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**CONSTRUCTION WRAPS UP FOR TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN HUNTINGTON**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. Oct. 31, 2019 –Appalachian Power crews plan to complete final transmission line work for the Huntington Area Improvements Project, a \$25 million investment to relieve stress on the transmission system and reduce the likelihood of outages in the area.

The last section of line work involves wire installation across 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Route 60 and the Guyandotte River. Crews plan to use a helicopter to pull the wire from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Nov. 3 and Nov. 10, depending on weather and other factors.

Appalachian Power representatives plan to work with the West Virginia Division of Highways to maintain public safety during construction. Travelers can expect the following during helicopter use:

- Temporary lane closures on 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Route 60
- Flaggers located on affected roads

Company officials expect to conclude project upgrades by the end of next year. To learn more visit [www.appalachianpower.com/huntington](http://www.appalachianpower.com/huntington).

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