Invitation to our Community Open House

Islington Transformer Station & Line Project Update

May 2023

As industry and businesses grow in the City of Toronto, so does the need for safe, clean and reliable power. In fall 2022, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to connect a new data facility, planned at 48 Lowe's Place in Etobicoke, to the electricity grid.

Since the Class EA was initiated, Hydro One has been reviewing environmental and technical data and collected feedback on the study area shared in 2022. Based on this analysis and information, we have now selected a preferred route, see map on reverse.

Proposed project components include:

- Building a new 230 kilovolt (kV) transformer station (TS) on the data facility's property
- Installing two new junction stations (JCT), which will help transmit power from an overhead transmission line to an underground cable within the existing Hydro One transmission line corridor, west of Islington Avenue and Rexdale Boulevard
- Installing two new underground 230 kV transmission lines between the new JCTs and TS

We Want to Hear From You

Early, meaningful, and open engagement is a top priority for Hydro One. Feedback from residents, interest groups, elected officials, and Indigenous communities will be used to inform all aspects of the Class EA and the Project.

We invite you to join our in-person Community Open House to learn more about the preferred route, ask our team questions and share your feedback. You can also visit our website for project updates and contact information.

Planning Process

Minimizing the environmental effects of our projects and operations is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (2022)" (Class EA for MTF), 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 (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA).

Within the Class EA for MTF there are two levels of assessment associated with the type of project and potential environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process (streamlined), and ii) Full Class EA Process. Based on the examples provided in the Class EA document, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process subject to consultation activities and satisfying the applicable screening criteria. Indigenous communities will be consulted and engaged to determine interests and potential project impacts. For more information, please visit www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects.

Once the Class EA process is complete, construction could begin as early as 2024 and be completed and in-service by the end of 2025.

Community Open House

Pine Point Banquet Hall
15A Grierson Road,
Etobicoke, ON M9W 3R2

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We're here to help

For more information, to sign up for the project contact list, or to ask questions, please contact Hydro One Community Relations:

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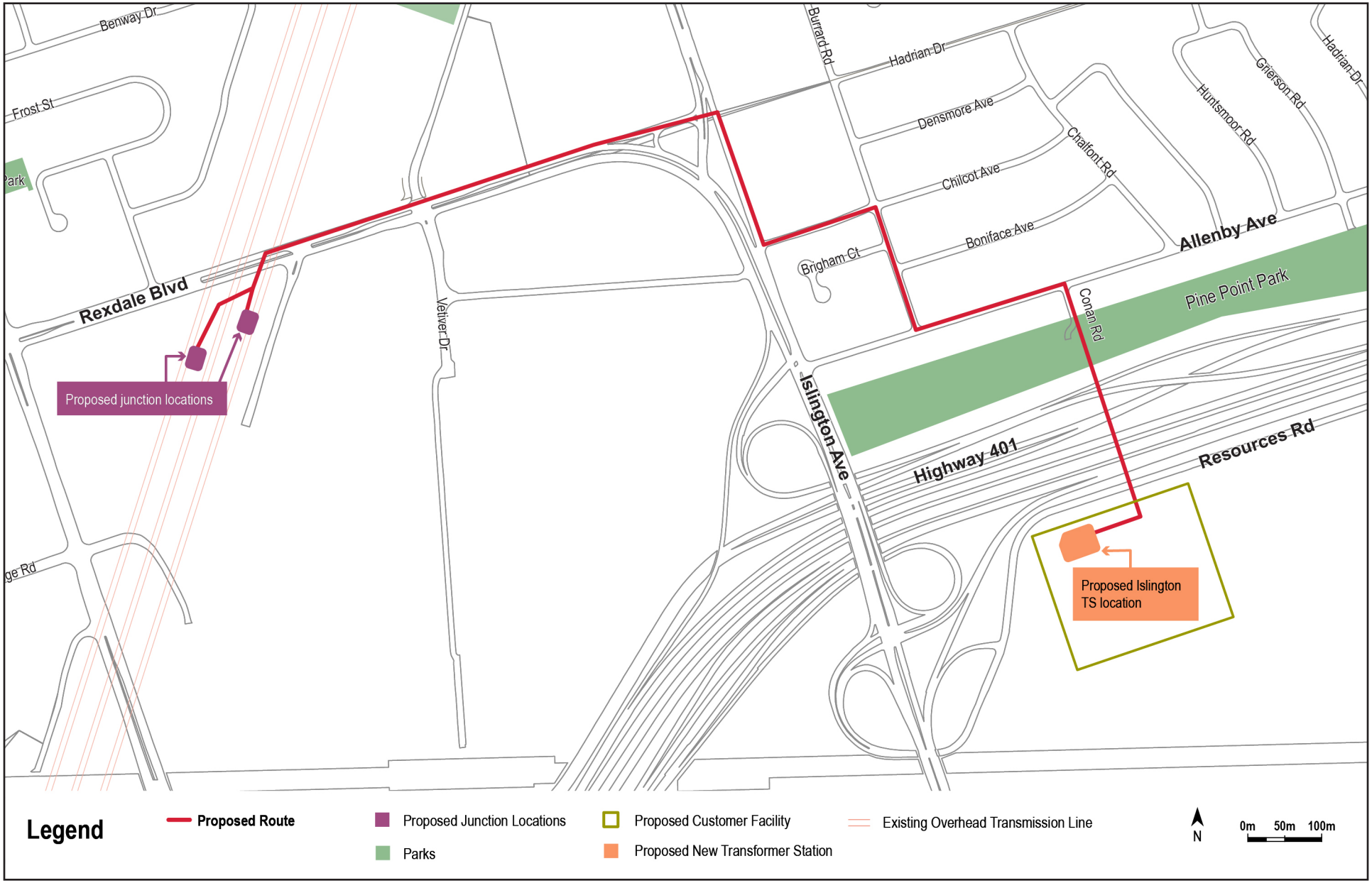
Islington Transformer Station & Line Project Map



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