

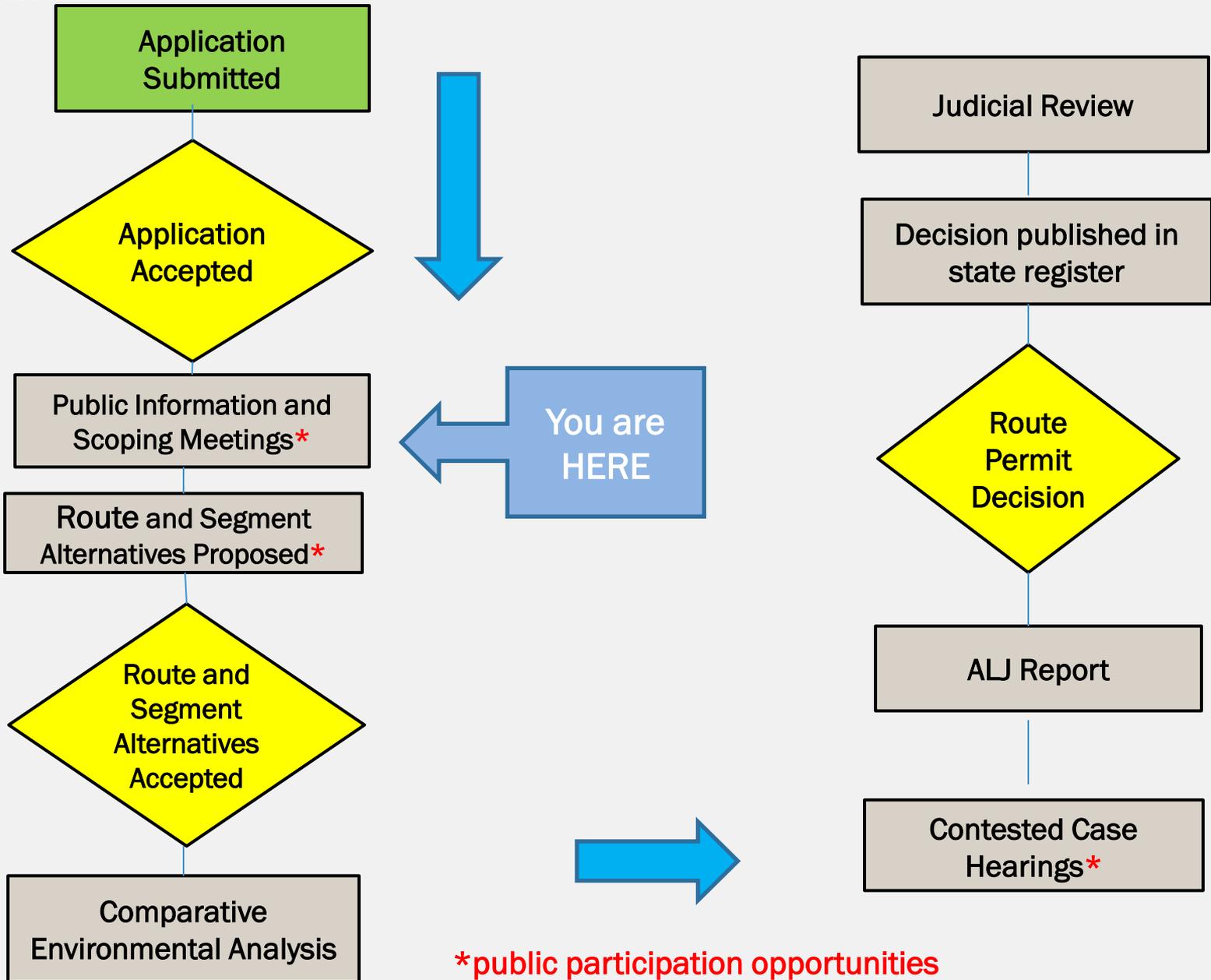


**Public Information and
Environmental Document Scoping
Meeting**

**Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project
PL-9/PPL-15-137**

Pipeline Routing Process

- Routing of pipelines governed by Minn Statute 216.G and Minn Rule 7852
- Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project is a full review process (7852.0800-7852-1900)
- Includes preparation of an environmental document
- Public hearings presided by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings



***public participation opportunities**

Scoping the Environmental Document

Scoping meetings provide the public, agencies, tribes, and local governments the opportunity to:

1. Identify issues and impacts(human and environmental) for analysis
2. Participate in the development of route and segment alternatives
3. Route alternatives approved by PUC

What is a Comparative Environmental Analysis?

- Environmental document for pipelines
- Alternative form of environmental review approved by EQB to meet MEPA requirements
- Objective Analysis of the Project
 - Impacts and Mitigation Measures
 - Does not Advocate – Just the Facts
 - Goal = Informed Decision Making

Comments and Alternatives

- Include a map (aerial photo, USGS, county highway map, plat book, etc.,) identifying your proposed route or route segment
- Include brief a description of the existing environment with as much supporting information you can provide

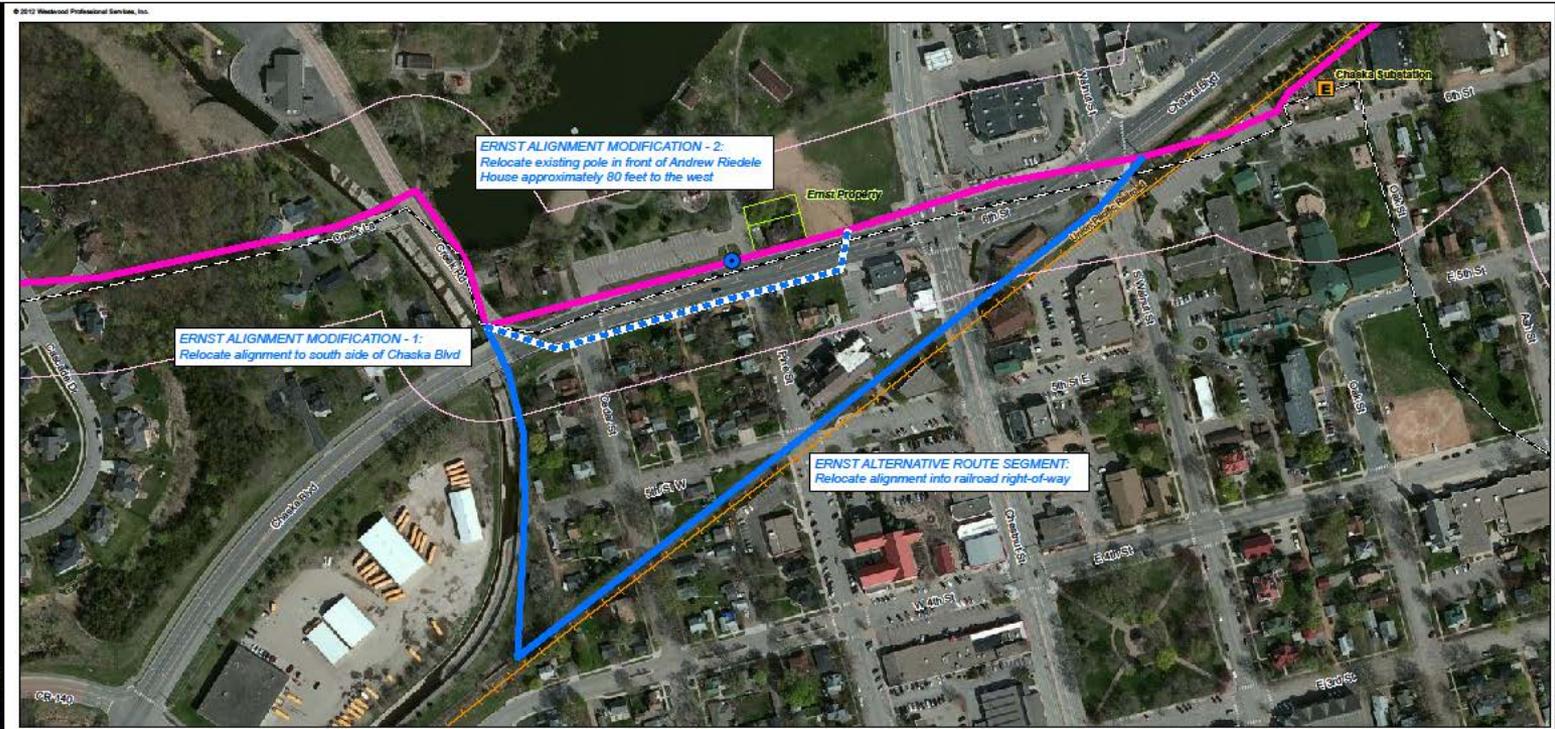
Route and Segment Alternatives (Minn. R. 7852.1400)

Comments and Alternatives

Alternatives to the Project Must:

1. Mitigate a Specific Impact(s)
 - Aesthetic Impact
 - Land Use Impact
 - Natural Resource Impact
 - Other
2. Meet the need for the project

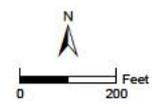
Example of an Alternative Route Segment (Issue: Historic Property)



Upgrade of the Chaska Area 69 kV Transmission Line to 115 kV Capacity
Carver and Scott Counties, MN

- Legend**
- Chaska Area 69 kV to 115 kV Upgrade Project (Proposed Route)
 - Project Route Width (200 - 400 ft)
 - Ernst Alternatives
 - Ernst Alternative Route Segment
 - Ernst Alignment Modification - 1
 - Ernst Alignment Modification - 2
 - Existing Infrastructure
 - Approximate Existing 69 kV Transmission Line
 - Existing Substations
 - Railroad

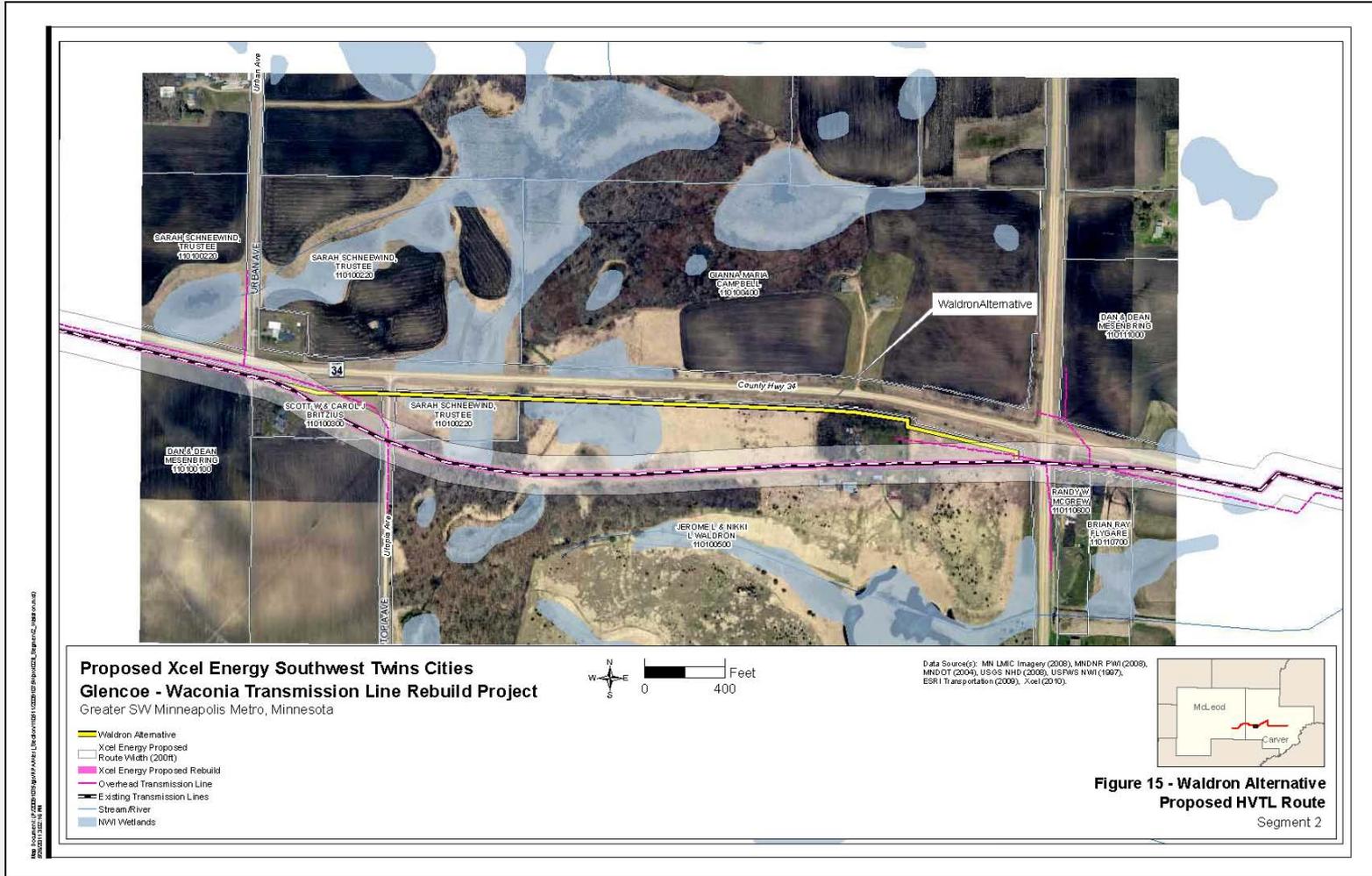
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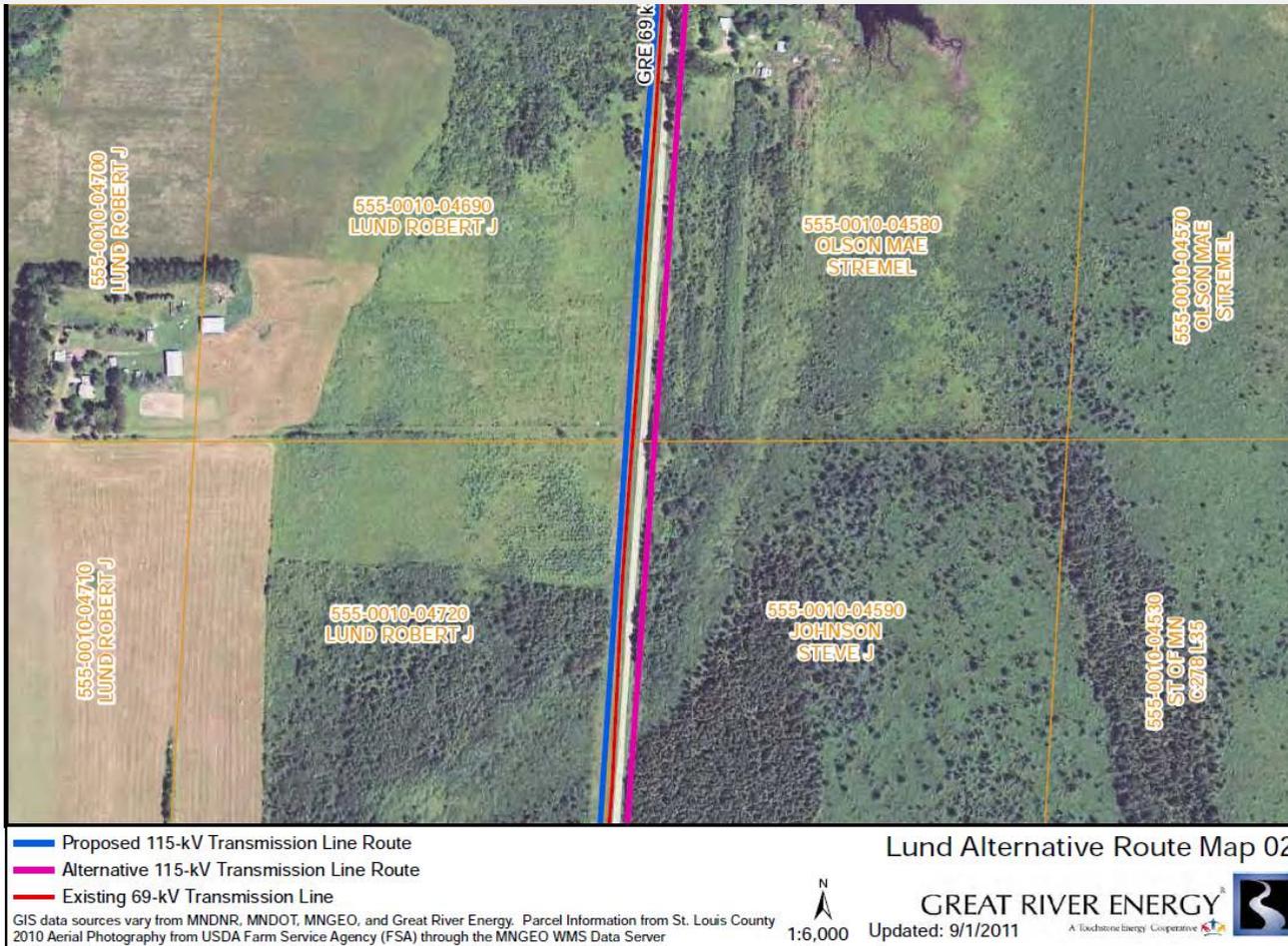
Ernst Alternative Alignment Options
EXHIBIT 1
Plotted for 11/19/2012 PUC Meeting

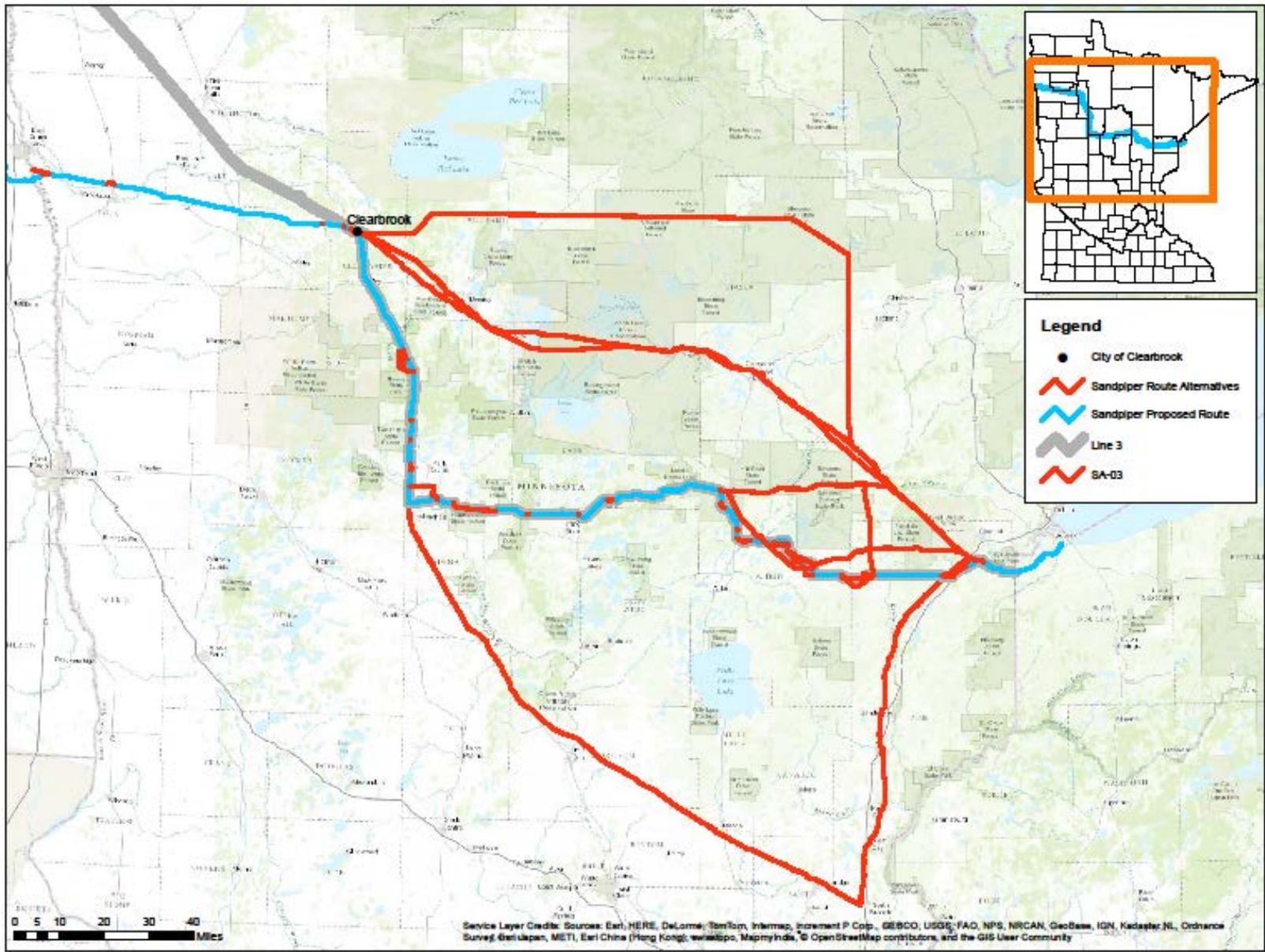
Figure 12 Ernst Alternatives

Example of an Alternative Route Segment (Issue: Re-align with County Rd 34)



Example of an Alternative Route Segment (Issue: Memorial Site)





Anticipated Route Permitting Schedule

Milestone	Sandpiper	Line 3
Application Acceptance	February 11, 2014	July 1, 2015
Public Information and Scoping Meetings	March 2014	August 2015
Comment period on routes and route alternatives	Spring 2014	July-Sept 30, 2015
Routes Accepted for Consideration by PUC*	August 2014	November 2015
Comparative Environmental Analysis released	March 2016	March 2016
Public Meetings and Contested Case Hearing	April 2016	April 2016
Commission Route Permit Decision	July 2016	July 2016

Comments

- One Speaker at a Time
- Please State and Spell Your Name for the Court Reporter
- Please Limit Comments to a Few Minutes
- Maintain Respect for Others
- Direct Your Comments / Questions to the Scope of the CEA

Comments

- Verbal Comments at tonight's meeting
- Complete and Submit a Comment Sheet
- Comment On-Line <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>

- Mail, Fax, or Email a Comment:

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Comment Period Ends: September, 2015