

TARGETED UNDERGROUNDING

VICASA SEGMENT 1 PROJECT FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

As part of ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts, Southern California Edison is undergrounding overhead distribution lines in severe risk areas to continue to reduce the threat of wildfires, particularly in communities where power lines have not been replaced with covered conductor.

Underground systems increase reliability during high winds and storms by reducing the exposure of electrical infrastructure to dangerous weather conditions. The risk of ignitions and outages associated with vegetation, debris and metallic balloons that may blow into power lines during a significant weather event is virtually eliminated. Additionally, underground systems prevent other risk drivers that can cause electrical faults that could lead to a wire-down event. Undergrounding is important in severe risk areas, particularly where it is difficult to evacuate quickly during a significant wildfire.

PROJECT AREA

Construction is taking place in unincorporated Los Angeles County along a three-mile stretch of Topanga Canyon Highway (SR-27) from Woodland Crest to Rubicon Road.

Phase 1 of 3 Work Timeline

- Construction began on July 8 and is expected through early 2025.
- Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (excluding weekends and holidays).

Please be advised these dates and times are subject to change due to unforeseen operational factors or inclement weather. Work hours will vary based on permit conditions.

WHAT CUSTOMERS CAN EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- SCE contractor crews with Herman Weissker Power are responsible for potholing, trenching, vault/manhole/conduit installation and asphalt restoration.
- They will perform cable installation and remove existing high-voltage overhead electrical lines and associated equipment (e.g., transformer, switches). Keep in mind, there may be noise related to the construction work during operating hours.
- To ensure your safety during construction, there will be road, traffic lane and sidewalk closures.
- Crews will use appropriate traffic control signs and flags.
- Crews, surveyors and/or inspectors may need to access utility poles and equipment on your property. We will attempt to notify you before visiting your property.
- Crews may need to dig, trim or remove vegetation or trees to safely access electrical equipment. In addition, upon completion, we will return the area to its previous appearance.



Learn more about SCE's Targeted Undergrounding (TUG) program: sce.com/tug,

If there are questions, please email <u>SCEprojects@sce.com</u> or call <u>1-888-331-0010</u> and leave a message. An SCE representative will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation as we make our electric system more reliable, resilient and ready.

