

Route changes at a glance

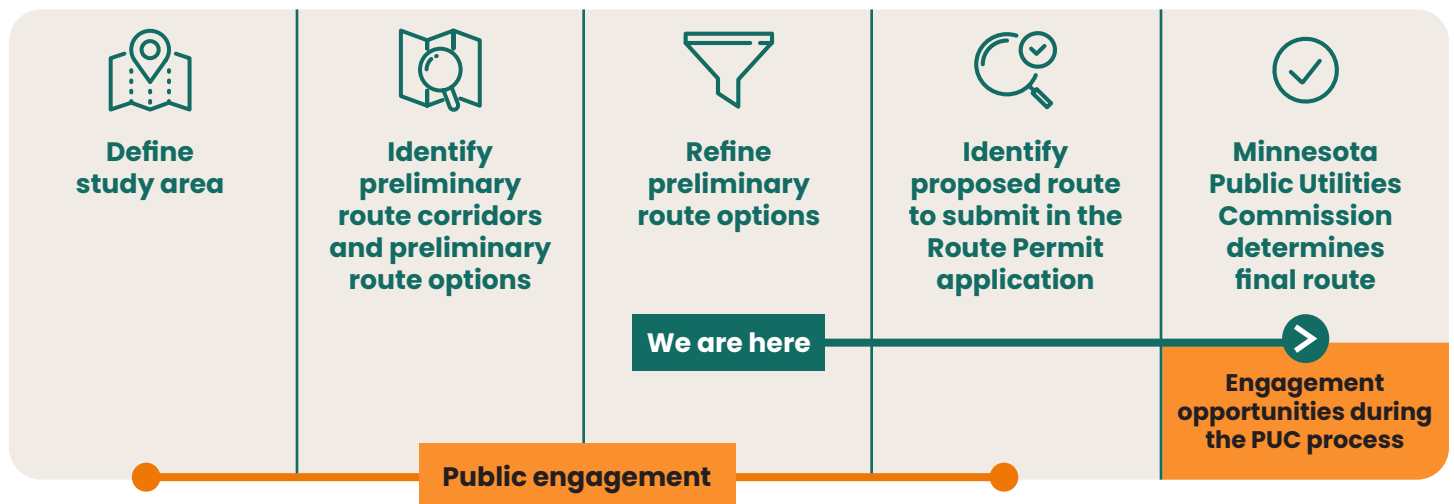


Developing a route for a new transmission line is a complex process.

The State of Minnesota has statutes and rules that guide the route development process and help minimize a project's impact to people and the environment. Input from landowners, community members, local leaders, Tribal representatives, and state and federal agencies is critical as we develop and finalize a proposed route.

Earlier this year, we held open houses across the project area showing corridors and preliminary route options. We are continuing the route development process by seeking additional feedback on these refined preliminary route options.

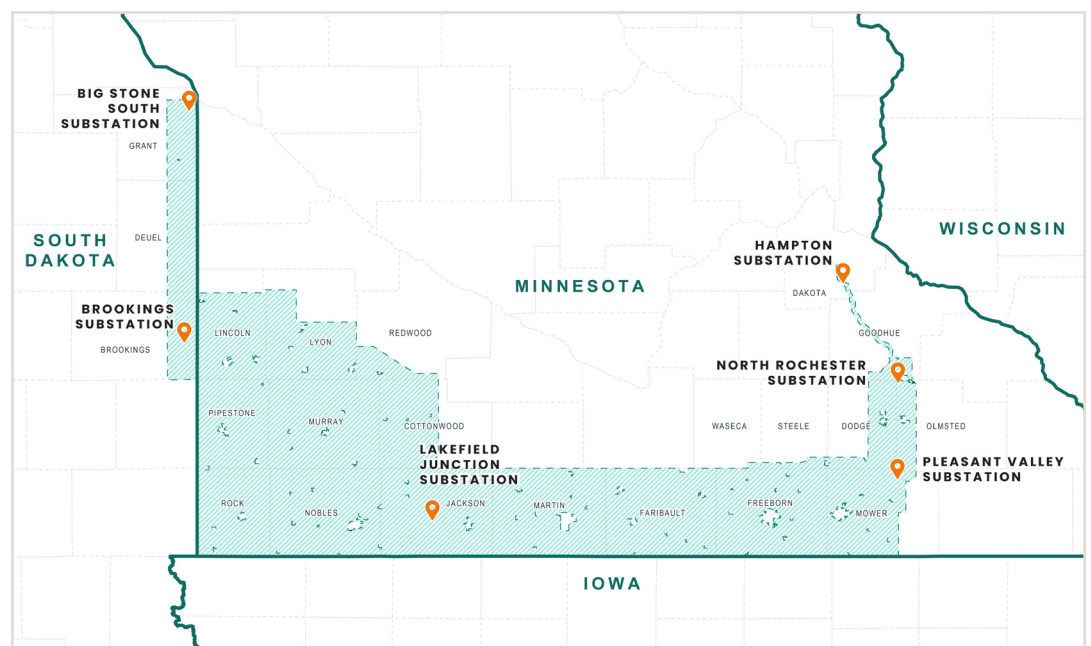
Project timeline



STEP 1

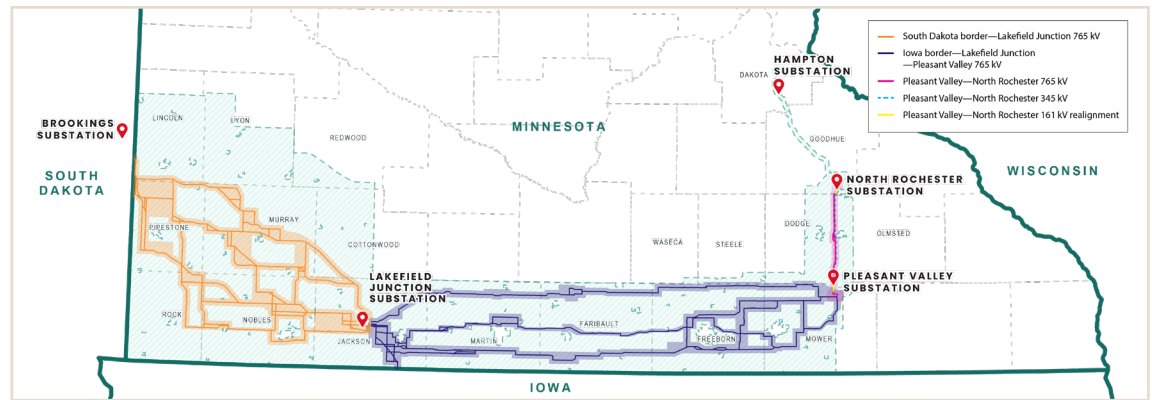
Define study area

The project team started by using data from publicly available sources and federal, state, and local agencies. We developed the project study area and held open houses in November 2025.



STEP 2

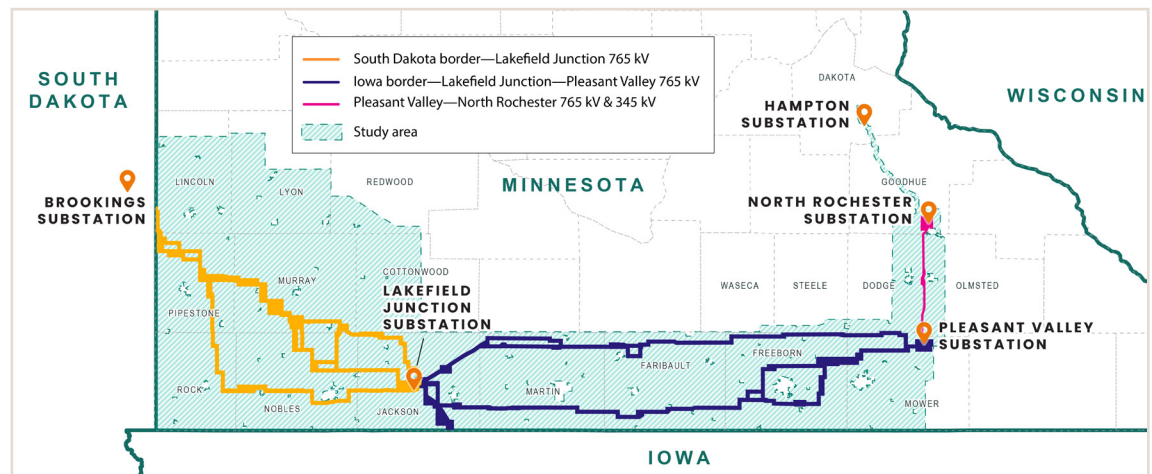
Identify route corridors and preliminary route options



The next step in the route development process is to identify a route corridor where a possible route could be located and preliminary route options are identified. PowerOn Midwest held the first round of routing open houses in June 2026. Over 1,300 people attended the open houses and we received more than a thousand comments.

STEP 3

Refine preliminary route



The route corridors and preliminary route options were further narrowed based on public input and additional analysis. Using additional public input, we'll develop a proposed route to submit in Route Permit applications submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

STEP 4

Identify proposed route to submit in the Route Permit application

Finally, the project team will use all of the information and public input we have gathered throughout the route development process to develop a proposed route that we will submit in our Route Permit application to the MPUC in early 2027.

STEP 5

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determines final route

The MPUC will review the proposed route, along with the other route alternatives brought forward by the public and other stakeholders during the regulatory process, to determine the final routes for the transmission lines.