

Overview

Xcel Energy is replacing natural gas infrastructure in the City of Lafayette for the Lafayette Natural Gas Project. We will replace approximately 0.5 miles of natural gas lines along South Public Road, between Chester Street and South Boulder Road.

This project is being constructed as part of our commitment to system revitalization and allows us to continue to provide the safe, reliable natural gas service our customers expect.

Schedule

This project will start in April 2021 and be completed in fall 2021. Please note that the project schedule is subject to change.

Communications

We will provide updates to you in many ways during the project. Have questions? Please see our contact information on the reverse side of this information sheet.

Construction

We will install the natural gas line by open trenching which involves digging a trench and placing the natural gas line in the trench.

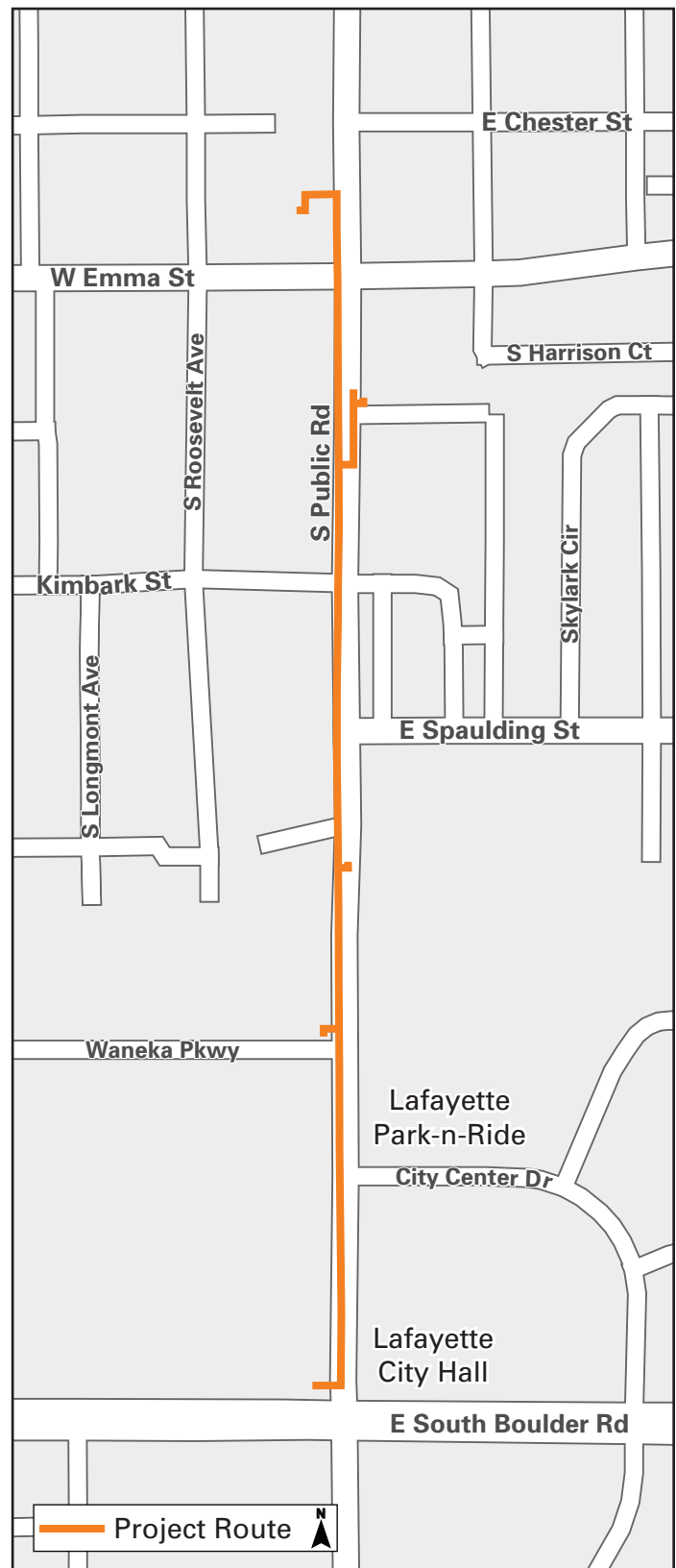
For your safety and the safety of our crews, please follow posted construction signs and directions from crews and refrain from entering work areas.

During construction, you may notice:

- Marking of utility lines and “potholing” to verify their locations visually.
- Construction equipment and materials.
- Partial or complete road closures.
- Traffic control.
- Changes to site access.
- Elevated noise during construction and testing.

We will work to reduce construction-related inconveniences.

We will temporarily restore work areas directly after natural gas line installation. We will return to complete final restoration when conditions allow.



The map above is a graphic and may not show exact locations.

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 continue to meet federal and state standards and safety requirements for installing, maintaining and operating natural gas infrastructure.

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 buried 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.

Learn to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave your home or business immediately. Once you are 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.

Natural Gas Construction Safety

During construction and installation of the natural gas line, the following measures are taken:

- Implementation of a corrosion prevention system designed to eliminate metal loss during the life of the natural gas line.
- Verification of pipe weld integrity by an independent third-party contractor.

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

- Internal inspection of the natural gas line with state-of-the-art equipment.
- Performance of internal pressure tests using water or air to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the natural gas line, the following occurs:

- Internal inspection of natural gas lines at least every seven years with "in-line" inspection technology.
- Conduct annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Continuous remote monitoring (24/7) of the natural gas line and facility operations by Xcel Energy's staffed gas control center.

Xcel Energy COVID-19 Response

This critical infrastructure work will continue during the COVID-19 pandemic. Xcel Energy employees and subcontractors are taking precautions to limit exposure to themselves and others.

To learn more about Xcel Energy's response to COVID-19, please visit xcelenergy.com/COVID-19_Response.



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