



CLARK BRYNER – PRINCIPAL PROGRAM MANAGER, TRANSMISSION LINE SITING

AGENCY BRIEFING

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INTRODUCTIONS

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Invited Representatives:

- Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
- Banner Health
- Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
- Kinder Morgan/ El Paso Natural Gas
- Metropolitan Pima Alliance
- Pima Association of Governments
- Southwest Gas
- THRIVE in the 05
- Tucson Airport Authority
- Union Pacific Railroad
- University of Arizona

- Pima County
 - County Administrator's Office
 - Department of Transportation
 - Development Services
 - Energy
 - Facilities
 - Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation
 - Regional Wastewater Reclamation
 - Sustainability and Conservation
- City of Tucson
 - City Manager
 - Climate and Sustainability
 - Department of Transportation
 - Energy
 - Historic Preservation
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Planning and Development Services
 - Public Information
 - Tucson Water

AGENDA

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- 5. Project Schedule
- 6. Planning and Siting Process and Timeline
- 7. Next Step
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Project Overview



Components of the Midtown Reliability Project

- Vine Substation
- 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line
- Distribution System Upgrades
- Retirement of Aging Assets



Vine Substation



- 1.6 acre site at Vine Avenue between Lee Street & Chauncey Lane
- Gas Insulated Substation (GIS)



Tucson Substation, an existing GIS and Air Insulated Substation.



138 kV Transmission Line

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Transmission Line Specifications

- Single circuit 138kV
- Tubular steel monopole structures (weathering steel is standard)
- Typical structure heights ~75 feet
- Span length of ~600 feet (distance between poles)
- Aluminum conductor, with a nonspecular finish ~1 inch in diameter



Distribution System Upgrades



- Convert 4 kV distribution circuits to 13.8 kV circuits
- Replace and upgrade service transformers
- Replace existing poles, where merited



Retirement of Aging Assets



- Replace aging wood distribution poles and transformers
- Retire up to eight 46 kV Substations
- Retire approximately 19 miles of 46 kV sub-transmission lines



Existing area 46kV system.

Why is this project needed?



- Existing system was designed to serve yesterday's needs
- Increased energy demand
- Aging equipment



Available system capacity.

What are the benefits of the project?



- Improved electric reliability
- Greater capacity for growing energy needs
- Greater capacity for customer-owned energy systems
- Comparable cost, greater efficiency
- Improved service citywide
- Support for economic growth and a healthy community

Required Approvals



Vine Substation

• Special Exception Land Use Permit (City of Tucson)

138 kV Transmission Line

• Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (Arizona Corporation Commission)

Distribution System Upgrades & Retirement of Aging Assets

• No approvals, but dependent on new substation and transmission line

Project Schedule*



- Q3 '23-Q2 '24 Transmission Line Planning and Siting
- Q2 2024 CEC Application Submittal
- Q3 2024 Line Siting Hearing
- Q3 2024 ACC Open Meeting
- Q4 2024 Vine Substation SELUP Application Submittal
- Q1 2025 Zoning Examiner Hearing
- Q2 2027 Transmission Line/Vine Substation In-Service
- 2027-2037 Distribution System Upgrades and 46kV Retirements

* Target schedule, subject to change









Public Open House / Meeting

September 21, 2023

6:00 – 8:00pm

Doubletree – Reid Park 445 S Alvernon Way Tucson, AZ 85711

More Project Information



For more project information please visit the project webpage:

www.tep.com/midtown

Here, you will find:

- Project details
- A print copy of this presentation
- Frequently asked questions & answers



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• Mail a comment form or a letter to:

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