

DARRAH-OWENS ILLINOIS TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION PROJECT

Appalachian Power representatives plan to relocate a portion of the Darrah-Owens Illinois transmission line in Huntington, West Virginia. Company officials want to inform the public about the planned construction that will affect local traffic flow along 8th Avenue. The project allows for more space between the transmission line facilities and 8th Avenue to accommodate traffic safety needs.

The relocation spans less than a quarter-mile and includes installing 8 steel, single-pole structures. Some poles along the south side of 8th Avenue will remain or be shifted away from the road to allow for some Appalachian Power wires and other attached utility wires (cable, internet and phone) to remain in place. Construction will take place on 8th Avenue, beginning at the cross section of Artisan Avenue and ending near the cross section of 26th Street.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Appalachian Power representatives work to ensure public safety and minimize inconveniences during construction. Crews plan to:

- Close road lanes as needed
- Use flaggers and signs to aid traffic flow on streets during the day
- Open road lanes at night if safety allows

During construction, traveling on 8th Avenue may result in delays. Please find an alternative route if possible.

SAFETY TIPS

- Keep your distance from construction workers and equipment
- Stay outside of temporary safety barriers
- Be aware of uneven or slippery surfaces
- Slow down when driving in the area and make sure your headlights are on
- Watch for posted signs, road closures and traffic detours
- Follow flaggers' instructions

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Construction Corridor Development: September – January 2025

- Crews prepare for construction by:
- Marking the construction area with stakes and flags.
 - Removing obstructions from the right-of-way, such as fences and buildings.
 - Installing temporary fencing around the construction area for public safety and to control sediment.

As part of this process, crews clear the right-of-way:

- Forestry crews prepare for transmission line construction by clearing trees and woody-stemmed vegetation from the right-of-way.
- Clearing allows for the safe construction, operation and maintenance of the line and ensures reliable electric service for area customers.

Pole Installation: November 2024 – February 2025

- At most pole locations, crews:
- Assemble the new pole and place it near the installation area.
 - Install and stabilize the foundation of the new pole.
 - Install and secure the new pole.

New Wire Installation: January – March 2025

- Crews install wires on the steel poles along the power line route.

Facilities Placed In Service: May 2025

- Crews energize the equipment after finishing pole and wire installations.

Relocation and Removal of Wooden Poles and Site Restoration: May – September 2025

- Appalachian Power crews follow construction crews throughout the project to restore properties to as close to their pre-construction condition as possible. Activities include restoring sidewalks, reseeding properties, etc. Right-of-way agents also work with landowners to address any property damages.
- Crews plan to conduct the relocation and removal of the wooden poles after the new line is in service. Although our transmission wires will no longer be on the wooden poles, our lower voltage wires and telecom wires, along with other utility company wires, will remain.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

CONSTRUCTION CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT

September - December 2024

TREE CLEARING

September - November 2024

ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

October - December 2024

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

December 2024 - January 2025

TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

November 2024 - March 2025

POLE INSTALLATION

November 2024 - February 2025

WIRE INSTALLATION

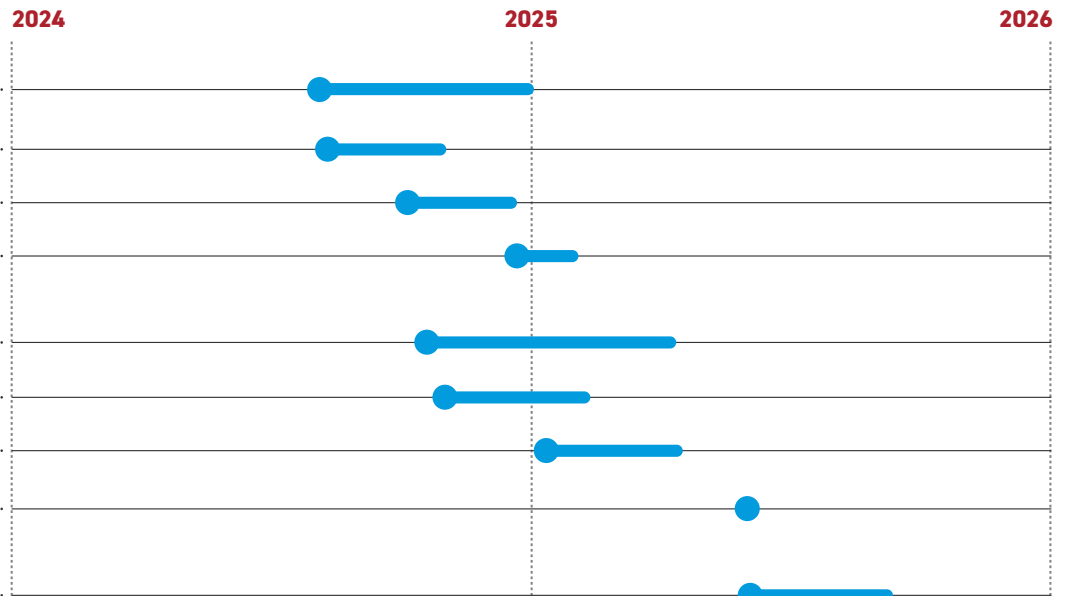
January - March 2025

FACILITIES PLACED IN SERVICE

May 2025

RELOCATION AND REMOVAL OF WOODEN POLES AND SITE RESTORATION

May - September 2025



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LOCOMOTIVE SHOP

- EXISTING POWER LINE TO REMAIN*
- NEW/RELOCATED TRANSMISSION LINE
- NEW STEEL, SINGLE POLE
- POWER POLE TO BE RELOCATED

*POLES WILL REMAIN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD.
SOME OF THE POLES WILL BE SHIFTED TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC SAFETY NEEDS.



TYPICAL STRUCTURES

Crews plan to rebuild the power line using steel, single-pole structures.

Existing Structure Height: [Approximately 60 feet](#)

Proposed Structure Height: [Approximately 70 feet](#)

Distance Between Structures: [Approximately 160 feet](#)

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



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