

Feedback Form

South and Central Bulk Planning Update Webinar

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To promote transparency, the submitted feedback will be posted on the South and Central Bulk Plan engagement webpage unless otherwise requested by the sender.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback following the April 30, 2026, presentation of the draft recommendations for South and Central Bulk Plan. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions are available on the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by May 21, 2026.

South and Central Bulk Plan - Feedback

The April 30, 2026, webinar focused on the draft South and Central Bulk Plan recommendations as presented. With the plan objectives and scope established, we are seeking feedback on clarity, understanding, and considerations important to note as the plan moves toward finalization.

Question	Feedback
What additional data or context would help provide more clarity and for consideration in the final report?	Please see below
What questions or concerns do you have about the draft recommendations that the IESO might consider in future planning activities?	Please see below
What additional data or local considerations should the IESO be aware of in finalizing the draft recommendations, or for future planning?	Please see below

General Comments/Feedback

BWG: Energy Infrastructure Priority

Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) is experiencing critical electricity capacity constraints that are preventing realization of provincial growth targets and causing immediate economic losses. Multiple multinational companies have withdrawn investment plans due to prohibitive connection costs, over 200,000 square feet of industrial development remains stalled in our Highway 400 employment corridor, and hundreds of high-value jobs cannot be created. These constraints directly impact BWG's ability to meet our provincial housing pledge of 6,500 units by 2031 and jeopardize 31,000 projected jobs by 2051.

BWG's energy infrastructure needs are directly tied to major provincial investments requiring immediate coordination. The Bradford Bypass (completion estimated early 2030's) and ongoing Metrolinx (Bradford GO Station) projects represent significant provincial infrastructure investments that will be substantially underutilized without concurrent electricity capacity upgrades. Our Growth Management Study, Industrial Land Strategy, and re-establishing the

industrial Community Improvement Plan cannot proceed effectively without certainty around energy infrastructure capacity and timelines.

The York Energy Centre contract expiration in 2035 will create an additional 400 MW shortfall affecting BWG and northern York Region. BWG requires expedited inclusion in bulk system planning processes, firm timelines for transmission infrastructure improvements (including the King-Vaughan corridor and Northern York Region upgrades), and interim solutions such as Battery Energy Storage Systems to address immediate constraints while longer-term infrastructure is planned and delivered.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) respectfully but firmly requests that this area be designated as a priority critical employment growth area. In support of this objective, the Town further requests that any planned infrastructure servicing this area be expedited and advanced in delivery, wherever feasible, to better position BWG to capitalize on immediate and emerging business investment opportunities.

We continually support the IESO and Hydro One engagement to align infrastructure planning with municipal growth strategies and provincial transportation investments. Our municipality stands ready to be a committed partner in implementing solutions, including regulatory facilitation for energy projects, site identification for strategic installations, and pursuit of federal/provincial funding opportunities to accelerate critical infrastructure delivery.

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