

Bluffton – Van Buren Transmission Line Rebuild Project



Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is enhancing the electric transmission infrastructure in northeast Indiana to improve reliability for customers across the region. The Bluffton – Van Buren Transmission Line Rebuild Project is an approximately \$30 million investment that includes removing the existing transmission facilities and replacing them with sturdier facilities of the same voltage.



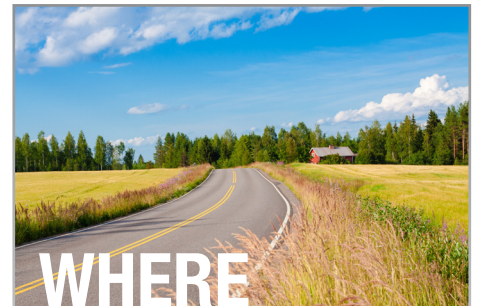
WHAT

I&M is rebuilding approximately 20-miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Wood poles will be replaced with steel monopoles. The updated structure and wires will allow for a greater span between poles, reducing the number of structures needed and lessening the impact to property owners.



WHY

Proactively rebuilding the aging line improves reliability for customers across the region by decreasing power outages and speeding recovery of services when outages occur.



WHERE

The transmission line connects the Bluffton Substation – passing through the Liberty Center Substation – to the Van Buren Substation. The project in northeast Indiana crosses through Grant, Huntington and Wells counties.

Typical Structures*

I&M will construct steel monopole structures approximately 60 to 75-feet high. Structures will be located in the center of a right-of-way averaging 60-feet wide.

I&M is committed to carefully balancing the energy needs of residential and business customers while protecting the environment and natural beauty of the region.

*Exact structure may vary from the one shown



Project Schedule*

Bluffton – Liberty Center

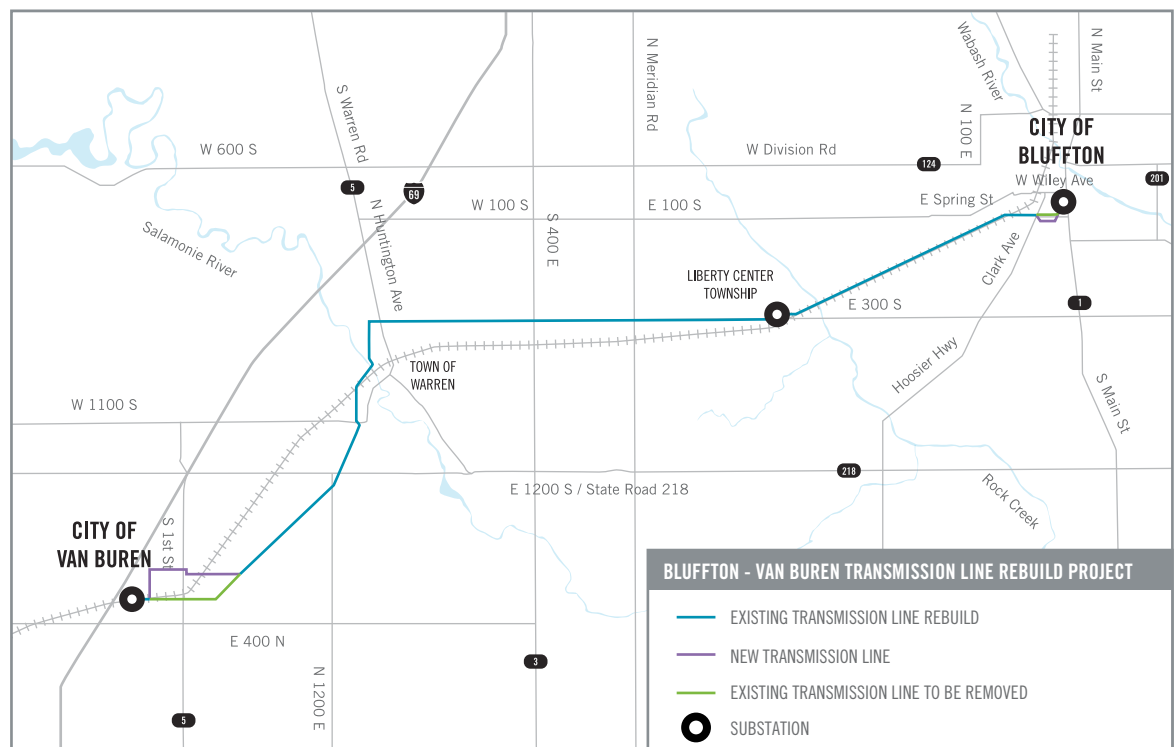
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Liberty Center – Van Buren

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Project Map



I&M values your input about the project. Please send comments and questions to:

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