Central Calgary Transmission Line Engagement Report

Through ongoing engagement for the Central Calgary Transmission Line Project, we have received feedback through open houses, surveys, emails and discussions with stakeholders.

That feedback has helped shape the work we are doing as we evaluate route and configuration options. All feedback has been reviewed and considered as part of the routing and siting analysis. Common themes are presented below.

Continued conversation

Community feedback plays an important role in routing and the selection of a route for new or replaced infrastructure.

4 open houses; **192** attendees

372 surveys submitted

500+ emails received

37 one-on-one meetings with stakeholders

Improving transparency about decision-making

What we heard

Community members told us they wanted a better understanding of how routing decisions are made and how public feedback influences the process.

What we're doing

We expanded the information available at open houses and on the Project website to provide greater visibility into the routing and siting process. We also provided additional information about how feedback is incorporated into project decisions and where technical, regulatory, or operational requirements limit our ability to make certain changes.

Greater transparency helps residents, landowners and businesses understand how decisions are made and how their input is considered alongside technical, environmental, land use, safety and cost factors.

Protecting trees, parks and community spaces

What we heard

Community members expressed concerns about potential impacts on trees, landscaping, future development opportunities and community spaces such as Munro Park.

What we're doing

We have worked closely with the City of Calgary to address concerns regarding Munro Park. Where tree removal can not be avoided, we are committed to supporting the City of Calgary's tree replacement and replanting programs.

Parks, green spaces and urban trees contribute to community character and quality of life. Working with municipal partners helps us identify opportunities to reduce impacts where feasible and support long-term community planning.

Balancing cost with community impacts

What we heard

Residents were concerned that cost would be prioritized over impacts to communities, property owners and neighbourhood character.

What we're doing

We assessed route options using multiple evaluation criteria, including community use, visual impacts, property value concerns, constructability, environmental factors and project costs.

Transmission projects are funded by Albertans, making responsible cost management an important consideration. Therefore, cost is one of several factors considered when evaluating route options.

Considering a broad range of factors helps ensure that route recommendations reflect safety, system needs and community concerns. To find out more about transmission costs in Alberta and the regulatory process visit **auc.ab.ca**.

Considering property value concerns

What we heard

Residents and property owners raised concerns about potential impacts to property values associated with overhead transmission infrastructure.

What we're doing

Property value concerns will be included as stakeholder concerns in our application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

This helps ensure the concerns raised by residents and property owners are reflected in the regulatory review process.

Evaluating route and configuration options

What we heard

A common theme of the feedback received expressed support for underground infrastructure and interest in routes along 16 Avenue NE or 17 Avenue NE.

What we're doing

We looked at potential routes and configurations in the project study area, including those suggested by stakeholders and continued our technical evaluation along 16 Avenue NE.

As a result of changed circumstances and new information obtained through our engagement process, our preferred option has more of the transmission line underground and a longer portion along 16 Avenue NE.

Responding to electromagnetic field (EMF) concerns

What we heard

Community members expressed concerns about electromagnetic fields (EMF) associated with overhead power lines.

What we're doing

We committed to completing EMF modelling for proposed route options and including the results in the Project's AUC application. We also committed to continue to monitor current scientific guidance and applicable standards.

The results will be included as part of the regulatory review process, giving community members and regulators access to project-specific information when evaluating the Project.

Addressing noise concerns

What we heard

Residents were concerned that overhead transmission lines could create audible buzzing or crackling sounds.

What we're doing

We reviewed noise concerns during engagement and shared information about the expected noise associated with a 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

This type of transmission line is expected to make negligible noise. Abnormal noise could be the result of damage or a loose connection that, if identified, we would repair.

How your feedback will continue to influence the Project

The feedback received to date has helped inform ongoing route and configuration evaluation. Community concerns, preferences and local knowledge are being documented and considered alongside technical, environmental, safety and regulatory requirements. The route options presented in the newsletter are part of our ongoing engagement program and reflect our commitment to listening to the communities we serve.

The proposed routes, supporting technical information and feedback received through consultation will all form part of the regulatory review process. The AUC will ultimately determine whether to approve the Project and which route, if any, may be constructed.