

BC HYDRO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear Customers,

Further to the April Project Update for the Merritt Area Transmission (MAT) Project, site preparation for the Merritt Substation upgrade is scheduled to begin this month.

Upcoming site preparation activities include (see map on following page for reference):

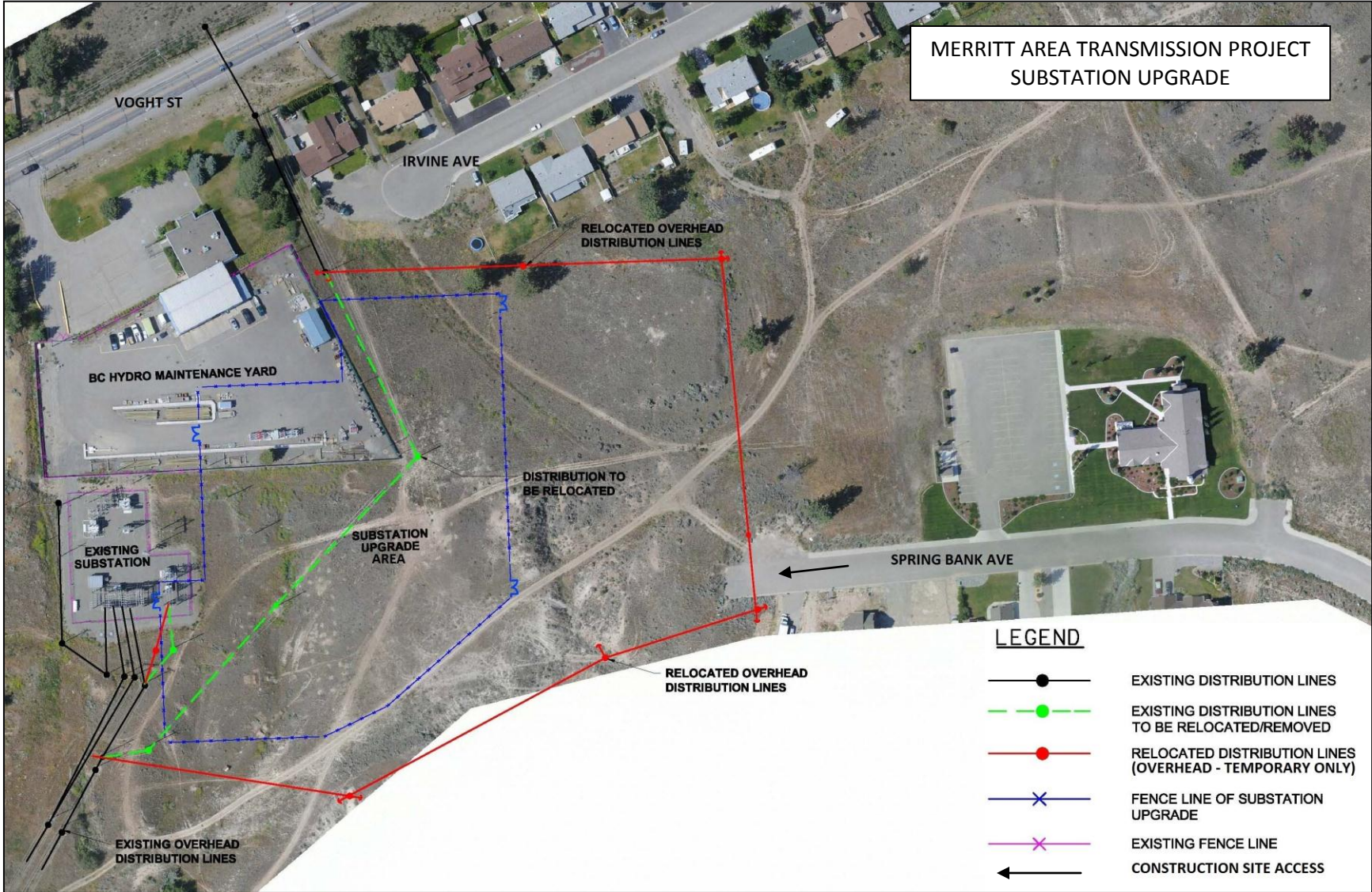
ACTIVITY	DETAILS	SCHEDULE (subject to change)
Temporary relocation of an existing distribution line to allow for site preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of the existing distribution line on the east side of the Merritt Substation (<i>see map</i>). • This relocation is TEMPORARY ONLY. This distribution line will be relocated to the west side of the Merritt Substation prior to completion of the substation upgrade. • Trees on BC Hydro property will be removed to allow for the temporary distribution line relocation and to accommodate the expanded station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 10th – April 19th
Relocation of underground water main	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An underground water main (City of Merritt) crosses the southeast corner of the substation upgrade area. • The underground water main will be shifted south to accommodate site preparation and the expanded substation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 22nd – May 3rd
Site preparation of the substation upgrade area (<i>within fence line of substation upgrade – blue line on map on following page</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveying activities. • Clearing all vegetation (trees, shrubs, grasses, etc). • Excavating and adding structural fill material as required, achieving level grades. • Constructing drainage systems. • Installing retaining walls, as required. • Removing and relocating existing fencing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 22nd – late June

Site preparation work is planned to meet the City of Merritt’s noise bylaw (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday) and within regular construction hours as follows:

- Monday to Friday – between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays – between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- At this time the contractor does not plan to work outside of the hours above, however unexpected conditions may arise resulting in work needing to be conducted at those times.

Civil construction (including concrete foundations and new buildings) at the Merritt Substation will begin upon completion of site preparation. This is currently scheduled to begin in July 2013.

MERRITT AREA TRANSMISSION PROJECT
SUBSTATION UPGRADE



If you would like more information about the MAT project, please visit bchydro.com/mat.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sarah McKinney at 1.866.647.3334 or stakeholderengagement@bchydro.com.

We appreciate your understanding and patience while we undertake this important project.