

Routing open house meetings – June 2026

PowerOn Midwest began its comprehensive outreach efforts in October 2025, with additional outreach activities that will continue throughout the life of the project. In June, the Project utilities began the first round of Route Permit Application open houses. The goal of these meetings is to gather input and information pertaining to the initial proposed routes and continue fostering relationships with landowners and local communities. These meetings took place June 2–4 and June 9–12, 2026. The goal of the engagement was to introduce PowerOn Midwest, share the need for the project and the preliminary route proposals, answer questions, gather comments, connect with potentially impacted stakeholders and share how they can participate.

Ways to contact us



A project information and comment line
888-283-4678



A project email address **Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com**

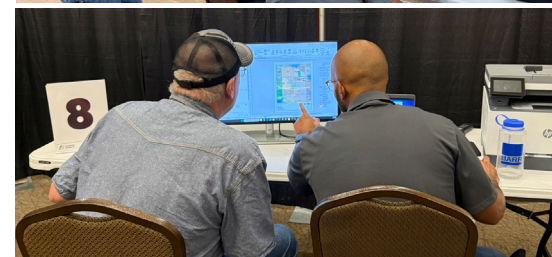
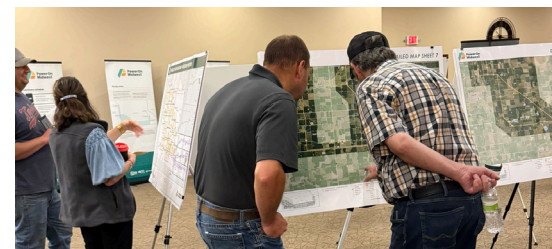


PowerOn Midwest website at
PowerOnMidwest.com

- Over **17,000** website views between June 1–26, 2026.
- Interactive map to leave comments

Project team representatives presented a project overview, preliminary route maps, and addressed questions with 18 County Boards across the project area.

COUNTY	DATE	COUNTY	DATE
Lyon	May 5, 2026	Martin	May 19, 2026
Lincoln	May 5, 2026	Freeborn	May 19, 2026
Jackson	May 5, 2026	Steele	May 26, 2026
Mower	May 5, 2026	Nobles	May 27, 2026
Pipestone	May 12, 2026	Goodhue	June 2, 2026
Dodge	May 12, 2026	Redwood	June 2, 2026
Murray	May 19, 2026	Faribault	June 2, 2026
Cottonwood	May 19, 2026	Waseca	June 2, 2026
Olmsted	May 19, 2026	Rock	June 16, 2026



Notifications

Landowner postcard

Postcards were sent to **46,530** landowners, elected officials, and tribal nations in the Project Study Area. The postcards were mailed between May 18 and 22, 2026.

5115 Excelsior Blvd
#113
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Upcoming transmission line meetings

Join us for an open house in your community.

No formal presentation, drop in anytime

Take this opportunity to learn about PowerOn Midwest. We'll discuss preliminary route options, answer questions, and take your input.

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Scan to learn more

Attend an upcoming routing open house

- June 2, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Lake Benton Community Center
114 Center St S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
- June 2, 2026**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
St. Leo Catholic Church
415 S Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, MN 56164
- June 3, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Luverne Generations Events
105 S Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156
- June 3, 2026**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fox Lake Event Center
730 125th St, Sherburn, MN 56171
- June 4, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Worthington Event Center
1447 Prairie Dr, Worthington, MN 56187
- June 4, 2026**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fulda American Legion
108 W Front St, Fulda, MN 56131
- June 9, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN 56031
- June 9, 2026**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Golden Bubble
11575 State Highway 22, Wells, MN 56097
- June 10, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Wedgewood Cove Golf Club
2200 W 9th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
- June 10, 2026**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Doubletree
1701 4th St NW, Austin, MN 55912
- June 11, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Events By Saker
401 8th St SE, Kasson, MN 55944
- June 12, 2026**
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Zumbrota VFW
21 E 1st St, Zumbrota, MN 55992

Can't attend in person?
Check out our virtual open house.
Visit PowerOnMidwest.com/events to learn more from June 2 through June 26.

Legend:

- A** South Dakota border—Lakefield Junction 765 kV
- B** Iowa border—Lakefield Junction—Pleasant Valley 765 kV
- C** Pleasant Valley—North Rochester 765 kV / 345 kV

Substations: BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA; LAKEFIELD JUNCTION, MINNESOTA; HAMPTON, MINNESOTA; NORTH ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA; PLEASANT VALLEY, MINNESOTA; ZUMBROTA, MINNESOTA.

Study area

Paid advertisements

20 local newspapers

Total circulation: 61,886

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Social media

Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram posts.

Routing open houses coming June 2–12

Visit PowerOnMidwest.com for the full schedule.

In-person open houses

13 open houses at 12 venues in 12 counties across southern Minnesota in the Project Study Area between **June 2-12, 2026**.



Project displays



Detailed preliminary route option maps



Mapping stations for the attendees to review and provide input



Approximately **1347** people attended the open houses

Week one in-person open houses

LINCOLN COUNTY

June 2, 2026
10 a.m. – noon
Lake Benton, MN
Attendees: **45**

PIPESTONE COUNTY

June 2, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Pipestone, MN
Attendees: **85**

ROCK COUNTY

June 3, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Luverne, MN
Attendees: **75**

NOBLES COUNTY

June 4, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Worthington, MN
Attendees: **70**

ROCK COUNTY

June 3, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Luverne, MN
Attendees: **126**

MURRAY COUNTY

June 4, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fulda, MN
Attendees: **103**

504
total attendees

Week two in-person open houses

MARTIN COUNTY

June 9, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Fairmont, MN
Attendees: **160**

FARIBAULT COUNTY

June 9, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Wells, MN
Attendees: **257**

FREEBORN COUNTY

June 10, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Albert Lea, MN
Attendees: **108**

MOWER COUNTY

June 10, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Austin, MN
Attendees: **118**

DODGE COUNTY

June 11, 2026
10 a.m. – noon
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kasson, MN
Attendees: **89/62**

GOODHUE COUNTY

June 12, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Zumbrota, MN
Attendees: **49**

843
total attendees

1,347 total attendees

* Attendees were not required to sign in at the meetings. Attendee numbers are based on headcounts taken at each meeting.

Virtual open house



607
views of the
virtual open house

Open between **June 1-26, 2026**, and included the same content presented during the in-person open houses in a website-type format. As of June 26, 2026, there were **607 views** of the virtual open house.

Open house materials

Information banners and boards, preliminary route maps, factsheets, comment forms, vendor forms, and project staff were available at the open houses.



Comments



1,257
comments
were collected



Comment dates -
June 1 – June 26



233
Interactive
web map



45
Email



56
Hotline



64
Online
comment forms



122
In-person
comment forms



737
Map station
comments

What we heard

Right-of-Way	2	Stray Voltage	9	Aviation	17	Safety	40
Energy Reliability	2	Property Access	9	Project Need	18	Agriculture: Animals	47
Easement Payment	3	Materials Request	10	Property Values	25	Proximity to Homes	53
Meeting Request	3	Topography (Natural Landscape)	10	Environmental Impacts (General)	25	Wetlands and Water Resources	53
Project Overview	6	Transportation	10	EMF	26	Utilities	79
Hunting/Fishing	6	Trees	10	Human Features	33	Land Use	94
Property Damage	6	Cultural Resources	11	Communication	34	Agriculture: Crops	150
Open House Information	8	Recreation	11	Map Request	34	Routing	245
Information Request	8	Construction	13	General	34		
Mailing List Request	8	Planned Development	14	Wildlife	34		
Endangered Species	8	Visual Impacts	15	Easement / Fee Lands	34		

1,257
Comments

