

Woburn to Wakefield Line Project

Start of Construction Notice for Winchester, MA.

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Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we are preparing to construct the Woburn to Wakefield Line Project. This Project is one of several that are designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving the Greater Boston/Metro West and surrounding areas where we all work and live. As we perform this necessary work, we are continuing to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

Starting this month, we'll be installing a new 345-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission line that will connect our Woburn Substation on Pond Street in Woburn with National Grid's Wakefield Junction Substation off Montrose Avenue. The line will extend about 8 miles between the two substations and will pass through Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham, and Wakefield.

What You Can Expect

Since your property is near the Project route, here is important information about how we will work in your neighborhood:

- **Reliable Service:** Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.
- **Proper Identification:** All people working on this project carry identification.
- **Where We'll Be Working:** Construction activity in Winchester will take place on Border Street, Cross Street, and Washington Street.
- **Traffic Management:** We coordinate closely with your community on effective traffic management throughout project construction and restoration.
- **Communication:** Keeping the lines of communications open is important to us. Before starting construction in a community, we will mail start of construction letters to property owners along the route and our field outreach representatives will drop outreach materials to support construction providing more details about the construction schedule in your area. We also maintain a project website updated weekly. Full in-person communication efforts will resume when appropriate, but at this time we continue to adhere to required COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.
- **Construction Hours:** The hours for construction in Winchester are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, the crews may need to work longer hours or work on weekends.
- **Construction Activities:** Project construction will take place in phases:
 - UNDERWAY: The installation of duct bank and underground vaults (manholes) in Stoneham and Woburn.
 - IN THE COMING MONTHS: In Winchester, installation of duct bank and underground vaults (manholes) will soon begin.
 - OVERALL, you can expect:
 - Setting up of a safe and secure worksite.
 - Surveying and marking out the roadway for existing underground utilities.

- Cutting existing asphalt and excavating an area to accommodate vault installations followed by trench excavation.
- Installing cables in an underground duct bank, a group of tubes designed to house electric lines; and
- Restoring roads and other areas disturbed by the work.

Project Completion: We expect the Project to be complete, including final restoration, by the end of 2022.



Underground vault installation



Traffic management setup



Temporary roadway restoration



Cable splicing setup

^Above photos are for illustration only. Actual equipment and material may vary.

Contact Us

Keeping the lines of communications open is important to us. Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you have questions about this project, please call 1-800-793-2202 or email us at ProjectInfo@eversource.com. Our project website <https://www.eversource.com/content/Woburn-Wakefield-Project> is also updated weekly with schedule information.

Sincerely,

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