

June 30, 2021

RE: Rycroft Substation Expansion Project – Bypass Disconnect Switch

On August 11, 2020, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved ATCO Electric Ltd's (ATCO) Facility Application to add new equipment, expand the existing Rycroft 730S substation as well as alter the existing 7L10 transmission line in the vicinity of the substation. The substation is located just south of Rycroft, AB on NE 9-78-5 W6M in the Municipal District of Spirit.

Expansion of the existing Rycroft substation was directed by the Alberta Electrical System Operator (AESO) to reduce constraints, accommodate load growth, and provide options for future growth in the Rycroft area.

As part of the AESO's directive, ATCO was requested to install one 144 kV line bypass disconnect switch between the existing 144 kV 7L68 and 7L10 transmission lines, as required, outside the substation fenceline. The switch and associated structures are planned to be located on the NE and SE sections of 4-78-5-W6M. The planned facilities are located within the existing easement of the 7L10 transmission line and centreline of the 7L68 transmission line located on the outer edge of the highway road allowance. Please see Potential Route Mosaic Map for details. Temporary workspace areas will also be required during construction. Please see the Facility Detail Map for details.

Project Schedule

ATCO plans to submit a regulatory application for the switch and associated structures to the AUC in fall 2021. If approval is granted by the AUC, construction activities may commence as early as March 2022, where possible. Please note that project timing and details may be adjusted as plans are finalized.

Next Steps

In the weeks ahead, ATCO will be contacting stakeholders on or beside the planned facilities and consultation will be conducted in an effort to reduce potential impacts. You can also provide feedback and share other information using the enclosed reply form and postage-paid envelope, by contacting us (toll free) at 1-855-420-5775, or by emailing us at consultation@atcoelectric.com.

It is important to note that AUC approval is required before ATCO can begin to construct this Project. Once an application is filed, you may receive a Notice of Application from the AUC providing you with information on their review and approval process. For more information about how you can participate in the AUC process, please refer to the enclosed brochure entitled *Participating in the AUC's independent review process*.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience should you have any questions or comments regarding the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Sansom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Sansom" clearly legible.

Jeff Sansom

Project Planner

ATCO Electric Ltd.

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Enclosures:

Potential Route Mosaic Map (RS-730S-N3-01)

Facility Detail Map (RS-730S-N3-02)

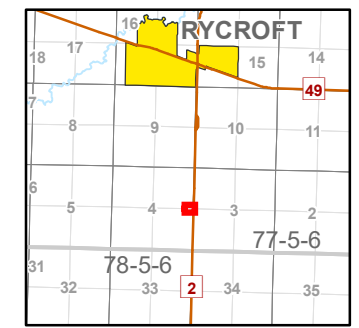
AUC Brochure: Participating in the AUC's independent review process

Reply form and postage paid envelope

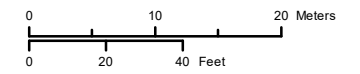
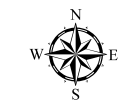


- Potential Transmission Structure
- Existing Transmission Structure Unaltered
- Potential 144 kV Transmission Permanent Bypass
- Existing 144 kV Transmission Line
- Existing Easement R/W
- Parcel Line

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KEY MAP



NOTES:
 - Only facilities in the vicinity of the project are shown.

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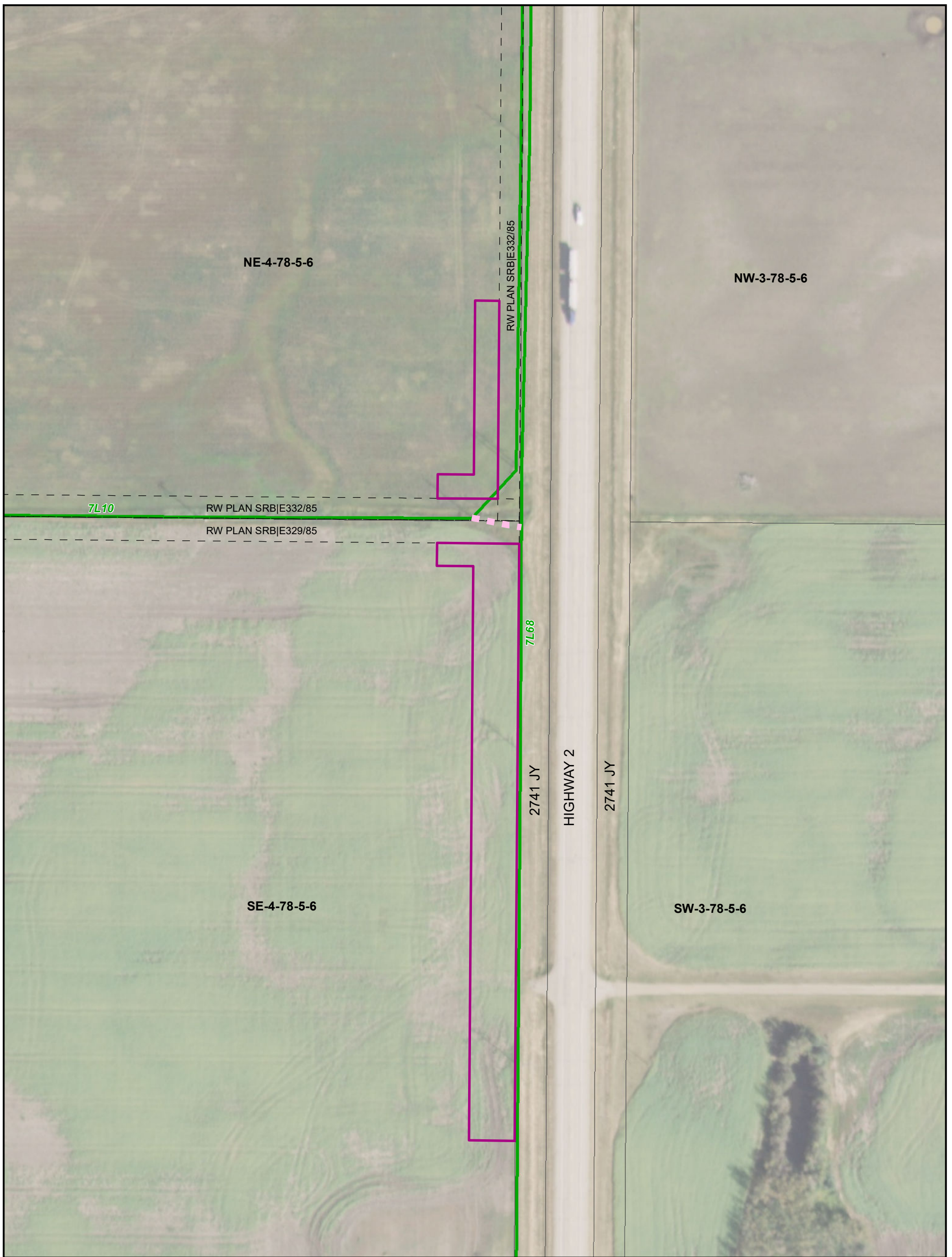


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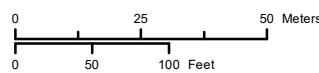
**POTENTIAL ROUTE MOSAIC
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- Potential 144 kV Transmission Permanent Bypass
- Potential Temporary Workspace
- Existing 144 kV Transmission Line
- Existing Easement R/W
- Parcels



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FACILITY DETAIL MAP

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SHAPE THE CONVERSATION

RYCROFT SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT

BYPASS DISCONNECT SWITCH

REPLY FORM

10035-105 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1C8

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Company/Organization Name (if applicable):

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Please help us identify new contacts

You were contacted about this project because ATCO identified you or your company/organization as having a land interest in the vicinity of the project. Is there anyone else associated with your property, such as other owners, renters or occupants, who we should also contact? If so, please provide the name(s), contact information and their land interest.

I would like to receive all future correspondence about this project by Email (If this is your preference, please check the box)

Email: _____

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT PRIVACY: *The information on this form is being collected to identify concerns with proposed changes to and/or the siting of power transmission facilities, and to comply with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) rules regarding the submission of transmission facilities applications. This information may be provided to electric facility owners, Alberta's Surface Rights Board, and the Alberta Electric System Operator. Your comments and personal information may also be publicly accessible through the AUC website, should it be submitted to the AUC as part of a transmission facility application – subject to Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **If you wish to keep your information confidential, you must make a request to the AUC (403-592-4376).** If you have questions or concerns about your information or how it may be used or disclosed as part of this process, please contact us (see contact information below).*

Please let us know by checking a box below if either statement applies to you:

I do not have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

I have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

Please share any comments or concerns that you have about the Project:

HOW TO SUBMIT: Please use the enclosed envelope to return by mail or fax to 780-420-5030. If you would like more information about the project, please contact us toll free 1-855-420-5775 or by Email: consultation@atcoelectric.com.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)*

The Commission supports ongoing efforts to reach an agreeable outcome for the applicant and all affected parties. The Commission encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed at an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process*

The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if there continues to be legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location in addition to a process schedule. The AUC conducts public hearings in its Edmonton and Calgary hearing rooms and, where suitable venues exist, in communities closer to the proposed project area.

The public hearing process allows persons with standing that have unresolved concerns about the application, to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members.

An AUC hearing is a formal, evidence-based, court-like proceeding. The public can attend the hearing in person or listen to hearings online through the AUC's website.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance

A person determined by the Commission to be a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or technical experts must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Local Intervener Funding*, recovery of costs is subject to the Commission assessing the value of the

contribution provided by the lawyer and technical experts. People with similar interests and positions are expected to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or technical assistance are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision

The AUC's goal is to issue its written application decision no more than 90 days after the hearing is complete. The Commission can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. All AUC decision reports are available to any member of the public on the AUC's website or by obtaining a printed copy from the AUC.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

An applicant or dissatisfied participant may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal a Commission decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or dissatisfied participant can also ask the Commission to review its decision. An application to review a Commission decision must be filed within 60 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review and Variance of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the Commission must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website under "Compliance and enforcement."

*Opportunity for public involvement

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the Government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta's utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

Contact us

Phone: 310-4AUC (310-4282 in Alberta)
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The Alberta Utilities Commission is committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.



Participating
in the AUC's
independent
review process

Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to application by proponent

Step 2: Application filed with the AUC

Step 3: Public notice issued by the AUC

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation

Step 6: The public hearing process

Step 7: The decision

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

www.auc.ab.ca

The AUC's regulatory role in needs and facility applications and its independent review and hearing process:

The AUC uses an established process, outlined in this brochure, to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval is in the public interest. Approvals from the AUC are required for the construction, operation, alteration and decommissioning of transmission lines and electric substations.

Approvals are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants, including renewables such as wind and solar more than five megawatts.

Sometimes a needs application is considered together with a facility application in a single hearing; sometimes separate hearings may be held to consider each application.

Step 1: Public consultation prior to application*

Prior to filing an application with the AUC for the approval of a proposed utility development, the applicant must engage in a public consultation program in the area of the proposed project, so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments*, and AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the initial public consultation, as early involvement in discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

The Alberta Electric System Operator, as the system planner, will notify potentially affected stakeholders of applications on the need for transmission development.

Step 2: Application filed with the AUC

When the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application with the AUC through a public filing system, called the eFiling System, on the AUC website.

The application is then reviewed to ensure the information required by the Commission is included. If the required information is not provided, the AUC may close the application or request more

information from the applicant. In the application, any issues that were raised during the public consultation and any related amendments to the proposal should be identified. All unresolved objections or concerns identified during the public consultation must be described in the application.

Step 3: Public notice

The AUC generally issues a notice by mail directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be affected by the Commission's decision on the proposed project. The notice for larger facility projects with potentially greater impacts may also be published in local newspapers.

The notice will specify a submission deadline. The information required by this deadline is general in nature as outlined in Step 4. Additional opportunities to provide evidence and additional information will arise after this deadline.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC*

The AUC review process is referred to as a proceeding. Anyone with unresolved objections or concerns about the application can file a brief written statement with the AUC on the proceeding. The easiest way to file a statement is to fill out the form through the eFiling System found on the AUC website. The statement must include your contact information, where you reside or own property in relation to the proposed facility, your concern or interest in the application, an explanation of your position and what you feel the AUC should decide.

The AUC uses the information it gathers through the forms to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The Commission must hold a hearing if a person can demonstrate that he or she has rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the Commission. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to understand the application and present their position on the application either in writing or in person.

Subject to some limited exceptions, all information and materials provided as part of an AUC proceeding will become part of the public record and will be available through the eFiling System. The AUC's treatment of some types of information as confidential is rare and only available under limited circumstances to ensure that the AUC's process is open and transparent.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application and is how to provide your input to the AUC and monitor the related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

***Opportunity for public involvement**