

Freeport Switching Station to Speedsville Junction Line Upgrade Project

Notice of Commencement for Class Environmental Assessment

October 2026

Hydro One is committed to energizing life for people and businesses across Ontario by building safer and more resilient communities. As part of these efforts, Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Freeport Switching Station to Speedsville Junction Line Upgrade Project (the project) located in the City of Kitchener and the City of Cambridge, as shown in the attached map.

The proposed project involves upgrading an approximately 8.5 kilometres section of the existing F11C/F12C double-circuit transmission line between Freeport Switching Station and Speedsville Junction to increase the capacity and reliability of existing transmission infrastructure within Hydro One's established transmission corridor.

Project work will include replacing existing structures and upgrading conductors along the transmission line, primarily within the existing Hydro One right-of-way. The line will continue to operate at 115 kV.

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 Transmission Facilities (February 2024)" (Class EA for TF), established in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This planning process applies to transmission projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed ([HydroOne.com/ClassEA](https://hydroone.com/ClassEA)).

Within the Class EA for TF there are two levels of assessment associated with the type of project and potential environmental effects: i) Screening Process (streamlined), and ii) Full Class EA Process. Based on the type of project and examples provided in the Class EA document, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process subject to satisfying applicable screening criteria and associated consultation activities.

Indigenous communities will be notified of the Project and provided opportunities to participate and share feedback. For more information, please visit HydroOne.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction could begin as early as summer of 2027.



We'd like to hear from you

Your input is important to us. Listening to, and learning from Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups is part of the process. We're here to help. If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us at:

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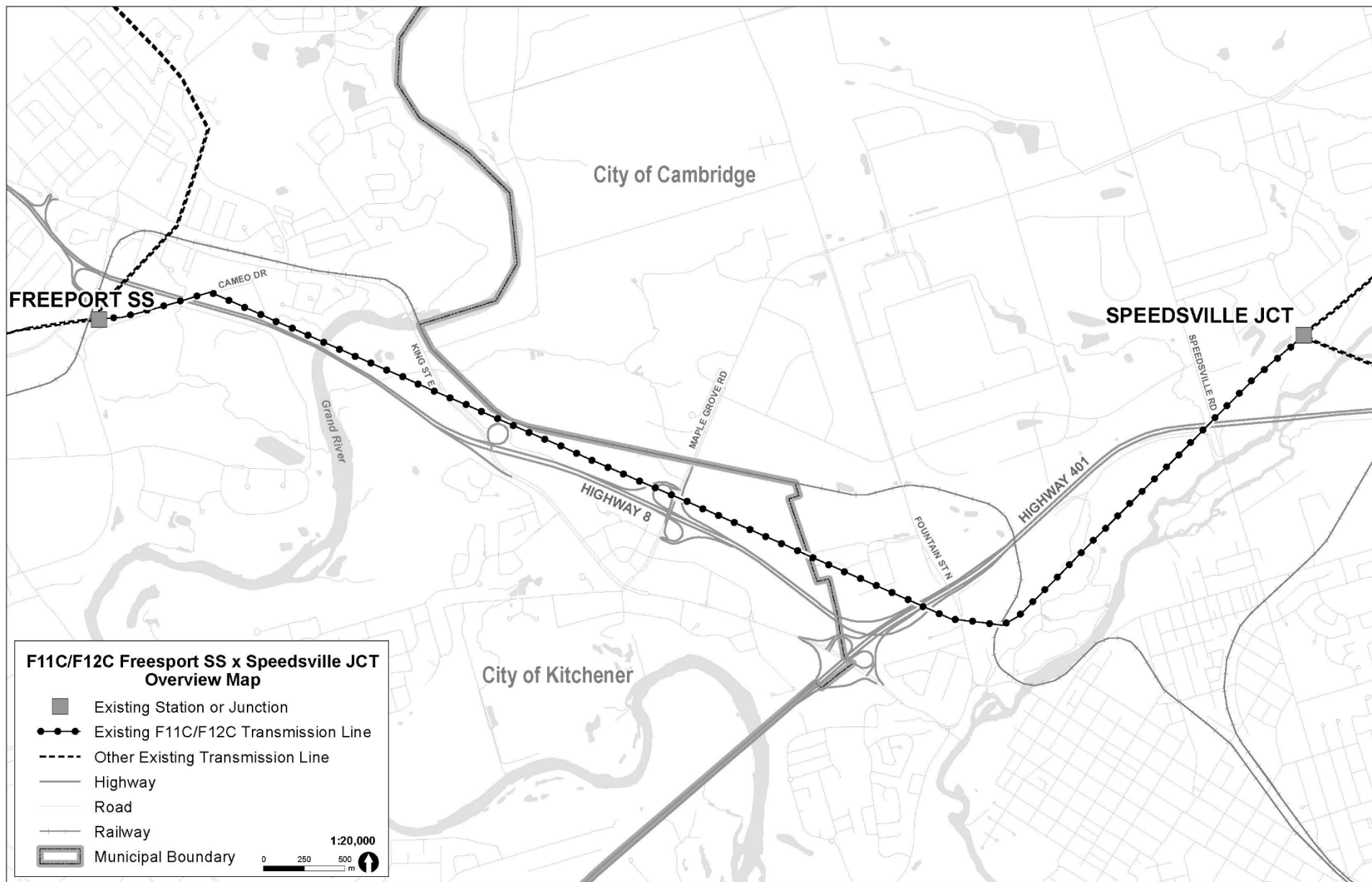


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