

# **ATC Zone 2 Projects Update U.P. Energy Summit**

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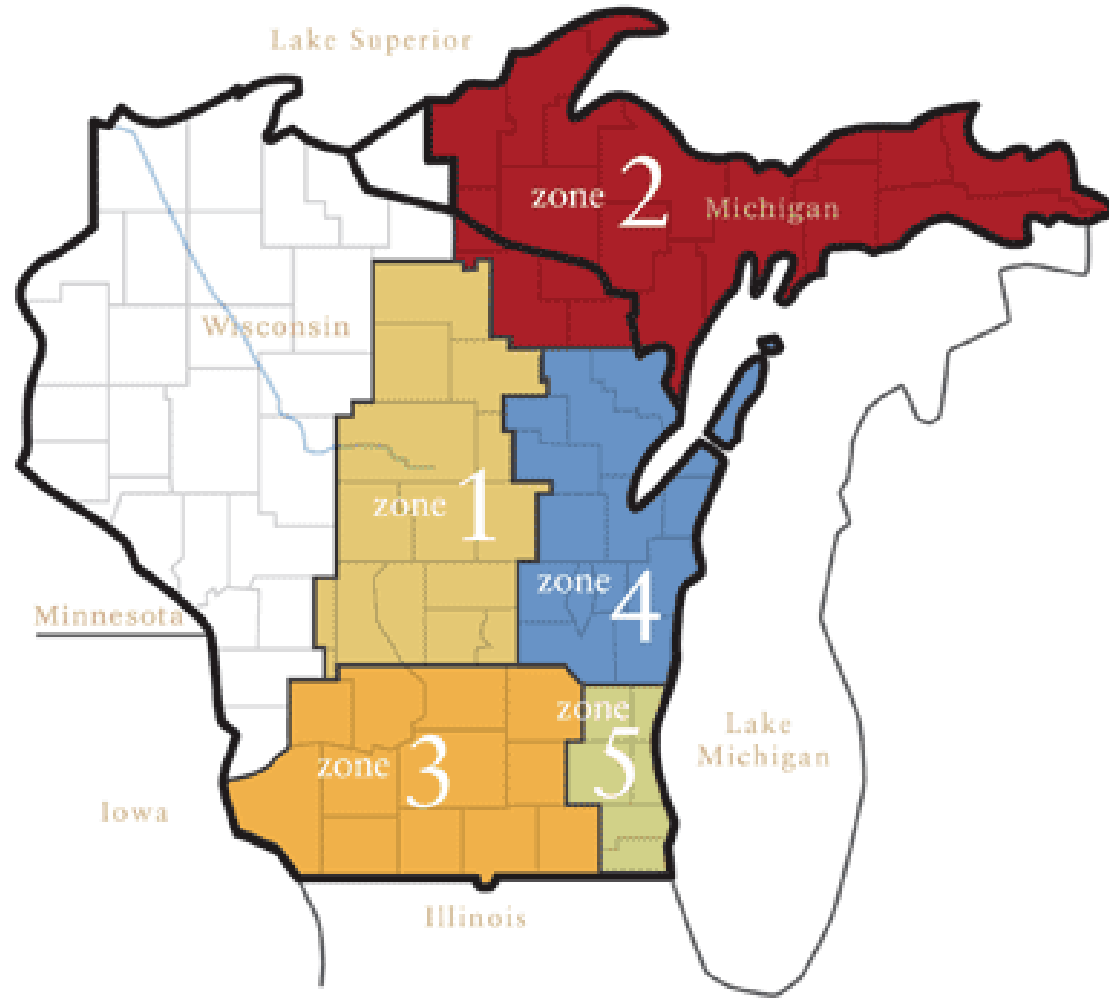
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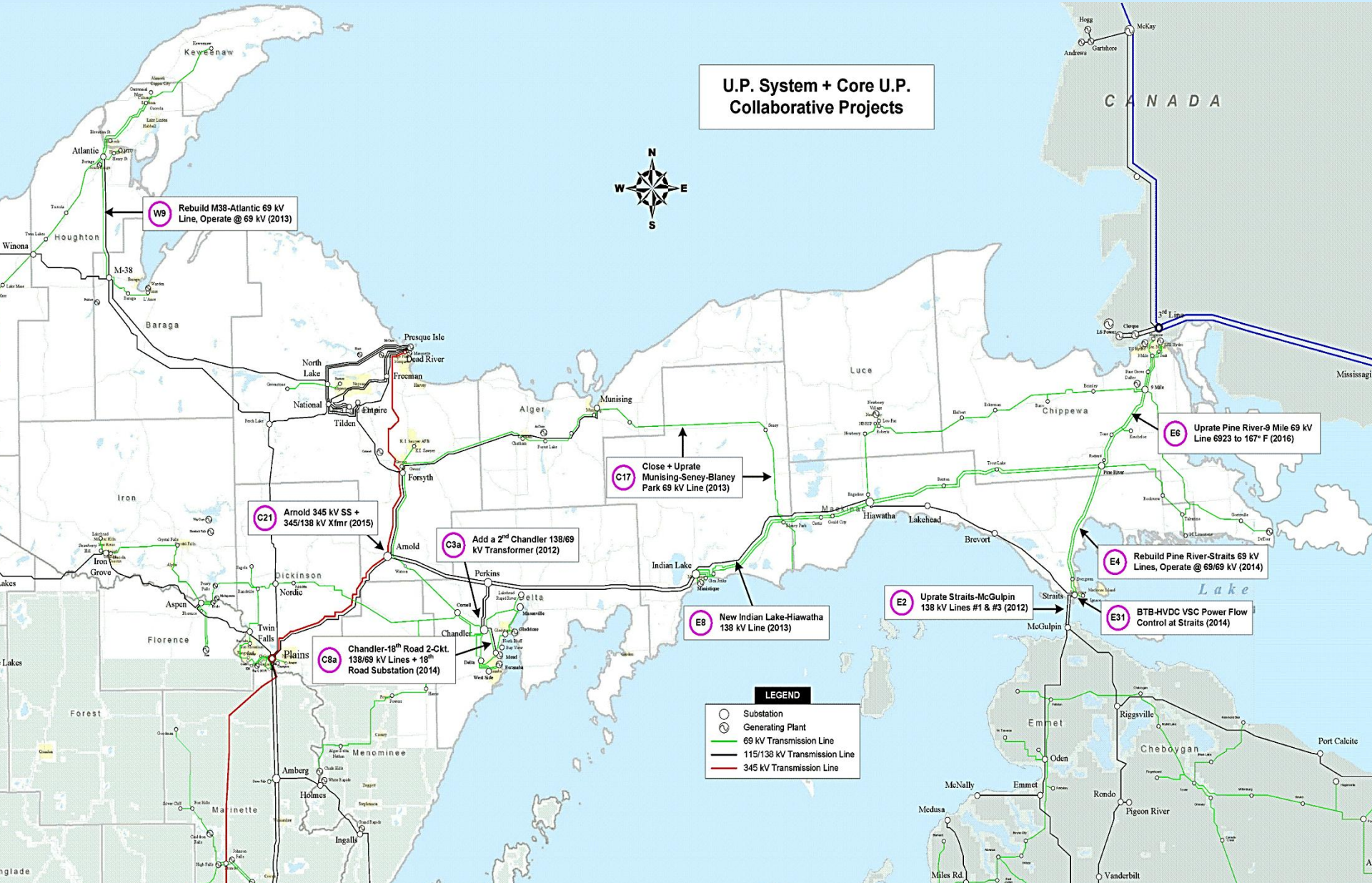
# Project Updates

- U.P. Energy Collaborative “Core” Projects
  - HVDC Flow Control
  - Straits – Pine River Rebuild
  - Delta Substation Upgrades
  - Chandler Substation Expansion
  - Chandler – Old Mead Road
  - Arnold Substation Expansion
  - Atlantic – M38 Rebuild
- Bay Lake
  - Green Bay – Morgan (Project Area 1)
  - 138-kV Static Var Compensator (Project Area 2)
  - Holmes – Old Mead Road (Project Area 4)

# ATC Planning Zones



# Map of U.P. Collaborative "Core" Projects



# HVDC Flow-Control

- Installation of high-voltage, direct-current (HVDC) flow control equipment and related upgrades at the Straits substation
- Necessary to manage overloads that are created by unmitigated “Loop Flows”
- MISO Board approval June 2011
- Construction started Q2 2012
- Targeted in-service date of Q3 2014
- Estimated at \$131 million

























# Straits-Pine River

- Rebuild 25 miles of double-circuit 69-kV transmission line between Straits and Pine River substations
- Long-term solution to enhance reliability in the area and increase capacity
- Provides greater operational flexibility, reduces system losses and reduces the overall cost of operation and maintenance
- Construction began Q3 of 2012
- Targeted in-service date of Q1 2014
- Cost estimated at \$36.1 million









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# Delta County Area

- Emergent need for additional transmission in the Delta County area exists today
  - Obligation to serve Network Load
  - Existing assets are frequently overloaded and subject to voltage collapse
  - Existing assets are so critical that it is difficult to schedule routine maintenance outages



# Chandler-Old Mead Road

- New 138/69-kV “Old Mead Road” substation near the NewPage Mill
- 6 miles of new 138/69-kV line between Chandler and “Old Mead Road” substations
- Route development completed Q4 2011
- Easements being negotiated through Q1 2013
- Construction slated to begin Q3 2013
  - **contingent upon procurement of land rights**
- Targeted in-service date of Q3 2014
  - **contingent upon procurement of land rights**
- Estimated at \$25 million

# Chandler Substation

- Installation of second 138/69-kV transformer
- Expanded 138-kV and 69-kV capabilities
- Improves reliability, provides increased flexibility for *Real Time* operations and scheduling of routine maintenance
- Placed in-service Q2 2012
- Estimated at \$9.3 million



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PANEL E1  
80KV BUS VI

PANEL E2  
80KV BUS V

PANEL E3  
80KV BUS IV

PANEL E4  
80KV BUS III

PANEL E5  
80KV BUS II

PANEL E6  
80KV BUS I



# Delta Substation

- Addition of a 69-kV bus circuit breaker
- Replacement of aging equipment
- Resolves reliability issues and improves overall operational flexibility in the region
- Placed in-service Q2 2012
- Estimated at \$2.5 million

# Arnold Substation

- Addition of a 345/138-kV transformer and related upgrades
- Provides an additional source in to Delta County
- Improves voltage profiles
- Increases operational flexibility
- Increases ability to schedule maintenance
- Requires HVDC at the Straits to manage increased west to east flows
- Targeted completion date of Q2 2015
- Estimated at \$23.4 million

# Atlantic-M38

- Rebuild 22 miles of existing 69-kV line through Baraga and Houghton counties
  - Existing line is nearly 60 years old (age and condition)
  - Subject to overloads under certain conditions, especially during maintenance outages or forced outages
  - Completion of engineering targeted for Q4 2012
  - Procurement of Land Rights is underway
  - Construction to begin Q1 2013
  - Targeted in-service date Q3 2013
  - Estimated at \$19.9M



# ATC's Bay Lake Project

- The need for Bay Lake is driven by multiple factors
  - Generation changes (unit retirements, unit conversions, reduced plant output, market dispatch of generators)
  - Addition of new loads and load growth
  - Maintenance outages are difficult to schedule without placing the entire northern portion of system at risk
  - Existing generation may be affected by changing EPA rules with very short compliance deadlines
- Despite improvements that have been made, transmission capacity has been “used up” as soon as they are placed into service

# ATC's Bay Lake Project

- New 345-kV line from the Green Bay area to Ishpeming
  - **Green Bay – Morgan segment approved by MISO under Appendix A of MTEP12 (Out-of-Cycle)**
  - **Morgan – Plains segment is being evaluated under MISO's "Northern Area Study"**
  - **Plains – National segment is being evaluated under MISO's "Northern Area Study"**
- New 138-kV line from the Green Bay area to the existing Morgan Substation
  - **Candidate for inclusion in Appendix A of MTEP12**
- New 138-kV line between the Holmes Substation and Old Mead Road substation
  - **Approved by MISO under Appendix A of MTEP12 (Out-of-Cycle)**
- 138-kV Static Var Compensator near Amberg substation
  - **Approved by MISO under Appendix A of MTEP12 (Out-of-Cycle)**

# BAY LAKE PROJECT

OVERVIEW  
with PROJECT AREAS



**Map Area Shows in Red**

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**PROJECT AREA**

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**STATE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS**

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**BAY LAKE PROJECT AREAS**

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**Map**

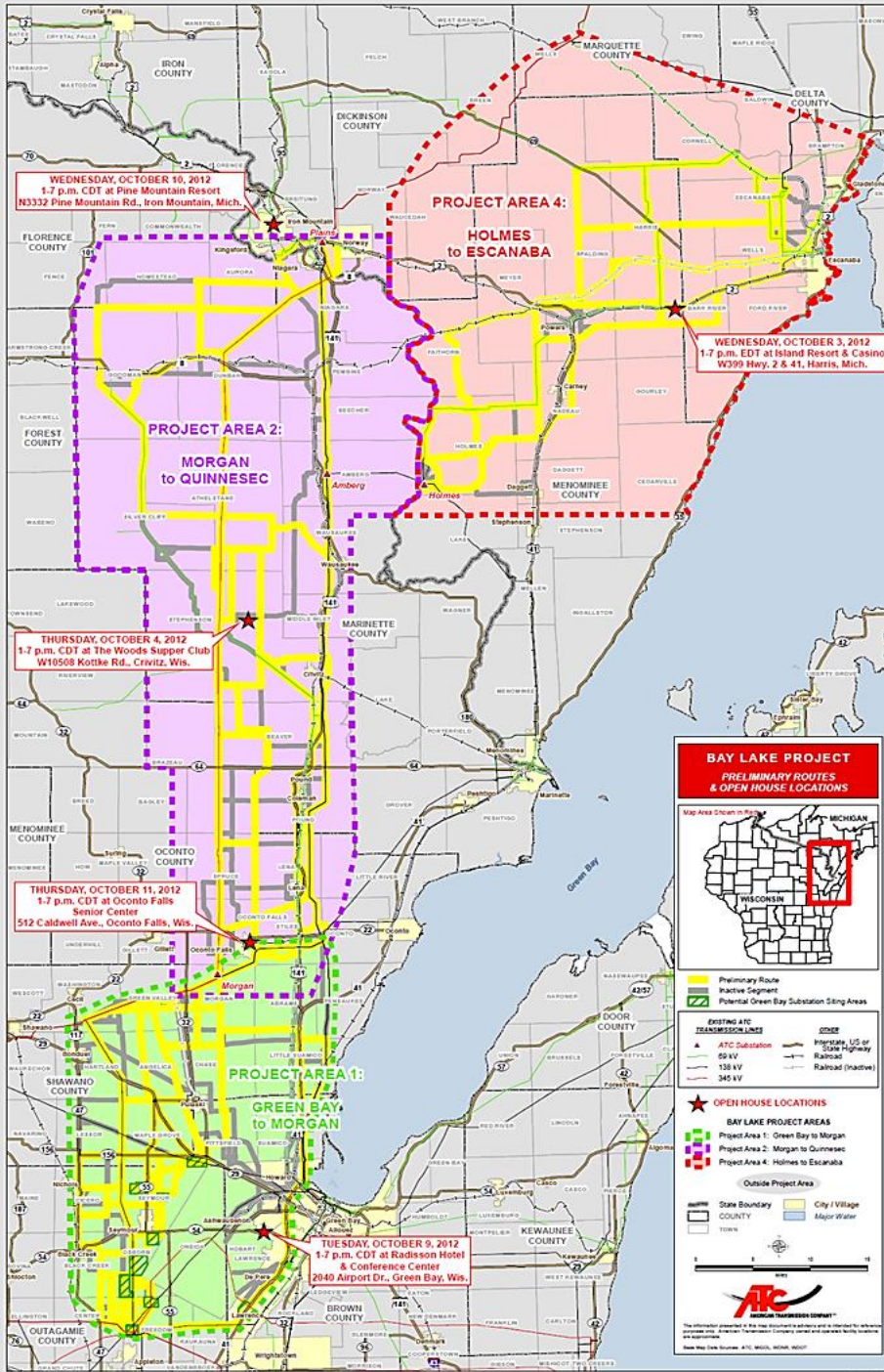
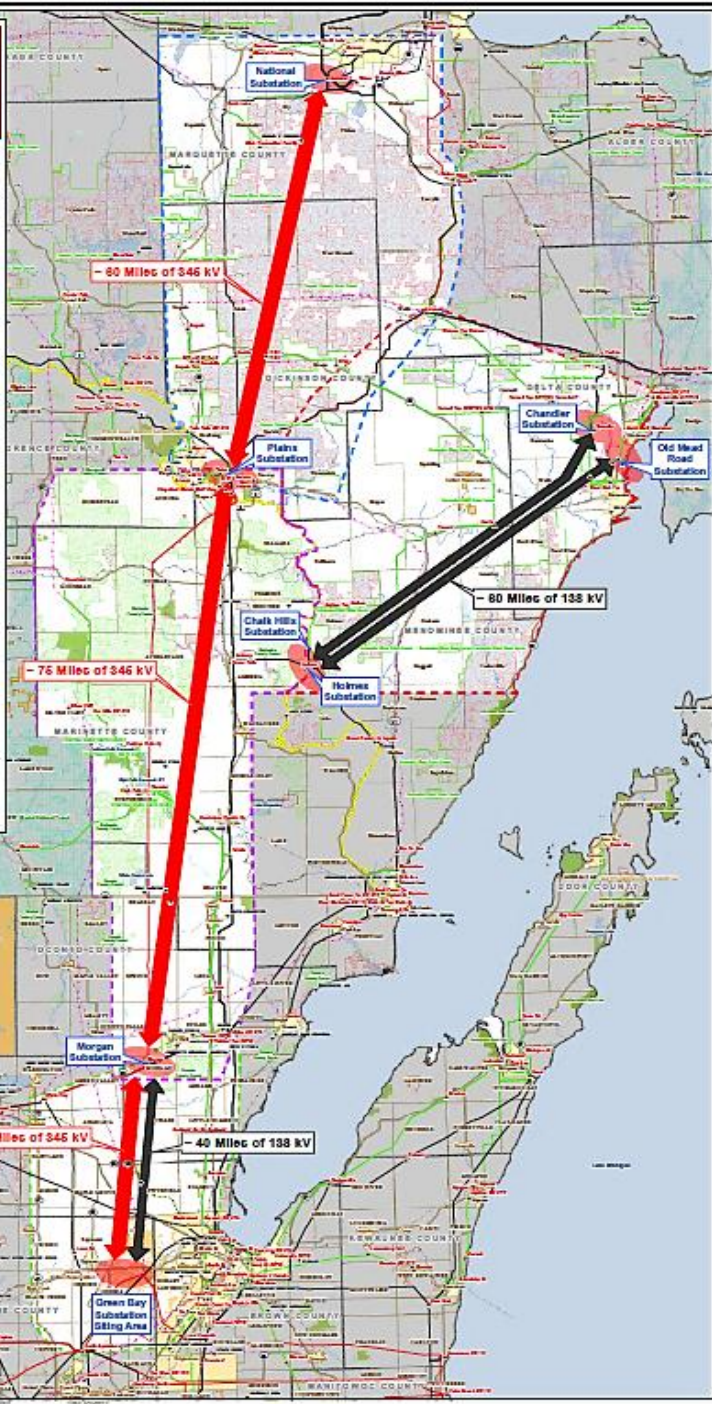
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# Siting Process for Identifying New Electric Transmission Corridors

## Define Project Study Area

Define opportunities within project study area

Define and map sensitivities within project study area

Develop composite map of opportunities and sensitivities

Define potential siting corridors (3,000 feet)  
based on opportunities and sensitivities

**ATC first round of open houses**

Analyze and refine corridors

Conduct environmental characterization of routes

Select preliminary routes (500 feet)

**ATC second round of open houses**

Evaluate preliminary routes

Select and map a minimum of two routes

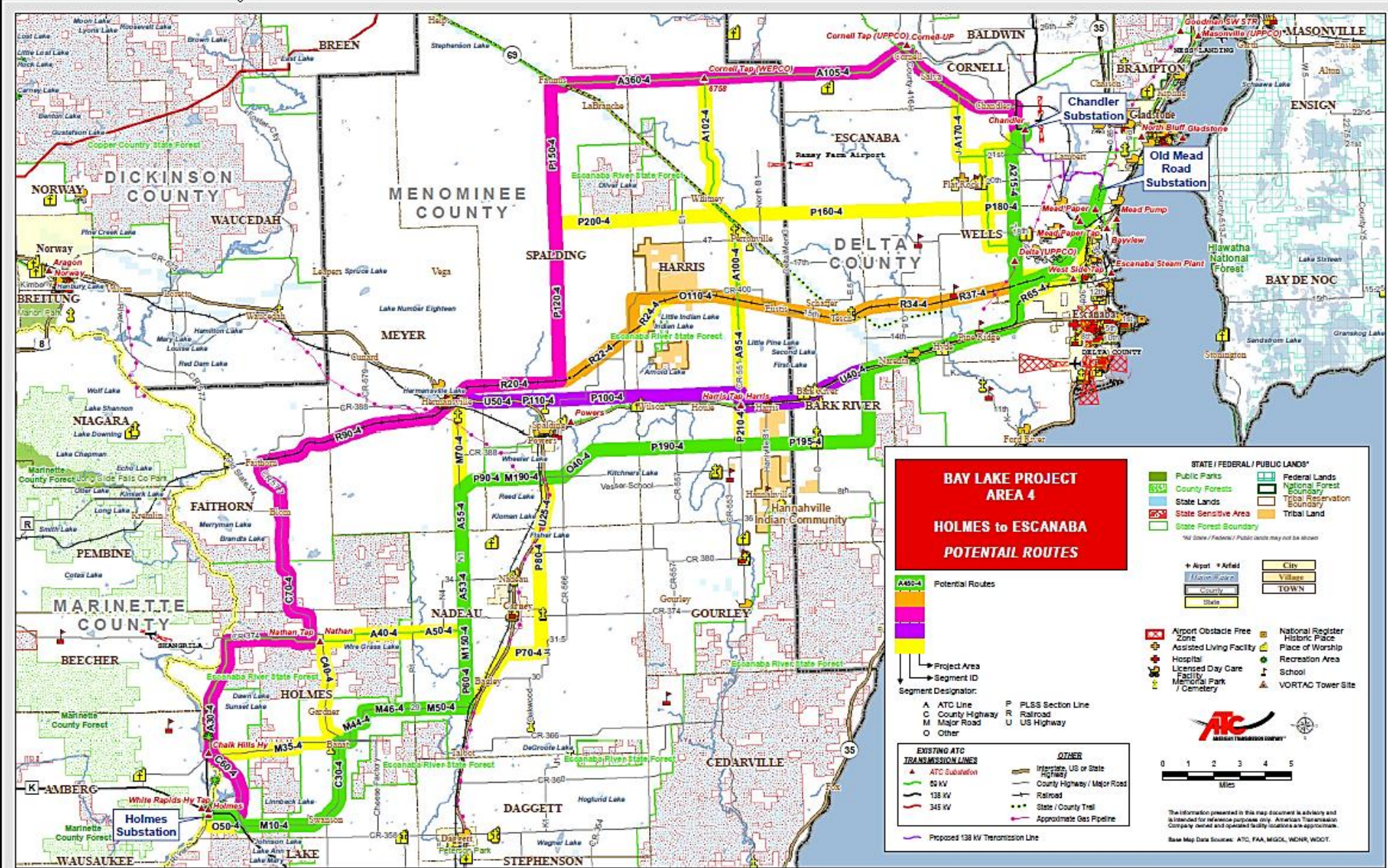
Continue environmental characterization of routes

**ATC third round of open houses**





# Holmes – Old Mead Road Potential Routes



# ATC's Bay Lake Project

- 138-kV line from Holmes to Old Mead Road (Area 4)
  - MISO Board approval in August 2012
  - Final round of Open Houses Spring 2013
  - Application submitted to MPSC Q3 2013
  - Construction to begin Q4 2014
  - Targeted in-service mid-2016
  - Cost estimated at \$85M - \$127M
- 345-kV & 138-kV lines from Green Bay to Morgan and Static Var Compensator (Areas 1 and 2)
  - MISO Board approved the 345-kV segment and SVC in August 2012
  - MISO Board approval of the 138-kV segment anticipated Q4 2012
  - Final round of Open Houses Spring 2013
  - Application submitted to the PSCW Q1 2014
  - Construction to begin Q2 2015
  - Targeted in-service YE-2016
  - Cost estimated at \$190M - \$285M



# Summary

- Additional transmission infrastructure is needed throughout the region to address:
  - Changes to generation and load
  - Risk of additional transmission outages
  - Reliability concerns
  - New EPA rules and regulations
  - Market changes/optimization
- ATC is committed to siting, designing, permitting and constructing transmission infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the region