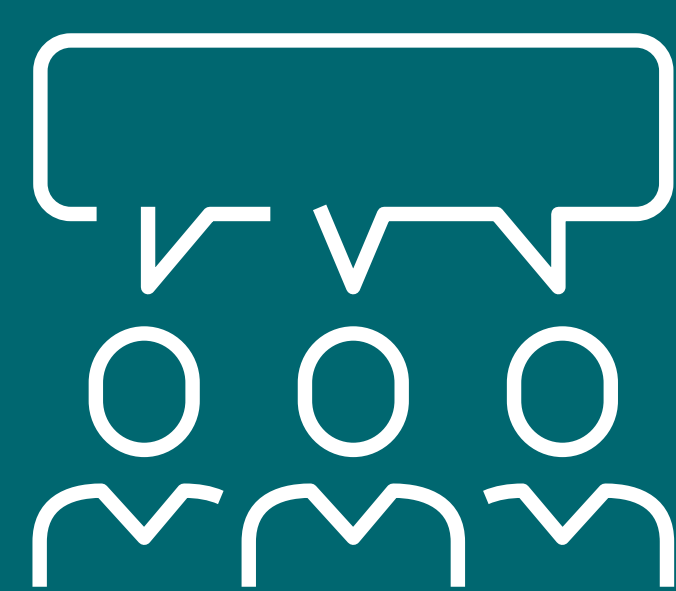
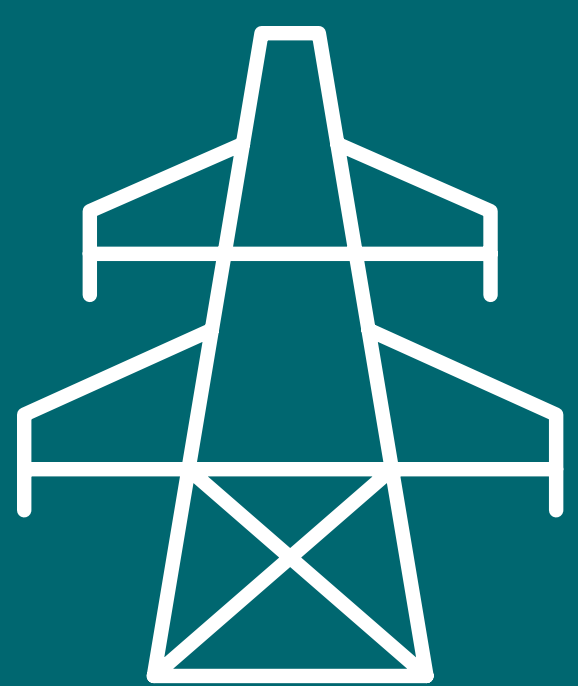


Community Drop-in

Building the St. Thomas Line

We're here to:

- Share our construction activities
- Gather feedback and answer your questions
- Listen and continue our ongoing conversation with local community members

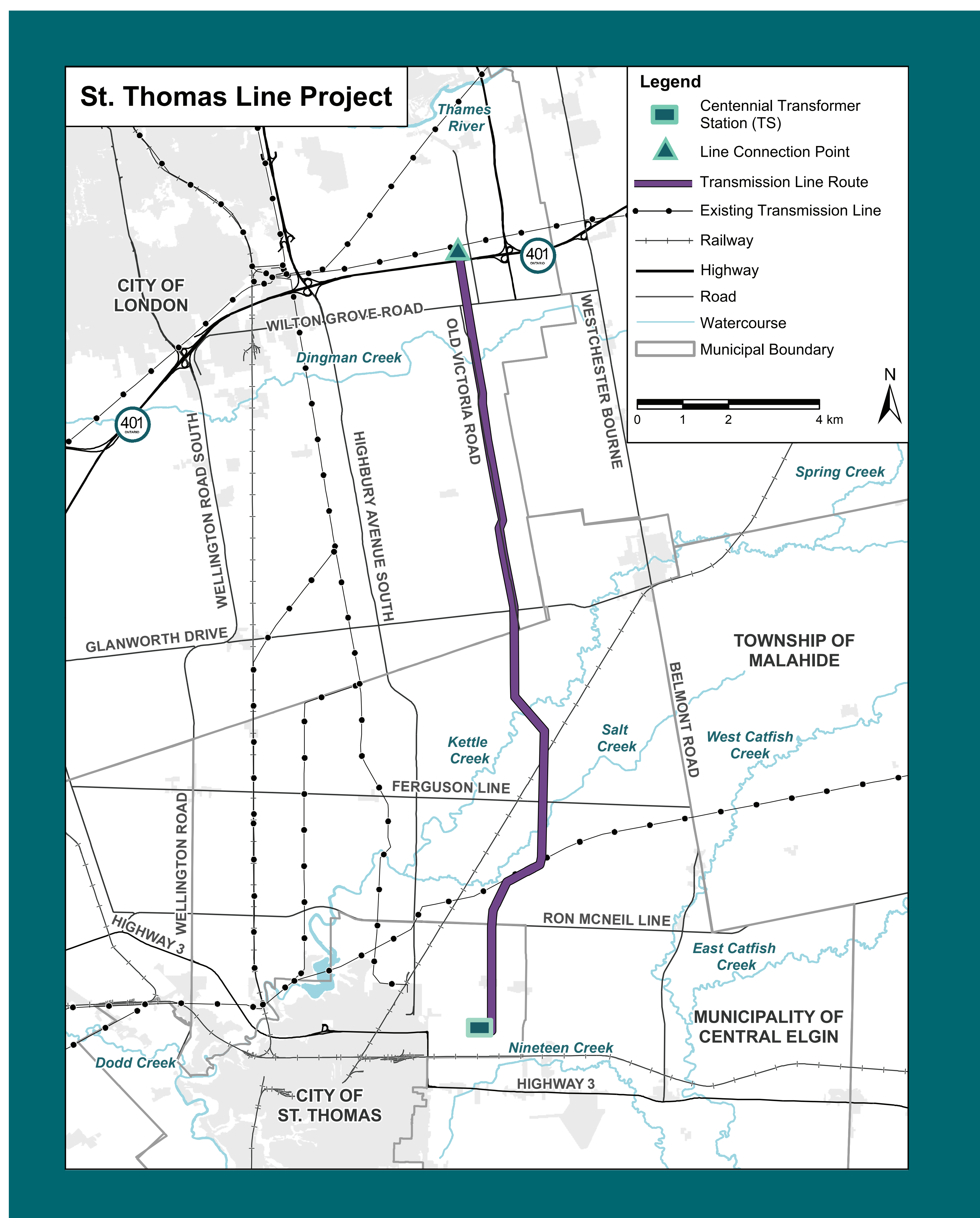


Project overview

- As southwest Ontario attracts more investments, Hydro One delivers the power that drives economic growth and ensures reliable electricity for your community.
- The St. Thomas Line Project will connect the PowerCo Canada Inc. (owned by Volkswagen Group) electric vehicle battery cell manufacturing facility in St. Thomas to Ontario's electricity grid.
- To energize the future facility, Hydro One will construct a 230-kilovolt double-circuit transmission line that will extend approximately 20 kilometres from the existing transmission line north of Highway 401 in London to Centennial Transformer Station in St. Thomas.



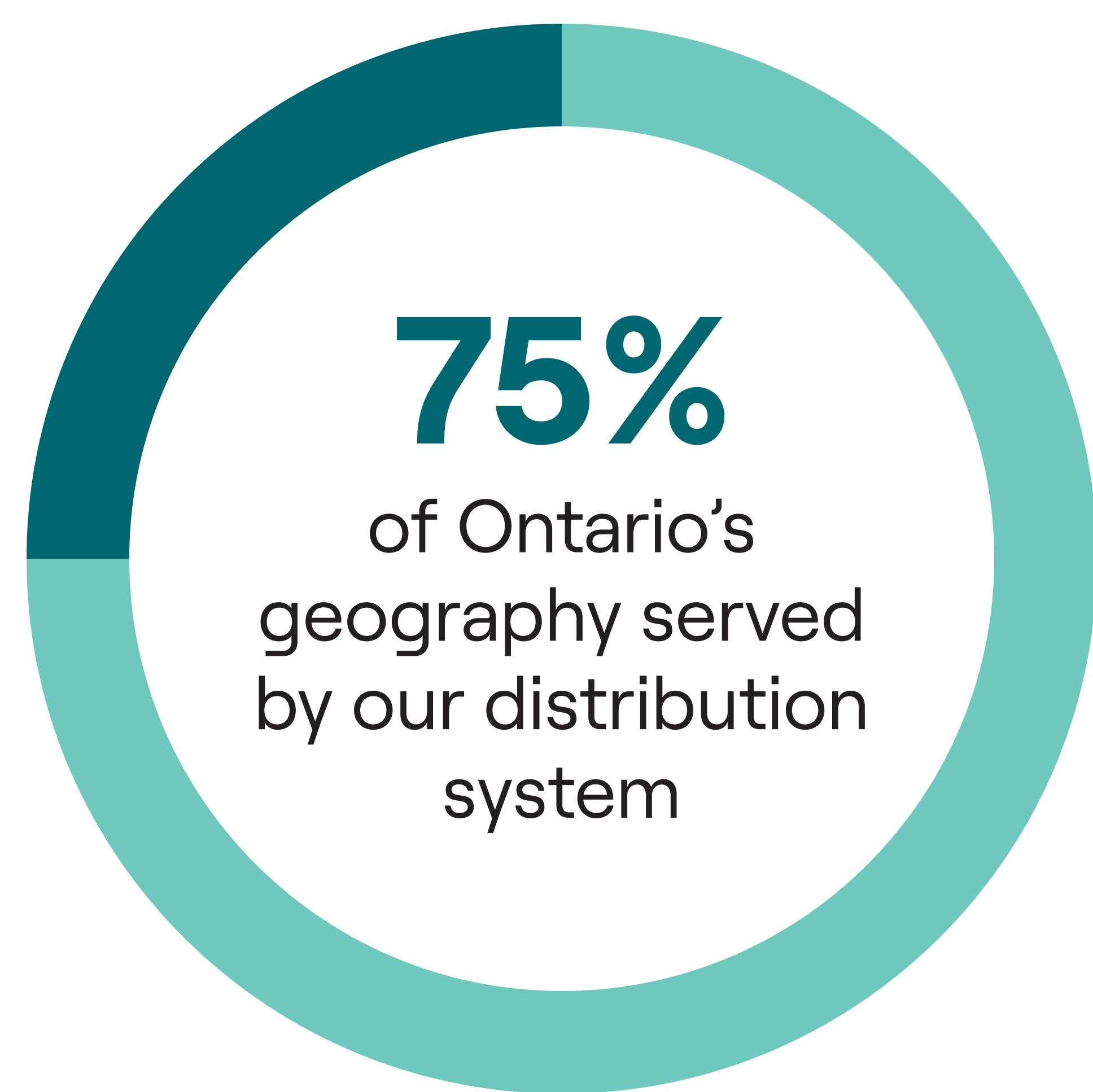
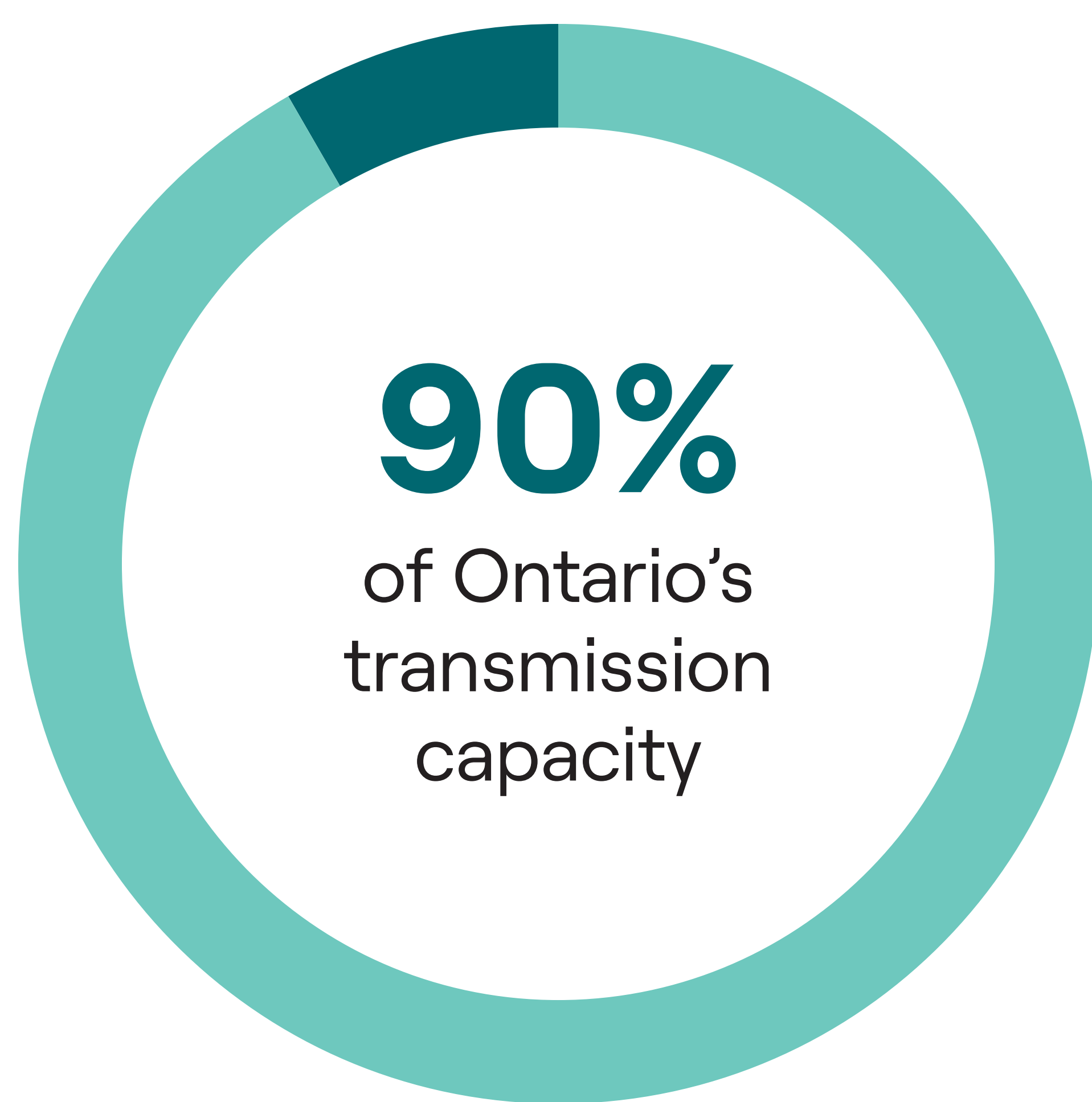
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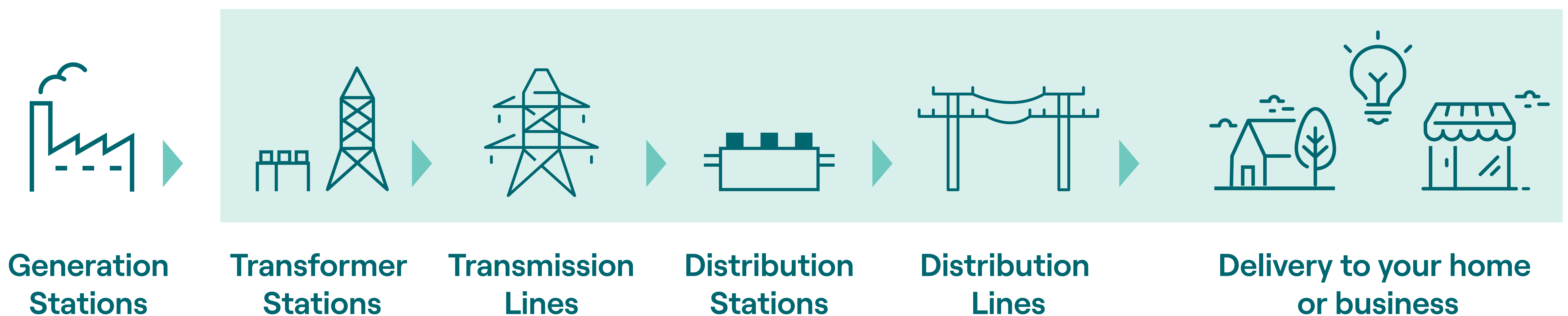
Who we are

Hydro One is a transmission and distribution company delivering safe and reliable electricity to approximately 1.5 million customers across Ontario.

Our team of approximately 9,500 skilled and dedicated employees proudly build and maintain a safe and reliable electricity system which is essential to energizing life in communities across the province.



Hydro One's role in the Ontario electric system



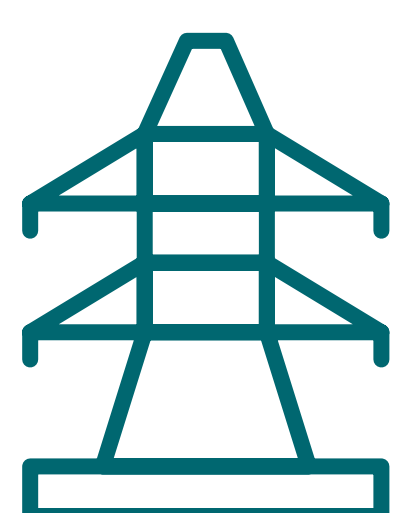
A large yellow excavator with "STERLING RIDGE" branding is working on a construction site. The site is a large, flat, brownish area with some mounds of earth and a trench. In the background, there are several wind turbines and power line towers under a clear blue sky.

Construction activities and milestones*



Spring/summer 2026

- Create access roads
- Complete foundations for structures
- Build lattice towers (crisscrossed steel type)



Fall 2026 – spring 2027

- Build steel pole structures and install overhead power line cables
- Remove or trim trees and vegetation



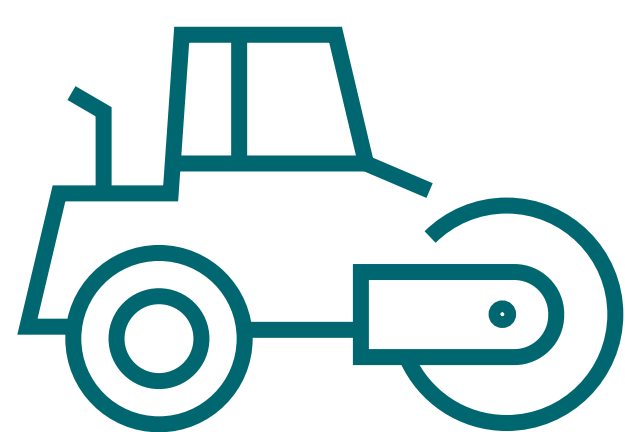
Summer/fall 2027

- Connect and energize the line
- Restore construction areas

We will work directly with property owners throughout the project.

* Timelines are subject to change.

Spring/summer 2026



Creating access roads and construction areas

- Building the new line includes creating temporary access roads, approximately 6 metres (m) in width, along the route.
- Access roads will be constructed using excavators and bulldozers. Wooden mats and/or gravel will be placed at each tower location and as needed along the corridor to support heavy equipment.

Anticipated timeline: May 2026

Once construction sites are prepared, crews will:



Install foundations to support the new transmission structures

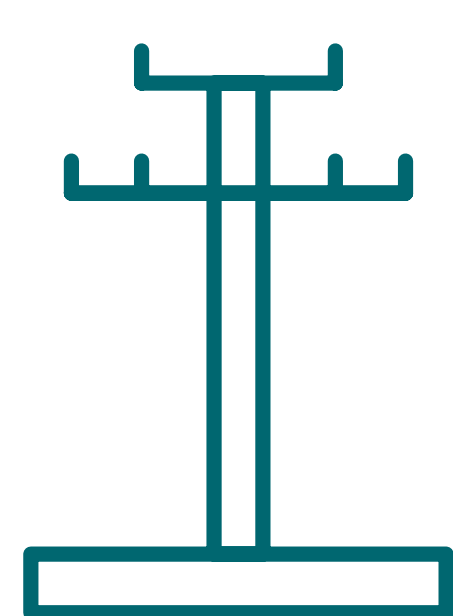
- Foundations will consist of drilled piles that are filled with rebar and concrete* as well as traditional concrete footings in some locations.
- Structure foundations are typically between 6 m and 16 m below ground.
- Crews will also begin building lattice towers in some locations.

Anticipated timeline: June 2026

*Olivier Displacement Piles



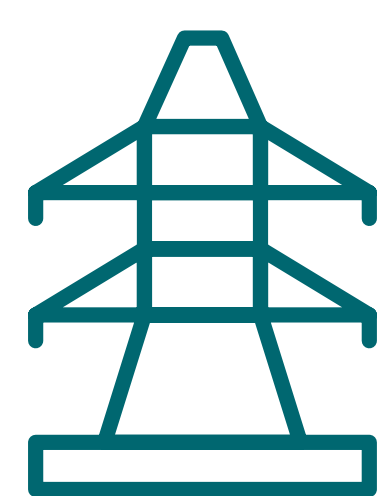
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Install new transmission structures (steel poles)

- We will take a phased approach beginning at the south end in St. Thomas and moving north toward London.
- Crews will use cranes, aerial lifts and climbing techniques to build 65 structures along the route.

Anticipated timeline: October – December 2026



Install new power line and associated equipment

- Approximately 20 kilometre of power line will be strung. Each span of line is approximately 265 metres (m) to 350 m in length.
- Crews will use specialized pulling equipment and cable splicing techniques to connect the lines along the route.
- Cranes will be used to install insulators and associated equipment along the line.

Anticipated timeline: fall 2026 – spring 2027



Tree and brush removal and maintenance

- Trees and vegetation that may pose a risk to the transmission line will need to be trimmed or removed.

Anticipated timeline: fall 2026 – ongoing to winter 2027

A composite background image. The left side shows a worker in a red safety suit with a yellow 'X' on the back, standing on a metal platform at a power substation with large insulators and towers. The right side shows a close-up of a worker in a hard hat and safety glasses, smiling, with a bright yellow light source in the background.

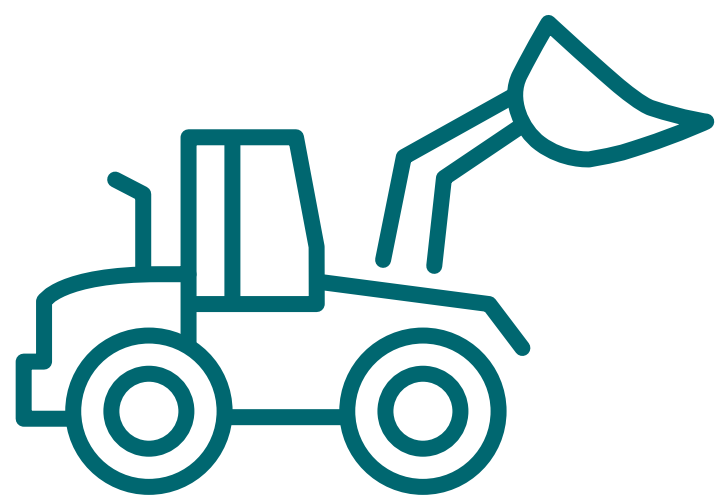
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Energizing the line

- Once crews finish construction, Hydro One will safely switch on the electricity and place the line into service.

Anticipated timeline: fall 2027



Restoring construction areas

- Construction sites will be graded and returned to a pre-construction state.
- Temporary access roads will be removed, and routes will be returned to their natural state.

Anticipated timeline: fall 2027



We're here to help. If you have questions about upcoming work on your property, please ask a member of the project team.

Working with you during construction

We understand our work comes with an increased presence in your community throughout the project. Hydro One will make best efforts to minimize disruptions by:

Property

Reviewing existing property maps and plans, completing locates, and if required, relocating drainage tiles before excavation.

Using wooden mats and gravel access roads constructed with a geotextile base layer to mitigate soil compaction.

Soil

A soil management plan will be used to protect the land during construction and ensure soil is handled, reused and disposed of safely. This includes addressing compaction, rutting, admixing, sediment and erosion control, storage, slurry, re-use and the safe disposal of soil.

Vibration

Implementing best practices to minimize vibration from heavy machinery. This includes making sure that equipment and machinery used on site will be maintained in good working condition.

Dust

Implementing best dust management practices to control and minimize dust.

This can include spraying water in areas with fine-grain materials, cleaning roads as needed and using mud mats.

Noise

Construction will typically occur between 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

If exceptions are required, crews will acquire the appropriate permits and approvals.

Traffic

Where temporary lane restrictions are required, crews will coordinate the timing of construction with municipalities and other projects that may be scheduled in the area. Crews will also have staff on-site to direct traffic as needed.

All necessary permits will be obtained in advance.

Thank you for coming

At Hydro One, safety is our top priority. We will work with property owners in advance of any construction taking place.

Hydro One will also have a dedicated site inspector on-site throughout construction.

If you have any property specific questions, please contact your real estate representative.

We're here to help. If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact:



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