

NEMPLS NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS TRANSMISSION UPDATE PROJECT SUPPORTS LONG-TERM RELIABILITY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The existing triple-circuit 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Riverside Plant in Northeast Minneapolis to Main Street substation adjacent to Saint Anthony Falls in Downtown Minneapolis needs repainting and updating. This transmission connection is key to providing reliable electric service to neighborhoods through the core metro, including downtown, St. Anthony Main, and Northeast Minneapolis. Installed in 1988, some poles have peeling paint and discolored surfaces, creating an eyesore for the area. Despite aesthetic issues, the infrastructure is safe, reliable, and necessary to serve communities.

Project Activities:

- Repainting poles with durable, long-lasting, weather tested paint.
- Replacing poles in areas where repainting isn't feasible or where replacement is needed to serve improve long-term reliability.
- Similar structure replacements will be made where necessary. This includes structures near some industrial properties.

Proposed Route:

The update project will utilize the existing line route alignment. We will work with landowners and local officials when necessary to relocate poles from the existing locations.

Project timing and schedule

We will update local officials, stakeholders, and nearby residents when construction work may occur. Project work must also be coordinated with plant operations and maintenance outages as the Riverside Plant. Most project work will be completed during spring and fall months when regional electric use is lowest.

- **Spring 2026:** Paint structures within the Riverside Plant property. (Phase 1)
- **Fall 2026:** Replace several structures and repaint others along California, Grand, and Marshall streets. (Phase 2)
- **Spring 2027:** Replace and repaint structures near Boom Island Park, Nicollet Island, and along the Mississippi River. (Phase 3)
- **Fall 2027:** Replace and paint structures in Boom Island Park and on the westside of the Mississippi River. Complete additional project work as needed. (Phase 4)

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