

St. Thomas Line Project

Notice of Commencement and Community Open House #1

Class Environmental Assessment for a new transmission line to power the electric vehicle battery manufacturing facility and support future growth

January 2024

Hydro One is committed to energizing life for communities, people, and businesses across Ontario. As industry grows, so does the need for safe and reliable power. Last year, Volkswagen Group announced that PowerCo Canada Inc. will build its largest electric vehicle battery cell manufacturing plant in the City of St. Thomas. To meet the electricity demands for this facility and support future growth in the region, Hydro One is proposing to construct a new 230-kilovolt double-circuit transmission line that will extend from our existing transmission corridor north of Highway 401 in the City of London to the new Centennial Transformer Station in St. Thomas.

Environmental Assessment Process and Route Alternatives

The proposed project will follow the “Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities” (Class EA for MTF, 2022), established in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This planning process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed.

As part of this process, Hydro One has identified three route alternatives, along with variations, for the proposed new transmission line, as shown on the reverse map and in greater detail at HydroOne.com/StThomasLine. These route alternatives were identified by mapping out technical, socio-economic, and natural environment constraints and identifying potential opportunities to parallel linear infrastructure. As part of the Class EA, each route alternative will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line.



See reverse for map

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We'd like to hear from you

Early, meaningful and open engagement is a top priority for Hydro One. Receiving feedback from Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups will be instrumental to inform all aspects of the Class EA. We invite you to join our upcoming **Community Open House #1** to learn more about the project, ask our team questions and provide input.

February 21, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Parish Centre
20 Morrison Drive
St. Thomas

February 22, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Belmont Arena & Community Centre
14020 Belmont Road
Belmont

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If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact Community Relations at:



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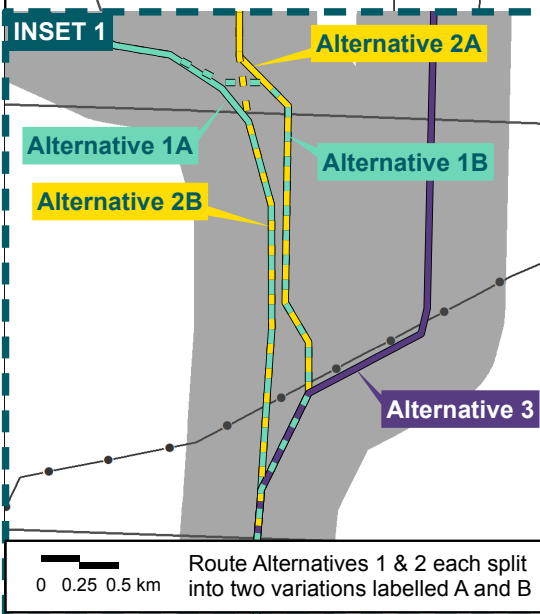
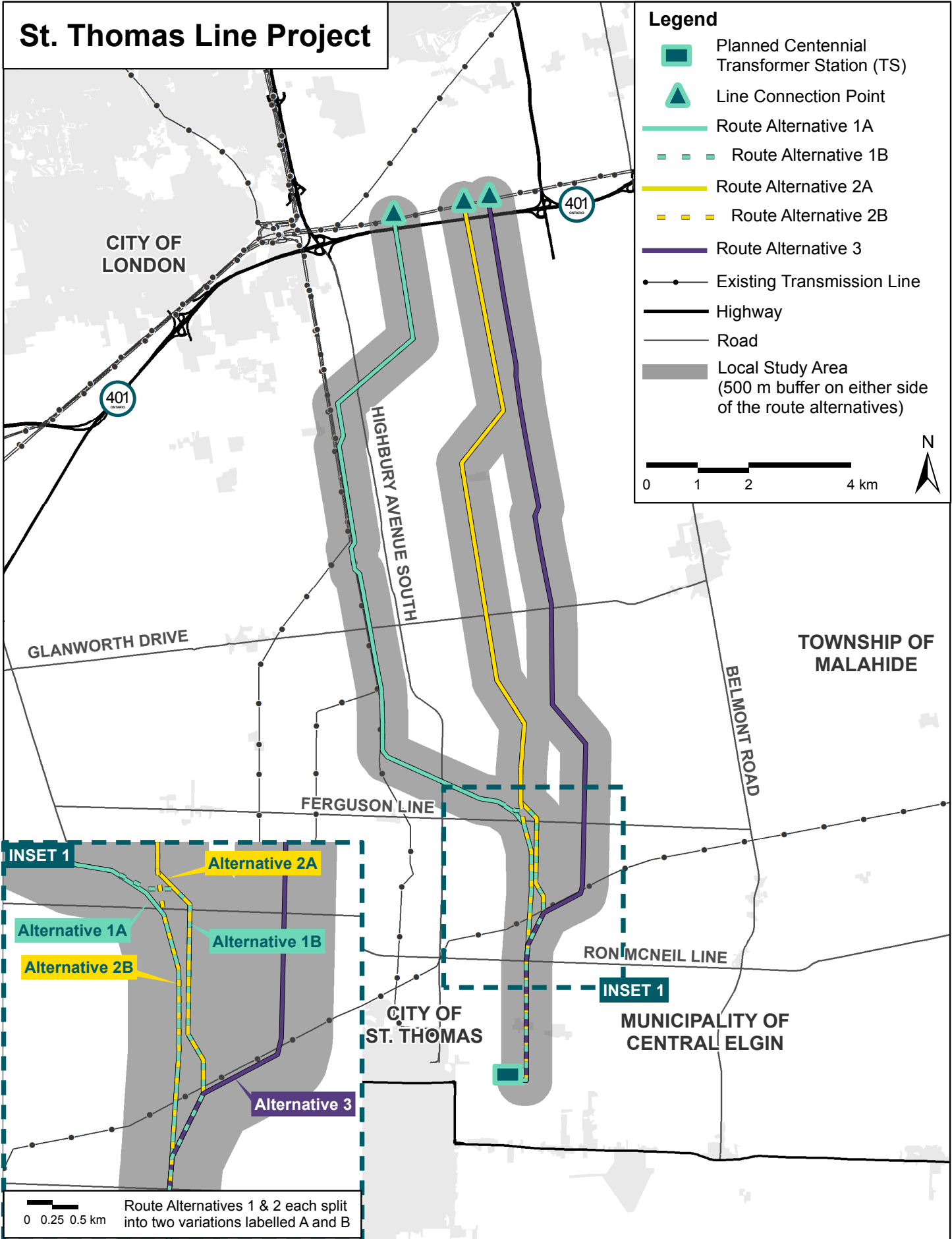
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Legend

-  Planned Centennial Transformer Station (TS)
-  Line Connection Point
-  Route Alternative 1A
-  Route Alternative 1B
-  Route Alternative 2A
-  Route Alternative 2B
-  Route Alternative 3
-  Existing Transmission Line
-  Highway
-  Road
-  Local Study Area (500 m buffer on either side of the route alternatives)



INSET 1
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN

CITY OF ST. THOMAS

TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE

CITY OF LONDON

HIGBURY AVENUE SOUTH

GLANWORTH DRIVE

FERGUSON LINE

BELMONT ROAD

RON MCNEIL LINE

INSET 1