Tabletop Comments	3
Total Public Comments	5

1. Postcard Invitations sent to Landowners and Stakeholders in Study Area

UNRECORDED
Standard Mail
U.S. Postage
Payable to
St. Louis, Mo.
Permit No. 1037

Ameren
TRANSMISSION
ILLINOIS

GRAND TOWER CROSSING PROJECT

Attn: HDR
401 S 18th Street
Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63103

We'd like to connect with you about
the Grand Tower Crossing Project.

Open this notice to learn more.

connect@GrandTowerCrossing.com

1.800.483.7119

Ameren.com/GrandTowerCrossing

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

STUDY AREA
SUBSTATIONS
== STATE BOUNDARY
■ NEW SUBSTATION

GRAND TOWER CROSSING PROJECT

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PROJECT BENEFITS

Increasing transmission capacity on nearby lines to help meet changing energy needs.

Improving energy reliability in the surrounding region and local communities.

Growing economic development and job opportunities.

Providing access to diverse energy sources.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

We look forward to connecting with community members, landowners and stakeholders to learn as much as we can about your area to help us develop this project. Thank you for your time and feedback as we work to improve energy reliability for your community.

IN PERSON OPEN HOUSE

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All Illinois and Missouri community members are welcome.
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ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 24

- Visit our virtual engagement available at the project website at any time to learn more about the project and provide feedback.
- Review the Preliminary Route Alternatives and give input directly on our interactive project map.
- Pick up a project information packet at Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum (75 Church Street) daily between 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- Request a mailed or emailed packet by emailing us or leaving a hotline message with your mailing address.




VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Explore our self-paced virtual engagement at any time to learn more about the project and provide feedback.
Provide your comments on the Preliminary Route Alternatives directly on our interactive map starting February 24, 2025 through our website at: www.GrandTowerCrossing.com
Visit the website to learn more about the project and provide feedback.

INTERACTIVE PROJECT MAP

Ameren.com/GrandTowerCrossing
[connect@GrandTowerCrossing.com](https://www.facebook.com/GrandTowerCrossing)
[1.800.481.7119](https://twitter.com/GrandTowerCrossing)

2. Invitation to Perry County and Jackson County Clerks



Grand Tower Crossing Project
401 S 18th Street
Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63103
Ameren.com

February 4, 2025

Jared Kutz
County Clerk
Perry County, MO
321 N Main St. Suite 2
Perryville, MO 63775

RE: Grand Tower Crossing Project
Notice of in-person public open houses and virtual engagement

Hello,

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with Ameren Illinois (AIC) and Citizens Electric Corporation, hereby provides notice to the Perry County Clerk of scheduled engagement for the Grand Tower Crossing Project. In-person open houses are scheduled on Tuesday, February 25 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 57 Church Street in Altenburg, MO 63732. For those unable to attend the in-person open houses, a self-paced, online open house and interactive comment map will be available on the project website starting February 24, 2025.

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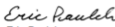
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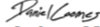
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Eric Paulek
Project Manager
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Dan Coomes, P.E.
VP Engineering
Citizens Electric Corporation



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February 4, 2025

Frank Byrd
County Clerk
Jackson County, IL
1001 Walnut St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966

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3. Invitations to Missouri Public Service Commission and Illinois Commerce Commission

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<p>February 4, 2025</p> <p>Claire Eubanks Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102</p> <p>RE: Grand Tower Crossing Project Notice of in-person public open houses and virtual engagement</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with Ameren Illinois (AIC) and Citizens Electric Corporation, is proposing the Grand Tower Crossing Project (Project) to improve energy reliability for local communities. This Project includes the construction of a new, approximately 4-mile, 138 kV transmission line to connect Citizens Electric's existing Wittenberg substation in Perry County, Missouri across the Mississippi River to a new Jenkins substation near Ameren Illinois' existing Grand Tower substation in Jackson County, Illinois. As part of the project, Ameren Illinois' Grand Tower substation will be retired. The goal is to have this new line in service and providing benefits to the local community by the end of 2028. 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4. Notification Letter and Enclosure to Other Stakeholders



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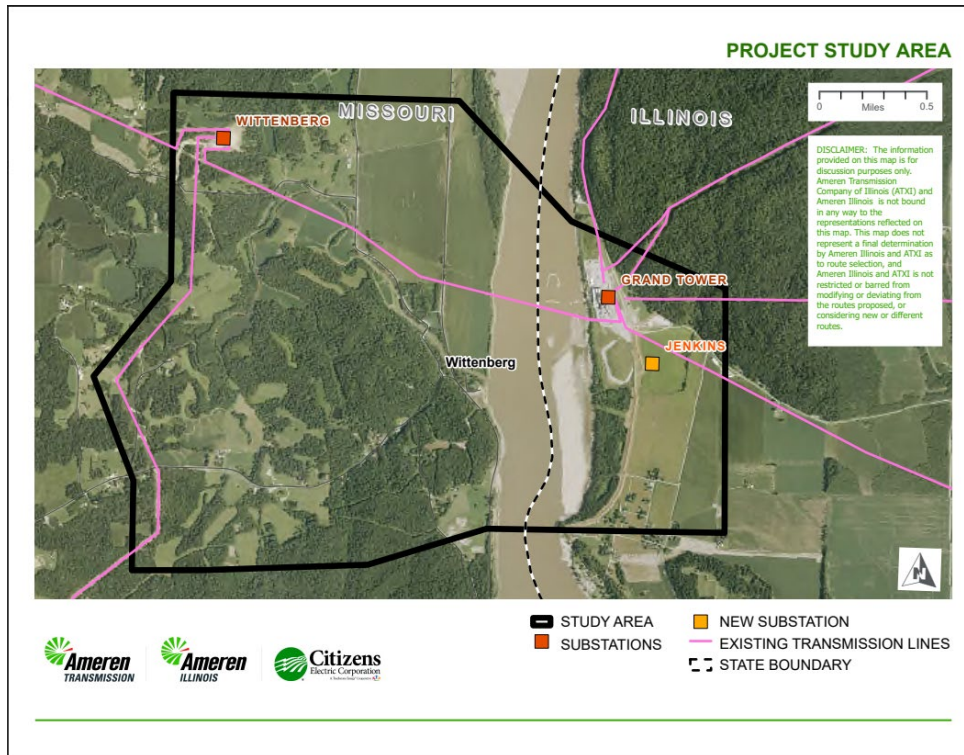
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5. Enclosure with Notifications and Invitations



6. Email Invitation to Stakeholders and Agencies

Sent February 19, 2025



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In Person Open House

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FEBRUARY 2025

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23	24	25	26	27	28		

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Interactive Project Map

GrandTowerCrossing.com



Legend:
STUDY AREA
SUBSTATIONS
EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES
STATE BOUNDARY
NEW SUBSTATION

DISCLAIMER: The information provided on these maps is for discussion purposes only. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) and Ameren Illinois is not bound in any way to the representations reflected on this map. This map does not represent a final determination by Ameren Illinois and ATXI as to route selection, and Ameren Illinois and ATXI is not restricted or barred from modifying or deviating from the routes proposed, or considering new or different routes.

Contact Us

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connect@grandtowercrossing.com
[1.800.488.7119](tel:18004887119)

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7. Stakeholders Invited

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Mailing Street</u>	<u>Other Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
Mitch Weigt	Kinder Morgan	8811 South Yale	Suite 200	Tulsa	OK	74137
Billy Hackett	Missouri Department of Natural Resources	1101 Riverside Drive	PO Box 176	Jefferson City	MO	65102
BRIAN KOENING	Missouri Farm Bureau	2383 PCR 600		ALTENBURG	MO	63775
Bruce Orman	Perry County	4803 N. Hwy. 51		Perryville	MO	63775
Bryant Wolfen	Missouri House of Representatives	201 W Capitol Ave.	Room 306-A	Jefferson City	MO	65101
Catherine Wright	Wittenberg Boat Club	4377 County Road 522		Jackson	MO	63755
Chris Chinn	Missouri Department of Agriculture	1616 Missouri Blvd	P.O. Box 630	Jefferson City	MO	65102
Chuck Miller	Missouri Cattlemen's Association	2306 Bluff Creek Dr		Columbia	MO	65201
Crystal Jones	Perry County Economic Development Authority	508 N Main Street		Perryville	MO	63775
Dan Coomes	Citizens Electric Corporation	1500 Rand Avenue		Perryville	MO	63775
Deb Thummel	Missouri Cattlemen's Association	2306 Bluff Creek Dr		Columbia	MO	65201
Dr. Fara Jones	Perry County School District 32	326 College Street		Perryville	MO	63775
Dr. Toni Prawl	Missouri Department of Natural Resources	P.O. Box 176		Jefferson City	MO	65102
Eric Schmitt	U.S. Senate	Thomas F. Eagleton US Courthouse	111 South 10th Street; Suite 23.305	St. Louis	MO	63102
FRANK WIDEMAN	PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU	5367 S Hwy 61		PERRYVILLE	MO	63775
Garrett Hawkins	Missouri Farm Bureau	701 S. Country Club Drive		Jefferson City	MO	65109
HENRY HEYER	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1222 Spruce Street		St. Louis	MO	63103
Holly Thompson Rehder	Missouri Senate	201 W. Capitol Ave	Rm 433	Jefferson City	MO	65101
Jason Smith	U.S. House of Representatives	2502 Tanner Drive,	Suite 205	Cape Girardeau	MO	63703
Jeffrey Wells	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1222 Spruce St		St. Louis	MO	63103
John Weber	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	101 Park Deville Drive	Suite A	Columbia	MO	65203
Jordan Meyer	Missouri Department of Conservation	2901 W. Truman Blvd	PO Box 180	Jefferson City	MO	65102
Josh Hawley	U.S. Senate	555 Independence Street	Suite 1600	Cape Girardeau	MO	63703
Kayden Guymon	Missouri Farm Bureau	701 South Country Club Drive		Jefferson City	MO	65109
Keith Hoehn	Perry County	321 N Main Street	Suite 2	Perryville	MO	63775
Kelli Behrle	Citizens Electric Corporation	1500 Rand Avenue		Perryville	MO	63775
Kris Budd	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	101 Park Deville Drive	Suite A	Columbia	MO	65203
Kristen Fuld	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1222 Spruce St		St. Louis	MO	63103
Mark Hoehn	Perry County	4803 N. Hwy. 51		Perryville	MO	63775
Mike Deering	Missouri Cattlemen's Association	2306 Bluff Creek Dr		Columbia	MO	65201
Mike Sauer	PERRY COUNTY	321 N. Main St	Ste 2	Perryville	MO	63775

PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU		21 W. SAINT JOSEPH STREET		PERRYVILLE	MO	63775
PHILLIP KAUFMANN	PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU	487 HOMEPLACE LANE		ALTENBURG	MO	63732
Robert Gramke	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1222 Spruce St		St. Louis	MO	63103
SHANTELL TAYLOR	Missouri Department of Agriculture	1616 Missouri Boulevard		Jefferson City	MO	65109
Stuart Miller	Missouri Department of Conservation	2901 W. Truman Blvd	PO Box 180	Jefferson City	MO	65102
Tyson Zobrist	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1223 Spruce St		St. Louis	MO	63103
Brian Chapman	Jackson County	1001 Walnut Street		Murphysboro	IL	62966
City of Grand Tower		PO BOX 273		Grand Tower	IL	62942
Dale Fowler	Illinois State Senate	2 North Vine; Suite 600		Harrisburg	IL	62946
Daniel Bost	Jackson County	1001 Walnut Street		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Devils Backbone Park and Campground		1 Brunkhorst Ave		Grand Tower	IL	62942
Dick Durbin	U.S. Senate	250 W. Cherry Street; Suite 115-D		Carbondale	IL	62901
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH		PO BOX 53		ALTENBURG	IL	63732
Grand Tower City Hall		107 MARKET ST		Grand Tower	IL	62942
Grand Tower Fire Department		620 Front ST	PO Box 281	GRAND TOWER	IL	62942
GRAND TOWER PARK DISTRICT		PO BOX 11		Grand Tower	IL	62942
GRAND TOWER TOWNSHIP		PO BOX 216		Grand Tower	IL	62942
Grand Tower Township Supervisor		722 Main St		Grand Tower	IL	62942
Jackson County Farm Bureau		220 N 10th St		Murphysboro	IL	62966
John Spring	Grand Tower Township	PO Box 235		Grand Tower	IL	62942
JONI BAILEY	Jackson County State's Attorney	1001 Walnut Street, Third Floor		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Laura Harmon	Illinois Farm Bureau	1701 Towanda Ave		Bloomington	IL	61701
Matthew Hickam	Regional Office of Education #30	1001 Walnut Street		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Mike Bost	U.S. House of Representatives	1109 Chestnut Street		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Mitch Burdick	Jackson County	1200 Enterprise Avenue		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Paul Jacobs	Illinois House of Representatives	206 W. College; Suite 22		Carbondale	IL	62901
Robert Burns	Jackson County	1001 Mulberry Street		Murphysboro	IL	62966
Tammy Duckworth	U.S. Senate	441 East Willow Street		Carbondale	IL	62901

8. Newspaper Advertisements

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BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 24

- Visit our virtual engagement available at the project website at any time to learn more about the project and provide feedback.
- Review the Preliminary Route Alternatives and give input directly on our interactive project map.
- Pick up a project information packet at Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum (75 Church Street) daily between 10:00am - 4:00pm.
- Request a mailed or emailed packet by emailing us or leaving a hotline message with your mailing address.

INTERACTIVE PROJECT MAP
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Publication:
Southeast Missourian

Publication Dates:
February 22-23
February 24 (e-edition)
February 25

Publication:
Republican Monitor

Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025
February 20, 2025

Publication:
Southern Illinoisan

Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025
February 20, 2025

9. Ameren Flyers Placed Throughout the City of Altenburg

Grand Tower Crossing Project

IN PERSON OPEN HOUSE

We welcome your attendance at our in person open house.

All Illinois and Missouri community members are welcome. Both open houses will include the same information, with no formal presentation. Come and go as you please during the two-hour window.

FEBRUARY 2025

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Trinity Lutheran Church

57 Church St.
Altenburg, Missouri 63732

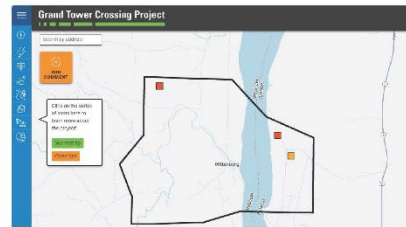
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Flyers Left at the Following Locations in Altenburg to be posted in the window:

- John's Pharmacy
- Old Bank Coffee Shop
- Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum
- Peoples Bank of Altenburg
- River Hill Grocery & Deli
- Gas-A-Mat [Flyer was delivered to this location where manager approval was needed. Unknown whether the flyer was approved.]

10. Ameren Press Release

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Ameren Transmission hosts additional open houses for public input on Grand Tower Crossing Project



ST. LOUIS (Feb. 24, 2025) – Ameren Transmission, in collaboration with Ameren Illinois and Citizens Electric Corporation, is proposing the Grand Tower Crossing Project to build a more reliable and resilient energy grid. In response to community feedback, the project team is hosting additional public open houses this week to gather input from local stakeholders. The in-person open houses will take place in Altenburg, Missouri.

The open house sessions are set for **11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 57 Church Street, Altenburg.** Additional details are available at Ameren.com/GrandTowerCrossing.

The Grand Tower Crossing Project includes the construction of a new, approximately 4 mile, 138-kV transmission line to connect an existing Citizen's Electric substation in Perry County, Missouri, across the Mississippi River to a new substation in Jackson County, Illinois. The goal is to have the new transmission line in service and providing benefits to the community by the end of 2028.

"The Grand Tower Crossing Project will help the members of Citizens Electric by improving system reliability and increasing transmission capacity for our 27,000 members, creating a stronger and more resilient electric network and providing long-term benefits for the electric needs of our local members," said **Daniel Coomes**, vice president of engineering for Citizens Electric Corporation. "These investments will benefit the entire community."

During each open house, the Grand Tower Crossing Project team will include project overview information and an opportunity to provide input. Both open house sessions will include the same information with no formal presentation. There will also be a self-paced, virtual engagement and comment map available starting Feb. 24.

"We collected valuable feedback from our open house sessions in January, and we consider this a critical step in our planning and routing process," said **Eric Paulek**, project manager for the Grand Tower Crossing Project. "We hope interested members of the public will join us in Altenburg to learn more about the project, ask questions and share their feedback so we can take into account any needs and concerns from the community."

Additional information is available on the project's website at Ameren.com/GrandTowerCrossing, by sending an email to connect@grandtowercrossing.com or by calling the project hotline at 800.488.7119. Printed project materials will be available at the open houses.

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 [@AmerenCorp](#), Facebook.com/AmerenCorp, or LinkedIn.com/company/Ameren.

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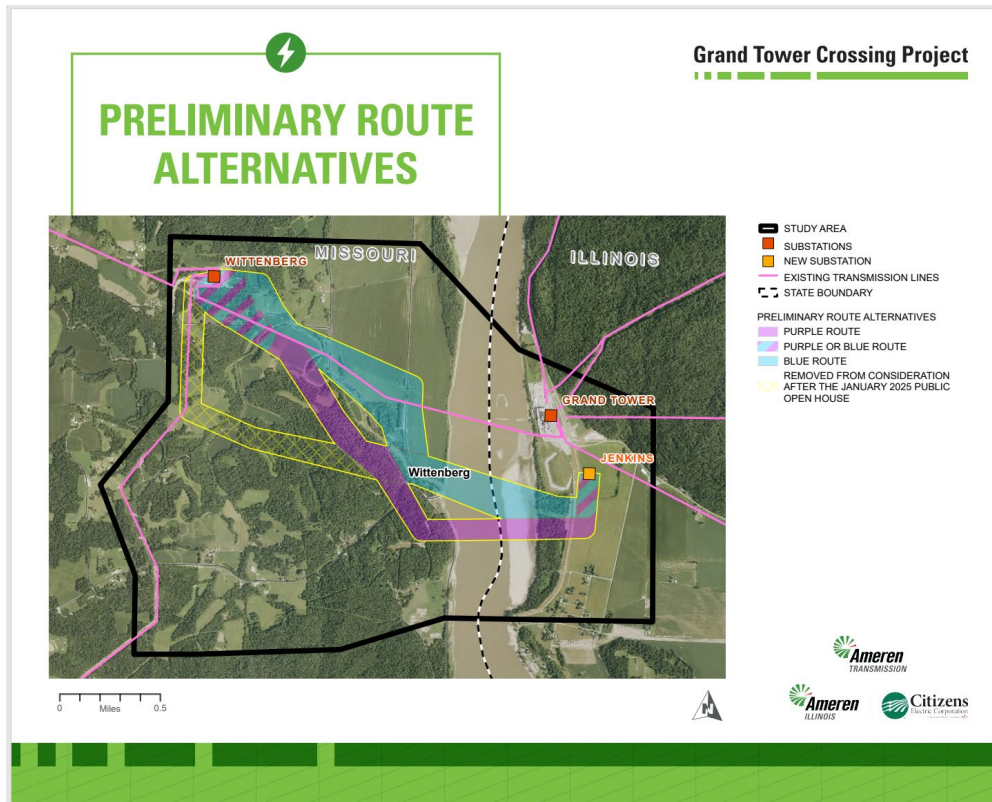
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C. Materials Used at Phase 2 Open Houses

1. Boards

The same Boards from Phase 1 Open Houses at Perryville were used at the Phase 2 Open Houses at Altenburg with one exception. A new board showcasing the route progression was displayed.

"Preliminary Route Alternatives" board as shown below:



The same versions of the following materials were used at both the Perryville and Altenburg Open Houses. Please see Part 2 for those documents:

- Routing Table Card
- Rendering of Final Project
- Comment Form

2. Fact Sheet

Grand Tower Crossing Project

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FULFILLING A NEED

The project will prepare the grid for the future by replacing aging infrastructure, adding transmission capacity to ensure energy reliability and resiliency, and promoting more access to energy sources for communities.

- Improving energy reliability for the surrounding region and local communities.
- Increasing transmission capacity to meet changing energy needs.
- Promoting access to diverse energy sources.
- Growing economic development opportunities.

PROJECT LOCATION

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

FALL 2024 THROUGH EARLY 2025
Project planning, routing, and stakeholder/public engagement

EARLY 2025 THROUGH SPRING 2025
Finalize route and file application with Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC)

FALL 2025 THROUGH WINTER 2027

- Receive a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) decision from the MoPSC
- Permitting and agency coordination
- Environmental studies/surveys
- Real estate
- Pre-construction activities

WINTER 2027 THROUGH 2028
Construction begins

LATE 2028
Projects in service

EARLY 2029
Restoration complete

*All items shown are pending regulatory approvals. Schedule is subject to change.

ROUTING PROCESS

Grand Tower Crossing Project

Study Area Map - December 2024

Step 1: Define Study Area

Our team started by using data from publicly available data sources to create our study area. We considered existing utility corridors, resource areas, natural environment data and field survey data to help minimize impacts while providing a feasible route opportunity.

December 2024

Preliminary Route Corridors - January 2025

Step 2: Preliminary Route Corridors

Then our team will use data collected from our stakeholders and federal, state and local agencies and the three categories of routing criteria—Opportunities, Sensitivities and Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements—to develop Preliminary Route Corridors.

January 2025

THANK YOU! We appreciate the active participation and input community members and stakeholders provided during our engagement earlier this year. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preliminary Route Alternatives.

Step 3: Develop Preliminary Route Alternatives

Using the routing criteria, as well as input received from stakeholders and community members earlier this year, our team developed Preliminary Route Alternatives.

WE ARE HERE!

February 2025

Preliminary Route Alternatives - February 2025

Legend:




- STUDY AREA
- SUBSTATIONS
- NEW SUBSTATION
- EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES
- STATE BOUNDARY
- PRELIMINARY ROUTE ALTERNATIVES
- PURPLE ROUTE
- PURPLE OR BLUE ROUTE
- BLUE ROUTE
- REVIEWED FROM CONSIDERATION AT THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DISCLAIMER: The information provided on these maps is for discussion purposes only. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) and Ameren Illinois is not bound in any way to the representations reflected on this map. This map does not represent a final determination by Ameren Illinois and ATXI as to route selection, and Ameren Illinois and ATXI is not restricted or barred from modifying or deviating from the routes proposed, or considering new or different routes.

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3. Information Packet

Grand Tower Crossing Project



PACKET OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in the Grand Tower Crossing Project

We are engaging community members, landowners and stakeholders to provide an opportunity for them to learn more about the project and provide input. We look forward to gathering the public's input to understand the project area from the community's perspective.

PACKET MATERIALS

Your packet of information includes the following materials:

- Project Overview & Schedule
- Benefits & Energy Reliability
- Study Area Map
- Preliminary Corridors Map
- Preliminary Route Alternatives Map
- Structures
- Visualization
- Environmental
- Real estate
- Vegetation Management
- Pre-construction
- Construction
- Comment form

Please read the materials and send us the comment form to share your valuable input on the Preliminary Route Alternatives with us.




You can:

- Mail the comment map and comment form back to our team using the prepaid return envelope
- Drop it off at Citizen's Electric Corporation (1500 Rand Avenue, Perryville, MO 63775) Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:30pm
- Scan and email it to us at connect@grandtowercrossing.com
- Visit the project website to view our online interactive comment map at GrandTowerCrossing.com
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ROUTING PROCESS

Routing a transmission line is a phased process. Throughout the routing process, our team will work with agencies, community members and landowners, to minimize impacts and develop a final proposed route or primary and alternate routes. The proposed route(s) will be filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) in early 2025.

The goal of the routing process is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Use the Routing Criteria below to identify opportunities and sensitivities on the Preliminary Route Alternatives map included.

ROUTING CRITERIA

OPPORTUNITIES

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors

SENSITIVITIES




Area resources or conditions that may require additional review and consideration:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves
- Contaminated Areas
- Cultural/Historic Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains (more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest/Grassland
- Hospitals
- IL DNR Resource Lands and State Parks
- Karst Areas
- Leaves/Dams
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines*
- Railroads*
- Recreation/Tourism
- Religious Facilities
- Residences (especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Roads
- Schools/Daycamps
- Sensitive Crops
- Sensitive Species
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells

*Linear features with additional precautions and studies needed

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BENEFITS

The project will prepare the grid for the future by replacing aging infrastructure, adding transmission capacity to ensure energy reliability and resiliency, and promoting more access to energy sources for communities.

- Improving energy reliability for the surrounding region and local communities.
- Increasing transmission capacity to meet changing energy needs.
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ENERGY RELIABILITY

Our energy grid is similar to our road system in the way they allow energy from generation sources to travel short or long distances, as needed, at any given moment. On the road, when your main route is closed for construction, you review your options and find an alternative. In some cases, alternatives just don't exist, or they can't handle the increased traffic and users experience backups.

The energy grid is no different! If a large storm were to take out multiple transmission or distribution lines or "roads" in your area, local homes and businesses would be served by a lower capacity which could lead to reliability issues in the area.


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STEP 1: DEFINE STUDY AREA - DECEMBER 2024

Our team started by using data from publicly available data sources to create our study area. We considered existing utility corridors, resource areas, natural environment data and field survey data to help minimize impacts while providing a feasible route opportunity.



STUDY AREA (DECEMBER 2024)
SUBSTATIONS
NEW SUBSTATION
PARCELS
EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES
STATE BOUNDARY

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STEP 2: PRELIMINARY ROUTE CORRIDORS - JANUARY 2025

Then our team will use data collected from our stakeholders and federal, state and local agencies and the three categories of routing criteria—Opportunities, Sensitivities and Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements—to develop Preliminary Route Corridors.

What is a route corridor?

A narrowed area being considered for a transmission line. The route corridor is narrower than the original study area, and wider than the right of way that will be needed for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the line.



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ANTICIPATED STRUCTURES



TYPICAL 138KV STEEL MONOPOLE STRUCTURES

Structure: Single shaft steel poles
Voltage: 138 kV*
Height: 80-140 ft
Span: 800-900 ft
Structures/mile: 6-8
Conductor clearance: 25 ft (minimum)
Drilled concrete pier foundation: 7-12 ft diameter
Typical easement width: 150 ft
 *138 kV with the potential of a future 345 kV circuit



RIVER CROSSING STRUCTURES

Structure: Steel lattice towers or tubular towers
Voltage: 138 kV*
Height: 150-450 ft
Span: 2800-4000 ft
Structures/mile: 1-2
Conductor clearance: 25 ft (minimum)
Driven concrete and steel pile: 7-10 ft diameter
Typical easement width: 600 ft
 *138 kV with the potential of a future 345 kV circuit

Note: that these graphics are not to scale. The type of structure, sizing, and number of arms is dependent upon the final route, span length, and structure loadings.

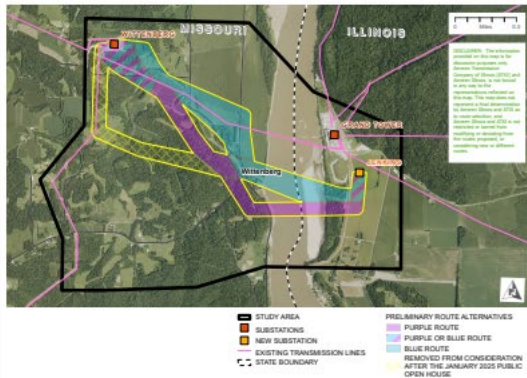
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STEP 3: PRELIMINARY ROUTE ALTERNATIVES - FEBRUARY 2025

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VISUALIZATION



Please note that this image is meant to serve as a visualization example for the Grand Tower Project's River Crossing. The type of structure, sizing, and number of arms is dependent upon the final route, span length, and structure loadings.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW & AGENCY COORDINATION

Our team coordinates with federal, state and local agencies regarding protected or sensitive resources within the program area. Sometimes additional permits or approvals from these agencies are necessary for construction.



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Section 404 Clean Water Act
Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act
Section 408 Authorization



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Endangered Species Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Migratory Bird Treaty Act



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Section 401 Water Quality Certificate and General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharge from construction site



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
Section 106 Cultural Resources Review



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Road permits



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
State protected natural features and species



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Section 401 Water Quality Certificate and General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharge from construction site



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Road permits



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
State protected natural features and species
Illinois State Historic Resources Preservation Act
Illinois Human Remains Protection Act
NHPA Section 106 Cultural Resources Review & SHPO consultation



LOCAL PERMITS
Erosion control and road crossings

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PRE-CONSTRUCTION

FIELD SURVEYS

The field data we collect allows our scientists and engineers to plan and design the line with the information necessary for construction.

Wildlife Surveys

Wildlife surveys provide important data about the species living in the area, helping us plan how to minimize impacts to wildlife species and habitat.

Wetland and Stream Surveys

To survey wetlands and streams, our field staff visits locations that we identified through analysis of maps and aerial imagery as streams or potential wetland areas. The purpose of the surveys is to determine if these features can be classified as a wetland or a stream based on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. The crew will collect data on vegetation, hydrology and soil characteristics.

Archaeological Surveys

Archaeological surveys consist of walking the easement area to look for cultural artifacts on the ground. If artifacts are found, they are collected for further analysis. To access areas where visibility is limited, such as weedy or grassy areas, archaeologists may hand-dig a small hole to screen soils for artifacts. All excavated shovel test areas will be filled back in after the survey is completed. If a culturally significant site is identified, additional testing may be required to determine if it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

SOIL SURVEYS

As a part of the project, engineering staff will design each transmission line structure. The field data we collect will help our engineers determine the final design and structure locations, and will help to minimize impacts to cultural and biological resources during construction.

The design process requires information about the soil where the structure will be located. Collecting soil information is completed using the following steps by our geotechnical field survey crews:

- Gather samples from each site by digging a 4-6 inch wide hole into the ground, known as a soil boring. Soil boring areas will be filled back in after the survey.
- Review samples to determine the physical properties and layering of the soil.
- Use soil information to design each structure.



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REAL ESTATE

Ameren's real estate team will have several land agents assisting landowners during the entire real estate process. Discussions with landowners will include topics such as:

- Land surveys and studies
- Access roads
- Structure/line design
- Right-of-way clearing
- Compensation
- Property restoration



EASEMENTS

Easements allow our team access for construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line. In general, the land can continue to be used as before, provided that the use does not interfere with the transmission line.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Safety and reliability are the driving factors behind managing trees, and other forms of vegetation, around our transmission lines. Trees and other vegetation can damage the line and hinder our ability to deliver electric services safely and reliably. They can make the job of storm restoration more difficult, extend restoration times and pose additional hazards to line crews.

To protect the public and reduce the risk of extended power outages, Ameren has a vegetation management program designed to ensure proper clearances around the lines as required by federal and state agencies. The program reduces the potential for damage and allows access for crews to maintain and repair transmission equipment.

This vegetation management work may include:

- Inspections
- Mowing
- Manual and Aerial Trimming



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CONSTRUCTION

Transmission line construction is completed in intermittent phases and will not be constant on landowner property. We will provide more information before construction begins on any landowner property. On most structures, there will be six major stages of construction including:



1 Surveys, soil borings, vegetation management and access roads



2 Assemble structure on the ground



3 Dig structure holes



4 Lift structure into hole and backfill with concrete



5 String wires



6 Energize line and restore easement

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Noise, dust, and lights for nearby residents.
- Temporary, intermittent lane and road closures.
- Equipment, materials, and construction crews located along the road and within the right-of-way.
- Crews will be working during daylight hours with potential for some work to be completed after dusk.
- Temporary grading, culverts/stream crossings for access and work pads may be needed. These areas will be restored to preconstruction grades and re-vegetated upon project completion.
- River barge and helicopter equipment traffic at some locations of construction.

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I am interested in the Grand Tower Crossing Project because: (Check all that apply)

- What communication channels does your community prefer?

- Comment:**

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Please fill out the information below if you would like someone from our project team to contact you or to join the mailing list.

Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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