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Construction activities in your area

AltaLink is rebuilding the 60 kilometre (32 mile) long **transmission** line between Banff and Lake Louise. Between January 3 and March 31 you may see construction activities in your area.

In an effort to reduce power outages in your area, the existing wood poles on the transmission line will be replaced, and tree clearing will be necessary to reduce the chance of trees and wildlife contacting the line. Construction is currently under way. You may notice:

Site preparation, materials transportation and line work (January 3 to March 31)

Site and access preparation work will occur on the transmission line right-of-way and access trails leading to the right-of-way at various locations, including near Lake Louise and near the Banff town site. Trucks carrying materials and equipment will also be during working hours. There will be occasional single-lane alternating traffic on the Bow Valley Parkway to accommodate equipment and material loading and off-loading.

You may also see construction crews and excavation activities at various locations along the Bow Valley Parkway as crews replace the aging poles along the line.

FortisAlberta underground and structure work (January 3 to March 31)

FortisAlberta will be installing structures and performing underground distribution line work in the area between Juniper Lodge and the Eagle Crescent industrial area on the north side of Banff. Some of this underground and structure work will be visible from the Banff Recreation Centre and Mt. Norquay Road. FortisAlberta construction activities will only occur during regular working hours on weekdays and will have no traffic impacts.

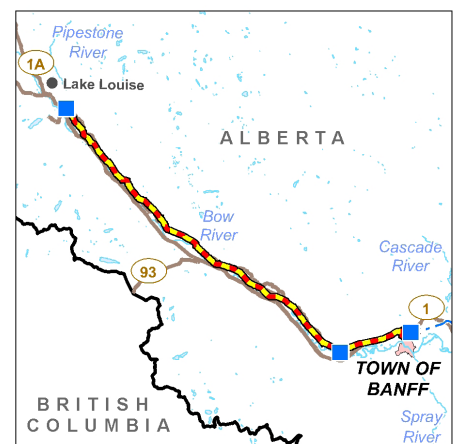
Helicopter work (February 20 to March 30)

Helicopters will be used daily between February 20 and March 31 to support excavation activities along the Bow Valley Parkway between Baker Creek and Juniper Lodge. Helicopters will operate during daylight hours on both weekdays and weekends and will be used to transport materials and fuel to the right-of-way to support excavation equipment. There will be no trail closures due to helicopter activity.

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.



LEGEND

- Existing Substation
- Potential Rebuild of Existing Transmission Line
- Existing Transmission Line
- Hamlet or Locality
- Provincial Boundary
- Road
- Urban Area
- Water Body

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Danger tree removal and debris burning (January 3 to March 31)

Trees that pose a risk to the line will be removed and high-risk tree limbs and vegetation will be safely burned. These vegetation burnings will be highly controlled and follow strict safety protocols. 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 occasional single-lane alternating traffic on the Bow Valley Parkway to accommodate equipment and material loading and off-loading.

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 details on any of the above construction activities. You can contact us by telephone, e-mail, mail or through our website.

These activities are part of the 551L Transmission Line Rebuild project. For details on the project, visit:

www.altalink.ca/projects/view/213/551l-transmission-line-rebuild

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DID YOU KNOW:

551L Transmission Rebuild

In the period from 2003-2012 there were 16 outages caused by interference, leading to 59 hours of total outage time to customers along the Banff 551L transmission line. Tree contact with the line, lightning strikes and animal contact with the line were the primary cause of outages on the line. The new design is expected to result in substantially reduced risk of 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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