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Otay Mesa Transmission Line Project (TL 649) FAQ



Q: What is the Tie Line 649 Project?

A: This project will replace approximately 18 wood transmission and distribution poles/structures with new, fire-resistant steel poles located in the Tier 2 High Fire Threat District (HFTD). All insulators and hardware associated with the poles and conductors will be replaced with new, modern equipment. As part of the Otay Mesa Transmission Line Project, SDG&E® will retire the Otay Lakes Substation.

Q: Why is this project needed?

A: As our region continues to grow and develop, SDG&E will continue its fire-hardening effort to keep our region safe. This project will modernize our transmission system equipment in the Tier 2 HFTD with improved protection facilities and will reduce electrical outages in this area.

Q: Where is this project located?

A: The project is in the community of Otay Mesa in the southern section of the city of San Diego, just north of the U.S.-Mexico border. It is bordered by the Otay River Valley and the city of Chula Vista on the north, with I-805 and the neighborhoods of Ocean View Hills and San Ysidro on the west.

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The community includes residential locations, industrial districts, some commercial zones and open space. Businesses in this area include the City of San Diego's Brown Field Municipal Airport, Donovan State Prison, Otay Mesa East Port of Entry, Amazon, the San Ysidro Unified School District and Cross Border Xpress.

Q: What days and times will construction occur?

A: There will be intermittent noise, and work will be performed in compliance as outlined by our local municipalities. While the ordinance allows for work to be done from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, most of the work will be performed approximately between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Crews will not perform work on holidays or Sundays except under extreme or emergency conditions.

Q: How long will construction last?

A: Construction is expected to last approximately six months, ending in Q4 2024.

Q: Will there be traffic impacts?

A: Throughout the project, we will work as safely and quickly as possible and make every effort to minimize disruptions such as construction traffic, lane/road closures, dust and noise along the impacted streets. Although not anticipated, our work may require us to shut off the power for safety purposes. If so, we will contact you in advance to help make sure you are prepared for a planned outage.

Multiple construction activities may take place simultaneously, which could impact traffic and noise levels. Please note that we will monitor the work hours, traffic control measures and noise restrictions established by local authorities.

Q: What is SDG&E's position on project safety in our communities?

A: SDG&E's top priority is safety. This project is no different than many other electric infrastructure upgrades and projects SDG&E undertakes throughout the region. All infrastructure within the transmission and distribution system is designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with strict state and federal safety regulations.

SDG&E has a comprehensive and proactive safety program to ensure the integrity of the system and the protection of our communities, customers, employees and infrastructure.

Q: Where can I go to learn more?

A: For more information, visit sdge.com/Major-Projects or call the Project Information Line at **1-844-765-6388**.