

# CapX UPDATE

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## CapX2020 studying route options for Big Stone South-Brookings County project

The CapX2020 Big Stone South-Brookings County project team is identifying potential route options for the proposed 345 kV transmission line project. Based on landowner and stakeholder feedback received at open houses in June 2012 and on routing analysis work, route options will be narrowed to two before a final route is determined. Another round of open houses highlighting these two route options will take place this fall. Postcards will be mailed and newspaper ads will be published announcing the upcoming open houses.

### About the project

The Big Stone South-Brookings County project is a 70-mile, 345 kV transmission line proposed between a new Big Stone South Substation near Big Stone City, S.D. and the Brookings County Substation near Brookings, S.D.

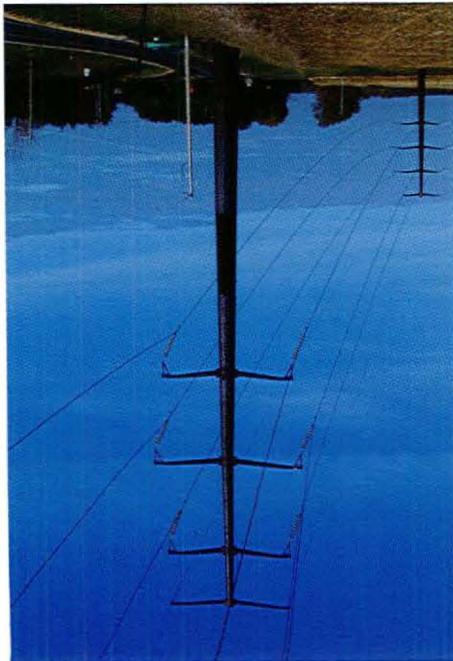
The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) granted a Facility Permit in January 2007 for approximately 35 miles from just west of Big Stone City to just north of Gary, S.D. CapX2020 plans to file a Facility Permit in early fall 2013 for the remaining 35 miles from just north of Gary to the existing Brookings County Substation.

The Big Stone South-Brookings County project is one of 16 multi-value projects (MVPs), as approved by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) in December 2011. The MVPs will help expand and enhance the region's transmission system, reduce congestion, provide access to affordable energy sources, as well as meet public policy requirements, including renewable energy mandates.



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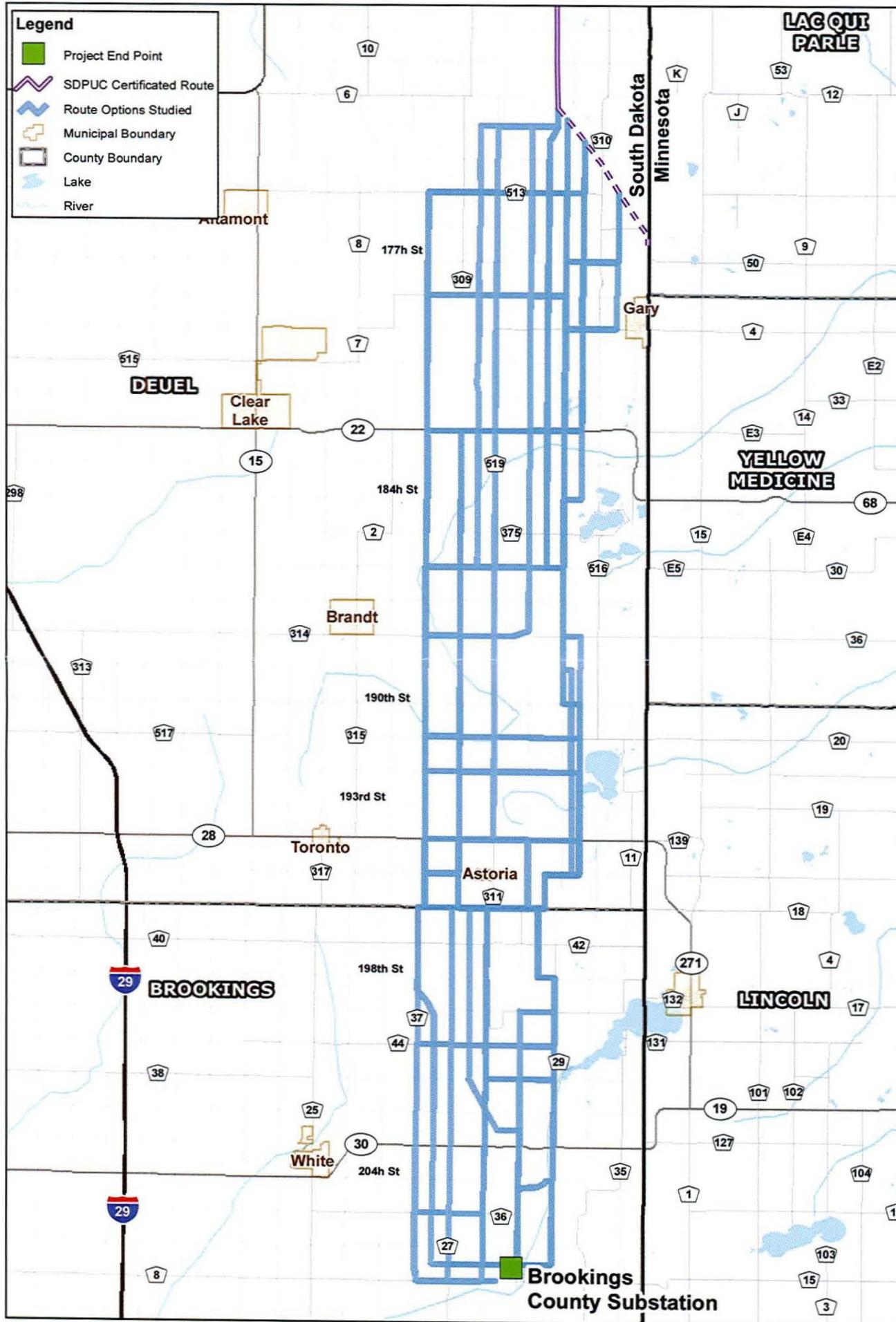
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## Preliminary route options



## Big Stone South-Brookings County project preliminary route options

Route segments are preliminary and are being studied to determine the best possible route with the fewest impacts. Landowner feedback will be gathered at open houses this fall to help further develop route options. For detailed route maps, visit [www.CapX2020.com/bss](http://www.CapX2020.com/bss).