

Sandy Pond to Tewksbury Reliability Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this project happening?

The Sandy Pond to Tewksbury Reliability Project is designed to enhance the safety and reliability of the region's transmission system. It involves replacing aging infrastructure, improving communications capability with new optical ground wire (OPGW), and ensuring the system is resilient to future energy needs.

How long will this project take to complete?

This multi-year project will begin site preparation activities in late-Summer 2026 and is expected to be completed by 2032. Work is being carried out in phases along the transmission corridor between Ayer and Tewksbury.

Where is this project taking place?

The project takes place in the communities Ayer, Littleton, Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, and Tewksbury. The project corridor runs approximately 16 miles, from the Sandy Pond substation off Westford Road in Ayer to the Tewksbury 22 substation off Power Company Road in Tewksbury.

Will my service be interrupted?

No. This work will be managed so that service interruptions are not planned.

What can I expect during construction?

You may observe:

- Vegetation management and site preparation
- Delivery and use of heavy equipment
- Installation of new steel structures
- Pulling of new transmission wire
- Use of existing and improved access roads and pads

Will this project impact traffic?

You may notice increased truck traffic and material deliveries in areas adjacent to the right-of-way and substations. Temporary lane closures or police details may be used at certain road crossings or access points to ensure safety.

Will National Grid inform the community of this project?

Yes. National Grid is committed to transparent communication. The project engagement team provides project updates, hosts community meetings, and coordinates with local officials. You can also stay informed via the project website, contacting the project hotline or emailing the project engagement team.

Who do I contact for more information?

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