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The next meeting is sched-

uled for April 21 at 9 a.m.  
Generally, board meetings  
are held the third Thursday

of the month at 1:30 p.m.  
and include online access;  
call (719) 488-3603 or access

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ceive up-to-date meeting in-  
formation. The district office

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**Monument Academy  
School Board,  
March 3 and 10**

## Board considers arming staff, discusses term limits

*By Jackie Burhans*

The Monument Academy (MA) School Board held a workshop on March 3 to consider arming staff and had a regular board meeting on March 10 to discuss the next steps. The board also discussed the term limits policy and set a special meeting for March 28 to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with El Paso County regarding the west campus recirculation plan.

### Board considers arming staff

At a lightly-attended March 3 meeting, the MA board hosted a panel on the Faculty/Administrator Safety Training and Emergency Response (FASTER) program. The panel included Laura Carno, FASTER Colorado executive director; John Castillo, father of Kendrick Castillo who was killed in the STEM Schools shooting in Highlands Ranch; and Brian Rea, superintendent of Peyton 23 School District. Also in attendance were Chief Operating Officer Merlin Holmes, MA lawyer Brad Miller, and Assistant Principals Angela Duca and Kurt Walker.

Carno said that FASTER is an organization that has trained armed school staff for six years, working with schools in 37 districts. She said the instructors are all active-duty law enforcement instructors at a law enforcement training facility.

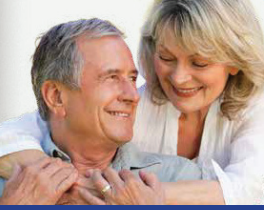
Castillo, whose wife Maria was in the audience, said their child was a victim, and they don't want another family to go through the same thing. He said the things done in the past haven't worked, and we need to look at a different way to keep our children safe.

Rea said that Peyton did a threat assessment five years ago, doing a drill with the sheriff's office and the fire department, and decided to revamp its security given the long response times they face. Peyton's approach has three elements, recognizing that arming staff wasn't enough. He said they also focus on social and emotional

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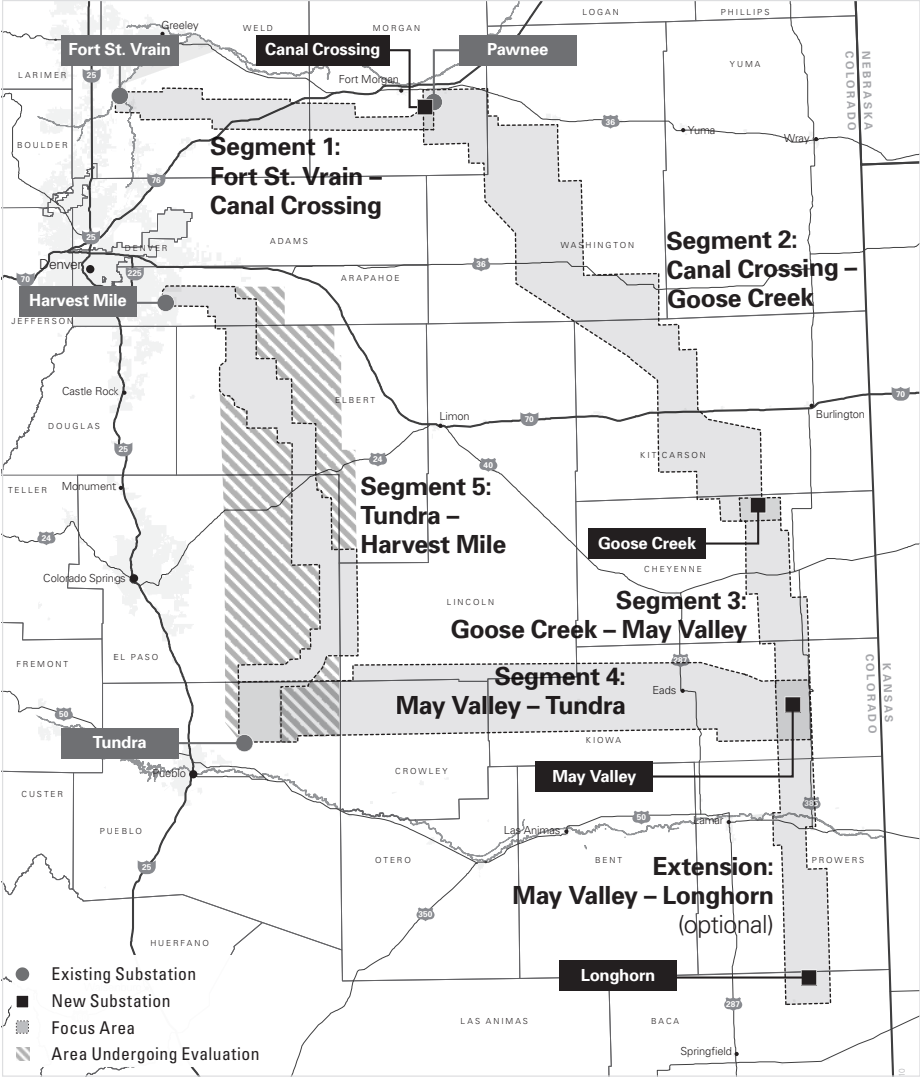


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## COLORADO'S POWER PATHWAY SEGMENT 5 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Please join us to provide input on the preferred Segment 5 transmission line route and substation locations




**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Colorado's Power Pathway is a \$1.7 to \$2 billion investment proposed by Xcel Energy to improve the state's electric grid and enable future renewable energy development around the state. This project will increase electric reliability, boost the regional economy and create jobs during construction. We estimate the system will cross more than a dozen counties and include:

- Approximately 560 to 650 miles of new 345-kilovolt electric transmission lines in eastern Colorado.
- Four new and four expanded substations.

If approved, construction could begin in 2023 and the first transmission segments could be in service in 2025, with other segments completed in 2026 and 2027.



Xcel Energy continues to make progress identifying the preferred transmission line route for Segment 5 of Colorado's Power Pathway. Final route selection will incorporate link-specific feedback received from landowners, community members and other project stakeholders. Updated project maps showing the preferred transmission line route will be available at [ColoradosPowerPathway.com](http://ColoradosPowerPathway.com) by the end of April.

Please join us at one of our upcoming Segment 5 in-person public open houses to provide input on our preferred route and substation locations. Project staff will be available to provide information about transmission line routing activities and answer questions about the new transmission line project, including the overall timeline and construction process, and topics related to easements and right-of-way. We want to hear from you about this important project and any factors we should consider in your area.

No formal presentation is planned, so please attend at any time during the open house. If you are unable to attend, meeting materials and an electronic comment form will be available on the project website.


**SEGMENT 5 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 2**  
4-7 p.m.  
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds  
Main Hall  
25690 East Quincy Ave  
Aurora, CO 80016

**Tuesday, May 3**  
3-7 p.m.  
Elbert County Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Building  
95 Ute Ave  
Kiowa, CO 80117

**Wednesday, May 4**  
5-7:30 p.m.  
Big Sandy Schools  
Cafeteria  
18091 CR 125  
Simla, CO 80835

**Thursday, May 5**  
5-7:30 p.m.  
Edison School District  
Cafeteria  
14550 Edison Rd  
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**Note about COVID-19:** If local, state or corporate guidance prevents in-person meetings or affects venue capacity, these open houses may be rescheduled or moved to an online format. Please check [ColoradosPowerPathway.com](http://ColoradosPowerPathway.com) or call **855-858-9037** for up-to-date information.

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