

# NORTHEAST METRO REBUILD INFORMATION SHEET TRANSMISSION PROJECT STRENGTHENS RELIABILITY FROM TAYLORS FALLS TO ARDEN HILLS

REBUILD UPDATES CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORTS GROWTH IN THE REGION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Running through the counties of Chisago, Washington, Anoka and Ramsey, the Northeast Metro Rebuild project is designed to strengthen Xcel Energy's transmission infrastructure and continue to meet electrical demand in the region. The existing 69kV line has reached the end of its expected operational life and requires new poles and wiring in order to maintain reliability and safety requirements.

The rebuild will leverage the current line route right of way and construction will take place in the existing easements. As part of the project, Xcel Energy will work with landowners in Chisago and Washington Counties to convert Xcel Energy land ownership into easements. The project will be divided into three segments—Taylors Falls to Scandia, Scandia to Hugo, and Hugo to Arden Hills. Construction is anticipated to start in Fall 2025 beginning with the Taylors Falls to Scandia segment.

## Project benefits:

The current 65 kV line was built in the 1950s and can no longer support the long-term community needs. Xcel Energy is proposing the rebuilding of the Northeast Metro (Line 736) from Taylors Falls to Shoreview to ensure continued electric reliability and support population growth in Northeast Twin Cities Metro region and into Chisago County. The line voltage will remain the same but will be upgraded to meet current safety and electrical standards.

## Proposed Route:

As the transmission line moves southwest from its starting point in Chisago County, the route progresses into more densely populated areas. The proposed rebuild project will leverage the existing line route and easements. Additionally, substations along the route will be updated and a substation (Birch) in Shoreview will be relocated and rebuilt.

## Regulatory process and review

Xcel Energy is committed to providing the public with opportunities to give feedback and recommendations on the proposed routes. Xcel Energy will begin the public outreach and the permitting process in early 2025 and work closely with landowners, local governments, regulators and other stakeholders through the process.

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