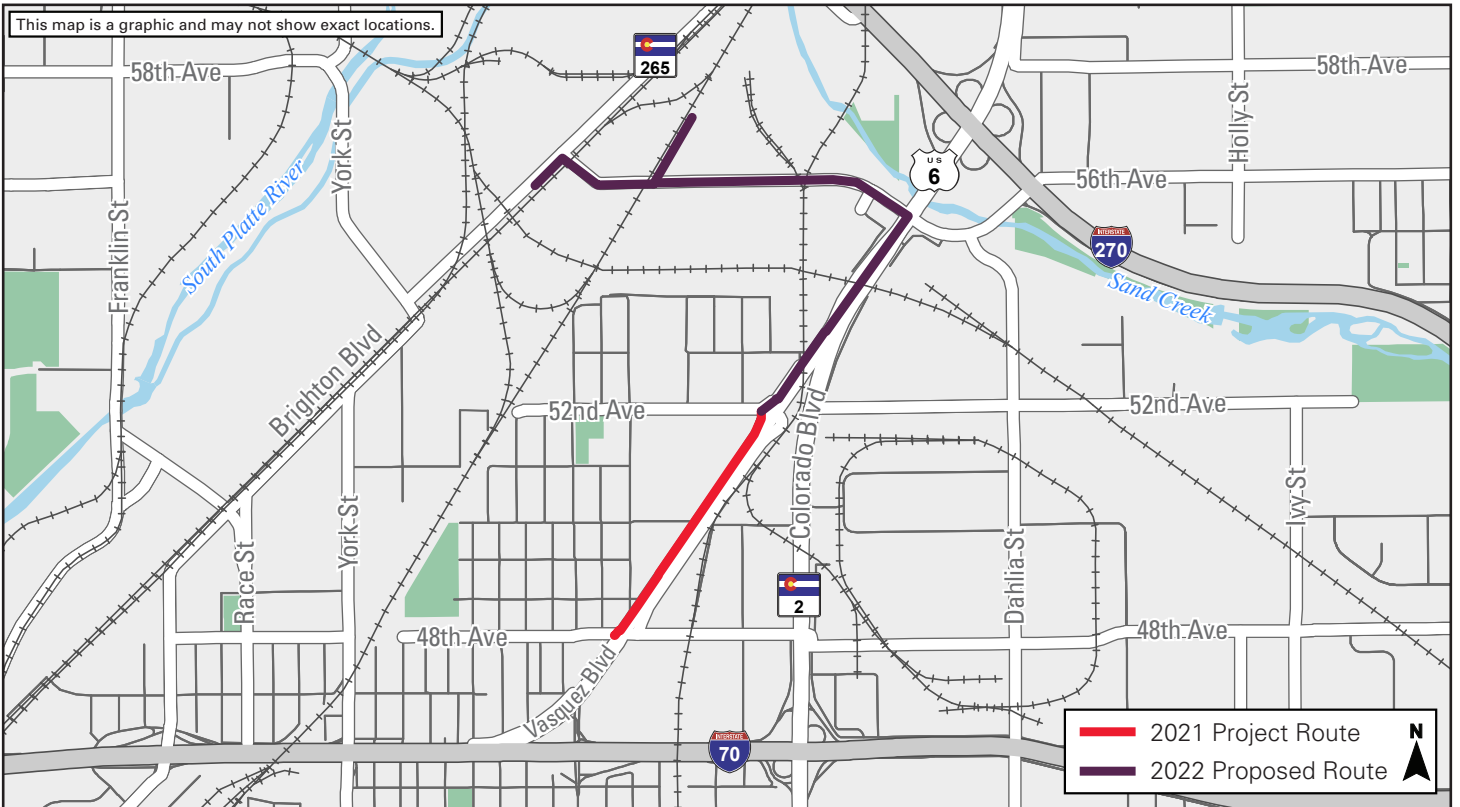


VASQUEZ NATURAL GAS PROJECT



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Overview

We are replacing about 5,500 feet of natural gas line in Denver and Commerce City.

Work in 2022 is expected to take place along Vasquez Boulevard and the Vasquez Boulevard frontage road between 52nd and 56th avenues, along 56th Avenue and adjacent to the Suncor Energy facility and Brighton Boulevard.

This work is our commitment to system revitalization, allowing us to continue to provide you safe, reliable service. It also supports growth and enhances system resiliency during extreme weather.

Schedule

Construction began in September 2021 and is expected to be complete by 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 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.

Learn 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 to 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, although it may smell differently to you.
- 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 digging into or nicking 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 by an independent third party.

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

- Internal inspection of the line.
- Performance of internal pressure tests to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the line, the following occurs:

- Regular Inspection of the line.
- Annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Monitoring (24/7) of the line and other infrastructure by staff at Xcel Energy's gas control center.



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