



## energize**EASTSIDE** project newsletter

### Safety, the constant priority

As we continue to engage in a community dialogue about Energize Eastside, we've heard residents and businesses emphasize the need for this project to be constructed safely. We couldn't agree more. PSE approaches every project, from the smallest natural gas service installation to the largest transmission line, with the same priority: the safety of our customers, the communities we work in, and our fellow co-workers.

#### How we're focusing on safety with Energize Eastside

The backbone of our transmission system on the Eastside shares a utility corridor with BP's underground petroleum pipelines, which are known as Olympic Pipeline. It's been this way for decades, and co-locating utilities is encouraged by many Eastside jurisdictions.

Our engineers are rigorously analyzing the design for Energize Eastside to ensure safe construction and operation of the line within the shared corridor. Newer technology and strict safety requirements allow PSE to build to the highest safety standards, which our design will meet or exceed. We're also working with DNV-GL, a leading national expert in pipeline safety, to assist with developing design parameters to help ensure the safe construction and operation of Energize Eastside.

Our transmission lines have shared a corridor with Olympic Pipeline for 40 years and we have a mutual interest in the continued protection and safe operation of these facilities. Our engineers will work closely with Olympic Pipeline on a safe construction plan that may include:

- Requiring an Olympic Pipeline representative on-site to monitor construction activities near the pipeline
- Installing temporary fencing or other markers around the pipeline area
- Placing temporary protective cover (i.e., steel plates) over the pipeline to mitigate excessive load from heavy equipment
- Using specialized equipment or hand-digging within close proximity to the pipeline



*PSE's transmission lines have safely shared the existing utility corridor with Olympic Pipeline for 40 years.*

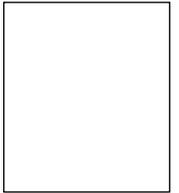
We coordinate closely with Olympic Pipeline now and will continue to keep each other informed of activity within the corridor during and after construction.

Learn more about Energize Eastside and pipeline safety at [pse.com/energizeeastside](http://pse.com/energizeeastside).

### PSE studying new route options, community encouraged to weigh in

An expanded 30-day Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping period is open through August 1, 2016 to allow the community to comment on two recently announced "bypass" routes. These two bypass routes avoid the East Bellevue Community Council jurisdiction and were developed to minimize the risk of a potential project delay due to permitting. PSE submitted the bypass routes for evaluation as part of the recent public comment period to ensure these route options, along with PSE's preferred route, are studied in the EIS.

The EIS process is led by the City of Bellevue in coordination with the cities of Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond and Renton. For information about the EIS process and comment opportunities, visit the Cities' EIS website, [EnergizeEastsideEIS.org](http://EnergizeEastsideEIS.org).



## About Energize Eastside

The Energize Eastside project will build a new substation and upgrade approximately 18 miles of existing transmission lines from Redmond to Renton. Combined with continued aggressive electric conservation, Energize Eastside will keep the lights on in our Eastside communities for years to come.

## For more information

- To learn more about the project, view maps and photo simulations of PSE's preferred route, and read the latest news, visit [pse.com/energizeeastside](http://pse.com/energizeeastside).
- To learn more about the Cities' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and participate in the extended comment period, visit [EnergizeEastsideEIS.org](http://EnergizeEastsideEIS.org).

Thank you for your interest in Energize Eastside.

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## Spring door-to-door outreach wrap-up

This spring, the Energize Eastside project team headed out into neighborhoods along the Willow 2 preferred route to talk with community members about the project.

The team had conversations with residents and business owners, listened to feedback and provided information. In total, the project team visited more than **600** residential and commercial properties and had more than **170** in-person conversations.

