

B-SYSTEM PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) and parent company Columbia Pipeline Group (CPG) encourage open communication with stakeholders on every project. We recognize and respect your right to know about and understand what is occurring on or near your property and within your community.

The following questions and answers have been compiled to address potential questions and concerns about the B-System Project. If your question is not answered here, please contact one of the project team members listed below.

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Our project team is available to answer your questions and address your concerns.

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Why is the B-System Project needed?

The project is part of Columbia's ongoing Modernization Program to replace aging infrastructure, upgrade natural gas compression systems and increase pipeline reliability. The B-System has been slated for modernization because it includes vital natural gas supply lines for the Columbus metro area, as well as for several towns and cities along the developing U.S. Route 33 corridor southeast of Columbus.

How did Columbia determine what pipelines need to be retired or replaced?

Columbia employs a complex algorithm that analyses big data and numerous factors when evaluating a pipeline for replacement. Key factors include age, type of pipe, location, population density, etc.

Why did Columbia decide to construct a new pipeline as part of the project?

After comparing environmental impacts, including effects on landowners, as well as overall costs, Columbia determined that constructing a new seven-mile pipeline resulted in fewer impacts on natural resources and landowners, and lower construction costs than replacing the existing pipeline, which instead will be retired.

Will I be notified if the pipeline is going to impact my property?

Yes. Landowners who might be impacted by the proposed route will be contacted early in the process by a Columbia land representative and be notified in advance of the need to conduct property surveys.

Can you show me where the pipeline work will occur on my property?

Columbia land representatives will provide details about where the pipeline is located on your property and what you can expect during the construction, replacement or retirement process.

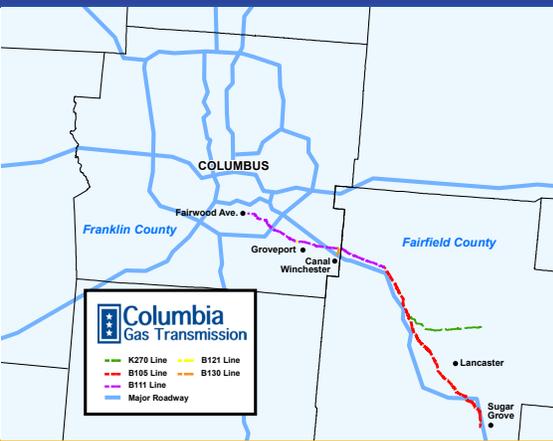
What is an easement?

In order to construct a project, Columbia must obtain an easement from impacted landowners, which grants the right to maintain and operate interstate natural gas facilities on their property. The easement is a recorded land rights transfer that conveys to Columbia limited rights for a specific purpose, in exchange for which the landowner is compensated.

How large is an easement?

The amount of land required for an easement will vary for each tract of land. A Columbia land representative will discuss the land requirements during one-on-one easement conversations with each landowner. Typically, a 50-foot wide permanent easement for operation and maintenance of the pipeline will be needed, supplemented by an additional width (a minimum of 25-foot wide) for temporary construction use. The total width of the construction workspace will vary depending on such factors as slope, soil conditions and regulatory requirements. In certain locations, a portion of the workspace may overlap the rights of way for existing pipelines. All temporary workspace will revert to the landowner upon completion of construction with no restrictions.

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B-SYSTEM PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

- **K270 Line** — Greenfield construction of a 20-inch, seven-mile pipeline from an existing interconnect near Coonpath Rd. and Old Millersport Rd. to a newly established interconnect near Coonpath Rd. and CR33A.
- **B105 Line** — Retirement of a 17.6-mile pipeline that runs from the Crawford compressor station near Sugar Grove to the Lockville interconnect on Allen Rd.
- **B111 Line** — Lift-and-lay replacement of 13.8 miles of pipeline from Lockville interconnect to a point of delivery on Fairwood Ave. in Columbus.
- **B121 Line** — Replacement of 500 feet of interconnect pipeline between B93 and B111 in Groveport.
- **B130 Line** — Replacement of 3,000 feet of interconnect pipeline between B93 and B111 in Canal Winchester.

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Can I still use my land with an easement?

Yes. As a landowner you retain ownership of all your current property, including the portion upon which Columbia will obtain an easement. An easement does not transfer title of the land to Columbia, it merely grants us the right to use the land for the specific purposes stated in the easement agreement. After construction is completed, surface use of the land may continue.

How is a pipeline retired?

In certain cases, a pipeline company may request authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a pipeline to be retired or “abandoned” in place. This means that the pipeline is physically separated from its source of gas, thoroughly cleaned, permanently sealed at both ends and left in the ground.

If a pipeline is being retired will it be removed from my property?

The easement agreement that you or the previous landowners signed may stipulate whether the pipeline is to be removed after retirement. Landowners have the ability to develop an agreement with Columbia representatives regarding pipeline retirement.

Can Columbia maintain an easement on my property after retiring a pipeline?

Yes. When Columbia retires an existing pipeline, the easement within which the pipeline is laid is typically retained. By retaining the easement and pipeline, Columbia remains responsible for ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

Will I be notified if retirement is proposed?

Yes. During the period of FERC’s formal review of a project, you will receive notification of the proposed project from Columbia, as well as a separate notification from FERC. Columbia’s asset management team will also notify you if the company proposes to relinquish the easement agreement as part of the retirement.

What kind of safety programs does Columbia employ?

Columbia’s construction and operations standards meet or exceed the comprehensive federal pipeline safety program standards implemented by the U.S. Department of Transportation. We construct new pipelines with high-strength steel that is coated with an epoxy bonding to protect the pipeline while it is in service. Specially trained employees monitor the performance of all our pipelines from our Charleston, W.Va. Gas Control Center 24 hours per day. Our experienced pipeline integrity engineers also oversee our continuous inspection program, which includes the use of state-of-the-art internal inspection devices called “smart pigs.”

ABOUT COLUMBIA PIPELINE GROUP

Columbia Gas Transmission is a subsidiary of Columbia Pipeline Group (CPG), which owns and operates approximately 15,000 miles of strategically located interstate pipeline and gathering and processing assets extending from New York to the Gulf of Mexico, including an extensive footprint in the Marcellus and Utica Shale production areas. CPG also operates one of the nation’s largest underground natural gas storage systems. Approximately 1.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas flows through CPG’s pipeline and storage systems each year, providing competitively priced, clean energy for millions of homes, businesses and industries. Additional information can be found at www.cpg.com.