

Project Courtesy Notice

Upcoming Transmission Line Work

Sandy Pond to Tewksbury Reliability Project

Ayer, Littleton, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica & Tewksbury, MA



July 2026

Dear Neighbor,

National Grid continues to make improvements to strengthen our electric transmission systems and more reliably serve our customers in your area. This includes replacing existing aging transmission line structures, conductor wire, structure hardware, and adding a new Optical Grounding Wire (OPGW) within the right of way near your home or business with new steel structures.

Starting in some areas as soon as this August, crews will begin work on this multi-year project, known as the Sandy Pond to Tewksbury Reliability Project. Over the first year, crews will focus on installing and improving access routes within the right-of-way.

Construction along the approximately 16-mile corridor will start in August of 2027 to replace existing structures with new light-duty galvanized steel structures. New structure types will be used within the transmission right of way, and the location of structures may vary from existing locations to meet engineering standards and prioritize environmental protections.

Most work areas will be accessible from public streets that cross the right-of-way at various locations or utilize access routes outside the right of way that have been used in the past. In cases where access is not possible via public ways or easements, we coordinate access directly with property owners.

The initial scope of work (August 2026 – August 2027) includes vegetation management and installing gravel access roads/pads and wood timber mats in select areas to provide access and protection from construction activities and select structure foundations. Beginning in Fall 2027, crews will begin the main work including drilling/pouring concrete foundations at some locations and begin delivering and installing new structures. Timber mats will be removed at the end of the project.



Timber Matting Truck



Drill Rig



Foundation Installation



Pole Installation



Utility Truck for Wire Runs

Example of Construction Sequence

This is a multi-year project, but work will be done in phases over the transmission line corridor and will not be continuous in one area. During these activities there will be an increase of vehicles and team members within the area. Our employees and consultants are expected to wear their required personal protection equipment (PPE), including hard hats, high visibility vests and photo ID's.

Work will occur generally between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday as necessary. Construction will be done in phases along the corridor and is anticipated to be complete in winter of 2032.

Truck traffic will use caution while on the streets in your area leading to the access points.

If you have any questions or would like further information on construction activities specific to its proximity to your home or business, please contact our Project Hotline at **781-236-6286**. You can also email Ashley.PierreLouis@nationalgrid.com.

Sincerely,

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Project Engagement

Sandy Pond to Tewksbury Reliability Project Overview Map

