Energize Eastside

South Sub-Area Committee Workshop #1

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Energize Eastside overview

- Growth is straining our region's existing transmission system
- Conservation alone is not enough
- We need to act now
- We will work with the community to identify solutions

Energize Eastside will build new electric transmission infrastructure to ensure dependable power

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Eastside system: 1930s to today

System first installed in the **1930s**

Leary Way, 1940 - Redmond

3rd Avenue looking west, 1920s - Renton

NE 8th Avenue and Bellevue Way, 1930s - Bellevue

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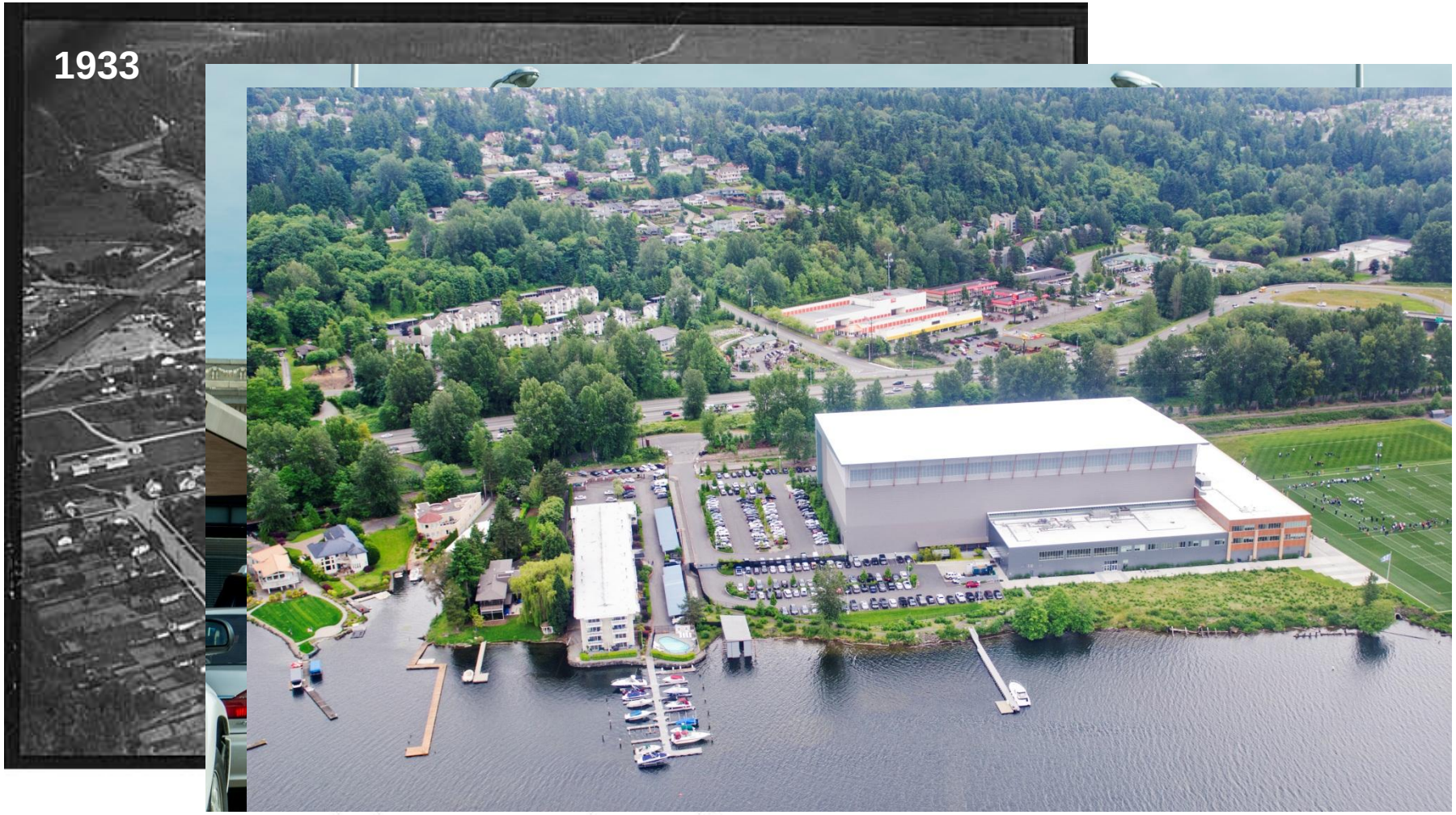
Eastside then and now

Renton



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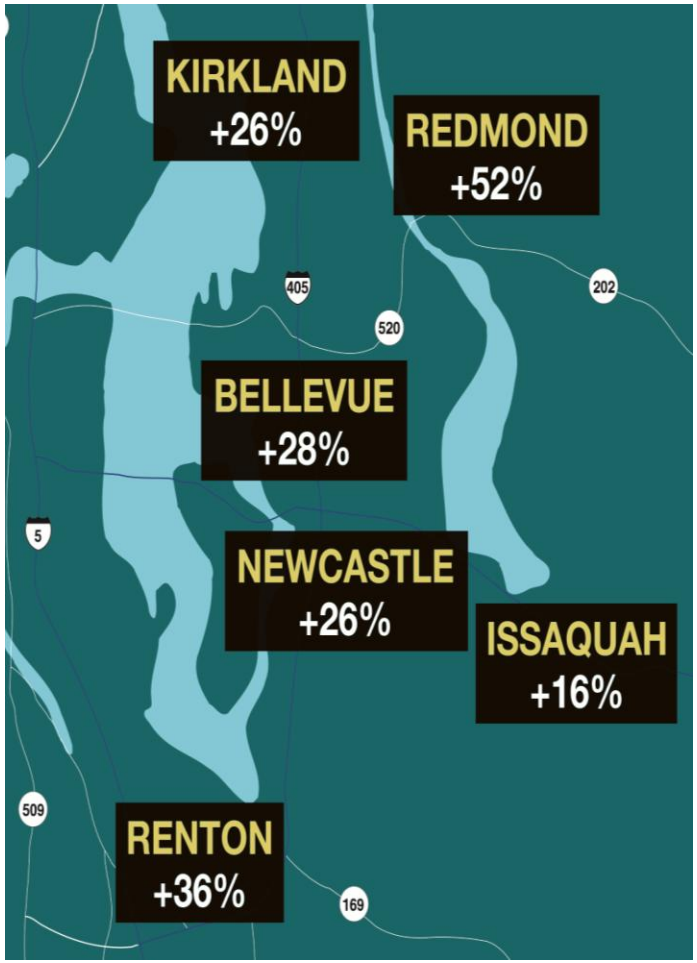
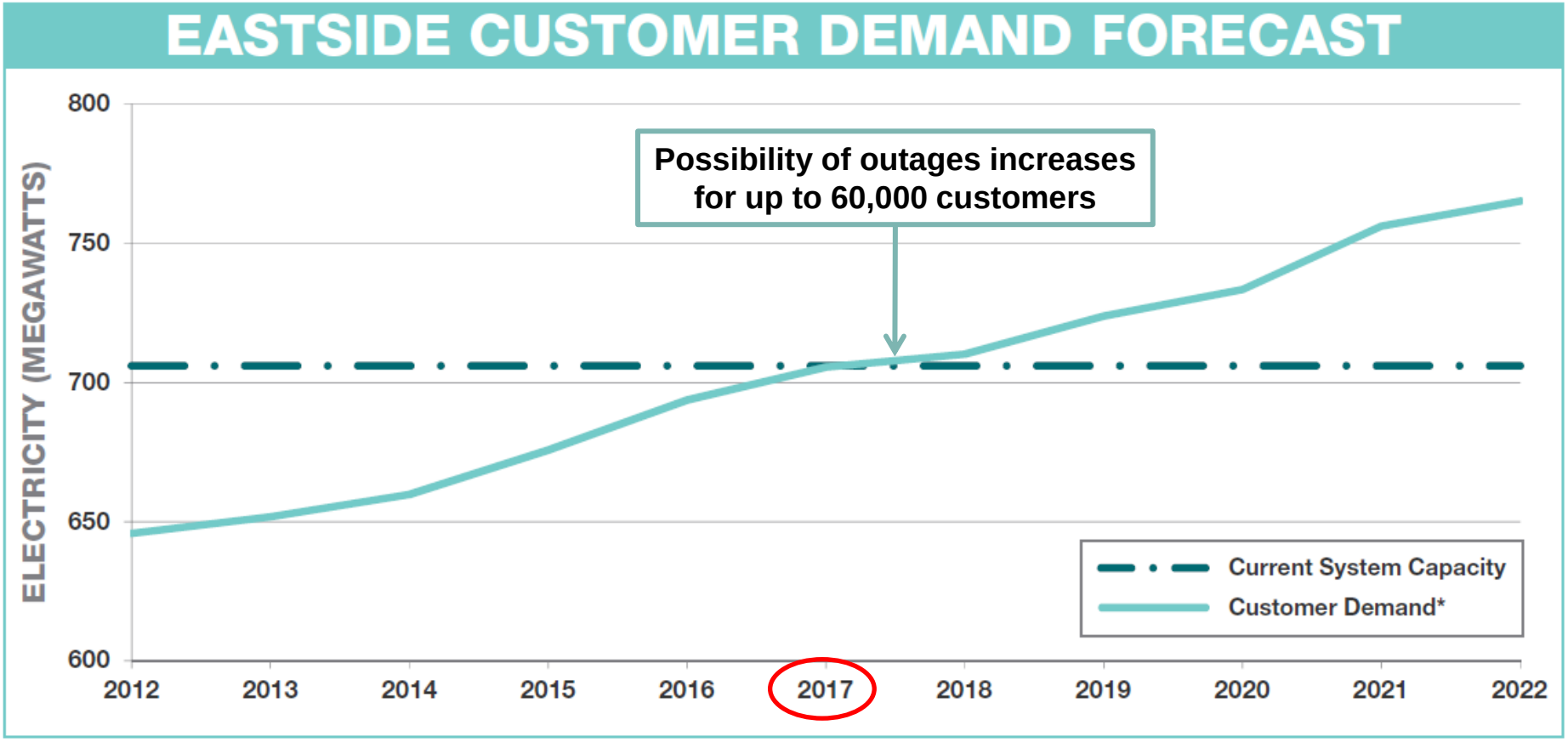
Growth is straining the system

Regional growth

- Population predicted to grow by more than a third
- Employment to grow 70% between 2012 and 2040



We need to act now



*Customer Demand assumes 100% of conservation goals are met.

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Conservation alone is not enough

Energy demand will be met through **both** increased, aggressive **conservation efforts**

And infrastructure upgrades needed to provide reliable power

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Our solution

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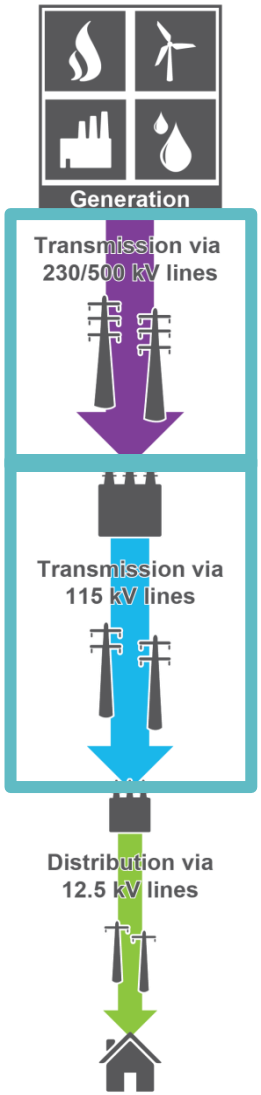
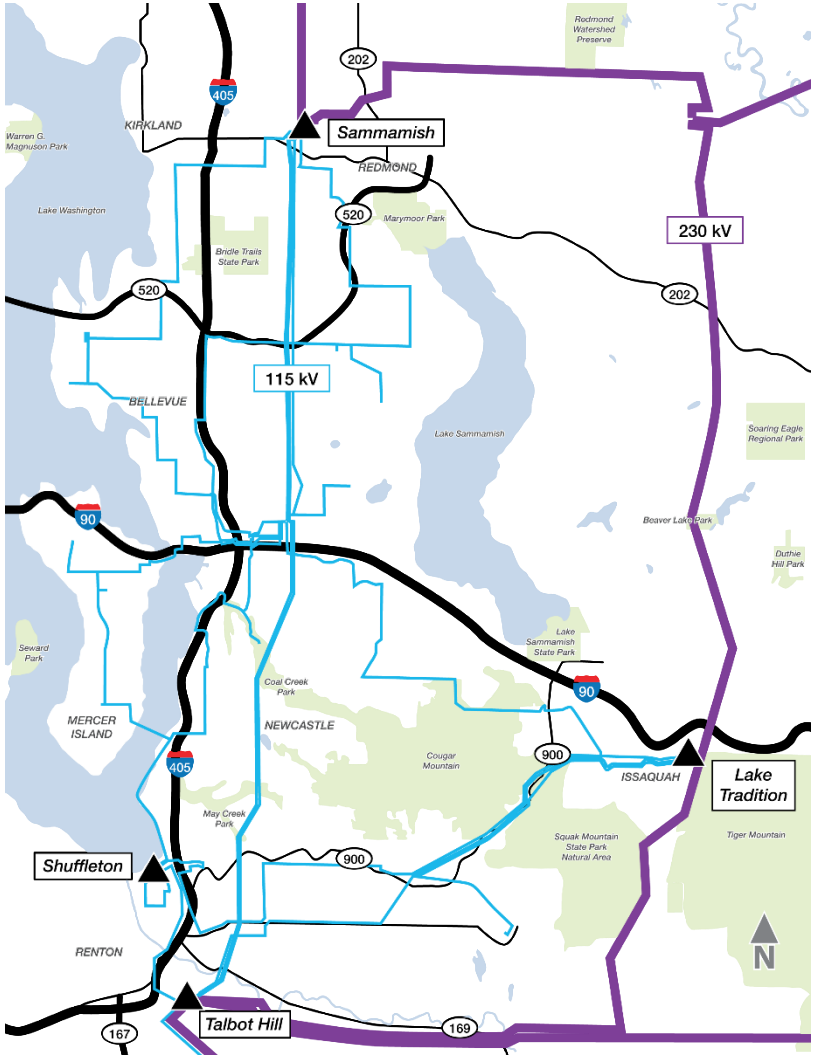
Builds approximately 18 miles of **new 230 kV transmission lines** from Redmond to Renton

Supports the area's **growth**

How power gets to the Eastside





Legend

- Existing bulk transmission lines (230 kV)
- Existing transmission lines (115 kV)
- Substations

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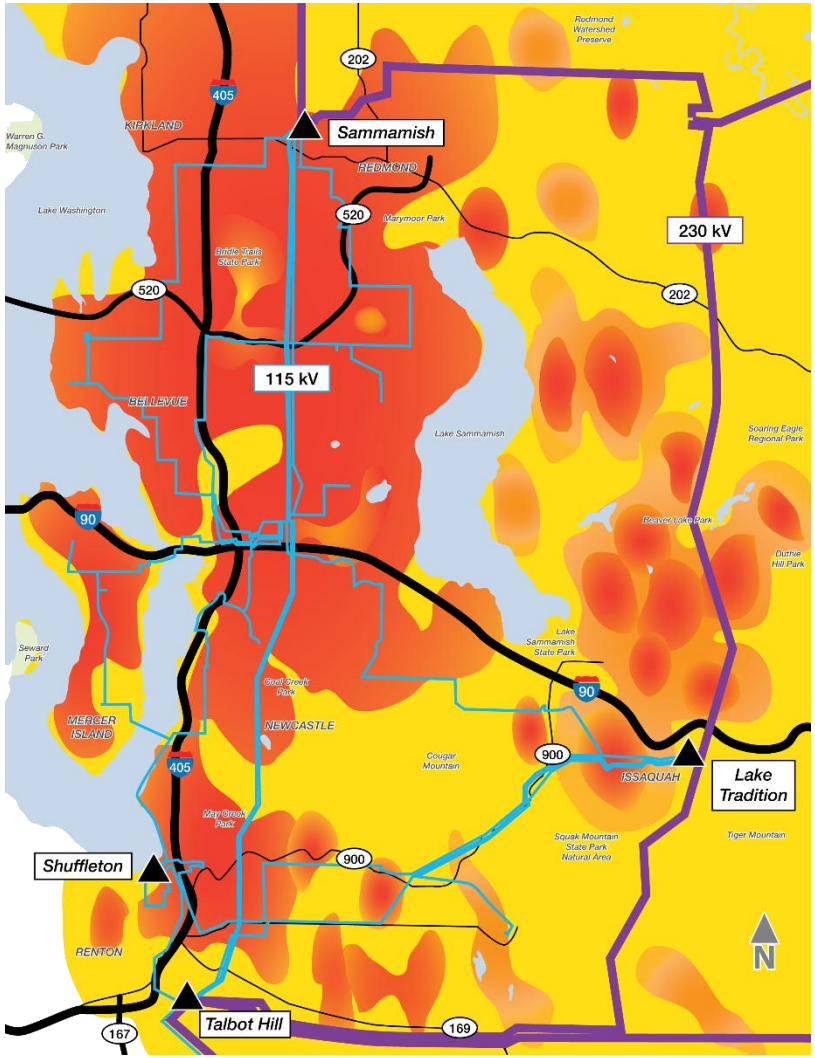
Where energy use is growing most



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Substations

Electric demand density

Low → **High**

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Potential route segments

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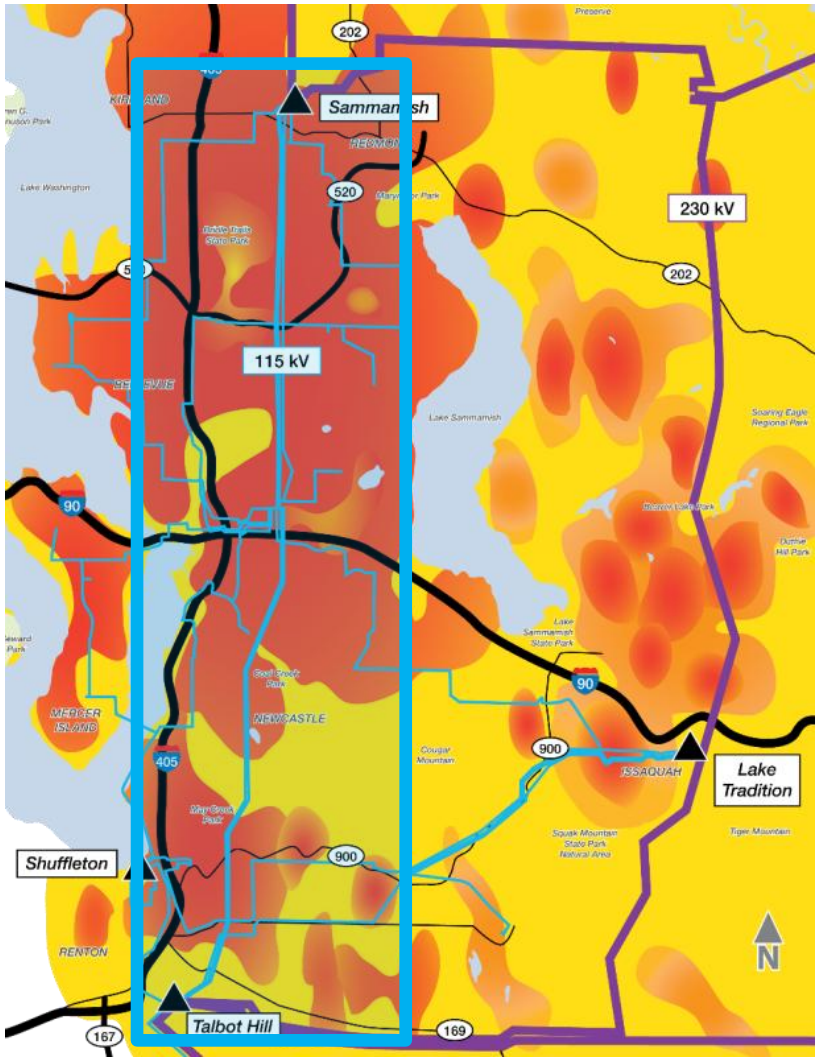
Bringing power to where it's needed



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What we're not building

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Sample transmission lines

Typical pole height: 95 to 125 feet depending on topography
Typical span range: 400 to 700 feet depending on topography

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What about undergrounding?

- PSE is proposing an overhead transmission line project
- The reasons:
  - **No. 1: Cost $**

Underground	**Overhead**
$20-28 million per mile (estimated labor, material and equipment costs)	$3-4 million per mile (estimated labor, material and equipment costs)

Who pays to underground?

Requesting group pays the delta between undergrounding and overhead

- Requesting group needs to initiate and identify the specific members of the group
- Money paid up front for both engineering and construction

What about undergrounding?

- Other reasons:
  - Construction impacts
  - Environmental impacts
  - Operational impacts

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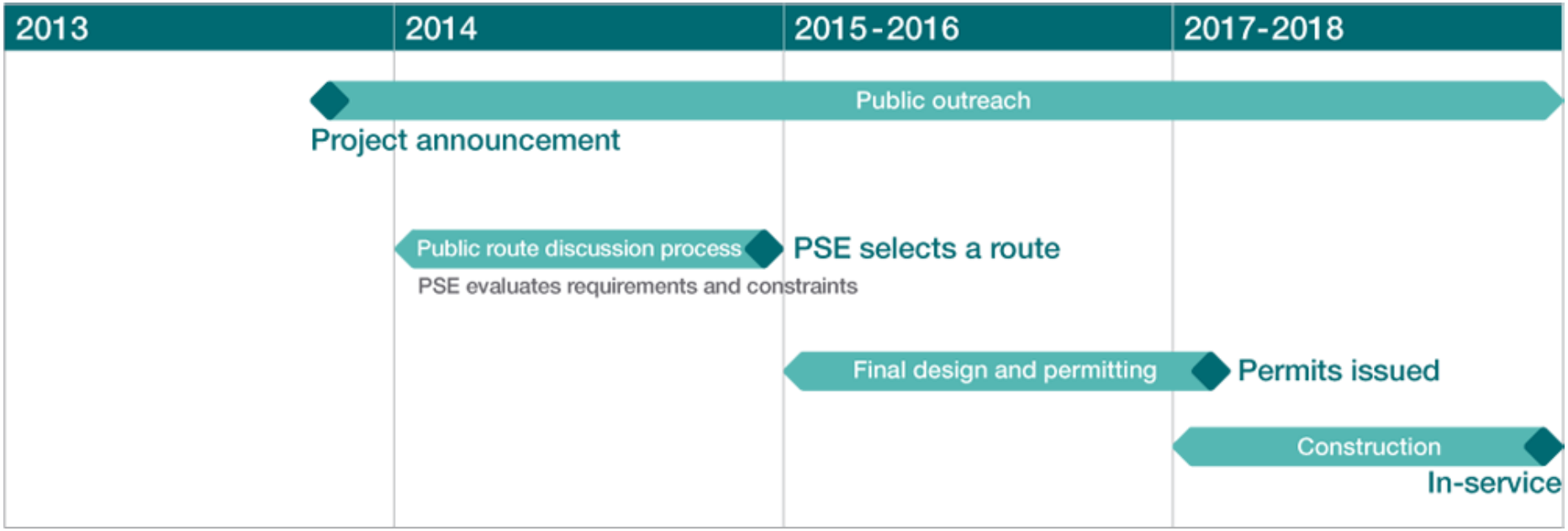
Project schedule



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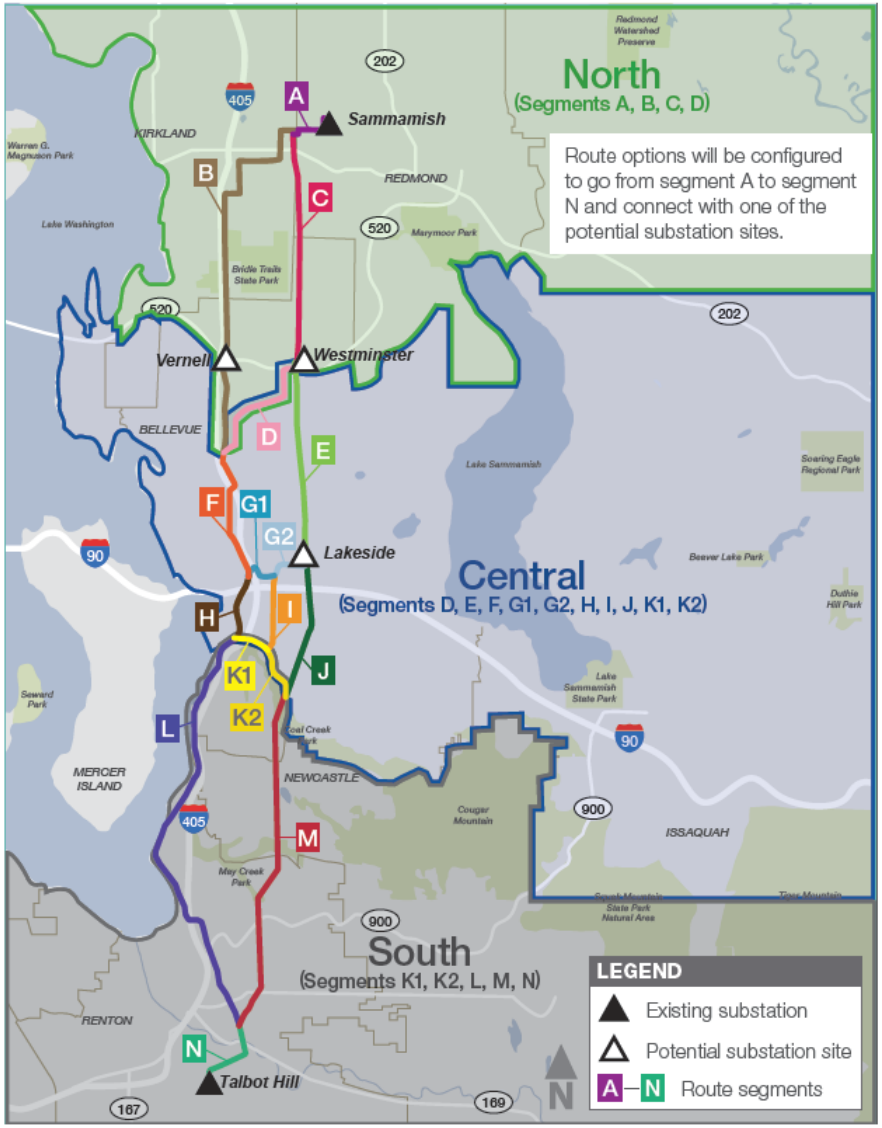
Opportunities for public involvement

Community Advisory Group | Sub-Area Committees | Community Meetings | Other Opportunities

WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
1 Education	**2 Identify route options**	**3 Narrow route options**	**4 Recommended route**
Learn about electric system and project need (COMPLETED)	Develop sub-area segment input for full Community Advisory Group discussion	**Community Meeting #2** Feedback on potential route options	**Community Meeting #3** Feedback on Community Advisory Group recommended route
Community Meeting #1 Feedback on project need, potential segments and route selection process (COMPLETED) • Discuss community concerns • Learn about the factors involved in developing the route segments (COMPLETED) • Bus tour of project area	• Discuss community concerns • Develop potential route options based on input from Sub-Area Committees	• Discuss community concerns • Weight community values for evaluation process • Narrow route options to one recommended route	• Discuss community concerns • Consider public input and validate recommended route and provide route recommendation to PSE for consideration

Neighborhood and community group briefings, fairs and festivals, public kiosks, online surveys

Sub-area boundaries



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Workshop #1 goals

- Provide input on the potential route segments
- Begin discussing key evaluation factors

Directions for the workshop

- Choose one person at your table to be the recorder
- Follow the guiding questions provided
- The recorder will write down your group's key points on the flip chart
- We will have facilitators available to help and subject matter experts available to answer specific questions

Route segment conversation

Question 1:

- For this segment, what key issues should be considered?

  – Part A: **Individually**, complete the issues checklist worksheet

  – Part B: **As a group**, discuss and identify the top five issues for this segment

Route segment conversation

Question 2:

- For this segment, what are specific considerations, unique characteristics and any other information that hasn't already been discussed?

- What should the Sub-Area Committee and the Community Advisory Group know about your segment?

Evaluation

- How do tough decisions get made?
- How do community values get considered?

Evaluation factors

Community value

- Community values pristine parks

Evaluation factor (question)

- How many parks are crossed or adjacent to each segment?

Evaluation factors

Question 1: Values and factors

- What evaluation factors should be considered by the Sub-Area Committees when considering route segments in this sub-area?

Example:

- Community value = Limited infrastructure in residential areas
- Evaluation factor (question) = How many residences are adjacent to each segment?

Evaluation factors

Question 2: Factors

- Thinking about the factors you considered earlier:

What data does your group think would be useful to make an objective comparison across segments?

Evaluation factors report out

- What evaluation factors did your group come up with?
- Share three key factors

Upcoming meetings

- **South Sub-Area Committee Workshop #2**
  April 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Renton Technical College

- **South Sub-Area Committee Meeting**
  May 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Renton Technical College

Thank you!

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