

BELL RIDGE - DEVOLA

138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT



AEP Transmission and representatives are planning upgrades to strengthen the electric system in Washington County. The Bell Ridge – Devola 138-kV Transmission Line Project involves building approximately 10 miles of power line between the existing Bell Ridge and a new substation.

WHAT

This project involves:

- Building approximately 10 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line
- Building the new Devola Substation in northern Marietta, off of Mill Creek Road.

Portions of this project require Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) approval.

WHY

The improvements:

- Increase electric service reliability
- Reduce the likelihood of power outages
- Improve restoration time when power outages occur
- Benefit the local distribution companies and cooperatives, such as Washington Electric, who receive power from the transmission line.

WHERE

The project is located in Muskingum, Fearing and Lawrence townships in Washington County.

PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS

AEP Transmission right-of-way representatives plan to contact affected landowners regarding surveys, field work inside easements along the transmission line route and construction access. Some pre-construction activities include:

- Trimming or removing woody-stemmed vegetation and removing or relocating non-habitable structures from the right-of-way.
- Installing temporary gates, fencing and access roads.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT AND OPEN HOUSE

March 2017

OPSB** JURISDICTIONAL OPEN HOUSE

October 2017

FILE APPLICATION WITH OPSB

Late 2017

OPSB HEARING PROCESS (APPROX. 90 DAYS)

Spring 2018

OPSB DECISION

Summer 2018

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITIES

Fall 2018 - Summer 2028

AMENDMENT APPLICATION, PREPARATION & SUBMISSION

Summer 2019

PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN

Summer 2020

TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

Fall 2020 - Fall 2022

AEP SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION

2021

FIELD SURVEYS & ENGINEERING

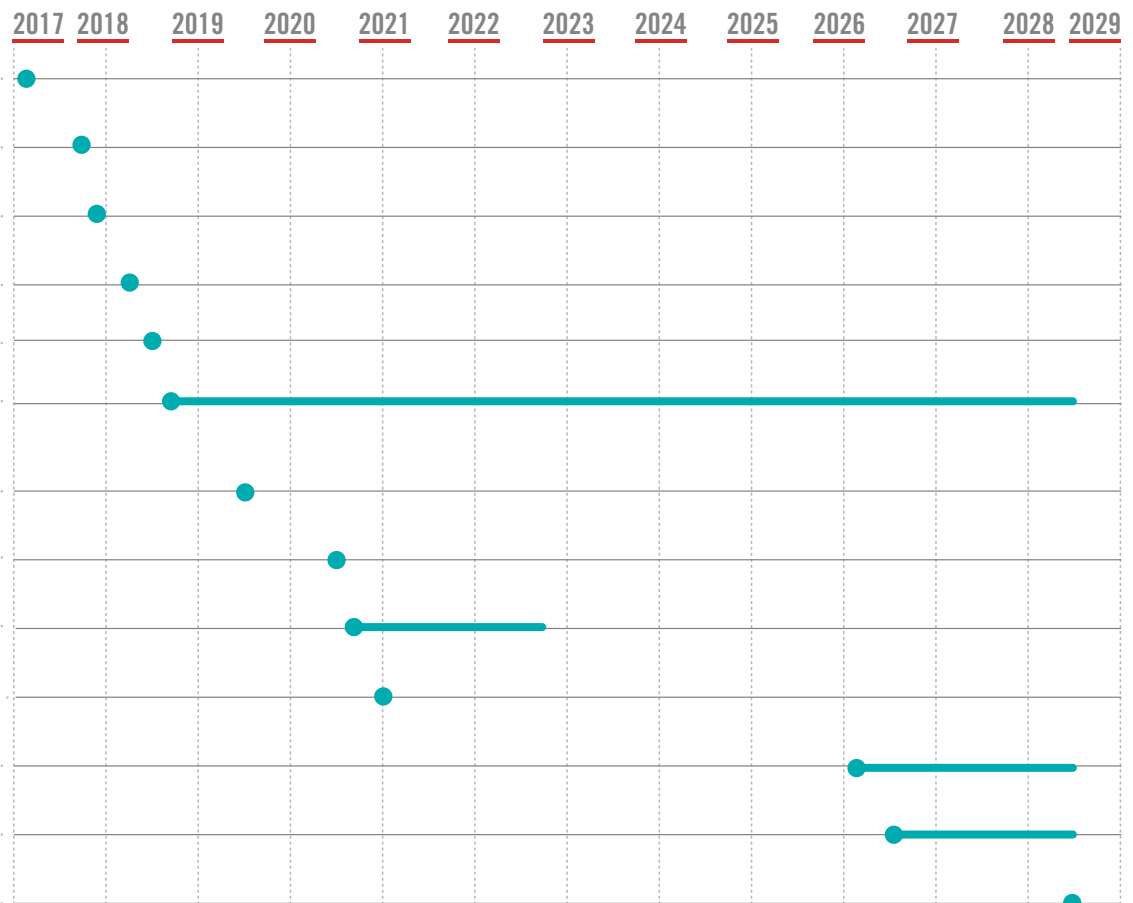
Early 2026 - Summer 2028

TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

Summer 2026 - Summer 2028

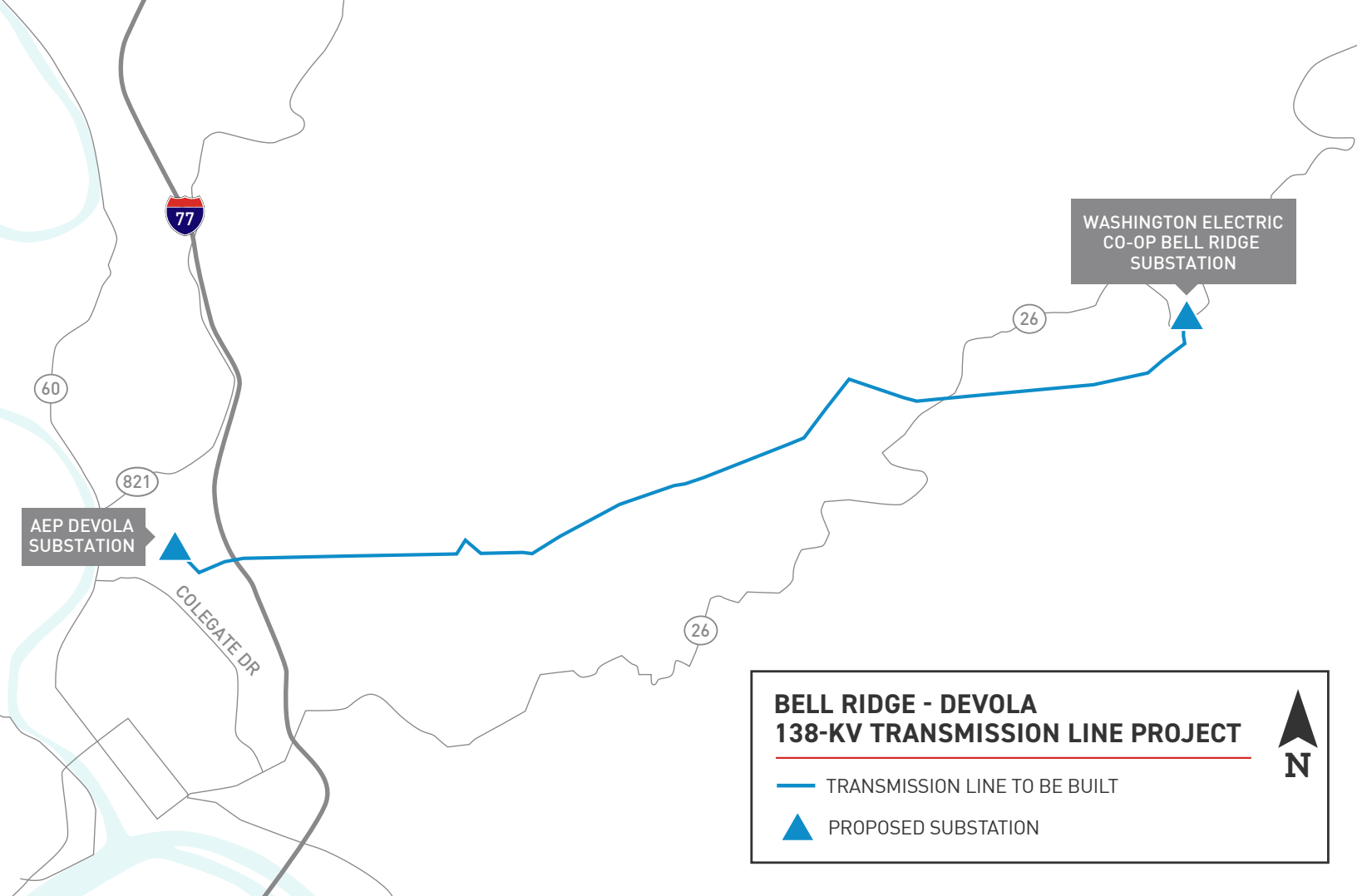
IN-SERVICE DATE

Summer 2028



**OPSB: Ohio Power Siting Board

*Timeline subject to change.



TYPICAL STRUCTURES

The project involves the user of H-frame structures.

Pole Height: 80 feet

Right-of-Way Width: 100 feet

*Exact structure, height and right-of-way requirements may vary



AEP TRANSMISSION VALUES YOUR INPUT ABOUT THIS PROJECT. PLEASE SEND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO:

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