

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: Bloedel Reserve. With the warmer weather approaching, now is a great time to get outside and enjoy the tranquility and beauty of Bloedel Reserve.

This month we're inviting you to share your feedback on [route options](#) for the "missing link" transmission line project, and sharing a recap of a recent [Community Sounding Board meeting](#). We're also highlighting the work of a handful of incredible organizations that support the Bainbridge Island community. We're proud to sponsor these businesses and help them further their mission.

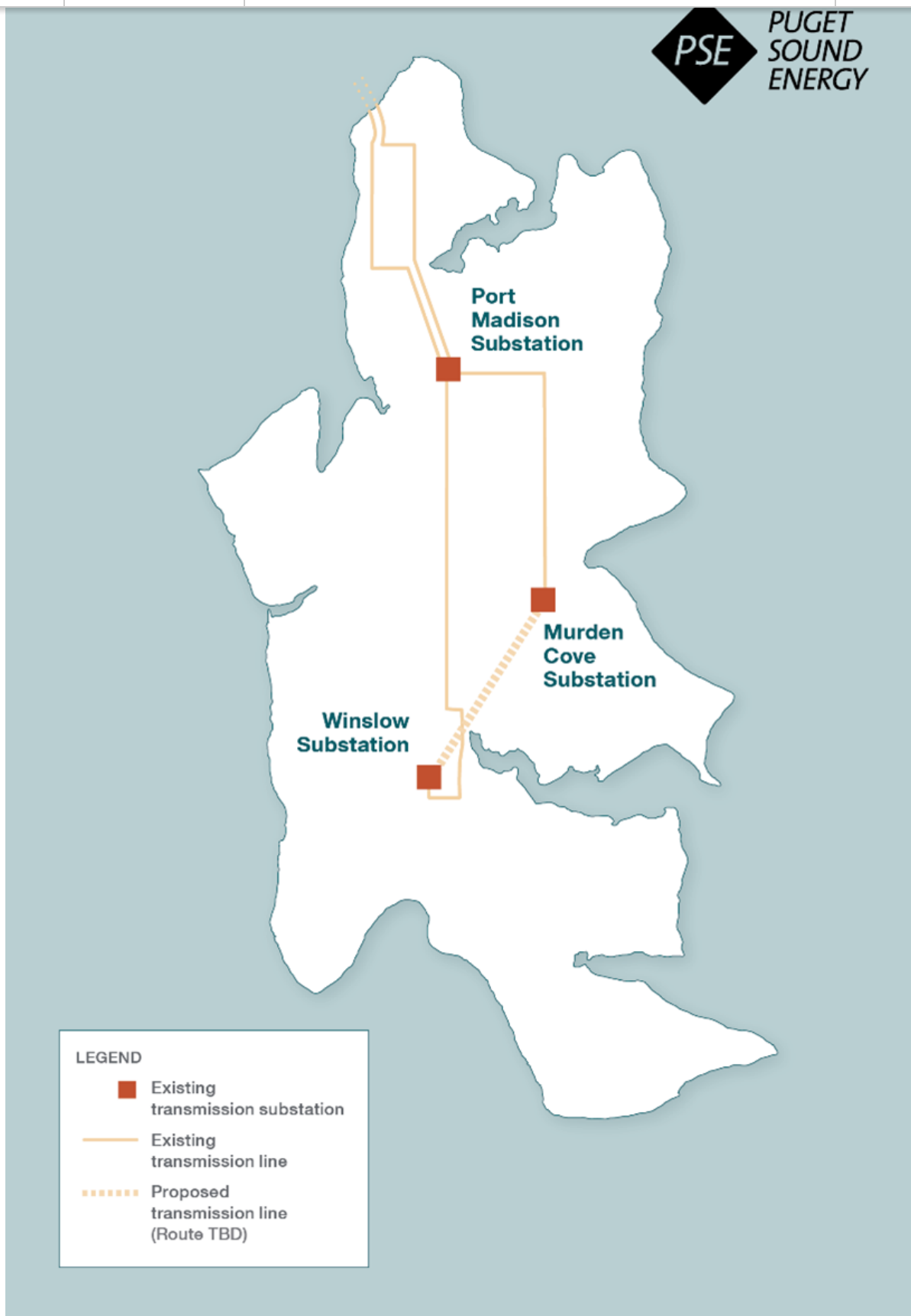
Investing in electric reliability and grid

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Electric reliability on the island needs to be improved. In finding solutions, PSE committed to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the community to implement these solutions.



Share your feedback on route options for

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On January 21, PSE hosted an [online community workshop](#) where we shared the route segments under consideration for the “[missing link](#)” transmission line project. The new transmission line is a critical component of PSE’s plan to improve electric service reliability, reducing the frequency and duration of power outages for customers on Bainbridge Island.

During our conversations around route segments, PSE heard from dozens of residents. Overwhelmingly we heard that the community needs more reliable power and we agree. The next milestone for the “missing link” project is to share route options with the community. We are again asking for your feedback to inform this next phase of the project.

Please join us for an online community workshop on Monday, May 3, between 5 – 7:30 p.m. where we’ll share the route options under consideration. We’ll also launch an updated version of the interactive online Route Explorer tool designed to allow you to review and engage with the route options to provide your feedback.

RSVP now to save a virtual seat!

You can share your feedback in a variety of ways including community workshops, via the interactive online tool or online open house, by attending and providing comment at a Community Sounding Board (CSB) meeting, or by calling or emailing the project team. To take a closer look at the engagement process for the project, click [here](#).

Once PSE has selected a preferred route, there will be continued ways to engage with the project as it moves through the permitting and design project phases. We’re committed to keeping the community informed of our progress on this critical infrastructure project.



Community Sounding Board meeting recap

The Community Sounding Board (CSB) met on March 31 for their latest meeting as part of the [engagement process](#) for the “missing link” transmission line [project](#). The project team shared a summary of the community feedback from the first community workshop as well as the route options under consideration. Visit psebainbridge.participate.online to review the meeting materials

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PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the nonprofit communities we serve.



BAINBRIDGE YOUTH SERVICES

askBYS.org

Highlighting Bainbridge Youth Services

Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) supports, educates, and provides resources to Bainbridge Island youth. In 2020 the organization pivoted to mostly virtual services. Thanks to community support, BYS delivered the following services:

- Free counseling & skill-building programs for 414 people
- Peer tutoring for 161 students of all ages
- Connected 143 teens to short-term work
- Connected 118 students to career exploration services
- Recognized 16 youth with the Compassionate Action Celebration
- Engaged 342 parents in parent education programs

2021 has continued to be particularly tough for many youth. BYS has responded with new support groups around the anxiety of COVID and the resulting isolation and disruption to routines, as well as a support group for Sexual Assault Survivors in addition to their ongoing, free services. We are so proud to continue our support and partnership for BYS' essential work. Visit askbys.org to learn more.



Highlighting Helpline House

Helpline House is a nonprofit organization that provides a network of critical social services - including children and senior services, financial assistance, and a food bank. The agency's programs help more than 2,500 people every year.

Due to COVID-19, Helpline House pivoted from an in-person market shopping model to curbside distribution. They have seen an increase of nearly 200 new households utilizing their services since the pandemic began. Learn more about their [programs](#).

Thank you Helpline House, for your tireless work to provide food security and other critical services to the Bainbridge Island community.



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS



Available through the Raising Resilience Video Library

FREE CONNECTIONS CAFE Session w/:

Helen Burke,

Bainbridge Youth Services

Zoe Pellegrino,

BHS Student

Beverly D. Van Santford,

Kitsap Sexual Assault Center



Get tips on how to:

- Normalize the conversation
- Define & identify abuse, assault & harassment
- Support survivors
- Talk about consent

RAISINGRESILIENCE.ORG

awareness event to support youth

[Raising Resilience](#) shares PSE's values in their vision for an empowered, vibrant community where all youth and families flourish. They recently hosted a conversation around the incredibly important issue of sexual assault awareness. Part of that conversation's focus was to help educate youth around the topic of consent. Their goal was to help prepare families to have healthy conversations around these issues, to promote social norms against violence, and expand the desire to protect all children and youth.

Read the Bainbridge Island Review's [recap](#) of the session. The session was recorded and is available [here](#). Please join us in continuing this important conversation and share the resources with youth who may need support. Thanks for the work you do, Raising Resilience!



Pictured: The Bainbridge Island Historical Museum

Highlighting the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum

Did you know that [Pickleball](#) was invented by a Bainbridge Island resident during the summer of 1965? That's just one of many interesting facts you could learn about the

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Monday through Friday at reduced capacity limits to abide with current public health guidelines.

Pop in to see the new exhibit, [Vanishing Bainbridge](#), which explores the history of the Island through the lens of the built environment. BIHM also actively collects and preserves more than 10,000 cultural materials, photographs, and oral/video histories about the Island.

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Let us know what you think

Whether you have questions about our work on Bainbridge Island, the programs we offer or other questions about PSE's services, we want to hear from you. Please contact us at info@psebainbridge.com or call us at **1-888-878-8632**.

Thank you,
Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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