

November 29, 2023

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate")
Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project
Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX
Proof of Publication in Compliance with OAC Rule 4906-3-10(A)(2)

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-10(A), please find attached copies of the second notice of proposed utility facility required by OAC Rule 4906-3-9(A)(2).

On November 20, 2023, the second notice letters were mailed by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each official of the political subdivisions immediately affected by the proposed Project listed in Exhibit 1, which is a list of the public officials, persons, and entities that received service of a copy of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated's Application for the above-referenced project pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-7-03. The second notice letters to all owners of property crossed or adjacent to the preferred and alternate routes, required by OAC Rule 4906-3-09(A), were sent by U.S. Postal First-Class Mail on November 21, 2023. Copies of the letters as well as all enclosures are included in Exhibit 2.

Additionally, in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-08(A)(2), please find enclosed as Exhibit 3 proof of publication for docketing in the above-referenced case. The public notice was published in the Toledo Blade on November 23, 2023, and in the Northwest Signal (former the Fulton County Expositor) on November 27, 2023.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at 330-761-4473.

Sincerely,



Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company

cc: J. O'Dell

EXHIBIT 1

Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project
Officials to Be Served a Copy of the Certified Application
OPSB Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX

Fulton County

Commissioner Jon Rupp,
President
Fulton County Commissioners
152 S. Fulton St., Suite 270
Wauseon, OH 43567

Commissioner Jeff Rupp,
Vice President
Fulton County Commissioners
152 S. Fulton St., Suite 270
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Commissioner Joe Short,
Fulton County Commissioners
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Fulton County Administrator
152 S. Fulton St., Suite 270
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Christy Shadbolt, Director
Fulton County Regional Planning
Commission
152 S. Fulton St., Suite 100
Wauseon, OH 43567

Julie Brink, Director
Fulton County Visitors Bureau
8848 State Route 108, Suite 108
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Delta Village

Frank Wilton
Mayor, Delta Village
401 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Arthur Thomas
Delta Village Council
401 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Brad Peebles
Delta Village Administrator
401 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Andy Welch
Delta Village Planning
Commission
401 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Stephanie Mossing
Delta Village Finance Director
401 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Village of Swanton

Neil Toeppe
Mayor, Village of Swanton
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, OH 43558

Shannon Shulters
Village of Swanton Administrator
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, OH 43558

Dianne Westhoven, President Pro-
Tempore
Swanton Village Council
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, OH 43558

M. Jason Vasco
Village of Swanton Finance Director
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, OH 43558

York Township

Mark Jones, Trustee
York Township
6955 Co. Rd. FG
Delta, OH 43515

Jeffrey Mazurowski, Trustee
York Township
6955 Co. Rd. FG
Delta, OH 43515

Robert W. Trowbridge, Trustee
York Township
6955 Co. Rd. FG
Delta, OH 43515

Karen S. Miller, Fiscal Officer
York Township
6955 Co. Rd. FG
Delta, OH 43515

Swan Creek Township

Rick Kazmierczak, Trustee
Swan Creek Township
5565 County Road D
Delta, OH 43515

Brian Meyer, Trustee
Swan Creek Township
5565 County Road D
Delta, OH 43515

Gene Wilson, Trustee
Swan Creek Township
5565 County Road D
Delta, OH 43515

Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer
Swan Creek Township
5565 County Road D
Delta, OH 43515

Fulton Township

Scott Gillen, Trustee
Fulton Township
10555 Co. Rd. 4
Swanton, OH 43558

Joe E. Gombash, Trustee
Fulton Township
10555 Co. Rd. 4
Swanton, OH 43558

Bernard Wanner, Trustee
Fulton Township
10555 Co. Rd. 4
Swanton, OH 43558

Julie Szabo, Fiscal Officer
Fulton Township
10555 Co. Rd. 4
Swanton, OH 43558

Pike Township

Jon Ersham, Trustee
Pike Township
10810 County Road 10-2
Delta, OH 43515

Jack Wagner, Trustee
Pike Township
10810 County Road 10-2
Delta, OH 43515

Ted Howard, Trustee
Pike Township
10810 County Road 10-2
Delta, OH 43515

Dennis N. Savage, Fiscal Officer
Pike Township
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Delta, OH 43515

Libraries

Candy Baird, Director
Delta Public Library
402 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Staci Treece, Acting Director
Swanton Public Library
305 Chestnut Street
Swanton, OH 43558

EXHIBIT 2

November 20, 2023

[Name]
[Office]
[Address Line 1]
[Address Line 2]

Re: OPSB Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Dowling-
Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project (“Project”)

Dear Mx. XXXX,

As you may be aware, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy company, has proposed to construct the Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project (“Project”), in an Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”). This letter is being sent to you to update you on the schedule of public hearings set by the Board for this Project.

The proposed Project proposes to build a new 345 kV four-breaker ring bus substation (“Melbourne Substation”) on a 9-acre site and one new 345 kV transmission line to connect the Melbourne Substation with ATSI’s existing 345 kV electric transmission system. The line will extend approximately 9 miles from the existing Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line to the Melbourne Substation. Also, as part of this Project, ATSI will construct two approximately 0.5-mile-long 345 kV transmission lines to connect the existing, customer-owned Sydney Substation to the proposed Melbourne Substation. The transmission lines will be constructed primarily on single steel monopoles.

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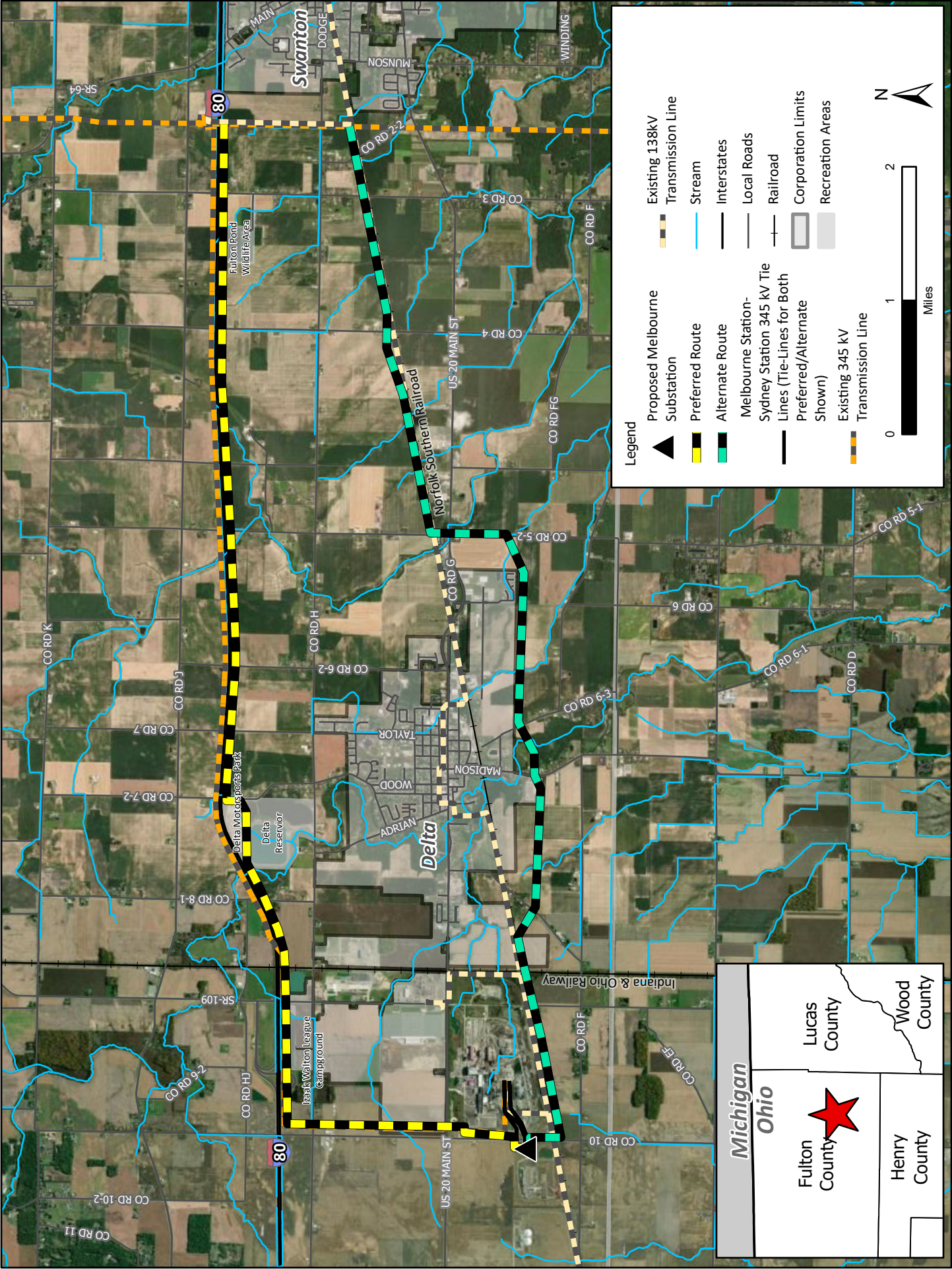
Please do not hesitate to contact me at nbryksenkova@firstenergycorp.com or call me at (330) 761-4473 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company

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November 20, 2023

Candy Baird, Director
Delta Public Library
402 Main Street
Delta, OH 43515

Re: OPSB Case No. 20-0248-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Baird,

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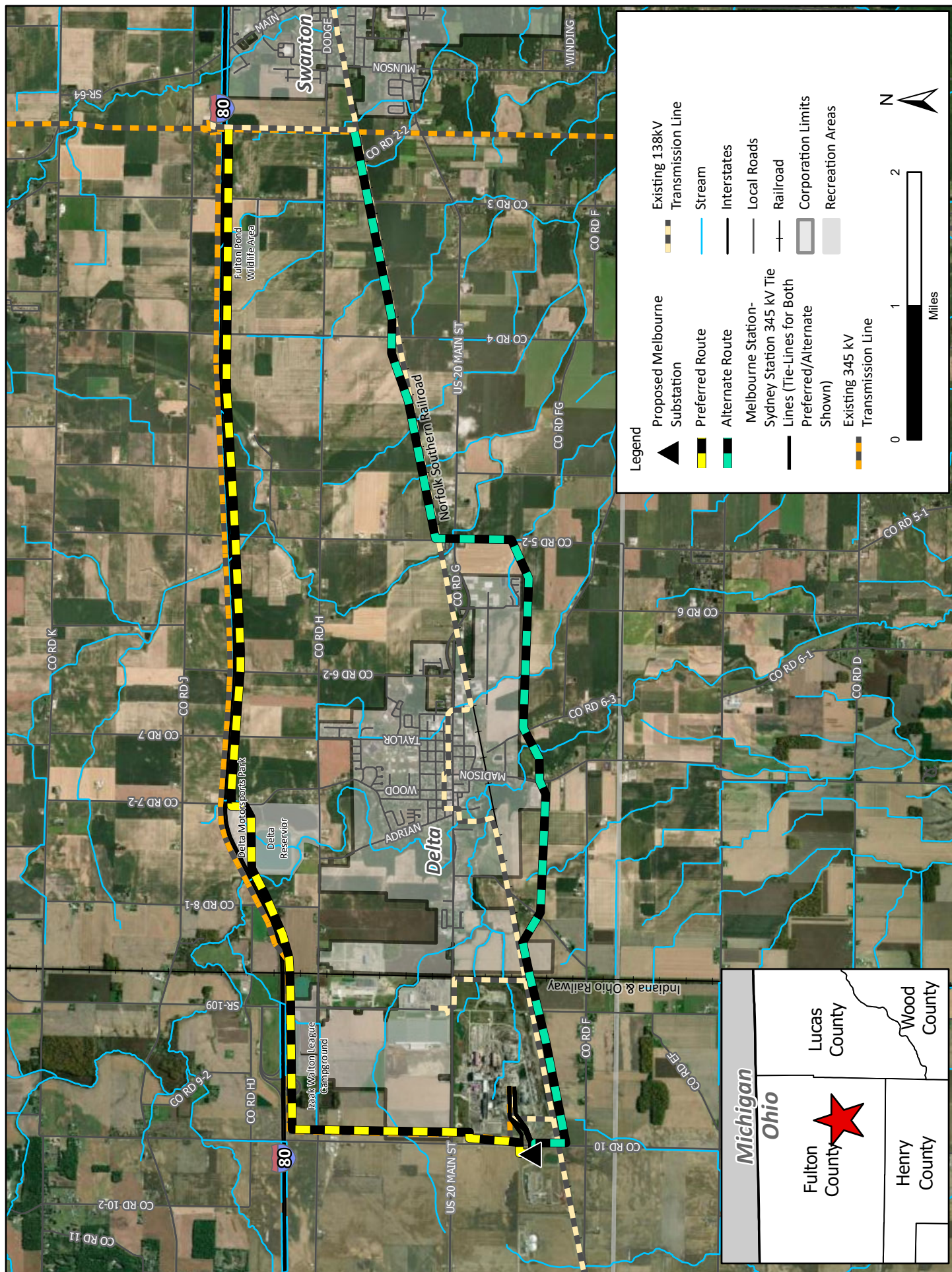
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Engineer
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Swanton Public Library
305 Chestnut Street
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Dear Ms. Treece,

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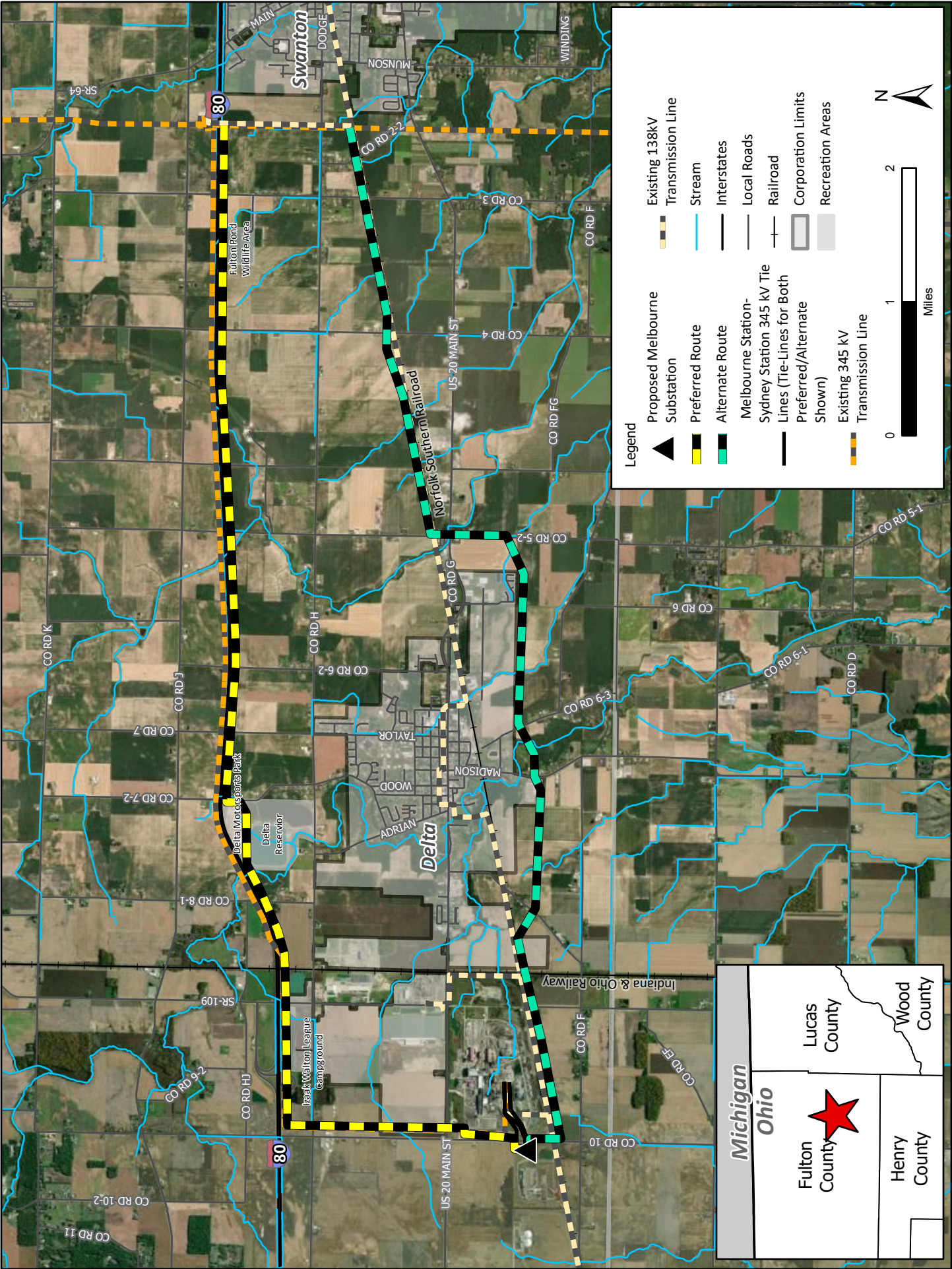
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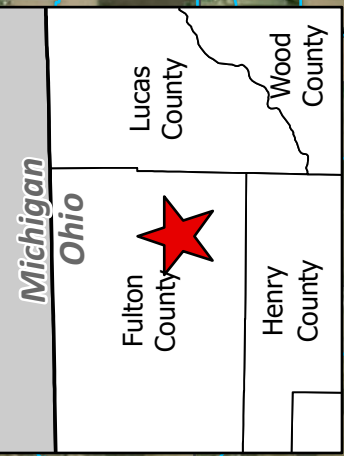
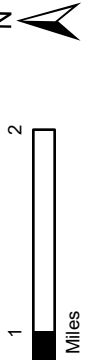


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Transmission and Substation Design
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November 21, 2023

Name Line 1
Name Line 2
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

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Dear [Name]:

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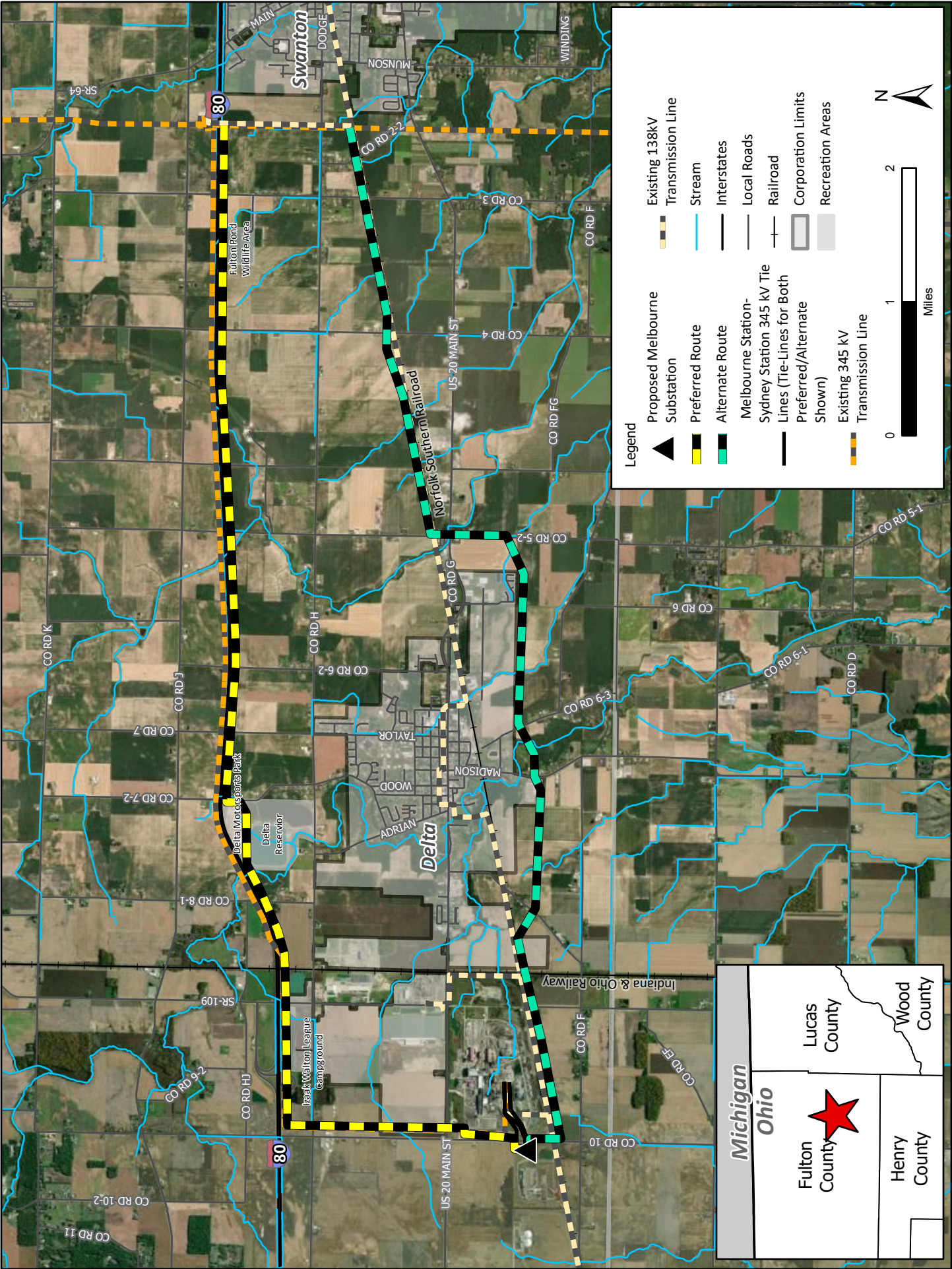
As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com or contact us at 1-888-311-4737.

Sincerely,



Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer
Transmission and Substation Design
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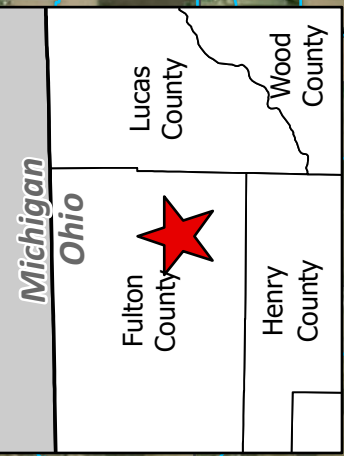
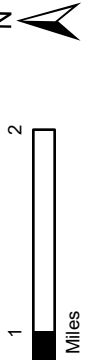


EXHIBIT 3

THE BLADE

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION STATE OF OHIO, LUCAS COUNTY} SS.

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Section:	Main News		

I, Sammy McNeager being first duly Sworn, make oath and say that I am an Advertising Clerk in the employ of THE TOLEDO BLADE CO., the publishers of THE BLADE, that I personally know the facts herein stated, that said BLADE is a daily newspaper printed, and of general circulation in excess of 90,000, in said County, and in said State, and that the notice of which the below is a true copy of the text, was published in said Daily BLADE according to the above run schedule.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 28th day of November. A.D. 2023.



Sandra Franklin
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires:
May 17, 2026

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Ohio

U.K. conservatives promote tax cuts ahead of elections

Minimum wage, pensions also boosted

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Britain’s Conservative government sought to regain the political initiative Wednesday with a series of tax cuts for businesses and individuals that it hopes will bolster its chances in a national election next year that opinion polls suggest it will lose.

Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt said the British economy “had turned a corner,” with inflation and government borrowing down, allowing him to offer what he termed the biggest set of tax cuts since the 1980s.

“After a global pandemic and energy crisis, we have taken difficult decisions to put our economy back on track,” he said.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Mr. Hunt are searching for economic news to boost Conservative election fortunes.

Opinion polls for months have put the governing Conservative Party, which has been in power since 2010, well

behind the main opposition Labor Party.

The most high-profile measure in Mr. Hunt’s autumn budget statement was a bigger-than-expected cut to national insurance — a tax that employees pay — by 2 percentage points to 10 percent, which 27 million individuals are expected to receive in their wages as soon as January.

“If we want people to get up early in the morning, if we want people to work nights, if we want an economy where people go the extra mile and work hard, then we need to recognize that their hard work benefits all of us,” he said.

Other potential sweeteners for voters were hefty increases in the minimum wage, pensions, and benefits.

Though Britain avoided the recession that many had anticipated this year, expectations for economic growth have been downgraded by the Office for Budget Responsibility.

SOUTH KOREA RESUMES AERIAL SURVEILLANCE



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A South Korean national flag flutters in the wind as visitors take in a scenic view at the unification observatory on Wednesday in Paju, South Korea.

N. Korea fired missile toward sea but launch likely failed, Seoul says

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL — South Korea said North Korea fired a ballistic missile toward the sea but the launch likely failed Wednesday night, hours after Seoul said it would resume front-line aerial surveillance in response to the North’s spy satellite launch.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said Thursday it detected the missile launch from the North’s capital region.

It said the missile was fired toward the North’s eastern waters but that the launch was believed to have ended in failure. It gave no further details such as what type of missile was fired and what happened to it.

The launch was North Korea’s first known weapons firing in more than two months. Earlier Wednesday, South Korea announced it decided to partially suspend an agreement and restart front-line aerial surveillance of North Korea in reaction to the North’s satellite launch the previous night.

South Korea, the United States, and Japan have condemned the North’s satellite launch because they believe it was meant to improve the country’s missile technology as well as establish a space-based surveillance system.

U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibit any satellite lift-offs by North Korea, viewing them as covers for testing its missile technology.

The North’s neighbors are

trying to confirm whether its satellite launch was successful and whether the satellite can perform reconnaissance functions.

North Korea’s space agency said its Malligyong-1 satellite was placed in orbit on Tuesday night, about 12 minutes after lift-off.

Leader Kim Jong Un watched the satellite launch on site. He later visited the Pyongyang control center of the North’s space agency, where he was briefed that the satellite would officially begin its reconnaissance mission from Dec. 1, following a period of fine-tuning, according to state media.

The North’s official Korean Central News Agency reported that Kim was presented with satellite photos of Anderson Air Force Base, Apra Harbor, and other U.S. military facilities in the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, which it said were taken Wednesday morning.

It didn’t publicize the photos, and many experts remain skeptical about whether the North Korean satellite is advanced enough to conduct meaningful military reconnaissance.

THE WORLD

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

Anti-Islam populist wins Dutch election

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Far-right, anti-Islam populist Geert Wilders was headed for a landslide victory Wednesday in the Dutch election, according to an exit poll, in a result that is bound to send shockwaves through Europe.

The result puts him in line to lead talks to form a new ruling coalition and possibly become the country’s prime minister.

The exit poll published by the national broadcaster NOS said Mr. Wilders’ Party for Freedom won 35 seats in the 150-seat lower house of parliament, more than double the 17 he won in the last election.

The next closest party was an alliance of the center-left Labor Party and Green Left, which was forecast to win 26 seats.

Mr. Wilders’ election program includes calls for a referendum on the Netherlands leaving the European Union and a total halt to accepting asylum-seekers.

E.U. rejects plan to cut pesticide use by 50%

BRUSSELS — European Union lawmakers on Wednesday rejected a plan to reduce the use of chemical pesticides by 50 percent by 2030 and to ban all pesticide use in areas such public parks, playgrounds, and schools.

After a series of amendments watered down the proposal of the E.U. executive commission, the bill was rejected, 299-207 with 121 abstentions.

It buried the bill for good and any new proposal would need to start from scratch after June elections for members of the European Parliament.

“This is a bitter blow for the protection of the environment and public health. To put it bluntly, the majority of MEPs put the profits of big agri over the health of our children and the planet,” said Sarah Wiener, a Green lawmaker who was rapporteur for the proposal.

India restores e-visas for Canadian nationals

NEW DELHI — India restored electronic visa services for Canadian nationals, an Indian foreign ministry official said Wednesday, two months after Canada alleged the South Asian nation was involved in the assassination of a Sikh separatist in Canada.

The move could ease tensions after they swapped accusations and expelled each other’s diplomats, with India introducing a visa ban on Canadian nationals.

A diplomatic spat erupted between the two countries after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in September that there were “credible allegations” of India’s involvement in the killing of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar in suburban Vancouver in western Canada.

Mr. Nijjar, a 45-year-old Sikh activist and plumber, was killed by masked gunmen in June in Surrey, outside Vancouver.

U.S., Philippines navies conduct joint patrols in disputed waters

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA — The United States and the Philippines are conducting joint air and maritime patrols in the South China Sea as the two countries step up cooperation in the face of Chinese activity in the area.

The Philippine Air Force said Wednesday its aircraft had taken part in joint patrols the day before in the vicinity of Batanes, the northernmost province of the Philippines, which is about 125 miles from Taiwan, an island that China claims as its own.

The patrols will run through Thursday.

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., recently called the situation in the South China Sea increasingly “dire” as China seeks to assert

its presence in an area where multiple nations have competing territorial claims.

“The Philippines-U.S. joint patrol drill must not undermine China’s territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said.

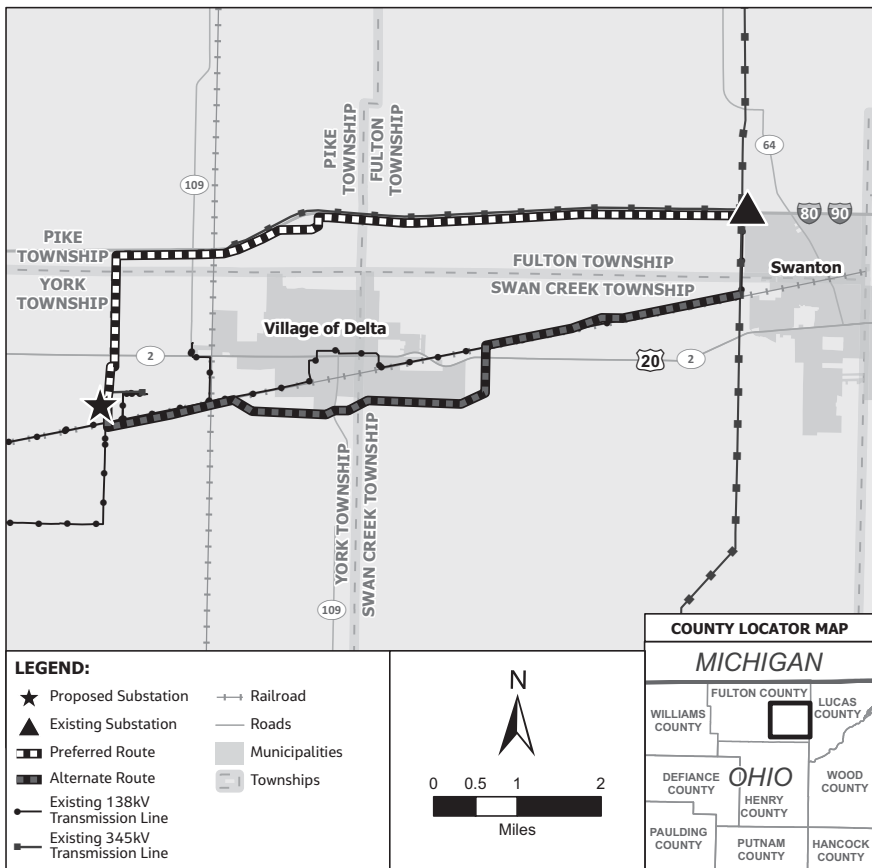
The U.S. 7th Fleet said the patrols are part of routine interaction with its allies in “preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.”

China claims virtually the entire South China Sea as its own waters, which has led to disputes not only with the Philippines but also with Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Brunei.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

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GENE'S SCENE

Whereas we had a few days of family-filled events earlier, Friday, Saturday and Sunday included lots of football. We listened to the Liberty Center and Patrick Henry games Friday night, and even watched Iowa capture the Big Ten West title at the same time.

Saturday, we watched the entire Michigan-Ohio State game, and then watched parts of other games after that. Sunday included watching the Browns, and now we are in a time-out from football until this weekend.

We also got a few other things done around the house Saturday morning, getting about 90% of our outdoor decorating complete.

Friday afternoon I even helped the Lions Club peddle their Christmas trees for an hour or so. I also solved a possible theft of one of our trees. My granddaughter Morgan called me Wednesday to check on our hours. She needed a tree right then, so I gave her and her husband Caleb permission to pick up a tree and to pay me for it Thursday. One of our members took a picture of their vehicle as they loaded a tree in their truck. However, when I appeared Friday (on opening day), I gave them the check and the "theft" was solved.

Email comments to geno34@embarqmail.com.



Gene Grime

Boyfriend's bad advice proves costly

DEAR ABBY: I went to visit a man I was dating and there was no visitor parking available. He told me to park in any space, even though there were signs stating non-residents would be towed. He said not to worry about it, that I'd be there only a few hours. Suffice it to say, I got towed.

He did drive me to the tow yard to retrieve my car, but he didn't offer to pay for my tow charge, or even half of it. I thought it would have been nice of him to at least offer, and that his not offering demonstrated lack of character.

Yes, I know I chose to believe him at my own risk and that I'm responsible for my choices. But I trusted his information. In your opinion, did that demonstrate questionable character on his part? — TOWED IN TEXAS

DEAR TOWED: I'm not sure it demonstrated lack of character, but it

certainly demonstrated lack of generosity. If he couldn't bring himself to take full responsibility, I agree he could have offered to pay half the fee. (I hope you put this guy in the rearview mirror.)

DEAR ABBY: I overheard my adult child speak to his significant other in a way I have heard only one other time. My child was not raised that way. My spouse and our children lived in what I thought was a traditional upbringing. I was shocked the first time and calmly expressed that speaking to another person with those words was disrespectful. I chalked it up to being young and not being mindful of other people's feelings.

Once again, although I was not attempting to eavesdrop, I heard the same language. I expressed that I was disappointed, embarrassed and ashamed of that language directed at another

person. I suggested therapy to deal with this, but it scares me to think I don't know my own child and they are capable of such behavior. Is it possible I raised a Jekyll and Hyde or a young adult with no sense of pride or manners? — NOT MY CHILD

DEAR NOT MY CHILD: It is possible that you raised an adult child who has trouble controlling their temper and forgets that vulgarity and disrespect lessen the target's respect for the invective-thrower. Therapy might help if your child is open to it, but having suggested it, the time has come for you to step out of this unfortunate scenario. (The exception would be if you are afraid the verbal abuse could escalate.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a single, childless aunt/great aunt. For decades I took on the task of traveling to visit family while the kids were young. No problem. But



Dear Abby

Written by Jeanne Phillips, also known as Abigail Van Buren. Contact her at www.DearAbby.com or write to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

I've recently learned the now-adult kids have been in my area and never contacted me. I was extremely hurt and let them know it when the opportunity presented itself. I am also insulted that they would make no effort. My initial reaction is to no longer make the effort. What to do? — ACHING AUNTIE

DEAR AUNTIE: The first thing to do is ask your nieces and nephews why they didn't let you know they were nearby. Once you know the reason, you can decide how much effort you want to make to see them in the future.

A hummus makeover

It's time to dress up for the holidays. While this certainly applies to our wardrobes, here we are talking about hummus. Hummus is a party favorite, easy to make in advance and unfailingly popular. It's also very beige in color. This recipe gives the dependable Levantine chickpea-and-tahini dip a holiday makeover, infusing it with a jolt of color and a sprinkle of bling to usher in the festive season.

For that task, look no further than the humble beet root. Beet roots are sweet and earthy, packed with fiber, vitamins and nutrients, and, for the sake of a party, they are decidedly not beige. Their brilliant fuchsia flesh lends vibrance and extra depth of flavor (not to mention healthy antioxidants) to the hummus, elevating it to take center stage in your appetizer spread.

Other sweet and colorful root vegetables, such as carrots or sweet potatoes, can be substituted for the beets. Roast the sweet potatoes until tender, then peel. If using carrots, peel them first and then roast until very tender. Both vegetables will tint the hummus a warm orange color and contribute their flavor to the dip.

Once prepared, top off your hummus with a generous sprinkle of garnishes, such as grated lemon zest, chopped mint or cilantro, chopped pistachios, and a drizzle of olive oil for extra bling. It's the party season, after all.

Roasted Beet Hummus

Active time: 15 minutes

Total time: 15 minutes, plus roasting time for the beets

Yield: Makes about 2 1/2 cups

1 pound medium red beets, roasted until tender, skin removed

1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

2 garlic cloves, chopped

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup tahini



Lynda Balslev



Photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

Roasted Beet Hummus

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon Sriracha

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon ground coriander

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Garnishes:

Extra-virgin olive oil

Finely grated lemon zest

Chopped fresh mint or cilantro

Accompaniments:

Baguette slices, pita bread, seasonal crudites

Place all the ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and process to blend. If too thick, add warm water to loosen. The hummus should not be too soupy. Taste for seasoning.

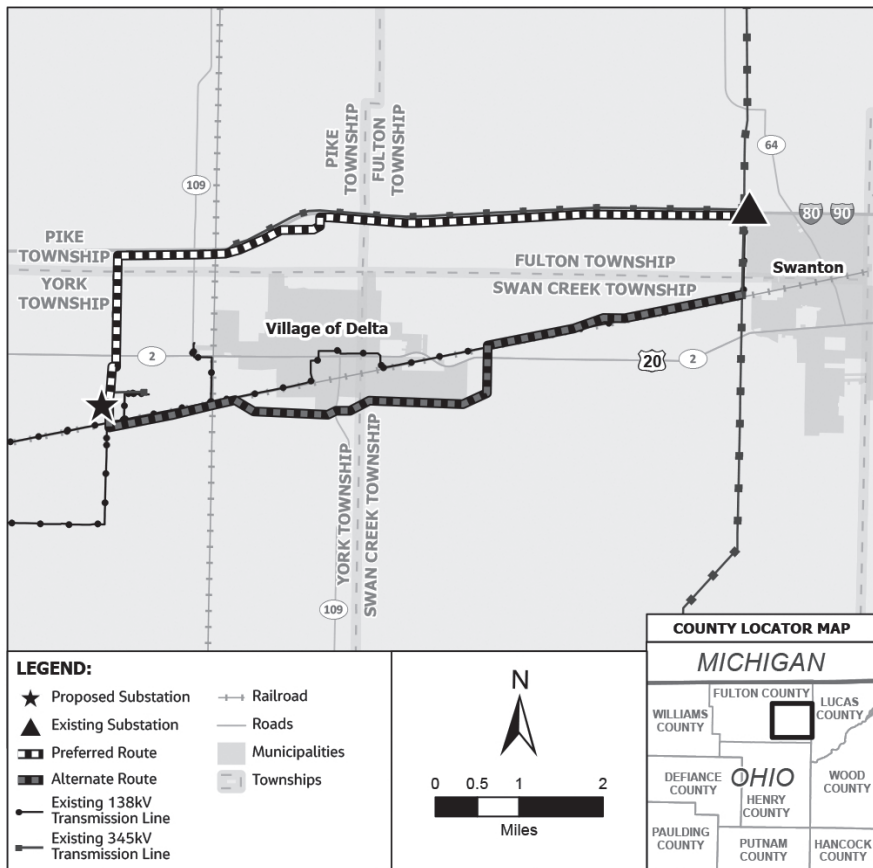
To serve, transfer to a bowl. Garnish with a light drizzle of olive oil, lemon zest and mint. Serve with baguette slices, pita bread and/or crudites for dipping.

The hummus can be made in advance and stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days. Serve at room temperature.

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Toddler storytime at Holgate Community Library, 6 p.m.

Lighting of the lights at Deshler Village Park, Santa

in the shelterhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Bingo to benefit the Henry County Humane Society, Filling Home, Napoleon, doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 7 p.m.

Annual Christmas parade in Wauseon, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Storytime at Napoleon Public Library, 10 a.m.

Storytime at Deshler Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

Knit and crochet group at Hamler Public Library, 1 p.m.

Open studio program at Soaring Arts, Napoleon, 4-7 p.m., \$25, 419-592-0535.

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