

PRESENTATION TO THE MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION

Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project (D83P)

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Manitoba Hydro

Introduction

- Manitoba Hydro has identified a need to enhance its transmission system in southwest Manitoba to meet growing energy demands.
- The proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project is one component required to improve this system.

The Proposed Project

- The Project would include approx 70km of new 230 kV transmission line.
- The scheduled in-service date is November, 2014.



Environmental Assessment (EA)

- Manitoba Hydro has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed project.
- One of the first steps in this process is to select a route that has the least negative impact on people and the environment.

Environmental Assessment continued

- The EA process includes the identification of biophysical and socio-economic features within the study area that may be affected. Examples include:

Communities and villages	Residences
Airstrips and infrastructure	Agriculture
Heritage sites/areas	Social and economic conditions
Aquatics	Wildlife
Forestry	Vegetation

Environmental Assessment continued

- Alternative transmission line routes for the Project have been identified and evaluated based on avoidance of these sensitivities, while respecting technical (engineering) and cost considerations.

Environmental Assessment continued

- Class 2 development - *Environment Act* (Manitoba)
- The EA process will be documented in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- EIS submission in early summer 2012

Community and Public Engagement

- Public Engagement - Included will be input from:

Private landowners

Government agencies

Non-government agencies

Community representatives

First Nations

Metis

General public

Community and Public Engagement Continued

- Information obtained will assist in:
 - identifying a preferred route
 - Assessing potential impacts and mitigative measures

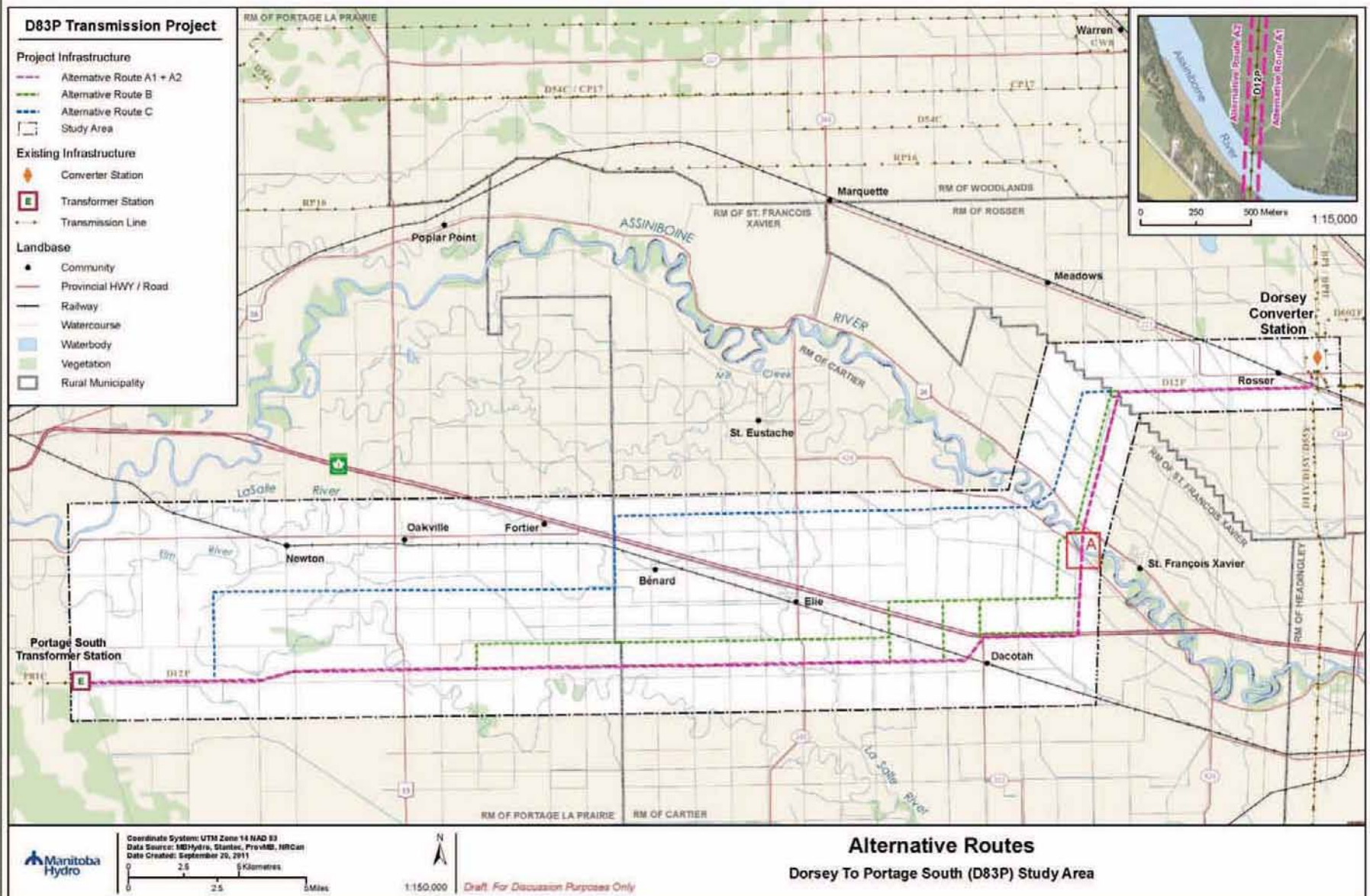
- Two rounds of public engagement are planned

- Each round will include discussions with elected officials, key landowners, community leadership, organizations and other potentially affected stakeholders.

Community and Public Engagement Continued

- Open houses are held to provide the general public with an opportunity to participate.
- The intent of the first round is to introduce the Project with three alternative routes as a starting point for discussion
- Information obtained during these discussions, in conjunction with biophysical, heritage and technical/economic factors, will assist in the identification of a balanced transmission line route.

Preliminary Alternative Routes



Next Steps

- Selection of the preliminary preferred route:
 - Compare alternative routes
 - Biophysical,
 - Socio-economic,
 - Cost / technical and
 - Public consultation information;

Next Steps

- **Select a preferred route;**
- **Complete Round 2 of the Public Engagement Program**
- **Impact assessment**
- **Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and**
- **Submission of the EIS**

EACP MEETING SUMMARY: ROUND ONE AND TWO

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Round One Date	Round Two Date	Event	Location
9/27/2011	4/10/2012	RM of Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie Municipal Office
10/11/2011	4/4/2012	RM of Cartier	Cartier Municipal Office
9/27/2011	4/10/2012	RM of St. Francois Xavier	St. Francois Xavier Municipal Office
10/13/2011	4/4/2012	RM of Rosser	Rosser Municipal Office
2/14/2012		Residents east of Assiniboine crossing	Home address
3/12-16/2012		Resident west of Assiniboine crossing	Via telephone
	3/8/2012 3/29/2012	Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)	MMF Winnipeg Office
	2/10/2012	Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT)	MIT Winnipeg Office
	7/4/2012	Peguis First Nation	Manitoba Hydro Office