November 14, 2026

Newell Substation Upgrade Project

Partial Beresford Street closure – transformer delivery

New dates: Starting November 16 (afternoon) – November 19 (early morning)

Due to delays in obtaining the municipal traffic permits required for this delivery, the work has been postponed and rescheduled as follows.

On November 17, 2026, a replacement transformer will be delivered to the Newell substation as part of the ongoing upgrade project. Transformers are a critical piece of equipment that convert high-voltage electricity entering the substation into lower voltages that can be safely distributed to homes and businesses. The transformer will be transported on an oversized trailer measuring approximately 27 metres long by 5.5 metres wide. Due to the oversized dimensions of the load, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit restricts transportation to overnight hours between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

To facilitate delivery of the new transformer, Beresford Street between Griffiths Drive and the crosswalk west of Griffiths Drive (see approximate area marked in the map below), will be temporarily closed to traffic, and parking will not be permitted. Crews will use this space to move the transformer and its components onto a specialized remote-controlled trailer to transport the new equipment safely into the substation.



What to expect

- **November 16 (afternoon)**: Traffic control measures and the Beresford Street closure will be put in place.
- **November 17 (12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.)**: The transformer is expected to arrive at the substation.

- Magnolia Terrace may be briefly used as additional maneuvering space during the transfer of equipment into the substation. Traffic control crews will direct access to maintain safety and minimize impacts to the community.
- Equipment unloading and placement activities are expected to be completed by the end of the day on November 18.
- Beresford Street will remain **closed until approximately 12:00 a.m. on November 19**, when the empty transport vehicle is permitted to leave the area.

Access Information

- Vehicle access to Magnolia Terrace will be maintained via Gilley Avenue during the road closure.
- The Highland Park Line Trail will remain open throughout the operation. We ask that pedestrian and trail users follow all posted signage and directions from traffic control crews to help ensure everyone's safety during these activities.

Transformer removal

The existing transformer is scheduled to be removed from the site in late November/early December 2026. To support this work, temporary no-parking restrictions will be in effect on the south side of Beresford Street within the same work area. Signage will be posted closer to the removal date.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of the community while we complete this important infrastructure upgrade.

For more information on the project and to sign up for project updates

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