



You're invited to a public open house to learn about APS's plans to power downtown Phoenix's continued growth with safe, clean and reliable energy:

- Tuesday, February 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Roosevelt Community Church, 924 N. 1st Street
 - Friday, March 9, from 7 to 9 a.m. at MonOrchid, 214 E. Roosevelt Street
 - Thursday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, 550 E. Van Buren Street
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Dear APS customers, property owners & stakeholders,

Arizona Public Service Company (APS) is in the early stages of determining a route for a new 69 kilovolt (kV) electric substation in downtown Phoenix.

As you know, the area has undergone a great deal of growth in recent years, and we expect to see even more over the next decade. APS is planning now to power that continued growth.

APS needs to acquire a one-acre property for a new substation in the downtown area, roughly defined as 7th Street to Central Ave, Fillmore Street to Moreland Street. This new substation will require new 69 kV power lines to connect into the existing electrical system currently serving the area. These power lines will connect the new substation to the existing 69 kV overhead power lines along Roosevelt Street.

While there are a number of potential sites theoretically feasible, we look at several factors to evaluate those sites, including but not limited to environmental issues and land-use compatibility, engineering opportunities or constraints, right-of-way acquisition, project cost, public and agency input, etc. **Our present schedule calls for selection of property by December 2018.** Ultimately, the site will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Availability of land, including size and condition of property;
- Adjacency to the existing APS 69 kV transmission lines needed to serve the site;
- Proximity to APS current & future customers served by these substations, including the APS 12 kV distribution lines which serve those customers;
- Minimizing impact to residents and businesses caused by the street construction required for these project;
- Maximizing opportunities to enhance downtown development and the urban streetscape.

An important component of this Downtown Substation planning process is to receive input from residents, property owners, businesses and community organizations within the study area. Members of the public and all interested parties are invited to join APS at any or all of the open houses listed above. We invite you to learn more about the purpose and need for this project and provide input regarding the site selection and architectural designs.

Following the initial open house, APS will evaluate the input gathered and analyze potential locations for this new substation. After the data has been analyzed, APS will hold a second round of briefings to share information and discuss possible alternatives with local jurisdictional leaders and affected stakeholders. We anticipate multiple meetings and several public Open House events before finalizing the site selection.

APS's integrated plan will deliver modernized infrastructure, enhanced reliability and electrical infrastructure needed to serve our growing, vibrant downtown Phoenix community. You have our commitment that the APS team will continue to work diligently in striving to make the best informed decision possible while keeping the needs & concerns of customers, property owners & stakeholders in mind.

Throughout the planning process, a webpage will be maintained with the latest information. This can be found by navigating to aps.com/siting, then clicking on "find out more" under current projects. Comments can be submitted directly to Kendra Lee, APS Program Manager at 602-371-7872 or downtown.substations@aps.com. We look forward to your feedback.