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# Central East Transfer-Out (CETO) Transmission Project Construction activities in your area

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the Central East Transfer-Out (CETO) Transmission Project, and we want to provide you with an update on the construction schedule and upcoming activities.

## Project overview

AltaLink and ATCO Electric (ATCO) are completing portions of the CETO project in their respective service territories. AltaLink's portion of the project includes:

- Constructing 50 kilometres of new double circuit 240 kilovolt (kV) **transmission** line east of the City of Red Deer from the Gaetz Substation to ATCO's service territory
- Installing new equipment at the Gaetz Substation

## Updated construction schedule

### First construction period

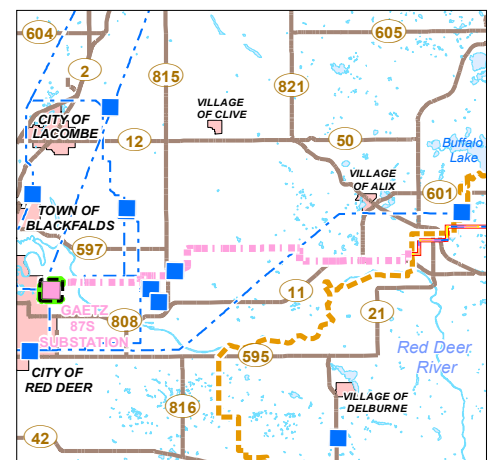
AltaLink began its first construction period in fall 2024 and anticipated completion in spring 2025. The planned scope of work is now anticipated to be completed in December 2025.

AltaLink aims to complete half of the construction activities required for the new transmission line in the first construction period.










### Second construction period

The second construction period was scheduled to begin in fall 2025 but will now begin in July 2025 and be completed in spring 2026.

The remainder of the new transmission line construction and the substation equipment additions are planned for the second construction period.



### LEGEND

	Approved Substation Upgrade		ATCO Service Territory Boundary
	Existing Substation		Road
	Approved ATCO Transmission Line		Water Body
	Approved CETO Transmission Line		Urban Area
	Existing Transmission Line		



Above: AltaLink will excavate and install transmission structure foundations.



Above: Structure bases are then attached to the foundations.



Above: AltaLink will assemble and erect steel pole structures.



Above: Once structures are erected, transmission line wire, called conductor, can be strung.

### Upcoming construction activities

Construction activities between July 2025 and Spring 2026 will include the following activities:

- **Structure foundation preparation and installation:** AltaLink will install transmission structure foundations prior to assembling and raising steel pole structures. Generally, excavation will be required to install foundations. Structure bases are then attached to the foundations.
- **Steel pole assembly and erection:** Next, AltaLink will assemble and erect steel pole structures. Cranes or helicopters are typically used to raise the upper sections of the poles onto the bases. Crews then secure the sections together.
- **Wire stringing:** Once structures are erected, transmission line wire, called conductor, can be strung. AltaLink typically uses cranes or helicopters and pullers/tensioners to string conductor.
- **Substation and transmission line modifications:** AltaLink will install new equipment at the existing Gaetz Substation, located on the northeastern edge of the City of Red Deer and complete modifications to the existing 138 kV line, called 759L, that crosses the Red Deer River.

All work will take place on lands where AltaLink has:

- Acquired a right-of-way agreement or a right-of-entry order
- Received municipal approval to work within road allowance
- Acquired temporary workspace for construction purposes

### What to expect during construction

In addition to the transmission line construction activities listed, depending on where you are in relation to the project, you may see or hear:

- **Right-of-way** preparation including installing approaches, fencing, gates, access trails and matting
- Ongoing tree and vegetation clearing, including logging equipment and trucks
- Ongoing land reclamation
- Construction equipment including cranes, bucket trucks, conductor tensioners/pullers, bulldozers, excavators, skid steers, loaders, backhoes and gravel trucks
- Noise and construction crews
- Increased traffic from construction crews and material and equipment delivery

While this newsletter outlines AltaLink’s plans for construction as accurately as possible, construction activities are subject to change based on the availability of materials and crews, weather and progress made.

### Dust mitigation

Construction activities, including vehicle traffic, may result in increased levels of dust. AltaLink’s dust mitigation measures include the use of erosion and sediment control (e.g. silt fence or covering soil piles), watering access trails and other common dust suppression methods on county roads to limit the dispersion of dust.

### Traffic accommodations

To accommodate activities like equipment being transported to and from site, there may be periodic speed reductions and lane closures on nearby township roads and range roads. Traffic accommodations may be required on Highway 11 and other public roads.

Traffic control measures and signage will be in place to ensure public safety.

### Helicopter activity

Starting mid-July and continuing throughout construction, you may see a helicopter in your area performing conductor (wire) stringing and hanging markers and hardware along the CETO transmission line as part of the construction process. The helicopter work will start east of Highway 601 near Highway 11 and continue west towards Red Deer River.

The helicopter will be flying during daylight hours only and activity will be weather permitting. When using helicopters for transmission line construction, AltaLink is mindful to minimize disruption to residences, area users, livestock and wildlife. We follow permits and guidelines from local authorities and regulatory agencies, and we only use approved landing sites and refueling locations.

If you have any questions or concerns about the helicopter activity, please contact us at the information on the back page.



Above: The Gaetz Substation



Above: Residents may see a helicopter in your area performing conductor (wire) stringing and hanging markers and hardware along the CETO transmission line

**DEFINITIONS:**  
**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 natural gas, wind, solar and more.

**Substation** | Substations are the connection points between power lines of varying voltages and contain equipment that controls and protects the flow of power. Substations include transformers that step down and step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.

**Right-of-way** | The right-of-way is a strip of land required for the construction and safe operation of a transmission line. A right-of-way refers to the physical space a transmission line encompasses including areas on either side of the line. The majority of the right-of-way can still be used by the landowner. Buildings cannot be placed on the right-of-way, but can be built up to the edge of the right-of-way.





## About AltaLink

As Alberta's largest electricity transmission provider, with more than 13,400 kilometres of transmission lines and more than 310 substations, AltaLink efficiently delivers electricity to 85 per cent of Albertans. AltaLink is partnering with its customers to provide innovative solutions to meet the province's demand for reliable and affordable energy.

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## ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b> <i>Preconstruction activities began</i>	→	<b>FALL 2024-DECEMBER 2025</b> <i>First construction period</i>	→	<b>JULY 2025-SPRING 2026</b> <i>Second construction period</i>	→	<b>JUNE 2026</b> <i>Anticipated construction completion</i>
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Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule, it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.

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