



## Greater Cambridge Energy Project

### *The CLEAR (Clean Energy, Adaptable, Reliable) Solution*

#### **Project Need**

Always working to serve you better, Eversource proposes to construct a new underground substation in Kendall Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts, along with five underground duct banks housing eight new 115-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission lines interconnecting to existing substations in the surrounding area. These upgrades will bolster system reliability, meet growing energy needs and further facilitate access to clean energy resources for our customers.

#### **Project Description**

The Greater Cambridge Energy Project will include a new underground substation in Cambridge's Kendall Square. The new substation will be located between Broadway and Binney Street and will be integrated into Boston Properties' redevelopment plans for the Kendall Center Blue Garage. Above the underground substation will be an open and accessible public space. The project also requires five underground duct banks housing eight new 115-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission lines interconnecting the new substation to an existing substation in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood of Boston, existing substations at Kendall, as well as Putnam Avenue in Cambridge and the existing substation at Prospect Street in Somerville. Following an extensive review that considered system reliability, technical feasibility, cost, environmental and community impacts and stakeholder feedback, two transmission line route options were ultimately developed for each of the required five transmission lines. The different transmission line routes are shown on the map on page 2.

#### **Community Outreach**

Eversource is committed to continuing its collaborative working partnership with each local community, municipal leaders and other interested stakeholders to provide information on the project, gather feedback and answer any questions or concerns. Public Open Houses were held virtually in each host community this past Fall, and Eversource also held its informational campaign with in-person pop-up events that sought to solicit feedback from a diverse cross-section of the neighborhoods the project will traverse.

#### **Estimated Timetable\***

- **Public Open Houses:** Fall 2021
- **File Siting Petition with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB):** Late 2021
- **EFSB Public Hearing:** 2022 (date TBD)
- **Tentative Decision from the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB):** Mid/Late 2023
- **Final Decision from the EFSB:** Late 2023
- **Pending EFSB approval, Pre-Construction Open Houses:** Late 2023
- **Start of construction:** Early 2024
- **Estimated in-service date:** Late 2028

*\*Dates subject to change*

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## For More Information

Email Eversource at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com) or call 800-793-2202. You can also keep up-to-date on happenings in your community by providing your contact information via phone, email or by scanning the QR code with your smart device.

