

PROPOSED WESTERN WISCONSIN
TRANSMISSION CONNECTION LINE WILL
HELP IMPROVE RELIABILITY, RESILIENCE
AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO NEW RENEWABLE
ENERGY IN UPPER MIDWEST

The Upper Midwest’s energy grid is changing and new electric transmission lines are needed to ensure customers throughout Western Wisconsin have the electric service they need. Older traditional plants are projected to retire in the coming years, and new transmission lines will be needed to deliver electricity to customers from new generation plants, including low-cost renewable energy projected to be built in the region.

Xcel Energy is proposing the new Western Wisconsin Transmission Connection, a 345 kV project that runs between Blair, Eau Claire and two potential end points connecting to an existing 345 kV transmission line near Owen or Sheldon, depending on the final route.

We need your feedback on potential route options that are currently under consideration. Please join us at an open house to learn more about the project and and the upcoming regulatory process, and provide feedback on route options.

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS		
Date	Location	Time
Monday, Oct. 9	Blair Community Center 103 E. Broadway St. Blair, WI 54616	4–7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Wissota Lodge and Conference Center 5424 197th St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729	4–7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Stanley Community Center 450 W. 4th Ave. Stanley, WI 54768	11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	29 Pines Conference Center 5872 33rd Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54703	4–7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Lake Holcombe Town Hall 26179 275th St. Holcombe WI 54745	3–6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Virtual open house (online) Link posted at WWTConnection.com	1–2 p.m.

Current route options

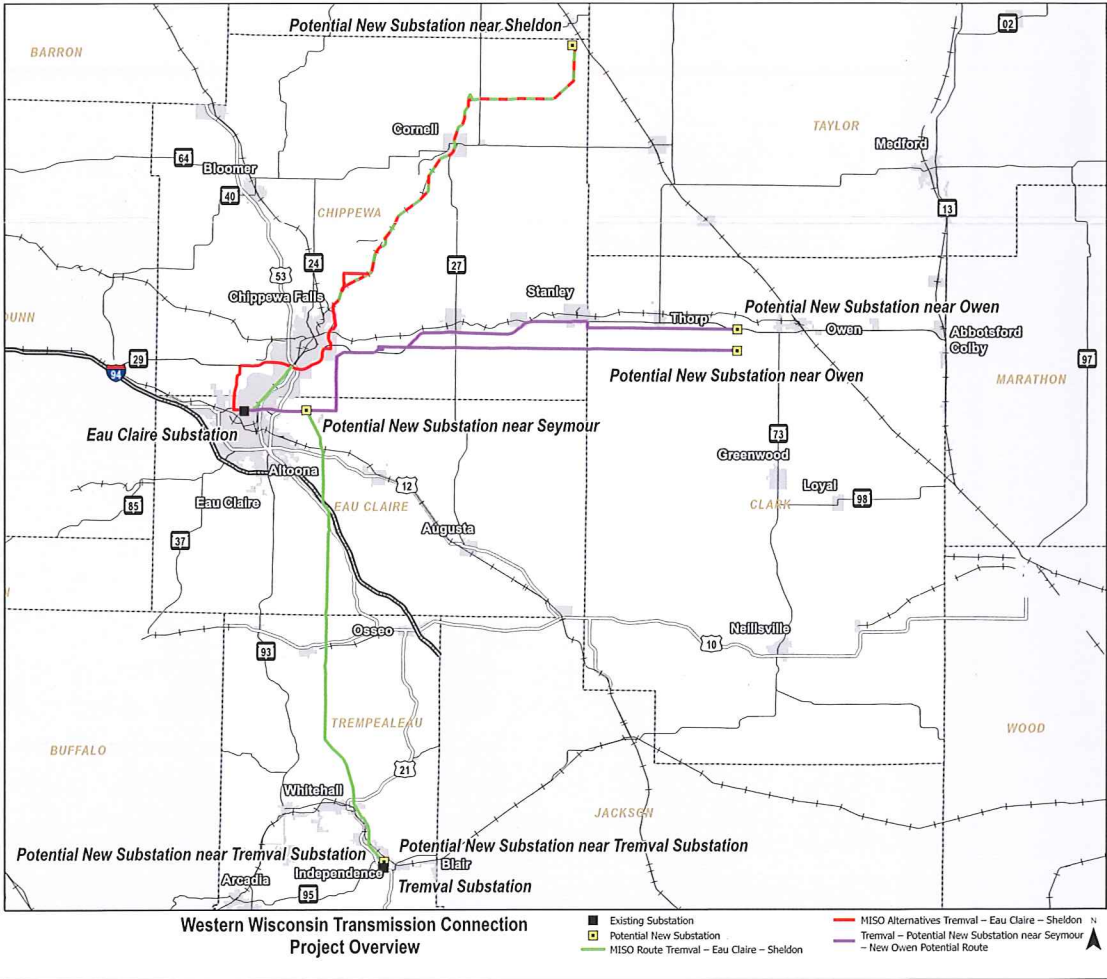
The map at right details current route options we are considering. Most route options follow existing transmission line corridors. Please join us to provide feedback on potential route options.

Regulatory process and schedule

Following the open houses we will review the feedback received from landowners, local officials and other stakeholders and use that information to refine the route options.

Per Wisconsin rules, our application will include at least two route options for the new 345 kV Western Wisconsin Transmission Connection, aside from the Blair to Eau Claire portion that follows an existing transmission line.

In mid-2024 we will file an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW), which reviews transmission line proposals.



The PSCW will review the application and hold public hearings in the project area. We anticipate a PSCW decision in 2025. If approved, we would compensate landowners to obtain easements in 2026 and begin construction in 2026 or 2027.

Additional information and contacts
Please contact us with questions about the project by email at WWTConnection@xcelenergy.com or calling at 800-545-7522.
Additional project information is available at www.WWTConnection.com.

