

UPDATE: Dominion Energy Proposes I-66 Hybrid Route

At Dominion Energy, we strive to meet the energy needs of the community while reasonably minimizing the impacts of necessary infrastructure improvements. Maintaining reliability for our customers remains the most important component in the Haymarket Electric Transmission Line Project.

On April 30, 2018, the company and other interested parties in the case presented an agreement before the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) that resolves the outstanding concerns that have been discussed over the years. We are pleased that we have been able to reach this point and appreciate all of the work that went into it.

What is the status of the SCC review?

On May 7, 2018, the hearing examiner issued his report and recommendations finding that there continues to be a need for the Haymarket transmission line. On June 12, 2018, the SCC commissioners confirmed that the line is needed. This was an important and necessary step in order for us to submit the I-66 Hybrid Route for inclusion in the underground electric transmission pilot program as set forth in the Grid Transformation and Security Act of 2018, signed into law on March 9, 2018. The SCC has 30 days after the request to issue its approval.

Why does Dominion Energy support the I-66 Hybrid Route now?

We understand and are sensitive to the unavoidable impacts that come with this type of infrastructure. We continue to work with all stakeholders on ways to reasonably minimize impacts. The I-66 Hybrid Route has always been a viable option that we included in our application for consideration, but there were some unavoidable impacts. With the creation of the underground electric transmission pilot program enacted by the General Assembly, which we supported, concerns with building an underground transmission line came to an acceptable resolution.

The underground electric transmission pilot program will help update the SCC's and our understanding of current underground technologies, construction methods and related costs. This pilot program will go a long way toward improving the ways we can provide modern energy infrastructure while understanding associated cost assumptions to meet current customer expectations.

What is happening now?

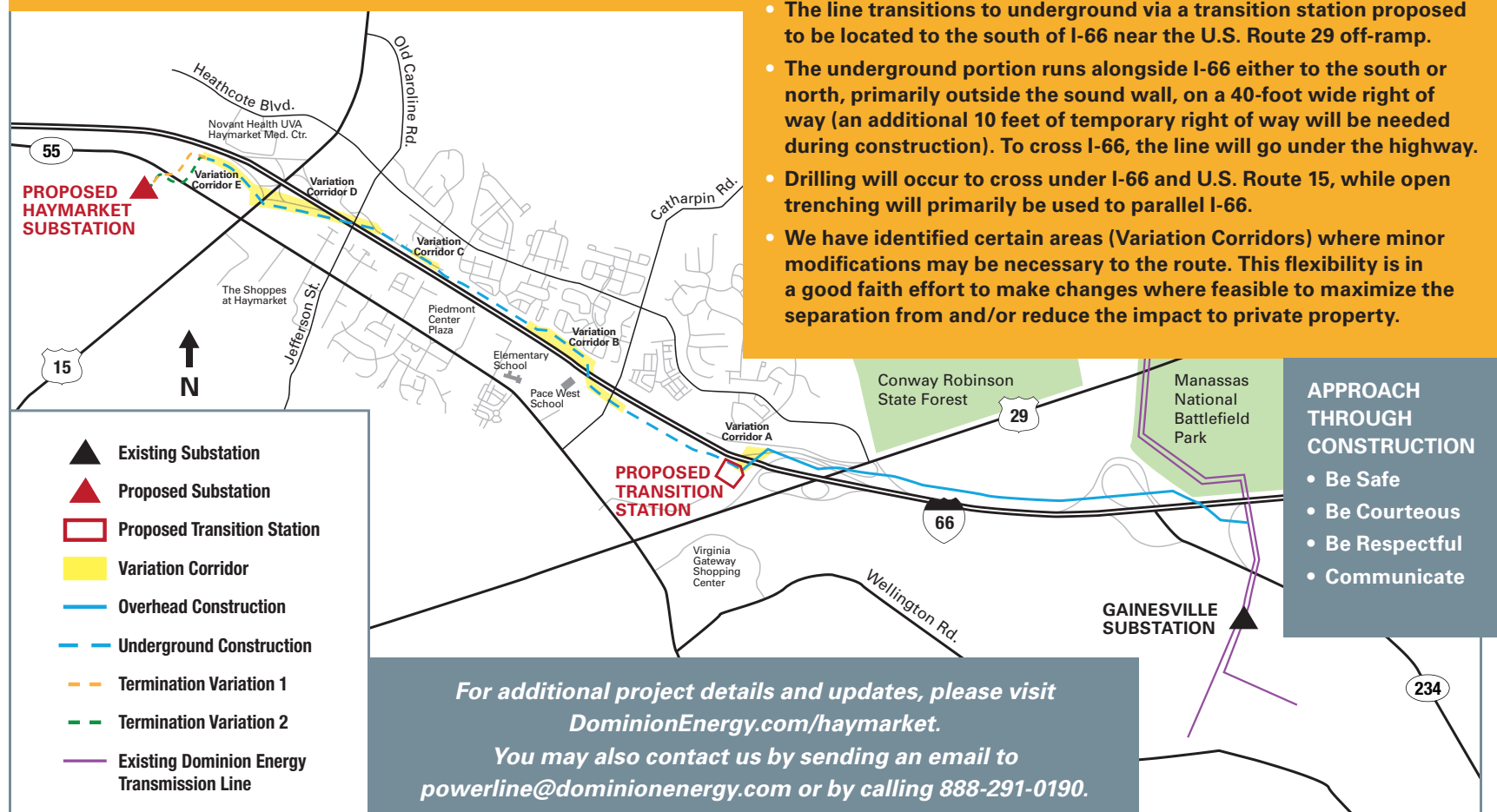
Now that the SCC has issued its order reaffirming the need for the Haymarket transmission line, we have submitted to the SCC our request that the I-66 Hybrid Route be included in the recently enacted underground electric transmission pilot program. We anticipate SCC approval and issuance of a final order by early August 2018.

Although a final order is still pending, given the complexities of underground construction, we are beginning our preparations now in anticipation of the I-66 Hybrid Route being approved. Activities include surveying, beginning the right of way acquisition appraisal process, access road planning, etc. As such, you may have seen or will begin to see more and more activity in the area with field crews either in or near the corridor. Also, property owners that are crossed by our right of way will begin receiving updates or requests for information from our employees or authorized contractors. We ask that these notices be given timely attention and response, if required.

As we move into the construction phase of this project, please know that we are committed to working safely and courteously in your community. We will continue to keep you updated as activities progress.

The Haymarket Project will meet growing energy demands and improve electric reliability for all customers in the region.

DETAILS: The I-66 Hybrid Route





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