

I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Project Update

October 2010



Updates the way you want them

Landowners whose property could be affected by the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, elected officials and other stakeholders have asked BPA to provide regular project updates. A survey of landowners who attended recent project meetings indicates a preference to receive updates via regular mail or e-mail.

This occasional newsletter responds to these requests. This is the first periodic I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Update we are sending to landowners and others who want to keep abreast of the latest project developments. The updates also will be used to clarify issues and correct the record when necessary.

These updates are also available online at www.bpa.gov/go/i-5. If you received this update in the mail or by e-mail, you will receive future updates the same way automatically. If you received this update by mail and prefer to receive updates electronically, you can sign up for our e-mail list by clicking "**Sign up for Project Updates**" on the project website www.bpa.gov/go/i-5. ■

What happens on the I-5 Project next?

BPA expects to identify proposed rights-of-way, center lines and tower locations for each potential route segment in November. We expect to have that information available online, and we are exploring other methods to ensure everyone can access the information. Because we were not able to access every piece of property in the identified notification corridors, we may be unaware of important factors that could influence a proposed path's use. We will be seeking input from people who live on or near the proposed center lines and towers. This will help us ensure we find the best location possible for this proposed line. ■

Correction to landowners notification list

Some attendees at our recent meetings questioned BPA statements about how the number of people affected by the project has changed as we have added and dropped segments.

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The I-5 Corridor Project is a 500-kilovolt transmission line that the Bonneville Power Administration proposes to build to reinforce the high-voltage power grid in southwest Washington.



Landowners notification list
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The questions were good ones. We checked our figures and found that our numbers refer not to individual people, but to the parcels of land affected and the landowners of record. We also found an error in our figures, which we have corrected.

Since some people own multiple parcels, the project will affect fewer

landowners than parcels. We now have accurate counts of both. We cannot count the number of individual people who might be affected. We apologize for any confusion the various terms may have caused.

The chart below reflects how the number of parcels and landowners on our notification list has changed since the project was announced. ■

	Notification List	Added	Removed
October 2009	13,100 parcels 9,500 landowners		
December 2009			700 parcels 550 landowners
August 2010		480 parcels 360 landowners	600 parcels 270 landowners
Current Totals	12,280 parcels 9,040 landowners	480 parcels 360 landowners	1,300 parcels 820 landowners

NEPA and newly notified property owners

BPA takes the environmental review process very seriously. Full public participation is vital to reaching the best possible decision. The Bonneville Power Administration has chosen to accept comments throughout the entire process.

At our public meetings, newly notified property owners expressed concerns that they did not get an opportunity to submit comments during the scoping period that ended in December 2009. Although BPA must hold an official scoping period, this does not limit your input. BPA also will accept and consider comments throughout the life of this project. Comments may be submitted either electronically, by phone or by mail.

How to submit comments

Online:

www.bpa.gov/go/i-5

E-mail:

I-5@bpa.gov

Write:

I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project,
P.O. Box 9250, Portland, OR 97207
Phone: 800-230-6593 (voice mail)

Fax:

888-315-4503

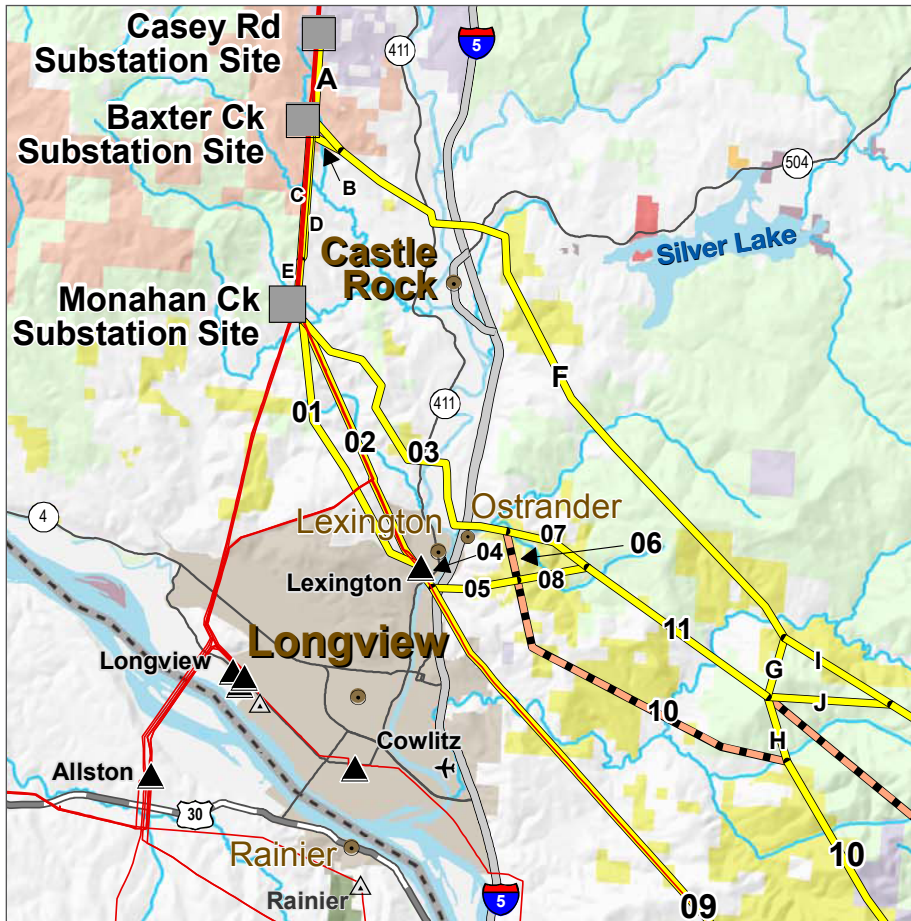


Public meeting in Camas, Wash.

Exploring possible alternatives

At our meetings, attendees asked us to explore a new potential segment that would run north of Silver Lake and then turn south to connect

with existing segments. We are evaluating the area to see if we will consider this new potential segment and will provide updates. ■



Information, comments, requests

You can find information, submit comments and ask for our help in a number of ways. If you do not have Internet access, you also can request any of the documents mentioned in this update through these channels. The website www.bpa.gov/go/i-5 has project information, including interactive maps, and provides you the opportunity to submit comments online. If you prefer that we mail you any of the materials listed in this update, please submit a comment online at www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/ecomment.cfm or by leave a message at 800-230-6593. ■

What's new?

Many new materials were made available at these meetings. You can find all of them online at: www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/documents.cfm. The new materials include:

- Presentation — August 2010
- Fact sheet — August 2010
- Issue brief — Why we need the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project
- Issue brief — How route options are evaluated and decisions are made
- Issue brief — Why all the route options go from Castle Rock to Troutdale
- Issue brief — How power from the I-5 Project will get to you
- How BPA addresses EMF

August/September public meetings

BPA hosted four public meetings between Aug. 30 and Sept. 12, 2010, to give notified landowners and the community updated information about the proposed transmission project. The meetings also gave attendees opportunities

to provide feedback and information and interact with project staff. We have posted a summary of issues discussed at the meetings: www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/publ-scope-mtgs.cfm. ■

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