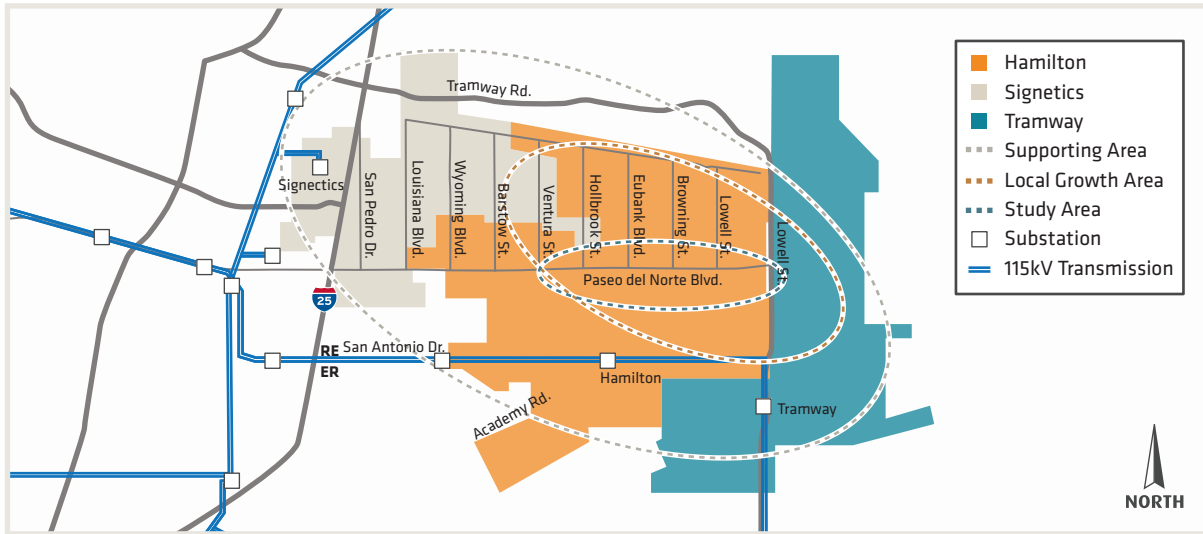




North Albuquerque Acres Substation Project

PNM's North Albuquerque Acres (NAA) Substation Project is a proposed critical infrastructure facility that will help keep the power on for homes and businesses in the far Northeast Albuquerque metro area. The project will include a substation located on or near Paseo del Norte between Ventura Street and Tramway Boulevard, near the load growth areas it will serve.



Community Benefits



Equitable, Effective Power Delivery

Neighborhoods across the metro area benefit from electric infrastructure in their areas but may have their service at risk due to their substations serving demand from outside their neighborhoods. This project will help ensure a stable and reliable system for all customers and build a stronger energy grid for the entire County. The new NAA substation will significantly improve electric service quality in the area by being strategically located near the homes and businesses it serves.



Infrastructure to Meet NAA's Current and Growing Energy Demand

The area's energy needs exceed the normal rating of existing substations by up to 34 percent, straining the grid and increasing the risk of outages in the larger area within and outside of NAA. Average energy demand at nearby substations is also growing and is expected to continue increasing even further. Building a new substation near the load growth area it will serve is the only way to address this issue and avoid potential power outages in NAA and other neighborhoods now and in the future.



Reduced Outage Risk Across the Northeast Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Metro Area

Many customers receive electricity from existing substations outside of NAA that do not have the capacity to serve ongoing growth in and near the NAA area. A system overload due to high energy demand has the potential to cause a power outage that extends beyond NAA and can affect residents and businesses in dozens of neighborhoods in the Northeast Albuquerque metro area. A new substation in the NAA area will reinforce the metro area's electric grid and help reduce the risk of outages and other service interruptions.



Next Steps

The Bernalillo County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners are responsible for approving the NAA Substation Project. We plan to submit a project application later this year and are committed to community outreach during the project review process.