

# Hollydale 115kV Project

## Bridlewood/Churchill Farms

Comments and Proposed Alternate Routes

Orchards of Plymouth Comments

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Dear Mr. Ek,

I write concerning the high voltage transmission line that is proposed to run alongside the homes in the Bridlewood Farm, Churchhill Farm, And Orchards Of Plymouth neighborhoods.

I, my wife and our two 6-year old children live at 3630 Urbandale Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55446, and the proposed power line is planned to run through our back yard. In fact, simple analysis shows that in the segment extending west from the Hollydale Substation and through the Bridlewood Farm, Churchhill Farm, And Orchards Of Plymouth neighborhoods, it is planned to run within 100 feet of 55 homes, within 200 feet of 98 homes, and within 300 feet of 134 homes! These are 134 households that will be negatively affected in a severe to devastating extent, with no way to mitigate or recoup the losses, specifically when considering that a family's house is typically its most significant investment, involving much of its financial assets over a period of decades.

The Bridlewood / Churchhill Farm homeowners' association are proposing alternative routes, which I attach to this email. Running the power line along these routes will certainly cost Xcel Energy and GRE more due to expenditures associated with the longer line and obtaining easement. However, the Utilities have means of recouping some if not all of these costs, whereas the residents of the 134 affected households of the Bridlewood Farm, Churchhill Farm, And Orchards Of Plymouth neighborhoods do not.

Specific to my property, FHA guidelines dictate that our property will be placed in a "hazardous" area. Yet, to my knowledge, not one member of our community was advised of these risks, let alone invited to be a member of the task force. The health risk, significant devaluation of our property, noise and aesthetic aspects are very troubling.

The various alternative routes that our association proposes, which run along roads or highways, a set of industrial green houses and across open farmland seem far more suitable than running the new higher voltage lines right along virtually unbuffered backyards and houses and along a walking path, all within a densely populated residential area. It would very much appear that certain financial interests were considered far above those of the health, safety and welfare of the people living in the 134 affected homes. Of course, once the values of those properties drop, so will the values of adjoining properties, creating a domino effect that would be detrimental to the entire communities.

Our proposed alternatives would impact far fewer houses, as shown in the materials. The Bridlewood / Churchhill Farm development looks to be the single most densely populated housing in the area, yet it appears that it was selected to have the lines run right next to the homes. This would seem to be the immediate result of this highly populated area having absolutely no representation on the advisory task force. The proposals of our association would have very little impact on the homes of other

developments and would use the natural buffering effect of the roads and highways and industrial or open land to maximum effect.

The currently proposed line seems to unnecessarily harm the maximum number of people and homes when one would certainly expect that the risk/reward assessment should have been looking to achieve exactly the opposite result. It will devastate 55 households, mine included, and will have a severe negative effect on an additional 79 households. No corporate financial consideration should take precedence over such an overwhelming negative effect on entire communities. The proposed route is also in direct conflict with the State Of Minnesota Department Of Health conclusion ("A White Paper On Electric And Magnetic Field Policy And Mitigation Options, The Minnesota State Interagency Working Group On EMF Issues, September 2002), which states: "Based on these considerations, the Work Group considers it prudent public health policy to take a prudent avoidance approach to mitigating EMF exposures." The proposed route is in no way prudent when EMF exposures or financial ramifications to the many households affected are considered.

Mr. Ek, I cannot state strongly enough how opposed I am to the proposed route. It is evident that corporate financial considerations took precedence over common sense and regard to the welfare of our communities when proposing this route. I urge you to be the voice of reason and decency when presenting this case, and to recommend that any of our proposed alternative routes be accepted instead of the Utilities'. This line should not run alongside our neighborhoods in this unbuffered manner, but should instead run along the roads and highways and industrial, open and farm land, where it will not threaten as much harm.

Thank you, and I trust that you will present our case with the seriousness and compassion it requires.

Ilan Zeroni



3630 Urbandale Ln N, Plymouth MN 55446

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Sincerely,

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*Thomas Punga*

*Sharon Taragos*

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*Gregory J. Bannon*  
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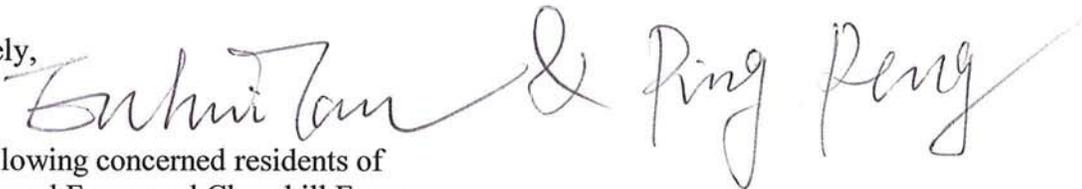
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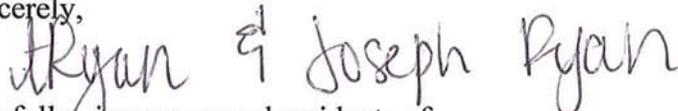
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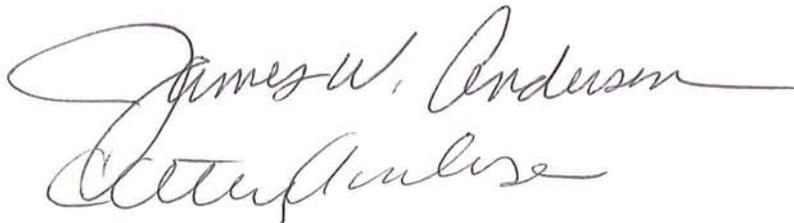
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James W. Anderson  
C. Anderson

**1) The Neighborhoods of Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms Have Not Previously Had a Voice in the Route-Selection Process.**

It is fair to say that there is no greater property interest than that which one has in one's home. That interest includes the right to be secure against infringement on the health and safety of the home's occupants, the right of quiet enjoyment, and the right against having the value of that property destroyed or damaged for public use without just compensation.

It would appear that while the route-permitting process was designed to include, and give a voice to, those persons whose property interests would most be impacted by the project, it failed to achieve that goal with respect to the residents of the Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms neighborhoods, who had no representation on the Advisory Task Force ["ATF"]. The role of the ATF was to identify impacts and issues that should be considered in the environmental assessment for evaluation of proposed routes for the transmission lines. To carry out that charge, representatives of those who have an interest in the location of the route were selected to serve on the ATF. No one representing the interests of the Bridlewood Farms or Churchill Farms neighborhoods served on the ATF and, as far as we can determine, no specific request was ever made to anyone in these neighborhoods.

As such, although the process was set up to have the appearance of fairness, it proceeded without actual fairness to these neighborhoods. The end result is that decisions about routes and their alternatives were made by those whose interests may very well be in conflict with, and adverse to, those in the Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms neighborhoods. In short, we were deprived of a voice and the opportunity to have a meaningful impact on a project that jeopardizes our property rights. As such, we urge serious and thoughtful consideration of our comments and proposals for alternative routes given that we were not part of the prior route-selection process.

**2) The Proposed Route Will Have Serious and Irreparable Adverse Impacts on the Residents of the Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms Neighborhoods.**

The following are our collected comments that address the effects of "the construction and operation of the high-voltage transmission line on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services." *See*, Minn. R. 7850.1900 Subp. 3 B.

**A. Number of Homes Impacted**

- The proposed route brings the line within 200 feet of at least 80 homes in the Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms neighborhoods (and nearby vicinity), as well as an additional 40 homes bordering the north side of Medina Road.

## 2-2 SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD HAZARDS AND NUISANCES

Physical conditions in some neighborhoods are hazardous to the personal health and safety of residents and may endanger physical improvements. These conditions include unusual topography, subsidence, flood zones, unstable soils, traffic hazards and various types of grossly offensive nuisances.

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### J. OVERHEAD HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES

**No dwelling or related property improvement may be located within the engineering (designed) fall distance of any pole, tower or support structure of a high-voltage transmission line,** \* \* \*. For field analysis, the appraiser may use tower height as the fall distance.

For the purpose of this Handbook, a High-Voltage Electric Transmission Line is a power line that carries high voltage between a generating plant and a substation. **These lines are usually 60 Kilovolts (kV) or greater and are considered hazardous.** Lines with capacity of 12-60 kV and above are considered high voltage for the purpose of this Handbook. High voltage lines do not include local distribution and service lines.”

- If an agency of the United States government considers high-voltage power lines to be a hazard, then so shouldn't those who are making the decision that these same kinds of lines be placed within 200 feet of at least 120 homes?
- As stated in the FHA site-requirement guidelines, a significant number of homes along this proposed route are within the fall lines of these proposed 90-foot metal poles, resulting in a significant potential risk to the occupants.
- Mosquito control in the wetlands adjacent to many of the effected properties is currently being done by helicopter. We are concerned that the installation of the proposed lines could adversely impact the ability to carry out effective mosquito-control measures, putting residents at a great risk of exposure to mosquito-borne illnesses.
- The concerns in this section are magnified in this neighborhood given the number of homes in close proximity to the proposed power-line route.

- Many of the homes are substantially closer to the proposed transmission lines than 200 feet. For example:

3600 Zircon Ln. N. – 66'  
3605 Zircon Ln. N. – 59'  
3465 Zircon Ln. N. – 44'  
3475 Zircon Ln. N. – 42'  
3475 Zircon Ln. N. – 45'  
3720 Urbandale Ln. – 61'  
18705 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 125'  
18715 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 105'  
18725 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 75'  
18735 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 70'  
18805 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 84'  
18815 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 84'  
18825 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. – 67'

- As such, the proposed power-line route will have a significant adverse impact on the quality of life for a substantial number of residents, providing justification for consideration of our proposed alternative routes that impact fewer homes.

#### **B. Impact on the Quiet Enjoyment of Homes Bordering the Proposed Line**

- Fire hazard near high-voltage lines is a well-known and substantiated danger. Because of that danger and the proximity of the homes near the line, the proposed route will limit the ability of residents bordering the line to operate gas or charcoal grills or use fire pits. This same danger will require bordering residents to take extra precautions when filling lawn mowers and other gas-powered tools.
- Noise from the proposed power line could adversely impact the relative peace and quiet that the residents are used to enjoying and impact the sleep of those who border the line.
- The proposed lines will be attached to metal poles, rather than the wood poles that are now used. Unlike the wood poles that are easily camouflaged by the existing foliage (especially in the neighboring wetland), the metal poles will be easily visible. Moreover, the metal poles are expected to be at least ten-feet taller than the existing wood ones, making them more visible and unsightly to the neighboring homeowners, even those not directly bordering the transmission line.
- Currently, many residents along the proposed route border a wetland that provides an aesthetically pleasing environment and a home to egrets, herons, and other migratory birds. We are concerned that the installation of the proposed power

line and its expected clear zone will destroy that wetland and the enjoyment and tranquility that it brings to the neighborhood.

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### **C. Health and Safety Concerns**

- The health and safety concerns from high-voltage power lines have been well articulated by others, and we do not intend on repeating them in detail here. Nevertheless, we are mindful of the fact that Xcel and other power companies like it have never conclusively established that chronic exposure to high-voltage power lines does *not* have adverse health impacts. Studies done by the World Health Organization and other similar organizations advise that the evidence of adverse health effects from chronic exposure to high-voltage lines is sufficiently strong to remain a concern and to warrant further research.
- Because obtaining conclusive causality between high-voltage power lines and an increase in cancer, such as child leukemia, is difficult at best, and because there are a significant number of credible studies that suggest there may be a correlation between high-voltage power lines and serious adverse health effects, we urge prudence given the number of homes in close proximity to the power line on the proposed route. At the very least, mitigating EMF-reducing measures should be considered.
- In addition to the large number of homes in close proximity to the high-voltage power lines, we ask that notice be taken that the proposed route travels over, and directly next to, walking/bicycle paths that the entire neighborhood – including pregnant women and children – use for pleasure and for walking to school.
- We have also learned that the Federal Housing Authority considers high-voltage lines to be a “hazard,” as indicated by their own cite requirements quoted below:

#### **“2-0 INTRODUCTION**

This Chapter addresses the site requirements for FHA-insured mortgages. Before the valuation process can begin, subject properties must meet specific site requirements. The appraisal process is the lender's tool for determining if a property meets the minimum requirements and eligibility standards for a FHA-insured mortgage.

## D. Property Values

- Because of the above-cited negative impacts that will inevitably result from the proposed power line, the homeowners adjacent to it will most certainly experience a substantial reduction in their property values, creating a domino effect on numerous other homeowners.
- The inability to acquire FHA-insured mortgages reduces the number of potential buyers.
- These concerns in this section are magnified in this neighborhood given the number of homes in close proximity to the proposed power-line route.

### 3) Bridlewood Farms/Churchill Farms Proposed Alternative Routes

Because of the risks and concerns identified above, we, the residents of Bridlewood/Churchill Farms, believe that the proposed route is unacceptable. We have outlined four alternative routes: Of the four alternate routes, three of them (“F1”, “F2” & “F3”) are based on the “Alternate F” that was originally proposed by the ATF. We, the residents of Bridlewood/Churchill Farms strongly recommend consideration of all four Alternate Routes because they impact significantly fewer homes in comparison to the “Proposed Route”.

Hollydale Project - Area West of Cty Rd 101 and East of Holy Name Drive  
 (# of Homes Affected by 115kv Line, by Distance from Line)

Route/Severity	0 - 100ft	100 - 200 ft	200 - 300 ft	Total	Fewer Properties Affected	% Reduction
Proposed	55	43	36	134	0	0%
Alternate F1	32	9	22	63	71	53%
Alternate F2	20	10	24	54	80	60%
Alternate F3	18	9	22	49	85	63%
Alternate G	10	6	17	33	101	75%

The following is a description of each Alternative Route described in the table above:

### **Proposed Route F1 – Start at Hollydale Substation**

- Using the existing “Proposed Route” from the Hollydale Substation go east back to Hwy 55.
- Follow Hwy 55 west to rail line to Medina border.
- Follow the Medina-Plymouth border south to Brockton Lane.
- Follow Brockton Lane South to Medina Road.
- Follow Medina Road west to Holy Name Drive.
- Follow Holy Name Drive (west side) south to connect to the “Proposed Route”.

### **Proposed Route F2 – Start at Hollydale Substation**

- Using the existing “Proposed Route” from the Hollydale Substation go east back to Hwy 55.
- Follow Hwy 55 west to rail line to Medina border.
- Follow the Medina-Plymouth border south to Brockton Lane.
- Follow Brockton Lane South to Medina Road intersection.
- At the corner of Brockton Lane and Medina Road turn west on Medina Road, for 500 feet; at that point, go directly south to connect to the “Proposed Route”.

### **Proposed Route F3 – Start at Hollydale Substation**

- Using the existing “Proposed Route” from the Hollydale Substation go east back to Hwy 55.
- Follow Hwy 55 west to rail line to Medina border.
- Follow the Medina-Plymouth border south to Brockton Lane.
- Follow Brockton Lane South to Medina Road intersection.
- Follow Medina Road west to Hunter Drive.
- Go south following the Dundee and others property lines and connect to the “Proposed Route”.

### **Proposed Route G – Start at Hollydale Substation**

- Using the existing “Proposed Route” from the Hollydale Substation go east back to Hwy 55.
- Follow Hwy 55 west (south side) to north boundary of Park Nicollet property.
- Follow the north property line west to Brockton Lane.
  - Propose new right of way through the Park Nicollet property line.
- Follow Brockton Lane South to Medina Road.
- At the corner of Brockton Lane and Medina Road turn west on Medina Road, for 500 feet; at that point, go directly south to connect to the “Proposed Route”.

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The existing power transmission line cuts across our properties. It is already an unsightly eyesore along our property and across our wetland. The proposed rebuild converts this line to a 115 kV and introduces many more concerns. The proposed rebuild will introduce significant serious adverse impacts including health and safety, noise, aesthetics, and the inevitable devaluation of our property.

We are joining with the Bridlewood Farms and Churchill Farms neighborhoods to recommend an alternate route. The current proposal impacts approximately 134 homes. There are alternatives which impact far fewer homes. One of the alternatives impacts as few as 33 homes. That is significant!

We understand these alternatives (F1, F2, F3, and G) are being submitted to you, if they haven't already. All of these alternatives would use the existing "Proposed Route" from the Hollydale Substation to Highway 55 (1-2 blocks). From the intersection of Hwy 55 and 101 South, the line would route to Brockton Lane and ultimately to Medina Road on the way to the existing GRE Medina Substation. These alternatives alleviate the need to negatively impact over 100 homes and up to 300 residents.

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Signature:



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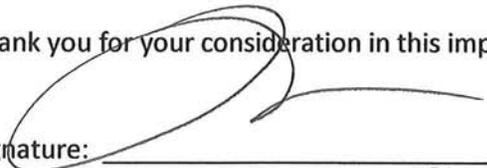
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Signature: *Matthew J. Critzer*

Address: 18095 39<sup>th</sup> Place N.

Plymouth, MN 55446

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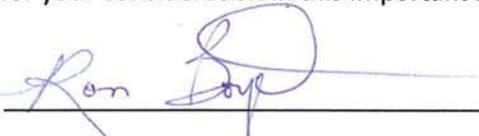
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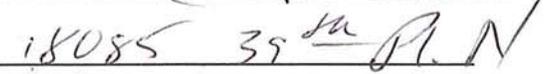
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Signature: Victoria L Boyd

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Address:

48080-39<sup>th</sup> Pl N. Plymouth, MN 55446

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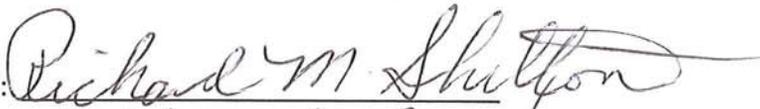
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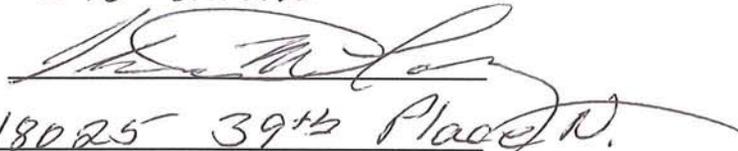
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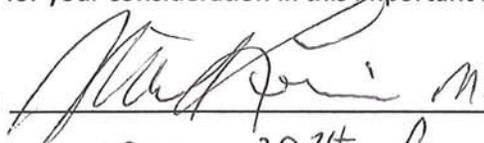
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 MICHAEL LEIMER

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17950 39<sup>th</sup> Pl. No.  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Patricia Kruger*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*18070 39th place NW  
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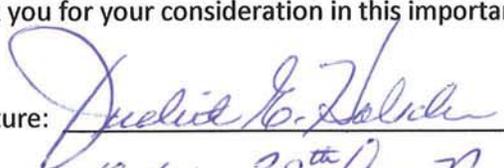
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Signature: Verne Palmberg

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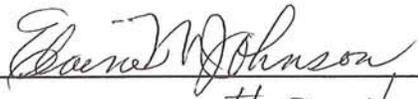
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Signature: Mary Beth Conzett  
Address: 179 SE - 39<sup>th</sup> PL N  
Plymouth, MN 55446

November 7, 2011

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85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
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*Shannon C. Murphy*  
17935 39<sup>th</sup> Place N  
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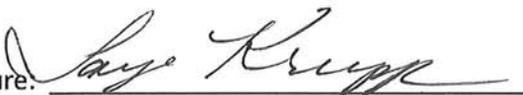
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*3950 Troy LN N*  
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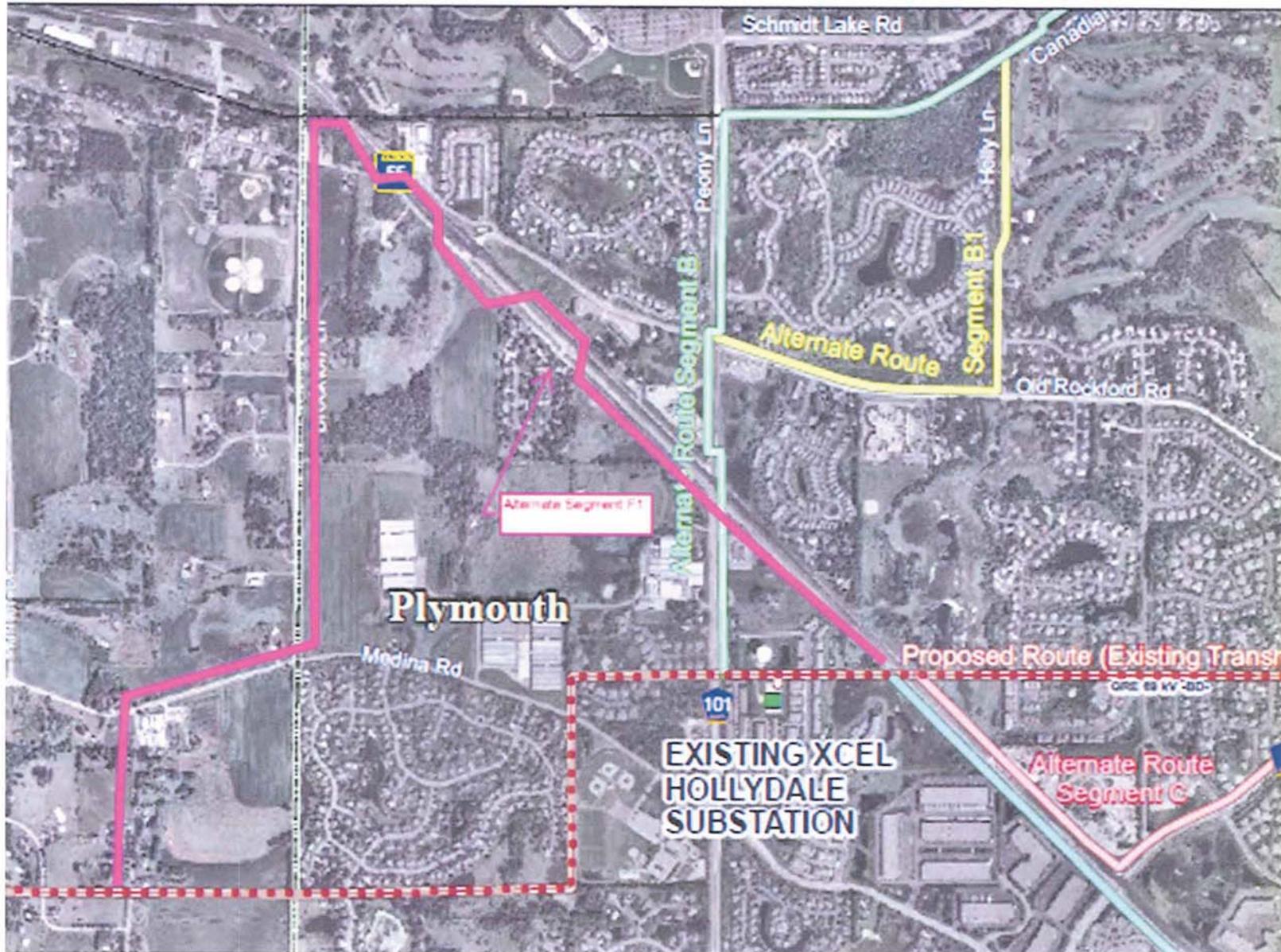
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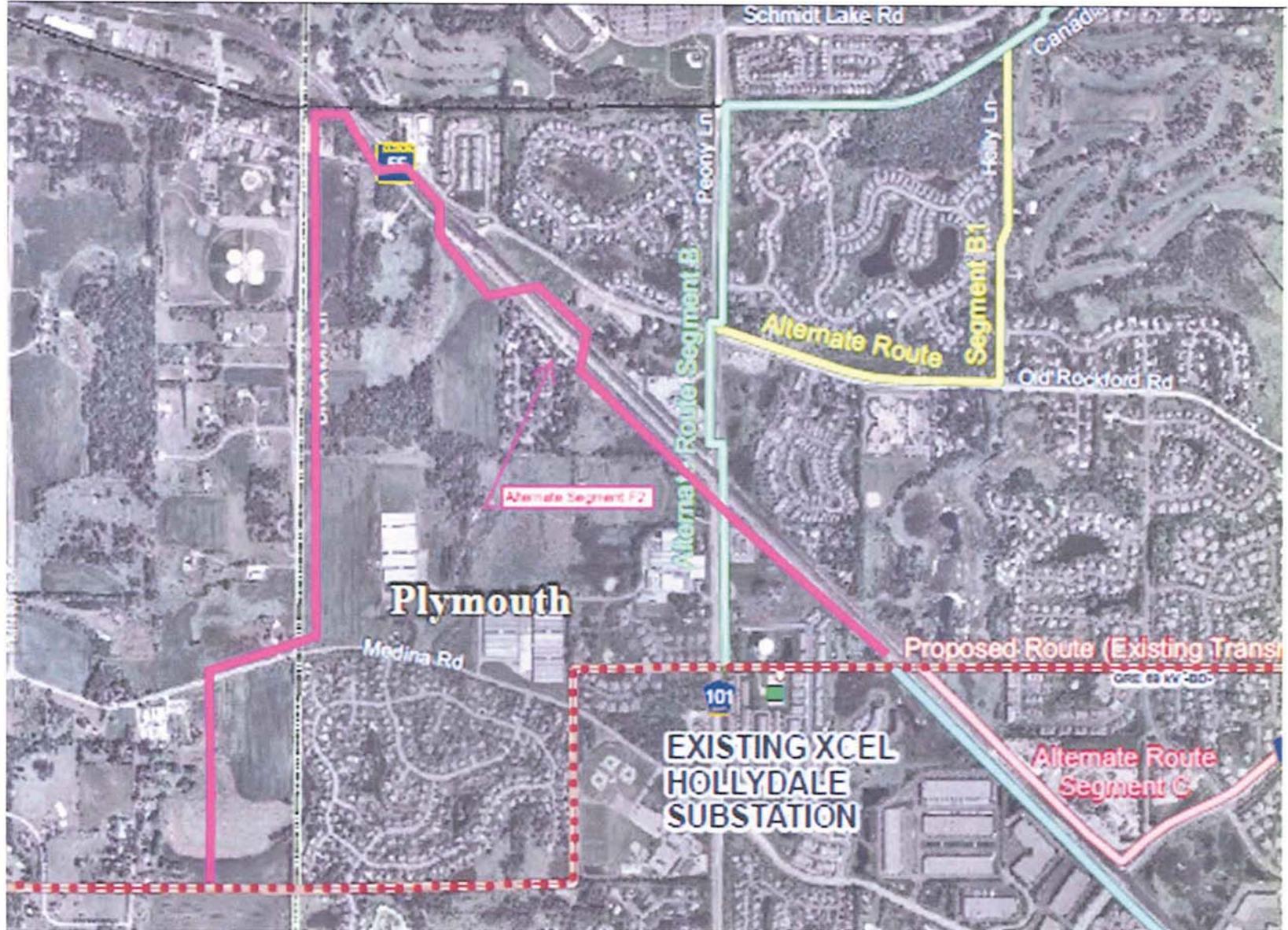
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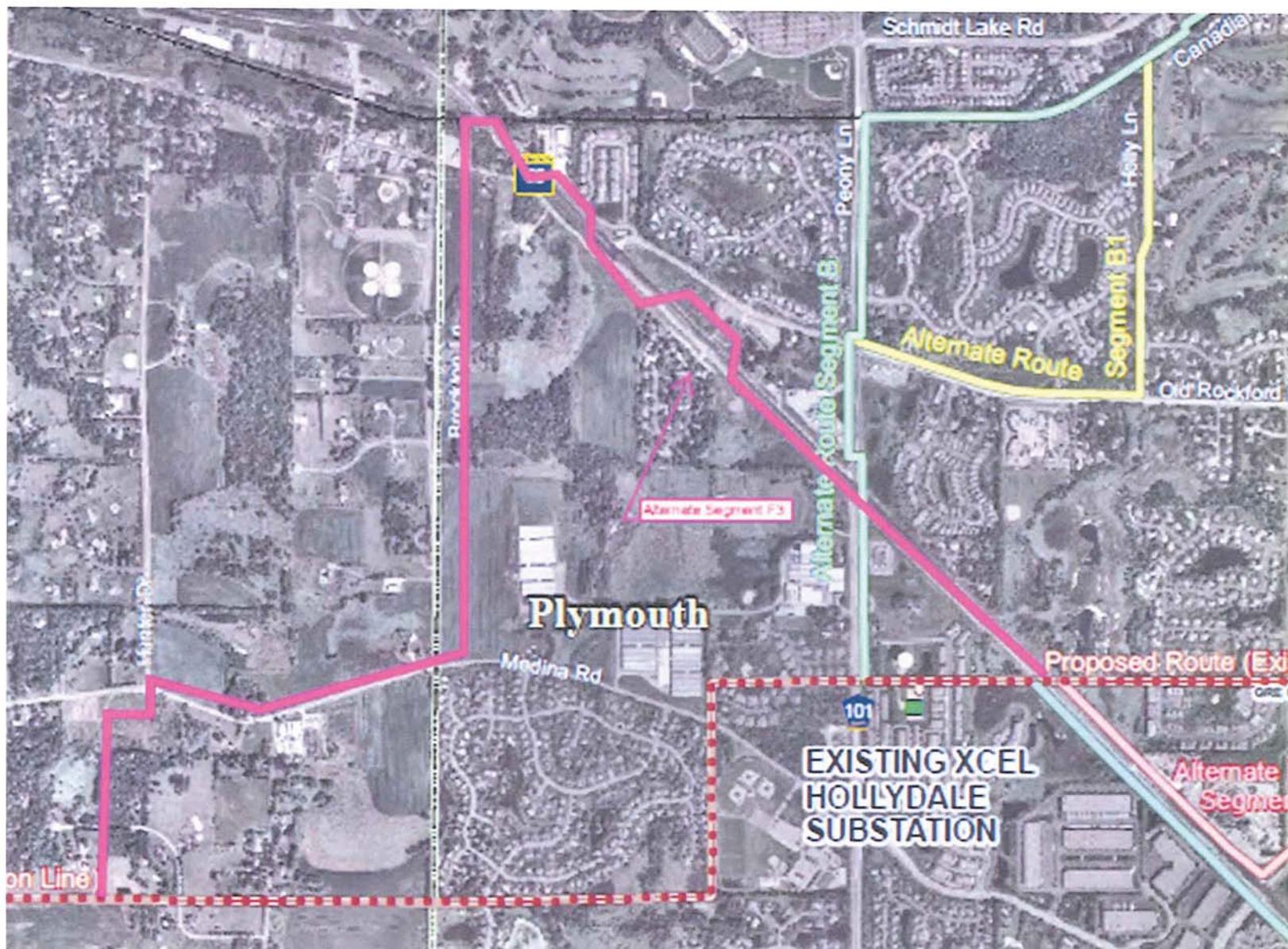
# Bridlewood Farms Proposed – Alternate F1



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# Bridlewood Farms Proposed – Alternate F3



# Bridlewood Farms Proposed – Alternate G

