

# Engaging the Public with Large-Scale Electricity Delivery Infrastructure - A Webinar Series

## Part 1: Public Engagement across the Transmission Development Lifecycle - from Planning to Permitting

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### Public Agenda

As the United States embarks on a path towards net-zero carbon emissions, understanding how publics can more effectively participate in the buildup of major electricity delivery infrastructure will be critical.

The National Academies' Committee on [Accelerating Decarbonization in the United States: Technology, Policy, and Societal Dimensions](#) invites you to join them for a two-part webinar series focused on strategies that would (1) enhance public participation in electricity transmission development and (2) deliver just and effective benefits and compensation to stakeholders most affected by the siting of infrastructure proposed/designed to support a net-zero energy system. This information-gathering event will serve to build upon the findings and recommendations of the committee's 2021 report, [Accelerating Decarbonization of the U.S. Energy System](#), and guide the committee in writing a second. Previous webinars have considered research perspectives on public responses to large-scale net-zero infrastructure and public engagement with distributed energy infrastructure.

This first webinar will explore objectives, challenges, best practices, and innovations in engaging the public in the planning, siting, and permitting processes unique to high voltage transmission lines. A robust transmission grid is broadly viewed as an enabler of achieving decarbonization by 2050. Panel discussions will address current issues in public engagement from three perspectives: in the electric transmission planning process; in project siting and permitting; and as a matter of intergovernmental coordination.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

**1:00 PM ET      Welcome and Purpose**

**1:05 PM      Panel on Electric Transmission Planning**

*Katie McCormack, Energy Foundation*

*Tyler Huebner, Wisconsin Public Service Commission*

*Liza Reed, Niskanen Center*

**1:35 PM      Panel Discussion and Q&A from Committee Members**

*Moderator: Susan Tierney, Analysis Group*

**2:00 PM      BREAK**

<b>2:05 PM</b>	<b>Panel on Transmission Routing/Siting and Permitting</b> <i>Michael Skelly, Grid United</i> <i>Jolette Westbrook, Environmental Defense Fund</i> <i>Gillian Giannetti, Natural Resources Defense Council</i> <i>Suzanne Tegen, Colorado State University Center for the New Energy Economy</i>
<b>2:35 PM</b>	<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A from Committee Members</b> <i>Moderator: Susan Tierney, Analysis Group</i>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:05 PM</b>	<b>Panel on Federal Infrastructure Siting Coordination</b> <i>Maria Robinson, DOE Grid Deployment Office</i>
<b>3:20 PM</b>	<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A from Committee Members</b> <i>Moderator: Susan Tierney, Analysis Group</i>
<b>3:55 PM</b>	<b>Wrap-up</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>