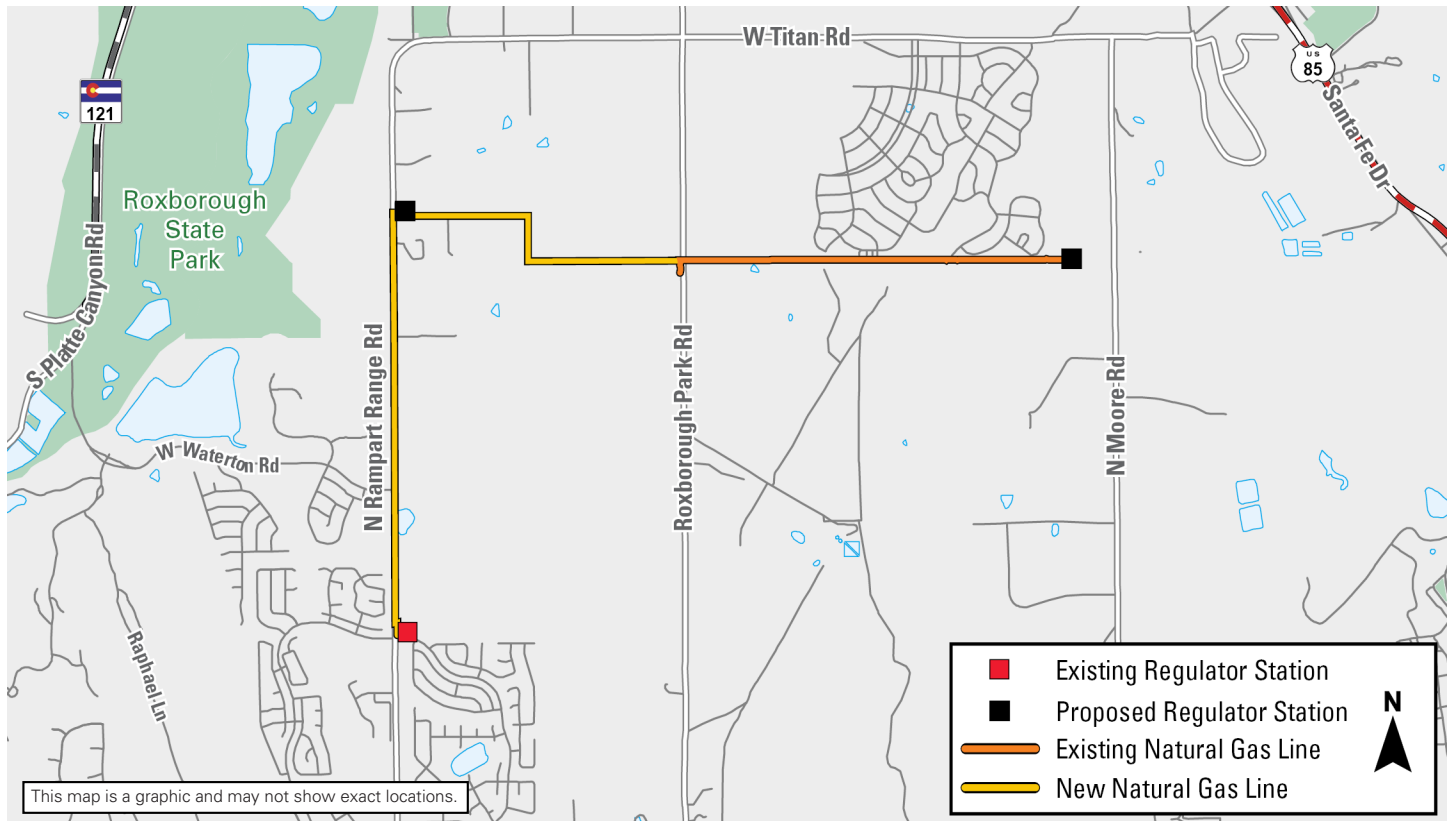


STERLING RANCH NATURAL GAS PROJECT

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Overview

We will install 2.6 miles of natural gas line along Rampart Range Road, between Village Circle West and our existing Waterton Substation, and between Rampart Range and Roxborough Park roads. We will also construct two regulator stations next to the Waterton Substation and west of Moore Road.

This work is our commitment to system revitalization, allowing us to continue to provide you safe, reliable service. It also supports current and anticipated future growth in the Sterling Ranch and Canyon developments and enhances system resiliency during extreme weather.

Schedule

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022 and continue through fall 2022. Final restoration may continue past fall 2022. Schedules are subject to change.

Construction

We will install the natural gas line by open trenching and boring. Open trenching involves digging a trench and placing the natural gas line in the trench. Boring uses a bore machine to create an underground pathway through which the line is pulled or drilled.

During construction, you may notice:

- Marking of utility lines and utility survey holes.
- Road and sidewalk closures.
- Traffic control.
- Temporary changes to access.
- Construction noise.

We are committed to limiting disturbances to the extent possible and will temporarily restore work areas immediately after construction. Final restoration will occur when weather allows.

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Safety overview

Public safety is at the foundation of all we do. The safety of the public around Xcel Energy's natural gas system influences every decision we make. We take a proactive approach to public safety by implementing safety measures before, during and after construction.

The project has been designed to meet federal and state standards and safety requirements for installing, maintaining and operating natural gas infrastructure.

How to recognize a natural gas leak

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave your home or business immediately. Once safely away, call **911**, then Xcel Energy at **800-895-2999**.

It is important that you know how to recognize potentially dangerous natural gas leaks, so use your senses. Signs of a natural gas leak include:

- A "rotten egg" or sulfur-like odor. It may smell differently to you, though.
- Hissing, whistling or roaring sounds outside near the natural gas line or inside near an appliance.
- Dirt spraying into the air or continuous bubbling in a pond or creek.
- Unexplained dead or dying vegetation.

Call before you dig

A common cause of natural gas incidents results from improper or unauthorized digging near underground utilities. Prior to digging, call **811** or visit colorado811.org to have utility lines located and marked.

Locating buried lines before digging prevents potentially dangerous natural gas conditions that result from damaging a buried gas line.

Natural gas construction safety**During construction and installation of the line, we protect your safety by:**

- Implementing a corrosion prevention system designed to eliminate metal loss.
- Verifying pipe welds through an independent third party.

Once the line has been installed and prior to putting it into service, we take the following steps:

- Internally inspecting the line.
- Performing internal pressure tests to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the line, we:

- Regularly inspecting the line.
- Conduct annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Monitor (24/7) the line and other infrastructure through Xcel Energy's staffed gas control center.

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