



May 7, 2026

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**Re: Project Introduction and Request for Information  
Copperton to Nelson Road Project  
Midland, Gratiot, Isabella, and Montcalm counties, Michigan**

**We need your input – please provide feedback by July 6, 2026.**

Dear Angie,

Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), an ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) company, has announced its intent to construct new high-voltage transmission lines in Michigan to maintain the long-term stability of the electric grid and respond to the changing energy landscape. The lines are part of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Long Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) Tranche 2.1 Project 32, Ludington – Denver (Copperton) – Tittabawassee & Nelson Road Project (Copperton Projects). The image below depicts the general location of the Copperton Projects. Please note that the lines and substation markers are illustrative only and do not represent exact transmission line routes or substation locations.



The benefits of this infrastructure investment include strengthening the reliability of the electric transmission system, serving the growing needs of customers in Michigan, and enhancing grid resilience during extreme weather. Along with the Copperton substation and other upgrades, the Copperton Projects include the following:

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- **Copperton to Ludington:** an approximately 159-mile, double-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Copperton (formerly known as Denver) station to the existing Ludington station;
- **Copperton to Tittabawassee:** an approximately 40-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Copperton station to the existing Tittabawassee station; and,
- **Copperton to Nelson Road:** an approximately 55-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Copperton station to the existing Nelson Road station.

You are receiving this letter in connection with the **Copperton to Nelson Road Project** (the Project), defined above. The preliminary project area for the Project covers portions of Midland, Gratiot, Isabella, and Montcalm counties. A map showing the Project's preliminary project area is included as **Figure 1**. Also enclosed you will find a **Fact Sheet** with additional details about the Copperton Projects. You may also receive letters in connection with the Copperton to Ludington and/or Copperton to Tittabawassee projects if those projects are within your jurisdiction or expertise.

METC has contracted with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to assist in developing and evaluating potential routes for the Project. METC and HDR are requesting your assistance in gathering information about social, cultural and natural resources to help identify routing considerations within the preliminary project area, see **Figure 1**.

The Project will require a 200-foot-wide right-of-way (100 feet on each side of the centerline). Structures are estimated to be approximately 125 – 180 feet tall and spaced approximately 800 – 1,200 feet apart, depending on terrain and site-specific conditions.

Your input on resources within your jurisdiction and/or area of expertise will assist the routing team in developing routes that take advantage of opportunities while minimizing environmental impacts. These resources and related topics include, but are not limited to:

- Residential and non-residential facilities
- Socioeconomics (population, employment, growth, development)
- Land use
- Hazardous materials sites and landfills
- Agricultural and forestry operations
- Cultural resources (historic and archaeological sites, cemeteries)
- Water ways, floodplains, and wetlands
- Transportation and roads (airport and roadway expansions, construction, operations, and maintenance)
- Soils and geology
- Communications facilities (radio, television, cellular)

- Wildlife, vegetation, and fisheries, including threatened and endangered species
- Engineering, design, construction and operational items

At this stage of the Project’s routing study, we want to make you aware of the Project and information to help METC develop potential route options or identify potential routing constraints. We would also appreciate any additional feedback, concerns, or information on other issues you feel would help the routing team identify and understand your perspective on the resources within the Project’s preliminary project area. After this review of the preliminary project area and incorporation of agency input, METC will develop potential route corridors and additional input from you may be sought at that time.

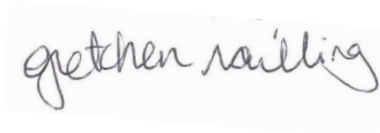
We look forward to hearing from you about this Project. We would appreciate any feedback be provided by **July 6, 2026**. Please let us know if you would like to set up an in-person or a virtual meeting with you to discuss the Project and receive your input if preferred. You may provide feedback to the following contact:

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For any METC related questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out to your METC Local Government and Community Affairs contact: Gretchen Railling, Lead Permit Specialist, [grailling@itctransco.com](mailto:grailling@itctransco.com) or 810-240-5686 or Kelly Wawsczyk, Area Manager, at [kwawsczyk@itctransco.com](mailto:kwawsczyk@itctransco.com) or 231-923-8884.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this Project.

Sincerely,

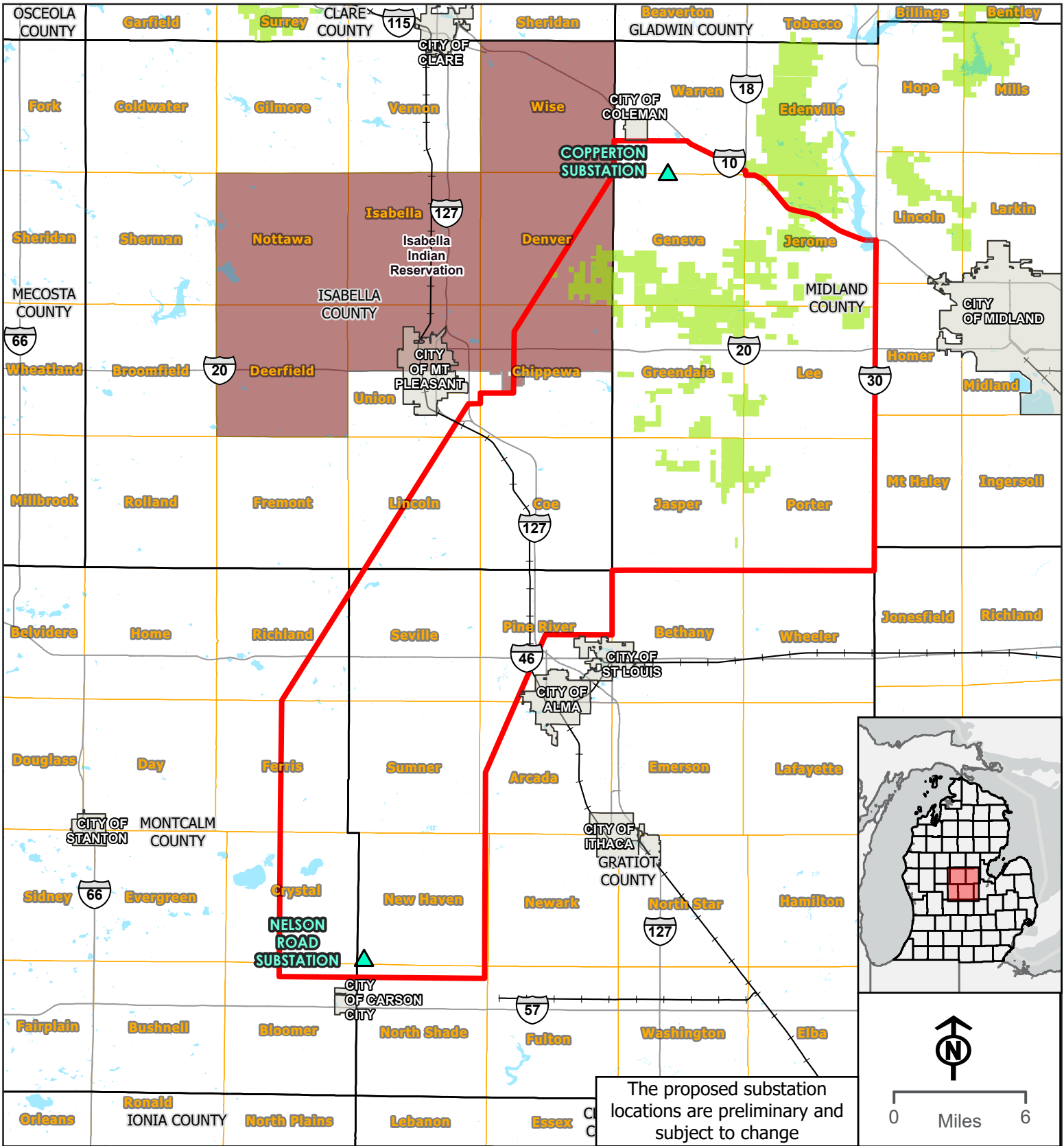


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Enclosures: Figure 1 Preliminary Project Area  
 Copperton Projects Fact Sheet



The proposed substation locations are preliminary and subject to change

- Preliminary Project Area
- County Boundary
- ▲ Project Substation
- Township Boundary
- Railroad
- Highway
- Municipal Boundary
- Isabella Indian Reservation
- State Forest



**COPPERTON TO NELSON ROAD  
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT  
PRELIMINARY PROJECT AREA - FIGURE 1  
METC**

