

Construction activities in your area

AltaLink is rebuilding the 60 kilometre (32 mile) **transmission** line between Banff and Lake Louise. Between now and October you may see construction activities in your area.

In an effort to improve reliability and reduce power outages in your area, AltaLink is rebuilding its transmission line between the Town of Banff and Lake Louise. This includes replacing the existing wood transmission structures and some tree clearing to reduce the chance of trees and wildlife contacting the line.

Construction is currently underway. From now until October you may notice the following construction activities:

Lane closures (🚧🚧🚧)

During construction, there will be occasional single lane closures with alternating traffic along the Norquay Road, **Cascade Road** and the Bow Valley Parkway to accommodate equipment being transported to and from the transmission line right-of-way. These single lane closures will occur an average of **once a week and could be in place for up to 10 minutes at a time**. AltaLink will make every effort to minimize the traffic disruptions, including moving equipment early in the morning or during times of lower traffic activity.

Helicopter work (🚁)

Since this project involves work on mountainous terrain, helicopters will be used to support wildlife surveys as well as construction and restoration activities by transporting fuel and equipment to and from the right-of-way. Flights will take place between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for approximately eight hours a day, periodically throughout the day. Up to twelve trips per day will be needed.

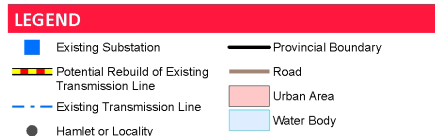
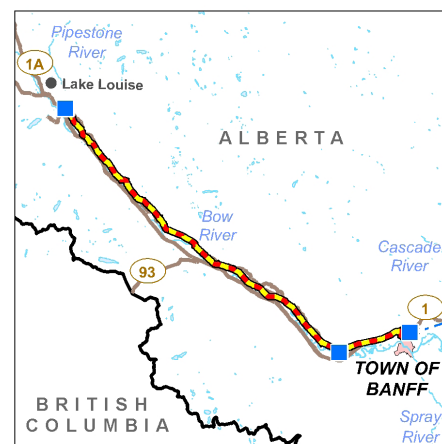
Temporary generators and planned outages (April 23 to September 30)

Trees that pose a risk to the line will be removed and high-risk tree limbs and vegetation will be safely burned. Smoke may be visible from behind the treeline of the Bow Valley Parkway, and logging trucks hauling equipment and timber between sites may affect the flow of traffic. There will be single-lane alternating traffic on the Bow Valley Parkway to accommodate equipment and material loading and off-loading.

DEFINITION:

Transmission

Transmission lines make up Alberta's electric highway, linking the places where power is generated to where power is used. Transmission lines transport large amounts of power over long distances across the province. The transmission system connects diverse sources of power generation including wind, high-efficiency coal, natural gas and more.



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Site restoration activities (September 4 to October 31)

In the areas along the right-of-way where construction activities have taken place, AltaLink will be performing the following restoration activities:

- replanting and seeding native vegetation
- placing sediment and erosion control mitigations
- clearing debris from the right-of-way
- weed control as required

Please note that during restoration activities, occasional single lane closures with alternating traffic may be in effect at various sites along the Bow Valley Parkway.

Site preparation activities (September 25 to March 31)

Site preparation activities will continue throughout project construction to ensure the project schedule is met. Smaller site prep crews will continue to work over the holidays to prepare for construction activities in early 2019.

Line construction activities (September 25 to March 31)

Line construction will start in September. The crews will rebuild the old transmission line using live line techniques. No outages are forecasted for this period.

How to provide your input

AltaLink is working with Parks Canada to ensure all construction activity on the project is done safely and responsibly.

If you have questions or concerns about the project or would like more information about any of the above construction activities, you can contact us by telephone, e-mail, mail or through our website.

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DID YOU KNOW:

551L Transmission Rebuild

In the period from 2003-2012 there were 16 outages leading to 59 hours of total outage time to customers along the 551L transmission line. Tree and wildlife contacts with the line and lightning strikes were the primary cause of outages. The rebuilt line is expected to result in a significant reduction in wildlife and tree contacts with the line.

Construction began in winter 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2020.



Above: One of the structures that will be replaced as part of this project.



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