

Xcel Energy

Project Scope: Relocate the gas and electric facilities out of the RTD right-of-way in preparation of the light rail construction.

Construction will include: obtaining easements from the local jurisdiction and private property owners, installing new and relocating existing poles, installing underground electric cable, relocating gas mains, digging in the city ROW and on private property (owned by RTD and individual customer), minimal electrical outages and street closures.

A majority of the existing residents bordering this project will continue to be fed from overhead electric lines. Xcel Energy will work on a case-by-case basis to underground the electric service to residents which will require the involvement of the local Electrical Inspection Department from the City.

Area of impact: will be intermittent along the West Corridor from Umatilla (in Denver) to the Jefferson County Court House. The main routing is through Lakewood Gulch from the Platte River to Eaton Street in Lakewood. Along 13th Avenue in Lakewood from Eaton to Quail, south to the Federal Center and then west to Jefferson County Court House. It will range from 12th Avenue to 14th Avenue in some locations.

Impacts to residents: There will be construction noise and dirt during the day. There may be some lane restrictions on some streets and road closures from time to time. Residents may experience a minimal number of planned outages but advance notice will be provided when we are planning an outage.

Notification Policy: In most cases, 72 hours notice will be provided for outages. There is a remote possibility that an unplanned system problem may occur which does not allow for the advance notice.

Easements: It is necessary for Xcel Energy to acquire easements from the City, private businesses, and residents in some locations in order to continue providing service to this area or even to an individual customer. When this is required, a Right-of-Way Agent representing Xcel Energy will contact the property owners in an effort to acquire the necessary easements. The big question is always “how much compensation will the customer receive.” In most cases, the answer is that our Tariff (Public Utilities Commission Approved rules) does not allow for Xcel Energy to pay for easements from a customer in order to serve that same individual customer, we normally don’t provide compensation to acquire easements.

Xcel Energy Work: A majority of the facility relocations will be provided by contract crews which are approved by Xcel Energy to work on its gas and electric systems. The corridor has been broken into multiple phases with the larger phases being awarded to contractors through a competitive bid process. The construction will be staggered along the corridor. If a customer’s property is disturbed by construction, it will be restored to its previous condition once the utility construction work is complete in that location.

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