Welcome

St. Clair Transmission Line Project
Community Open House #2

November 2022

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Purpose of today's community open house

- Provide an update on the St. Clair Transmission Line Project

- Discuss the environmental assessment process and project timeline

- Share information about the route alternatives

- Gather your input and answer questions

Key organizations

Building infrastructure to meet the energy needs of today and tomorrow involves a number of partners, including:

Build, own, operate and maintain electricity transmission and distribution facilities across Ontario.

Oversee planning to ensure electricity needs are met both now and in the future.

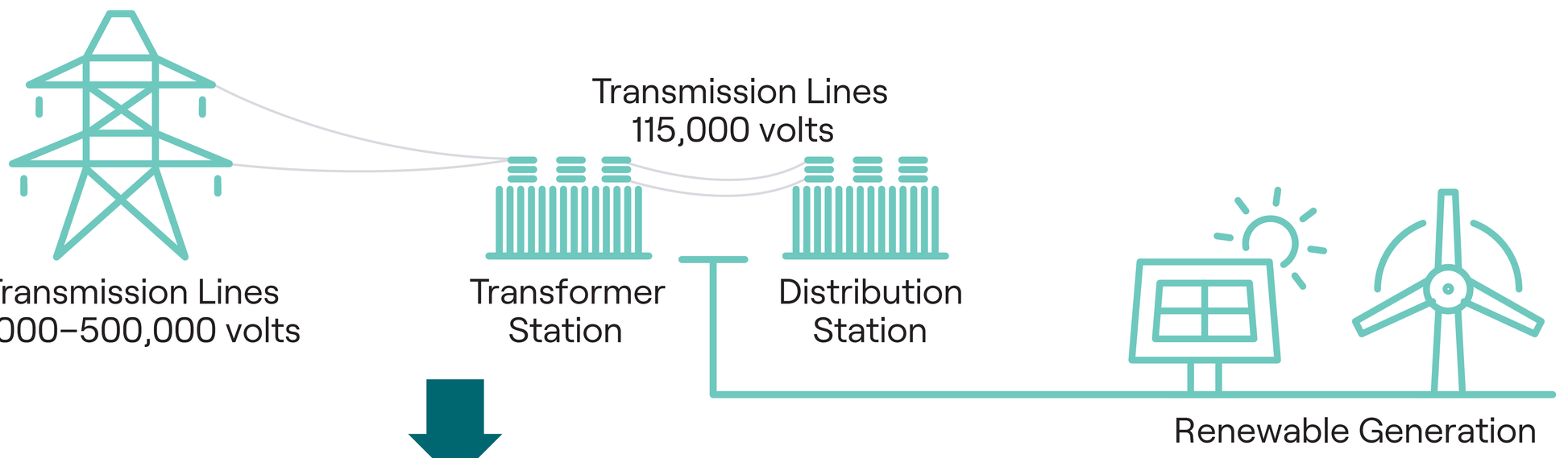
Legislative Authority for environmental assessments in Ontario.

Regulate the electricity market in Ontario, including electricity rates.

How the electricity system works in Ontario

Ontario Power Generation and Private Generation Companies

Hydro One or Licensed Transmitter



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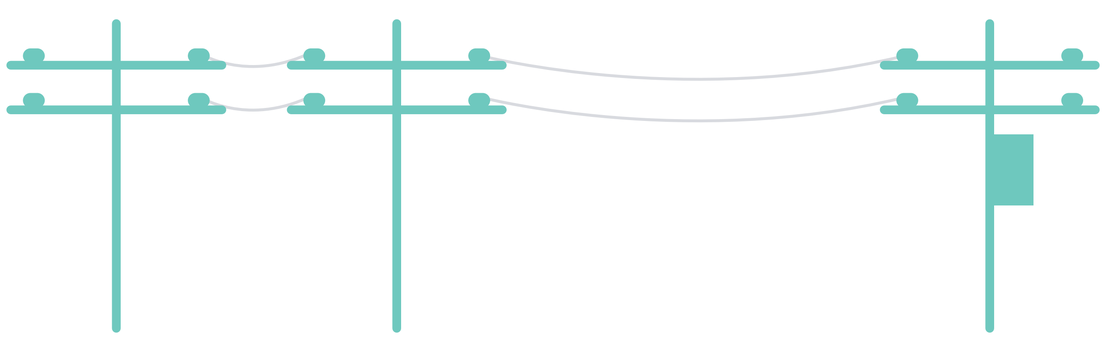

What is the St. Clair line?

- The St. Clair Transmission Line is a proposed new 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Lambton Transformer Station in St. Clair Township and the Chatham Switching Station in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

- The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has asked Hydro One to place this line in service by 2028 to support regional growth.

- The line is located in the ancestral land of the Chippewa, Odawa and Potawatomi peoples.

- We are currently completing a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities (2022) for the project, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Regional benefits

- Build a safe and reliable grid
- Support economic growth in the Windsor-Essex and Chatham area in sectors like agriculture and electric vehicle technology
- Bring an additional 400 megawatts of capacity to the region – enough to power a city the size of Waterloo!
- Build community partnerships

Refined alternative routes project map

Hydro One Networks Inc.
St. Clair Transmission Line Project

Legend

- Station
- Route 1
- Route 2*
- Route 3*
- Route 4*
- Route 5
- Existing Transmission Lines

For these route options only, a dashed portion indicates where the proposed 230 kV line will replace an existing 115 kV line

TS = Transformer Station
SS = Switching Station

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0 4 8 km

USA
Courtright
Lambton TS
Highway 40 Refinement
St. Clair River
KIMBALL ROAD
TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR
North Sydenham River
BENTPATH LINE
Port Lambton
Otter Creek Refinement
MCCREARY LINE
Wallaceburg
Wallaceburg TS
Walpole Island First Nation
Lake St. Clair
BEAR LINE ROAD
COUNTRYVIEW LINE
Eberts Line Refinement
PAIN COURT LINE
Chatham
Chatham SS
TOWNSHIP OF DAWN-EUPHEMIA
OAKDALE ROAD
LAMBTON LINE
Sydenham River
Dresden
BASE LINE
MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
Thames River
KENT BRIDGE ROAD
Louisville
40
401

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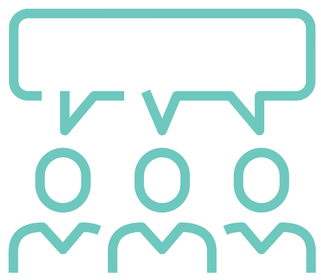
What is a Class Environmental Assessment?

Steps of a Class EA

- Engage with Indigenous communities, the public, municipalities, interest groups and government agencies
- Collect environmental information
- Identify potential environmental effects and mitigation measures
- Identify and evaluate route alternatives
- Select of a preferred route
- Prepare a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) that will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period
- Submit the Final ESR



What we've heard so far

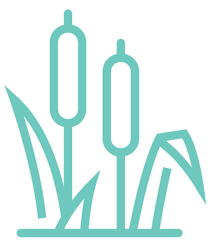
- Consider effects to farming practices, including existing and planned agricultural features
- Preference to utilize existing transmission corridors where possible
- Consider ecological restoration areas
- Continue engaging with potentially affected property owners on compatible land uses and Hydro One's land rights acquisition program where applicable

Work we've done to date

Since February 2022, the project team has been:

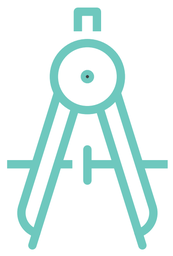
Engaging with Indigenous leadership and communities, elected officials, members of the public, government agencies and municipal staff, businesses and interest groups

Considering information gathered from municipal plans and other reports



Conducting natural environment field surveys

Completing archeological assessments and reviewing cultural heritage features



Identifying technical constraints related to preliminary engineering design

Why route refinements are required

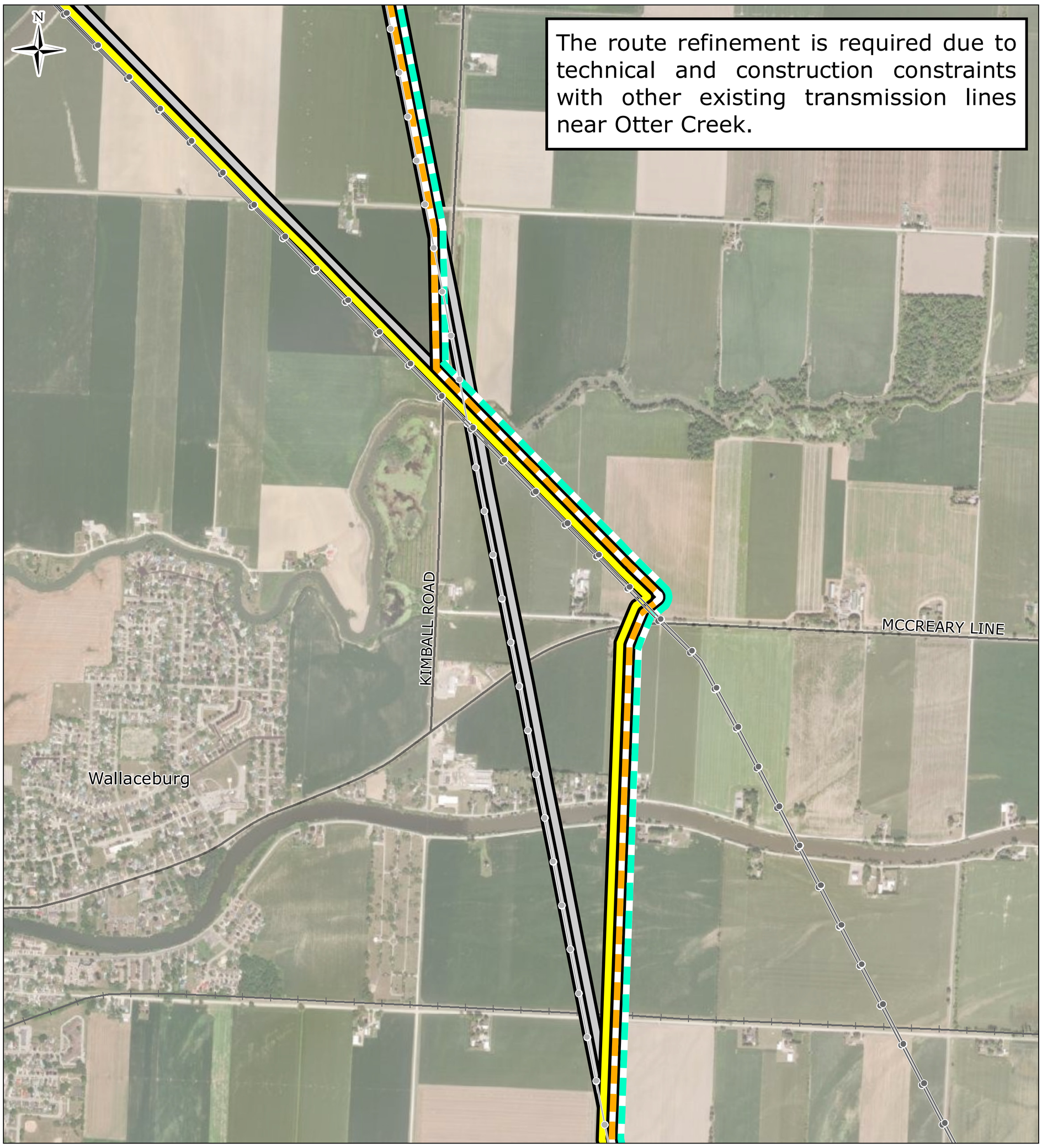
- After starting the preliminary engineering design and receiving feedback from key technical stakeholders, we've learned there are technical constraints that require us to refine the routes

- Lambton Transformer Station and Chatham Switching Station will need to be expanded to complete the connection of the new line

- Wallaceburg Transformer Station may need to be upgraded if route 2, 3 or 4 is selected as the preferred route

Details shown on the following maps

Otter Creek Crossing – refinements to alternative routes 2, 3 and 4



Legend:

- Route 2 Refined Alignment
- Route 3 Refined Alignment
- Route 4 Refined Alignment
- Previous Alignments
- Existing 230 kv Transmission Line
- Existing 115 kv Transmission Line
- Road
- Railway

0 0.2 0.4 0.8 km

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Otter Creek - Changes to Alternatives 2, 3 and 4

NOTES

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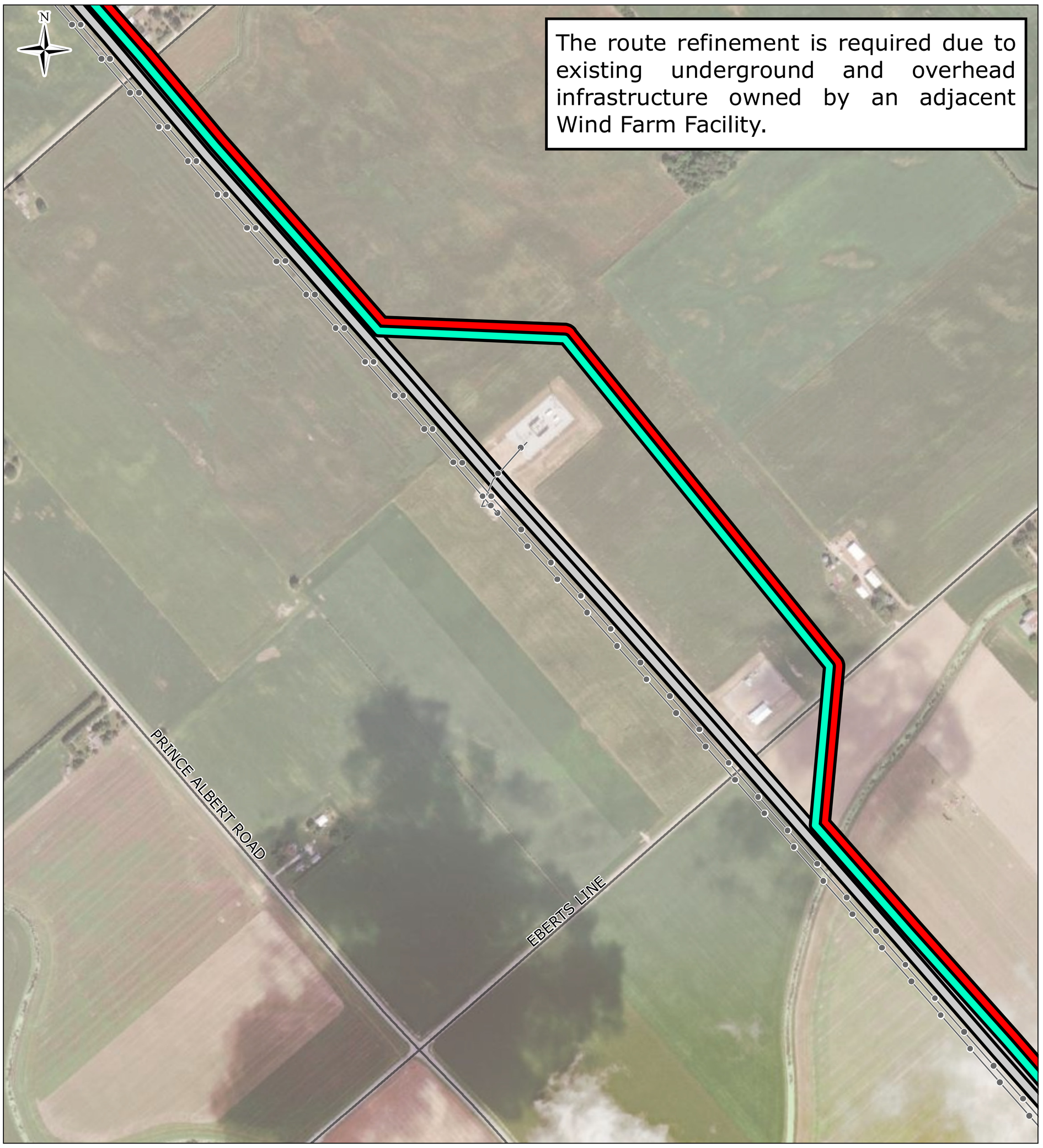
Wind Farm Facility, Eberts Line – refinements to alternative routes 1 and 4



Legend:

- Route 1 Refined Alignment
- Route 4 Refined Alignment
- Previous Alignments
- Existing 230 kv Transmission Line
- Road

0 0.1 0.2 0.4 km

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Wind Farm Facilities, Eberts Line - Changes to Alternatives 1 and 4

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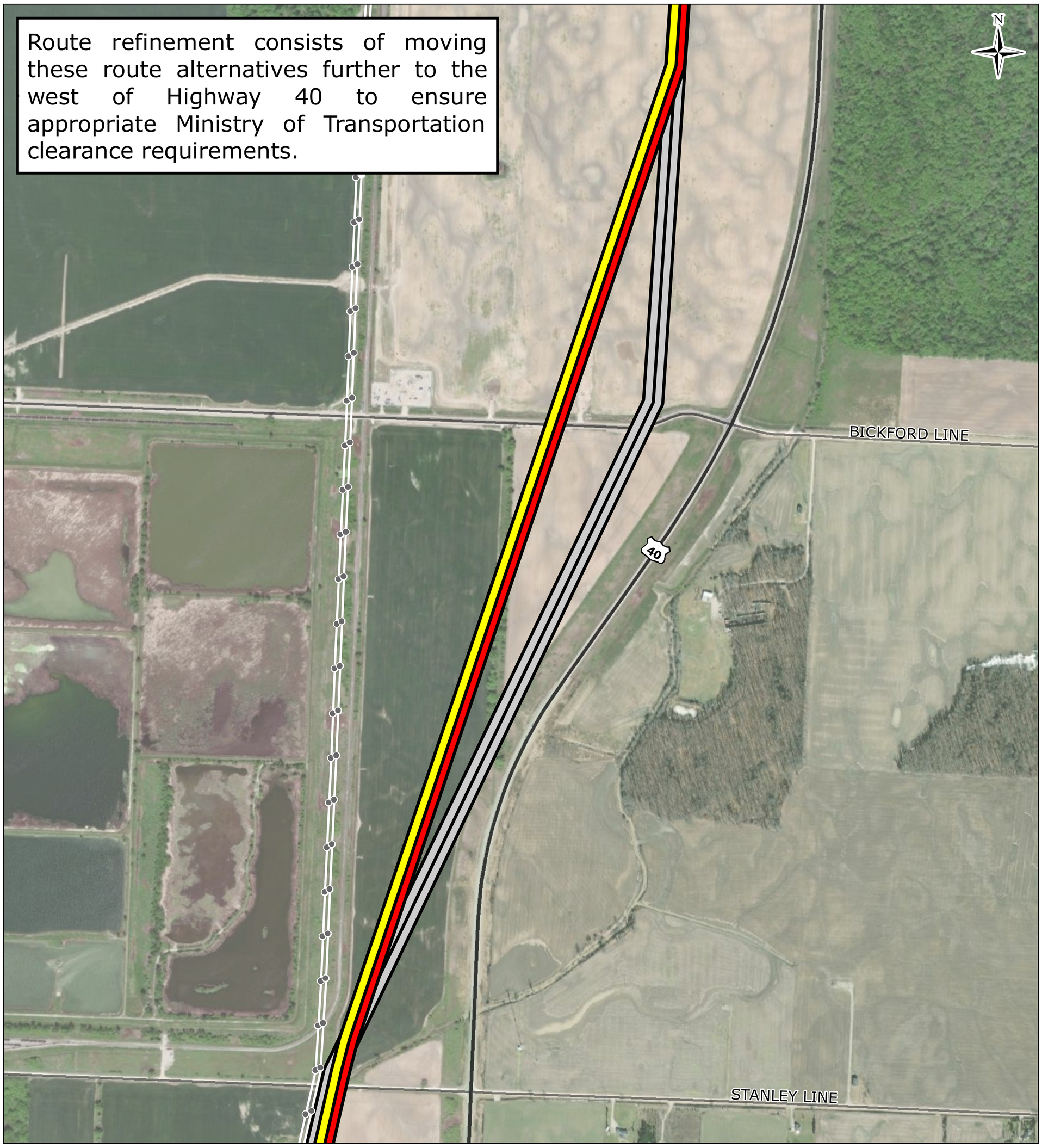
Highway 40 between Bickford and Stanley Line – refinements to alternative routes 1 and 3



Legend:

- Route 1 Refined Alignment
- Route 3 Refined Alignment
- Previous Alignments
- Existing 230 kv Transmission Line
- Highway
- Road

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 km

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Highway 40 between Bickford and Stanley Line - Changes to Alternatives 1 and 3

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Wallaceburg Station Upgrade – refinements to alternative routes 2, 3 or 4

Expansion to Wallaceburg Transformer Station is required within Hydro One lands to accommodate additional electrical equipment that will connect to the new 230kV transmission lines.

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BASE LINE

WALLACEBURG TS

FRASER ROAD

Legend:

- Station
- Route 2 Refined Alignment
- Route 3 Refined Alignment
- Route 4 Refined Alignment
- Previous Alignments
- Existing 115 kv Transmission Line
- Wallaceburg TS Expansion Area
- Road

0 0.0375 0.075 0.15 km

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Wallaceburg Upgrade - Changes to Alternatives 2, 3 or 4

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Chatham Switching Station Expansion and Line Connection – refinements to alternative routes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Legend:

- Station
- All SCTL Route Alternatives
- Existing 230 kv Transmission Line
- Chatham SS Fenceline Expansion Area
- Road

0 0.0375 0.075 0.15 km

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Chatham Switching Station Expansion and Line Connection - Changes to Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

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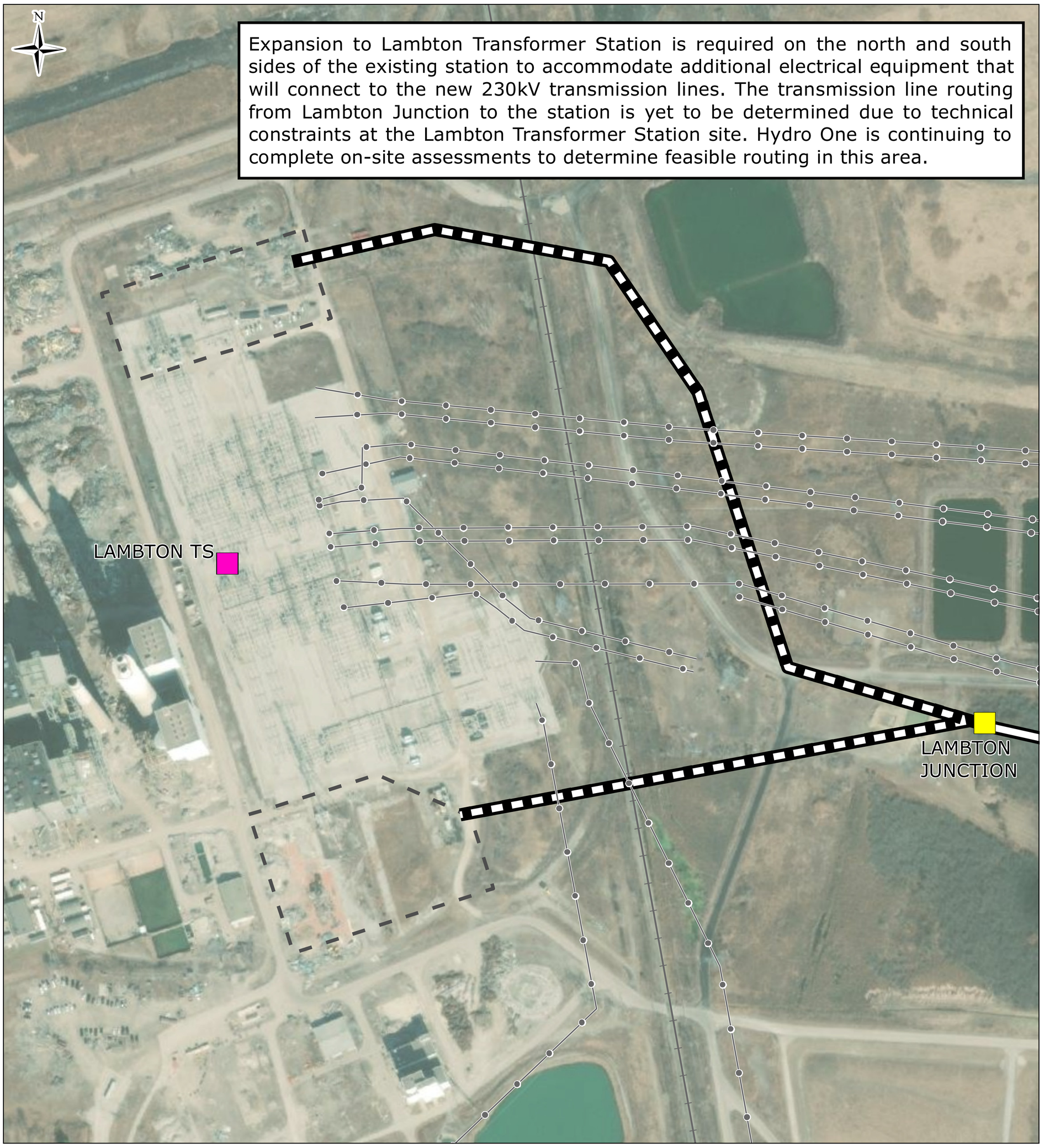
Lambton Transformer Station Expansion and Line Connection – refinements to alternative routes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



Legend:

- Station
- Junction
- All SCTL Route Alternatives
- Conceptual Route Alternatives
- Existing 230 kv Transmission Line
- Lambton TS Fenceline Expansion Area
- Railway

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 km

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Lambton Transmission Station Expansion and Line Connection - changes to Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

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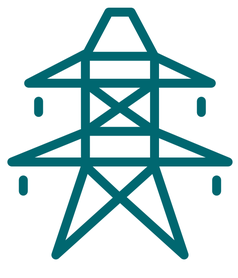
Selecting a preferred route

An evaluation process will be used to compare the alternative routes, including these four categories:

Natural Environment

Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use

Socio-Economic Environment



Technical and Cost

An evaluation framework will be created based on collected feedback and information.

We anticipate a preferred route will be selected in Spring 2023.

Working with property owners

Once a preferred route is selected in Spring 2023, Hydro One Real Estate will work with directly impacted property owners to discuss next steps.

Land acquisition principles tailored to the project will be applied in a fair, open, consistent and transparent manner to guide these discussions.

Please speak with an on-site Real Estate Representative to learn more.

Project Timeline

February 2022
Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA)

February/March 2022
Community Open Houses #1

Fall 2022
Community Open Houses #2

Spring 2023
Announcement of preferred route selection and Community Open Houses #3

Fall 2023
Release Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for review and comment. Respond to comments received and finalize ESR to complete Class EA

2025-2026
Detailed design and other permits and approvals

Spring 2027
Proposed construction start

2028
Proposed line in-service

In order to meet the energy needs of the region as quickly as possible, we are looking for opportunities to bring the new line into service at an earlier date, if possible.

Thank You for joining us

Please provide your feedback and join our project contact list by contacting Hydro One Community Relations:

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