



**Big Stone South
to Alexandria**

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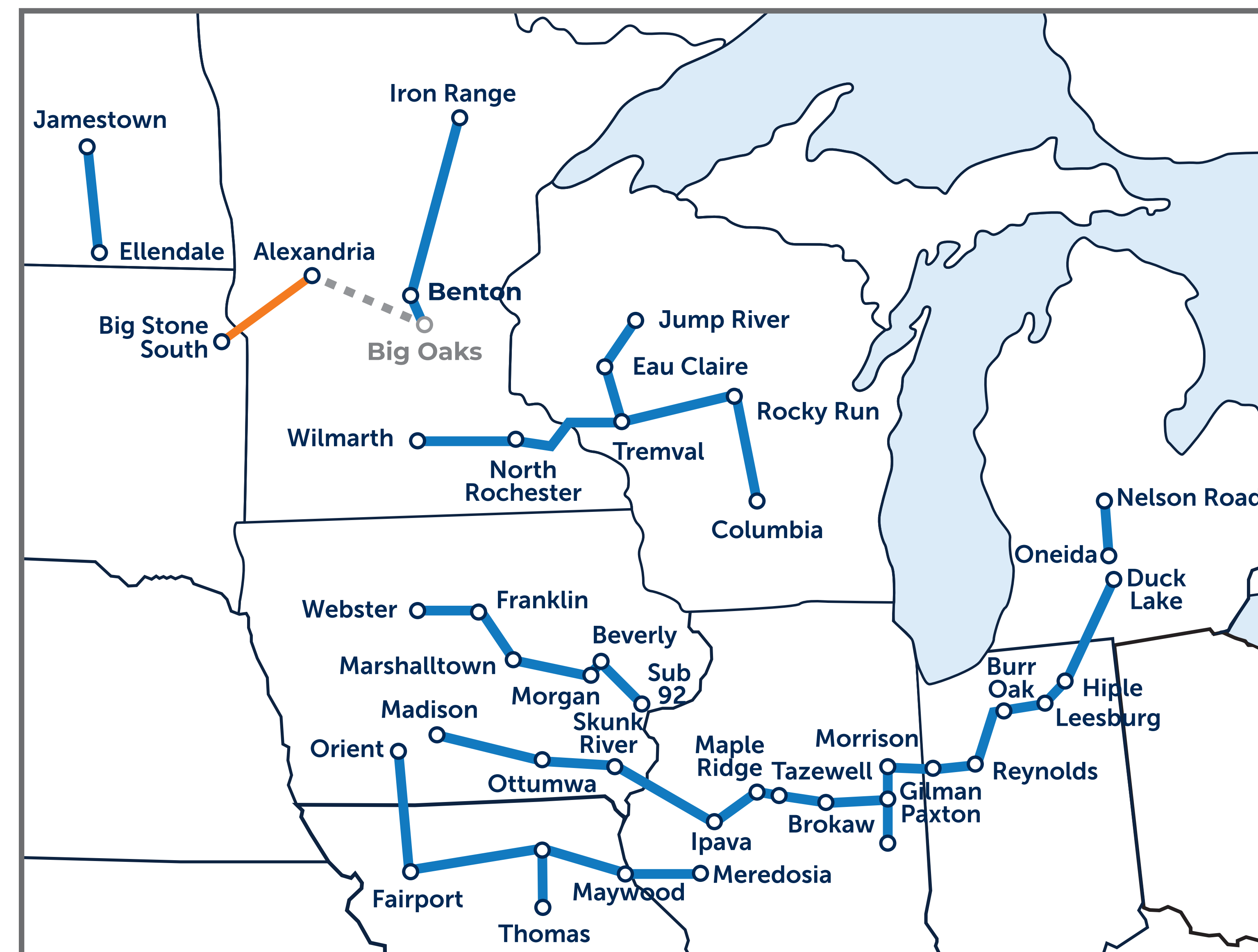
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



Both Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services belong to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator organization, also referred to as MISO.

MISO is a non-profit, member-based regional transmission organization that provides reliable, cost-effective electric systems and operations; dependable and transparent prices; open access to markets; and planning for long-term efficiency.

MISO has approved 18 new transmission projects throughout the Midwest that are needed by 2030 to ensure a **reliable** and **resilient** transmission system in the future.



PROJECT BENEFITS

Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services are proposing a new 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Otter Tail Power's existing Big Stone South Substation and MRES's existing Alexandria Substation.

The project will benefit the region by:



Improving electric reliability



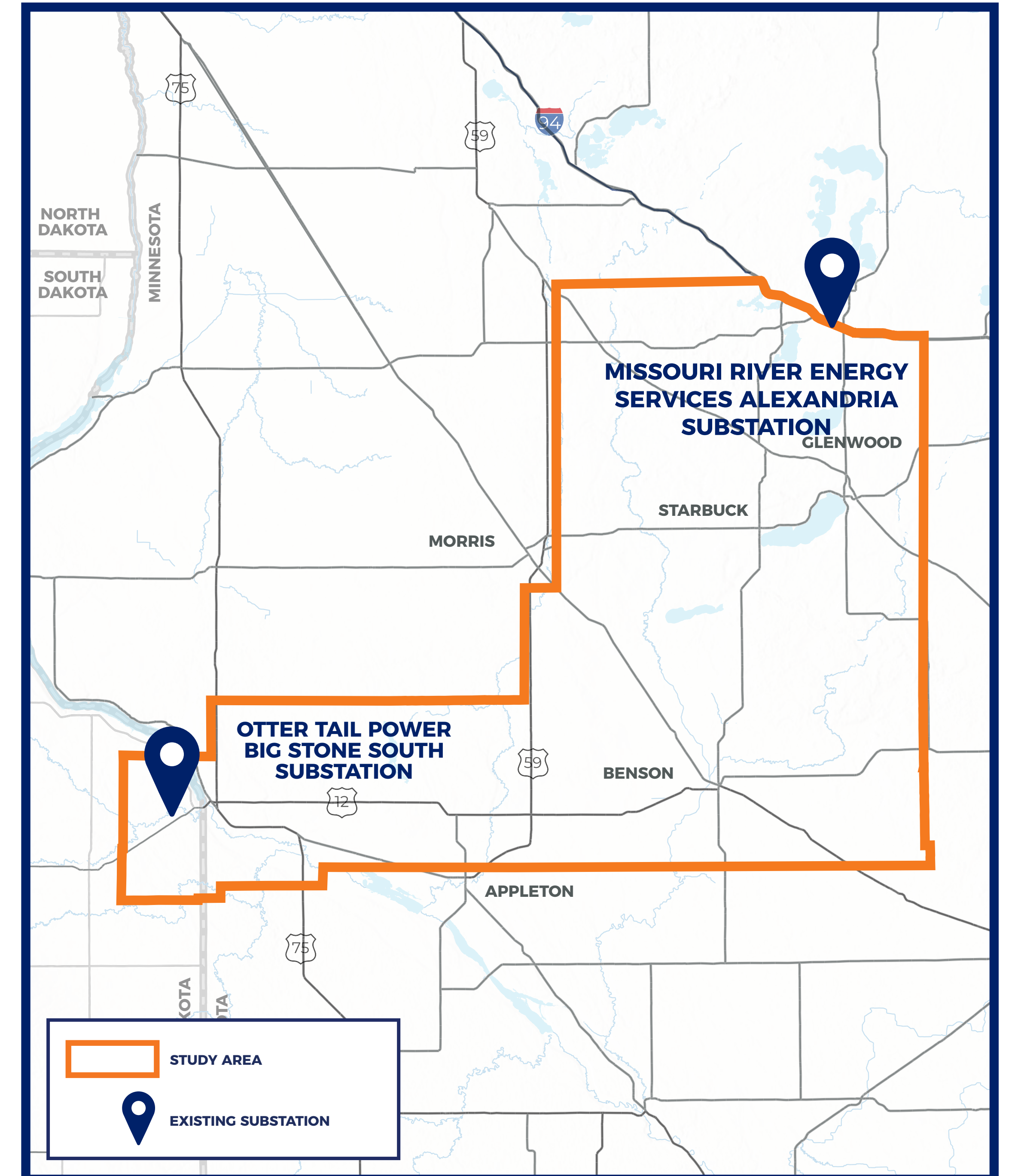
Reducing transmission congestion



Increasing access to renewable energy

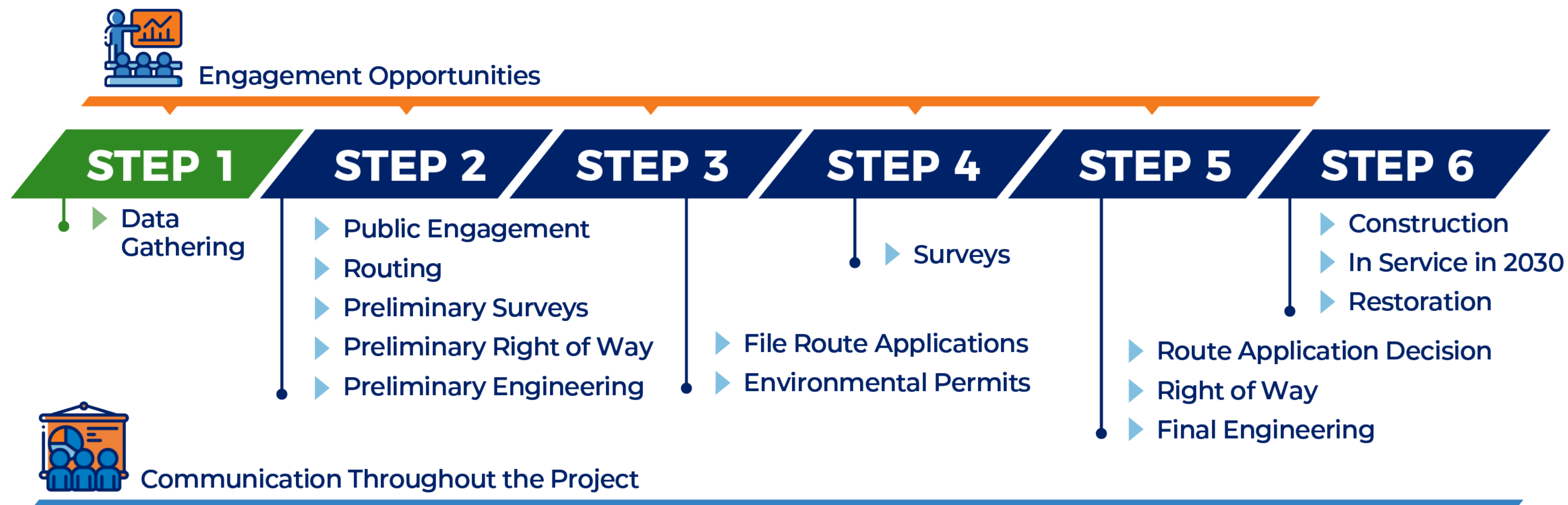


Increasing resiliency to extreme weather conditions



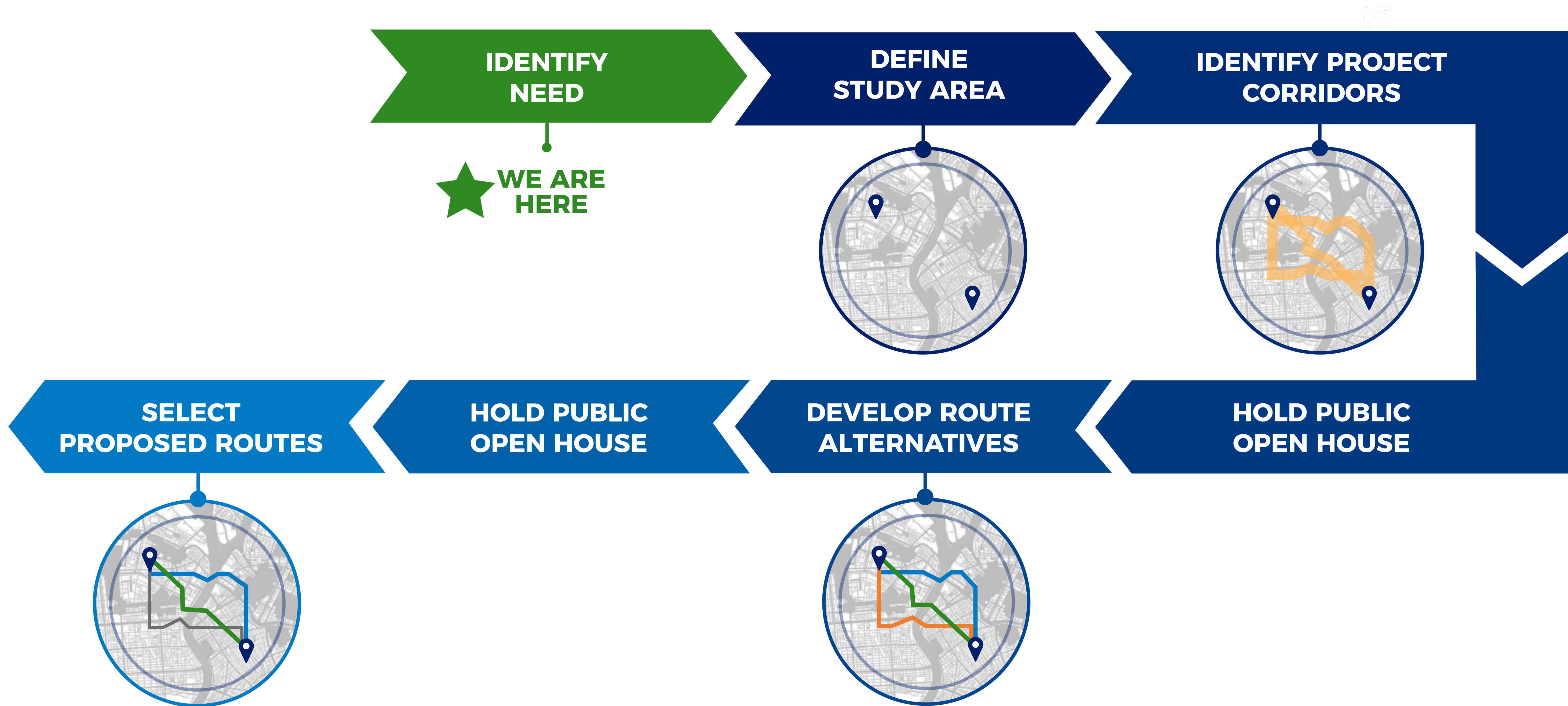
The Study Area is subject to refinement during project development.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT STEPS



Processes and timing vary from MN to SD. Our project team will refine the timing of these steps to be in compliance with each respective state's requirements.

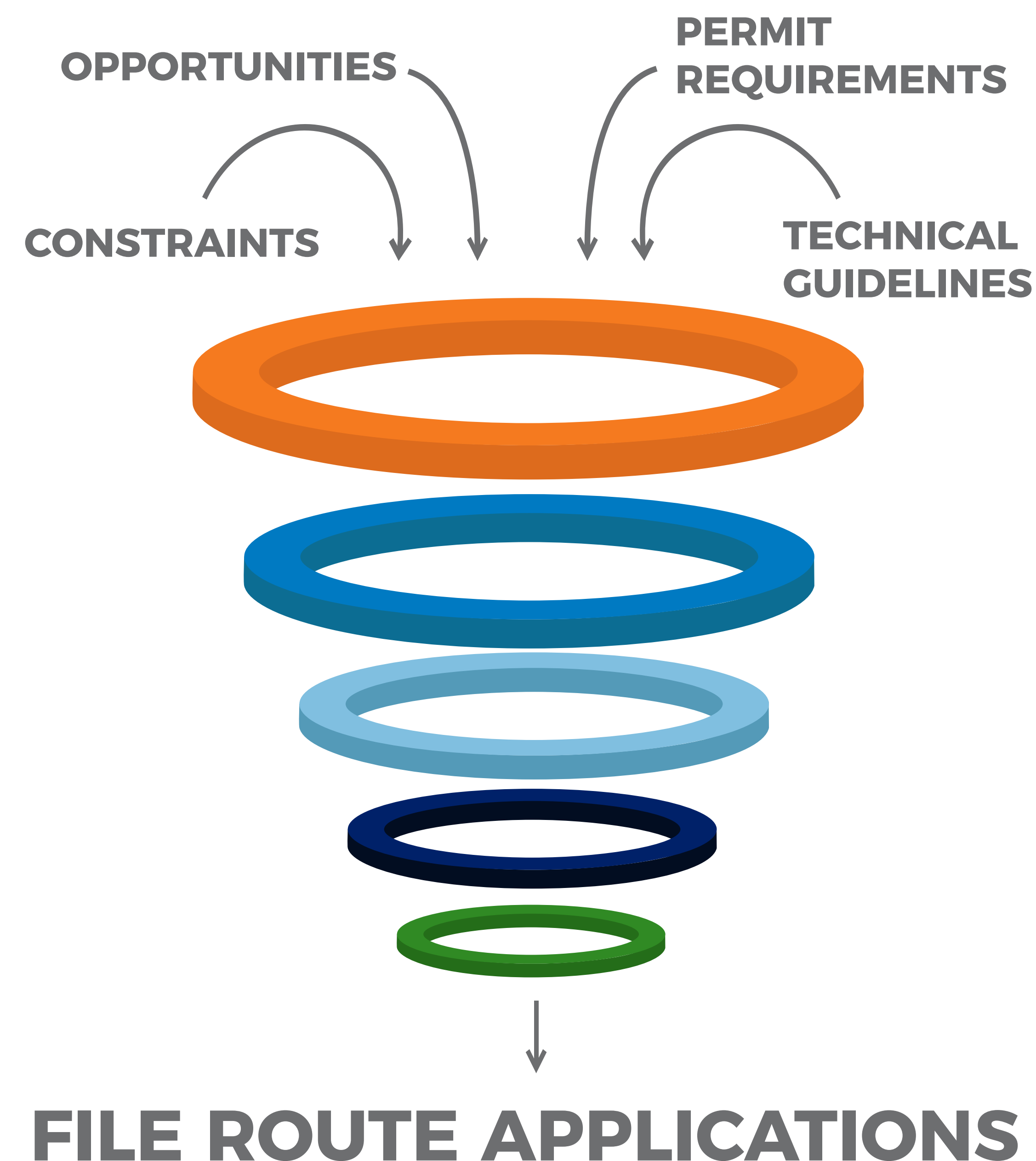
ROUTING PROCESS



ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

We'll hold meetings with agencies and the public throughout the study area to gather feedback and information helpful to our routing team in developing potential line routes.

After carefully considering that input and evaluating opportunities, constraints, permit requirements, and technical guidelines, we'll identify project corridors.



RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

? What is Right of Way?

Right of way is a portion of land needed for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line, typically about 150-foot-wide. Right of way is typically secured through negotiation and acquisition of an easement agreement.

? What is an Easement?


An easement is the legal document that allows Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services to construct, survey, and maintain transmission structures and lines on your property.

A **150-foot-wide easement** will be necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed transmission line.


? What is Right of Entry?

To assess potential routes and conduct the necessary environmental, engineering, and geologic studies/surveys, right-of-way agents will work with landowners and residents to acquire a temporary right-of-entry agreement. This agreement does not give permission for construction.

? What can I expect? Right-of-way agents will reach out to landowners in potential routing areas to discuss right-of-way needs.

1  Landowners in the project area will be notified of the project and right-of-way agents will reach out to begin the acquisition process.

2  A right-of-way agent will present the landowner an easement based on the fair market value.

3  We'll work with landowners to resolve any questions or concerns, coming to an agreement to grant an easement.

4  Once the project receives final approval, the utilities construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line.

You will be involved throughout the process, and if you have any questions or concerns, our right-of-way agents will work with you!

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Stay Informed

To stay up-to-date on the project, you can visit our website at:



www.BigStoneSouthtoAlexandria.com

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code.



Get Connected

Our next round of public meetings will be late 2023 – early 2024. We hope you are able to join us as we provide more information regarding the regulatory process for this project.

There will be many opportunities to participate throughout the project development and permitting processes. You can submit feedback, attend public meetings, ask questions, and learn more!



Questions or comments about the project?

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