

Northland Reliability Project



Project Updates

Sherburne & Benton counties, Spring 2026

Three construction phases

- **Phase 1 (2025-2027)**
Two existing transmission line rebuilds
- **Phase 2 (2026-2028)**
Benton County Substation to Cuyuna Series Comp Station & realignments
- **Phase 3 (2027-2029)**
Cuyuna Series Comp Station to Iron Range Substation



Phase 1 construction

Started in 2025



Continuing in 2026

Ongoing activities



Environmental inspection and monitoring



Material delivery



Vegetation clearing



Tree limbs being cut along the south edge of the right-of-way ▶

Phase 1 construction

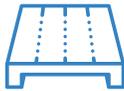
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2026 activities

Winter



Mat installation



▲ *Installing timber mats*



Foundation installation



▲ *Auguring soils for foundation*

Spring



Foundation installation



Assemble and set structures

Summer-Fall



Foundation installation



Assemble and set structures



Wire installation



Cleanup

Real estate process



Easement process



What landowners can expect during construction



Right-of-entry
2023 – 2024



Easements
2024 – 2026



Construction
2025 – 2027



Restoration
2026 – 2030



We do our best to minimize impacts during construction. The following temporary impacts may occur:

- Noise, dust and lights for nearby residents
- Equipment (pick-up trucks, tree-clearing machines, drilling rigs and wire-stringing vehicles), materials and construction crews located along the road and in project right-of-way
- Work during daytime hours with potential for some work to be completed outside normal working hours (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
- Construction area staking
- Removal of all trees and tall vegetation within the easement area
- Erosion control measures installed to reduce impacts to streams and wetland areas
- Matting to minimize surface disturbance
- Temporary lane and road closures
- Signage and traffic management



Travelers and snowmobilers be cautious along trails and ditches near active construction sites.

Continued project communications



Project email, information line and website with construction map



Land agent updates and notifications



Mail and email updates



Local leader project update presentations



Upcoming communication: Periodic newsletters – both mailed and emailed

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