

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: How can I stay updated on Project progress?

We're committed to keeping an open dialogue with local stakeholders throughout each phase of the Beverly Regional Transmission Reliability Project. We encourage you to sign up for our email updates on our website: [www.BeverlyRegionalTransmissionReliabilityProject.com](http://www.BeverlyRegionalTransmissionReliabilityProject.com). You should also feel free to call or email a member of our outreach team. As we approach the construction phase of the Project, our email updates will become more frequent and include more information related to construction schedules and sequencing. Please note that you can also send inquiries to our team by using the "Contact Us" feature on this website.

### Q: What is the expected timeline for completion?

Under our proposed schedule, we expect construction to begin in the fall of 2021 and to have the new cables in service in winter of 2022.

### Q: What can I expect for traffic and road closures?

National Grid is working closely with each municipality to establish traffic management plans in order to facilitate vehicle and pedestrian traffic around work sites associated with the Project. We will make every effort to minimize traffic disruptions and road closures, and will regularly alert abutters adjacent to Project construction well before work takes place. These notifications will be provided through door-to-door outreach, website, email newsletters, and physical signage.

### Q: How was the route was selected?

During the route selection phase of the Project, National Grid gathered extensive engineering and environmental information on the streets and corridors that could be used to link the Essex Bridge, our substation on River Street, and our substation off Boyles Street. Moreover, we developed a scoring system to help identify routes that would allow us to move quickly through construction while minimizing impacts to residents, businesses and commuters, and to the environment. Our team has worked with City officials to discuss the advantage and disadvantages of various routes, and ultimately selected a route which we believe minimizes local impacts and will be cost-effective to construct. Our route selection process and choice of route is currently being evaluated by the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board during its review of the Project.

### Q: How long will the new cables last before requiring replacement?

The cables themselves are expected to last 40 years or more, while the duct bank and manhole system is expected to last much longer. In the future, replacement of these cable will not require extensive excavation as the duct bank can be reused and replacement cables can be inserted at manhole locations. Again, avoiding excavation of public roadways.