



# 56th Street Overhead to Underground Project

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the purpose of the 56th Street construction project?**

The 56th Street project is a multi-step project to rebuild transmission lines and structures along 56th Street, from Everett Street to Elkcrest Drive.

The project will begin in mid 2023, with the relocation of overhead distribution lines to underground. Eliminating overhead power lines along this major roadway meets the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan statement, “Within the City of Lincoln, wherever feasible and affordable, implement a phased program to relocate overhead utility lines underground.” Burying these lines will improve neighborhood aesthetics, reduce impact from vehicle/pole accidents and build upon our reliability now and in the future.

Once distribution lines (the “middle” lines on the pole) are removed, as well as the communication utility lines (the “lower” lines on the pole), work will begin on transmission structures and lines. This portion of the project will update structures to support increased electricity needs for the area and increase the span of the lines between structures.

The project is anticipated to begin in summer of 2023 and be completed by the end of 2025.

### **What is the benefit to Lincoln of moving power lines underground?**

Installing underground electrical facilities can enhance system reliability by reducing exposure to many common outage causes such as storms, tree debris, vehicle/pole accidents and animal interference. Neighborhoods also benefit by improving aesthetics.

### **Is this a city project?**

This project is initiated and budgeted for by LES.

### **How will my property be affected?**

Properties in the project area will see construction crews boring, installing new cables and removing the old overhead lines. If an easement is needed, our Land Management professionals will reach out to you to explain the project needs.

### **How will traffic be affected?**

LES will work closely with the city to facilitate lane and street closures along 56<sup>th</sup> Street when construction requires it.

### **When will construction begin?**

Construction will begin in summer of 2023.



**When will construction end?**

Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2025.

**Will LES perform the work or will another construction crew be hired?**

LES crews will complete the construction for this project with the assistance of a boring contractor. The boring contractor will begin their work ahead of the LES crews, but will work under the supervision of an LES representative.

**Will I be notified when construction is approaching my property?**

Yes. Be on the lookout for construction postcards to arrive two to four weeks prior to construction beginning on your property. If an easement is needed, our Land Management professionals will reach out to you to explain the project needs.

**Will I experience power outages during construction?**

We do not anticipate extended outages with this type of construction. Your power will be out for a short time when electricity is switched from the overhead lines to the new underground cables.

**Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**

Contact LES at 402-475-4211 with any additional questions.