

# Fact Sheet

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## Boulevard 77 Improvement and Resiliency Project, Lowell, Massachusetts

**National Grid is committed to delivering to our customers safe and reliable energy. Reflective of this commitment, we propose the Boulevard 77 Improvement and Resiliency Project.**

**What:** The Boulevard 77 improvement and resiliency project is a proposal to improve the current asset condition, as well as accommodate the future load growth in the Lowell, Massachusetts area. National Grid will be investing over \$8 million in the construction of this substation improvement project; which will strengthen the region's electrical distribution system.

**Where:** The substation improvement project will be conducted on National Grid's property located at 83 Boulevard Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

**Why:** A strong electrical transmission and distribution system is vital to our region's safety, security, and economic prosperity. A recent review determined the substation needs to be redesigned and rebuilt to improve overall reliability of electric service to the City and surrounding communities and to address issues relating to system performance, age and condition of equipment, public safety and forecasted capacity. Also, flood mitigation measures will be part of the substation rebuild to improve resiliency. This proposed substation will maintain reliability in the area by eliminating the asset condition issues associated with deterioration of equipment.

**When:** Pending State and local permits and approvals, construction is slated to begin in the Spring of 2020 and be completed by the end of the Spring of 2021.

**Community Collaboration:** National Grid is committed to performing an extensive community outreach program in order to inform and elicit feedback from project neighbors, public officials, and other stakeholders. We are committed to keeping local officials, residents, businesses, and community groups informed and engaged as the project progresses.