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# PSE on bainbridge island



## PSE Bainbridge Update • December 2021



Pictured: View of PSE's Wild Horse and solar facility.

Read on for details on PSE's Clean Energy Implementation Plan, information on the selected route for the "missing link" transmission line, an overview of the final Community Sounding Board meeting, and more. Thank you for reading!



## PSE's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) is here!

After accepting comments on the draft in fall 2021, PSE filed [our first Clean Energy Implementation Plan \(CEIP\)](#) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) on December 17. This marks an important milestone on our journey towards reaching carbon-neutral electricity by 2030 and 100 percent clean electricity by 2045, in accordance with the state's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).

## Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

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.

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## PSE selects a route for “missing link” transmission line to improve reliability on Bainbridge Island

After more than a year of technical review and community engagement, PSE has selected a route for the Murden Cove – Winslow “missing link” transmission line on Bainbridge Island. This is an important step towards improving electric reliability for the two-thirds of the island currently at risk of power outages due to lack of transmission system redundancy. PSE worked diligently to understand which route option meets the technical project needs while using community feedback to inform the decision.

After months of evaluating five route options to connect the Murden Cove and Winslow substations, PSE held a community presentation on Tuesday, November 30 to announce Route A as the selected route. Route A is 3.4 miles and follows Sportsman Club Road, High School Road, and Fletcher Bay Road. PSE staff members Andy Wappler (Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer), Andy Swayne (Municipal Liaison Manager), and Karen Brubeck (Senior Community Engagement Representative) shared the selected route’s benefits with over 100 attendees from across the community.

Route A was selected because it has the most opportunity to incorporate the values of the community while meeting the project’s technical needs and has the following characteristics:

- Is the shortest route
- Includes the fewest parcels, including residential parcels
- Follows public road rights-of-way for the entire length



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lines along its entire length

Now that we have selected a selected route, PSE will focus on environmental field review, engineering design, and permit application preparation.

To learn more about this project and next steps, visit [psebainbridge.participate.online!](https://psebainbridge.participate.online!)



## Community Sounding Board wrap-up

On December 2, PSE hosted the sixth and final meeting of the Community Sounding Board (CSB). This meeting's focus was on gathering the CSB's feedback on forward facing topics: the selected route option for the "missing link" transmission line as the project continues into engineering and design, permitting, and ultimately construction.

At the meeting, PSE staff also shared information about the community outreach process, PSE's route selection criteria, and the benefits of the selected route – Route A. Following the presentation, the project team led a Q&A with the CSB in order to address their outstanding questions. Question topics included project timelines, tree removal, and community outreach. After Q&A with CSB members, staff opened the floor for public comment.

PSE would like to thank all of the hardworking members of the CSB who volunteered a tremendous amount of time, asked critical questions, shared perspectives and input and participated in the community engagement process. Their contributions were instrumental

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## PSE on Bainbridge Island

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



## PSE supports park and recreation programs on Bainbridge Island

Puget Sound Energy is pleased to support park and recreation programs through the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation's 2021 Community Grant program.

The Parks Foundation recently [granted more than \\$16,000](#) to community parks & recreation programs and clubs, including Bainbridge Island Rowing, Bainbridge High School Sailing, Boy Scout Troop 1565, the Eagledale Park pottery studio, Bainbridge Island Swim Club, and the Bainbridge Metro Parks stewardship program.

The grants support a range of activities, from youth regatta sailboats, to a giant chess board at Battle Point Park, to a new "pug mill" for recycling and reusing pottery clay. The

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“These programs enhance the experiences of so many park users,” said Mary Meier, Parks Foundation executive director. “The range of activities supported really speaks to the rich connections we all enjoy through our Bainbridge parks and trails. We’re grateful to Puget Sound Energy for supporting our Community Grants program.”

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Thank you,  
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