



Project Update

SWAT Oversight Committee
WestConnect Planning Workshop

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Introduction

- Background
- Concept development
- Route research
- Regional planning
- Utility & generator engagement
- PCRG joint study

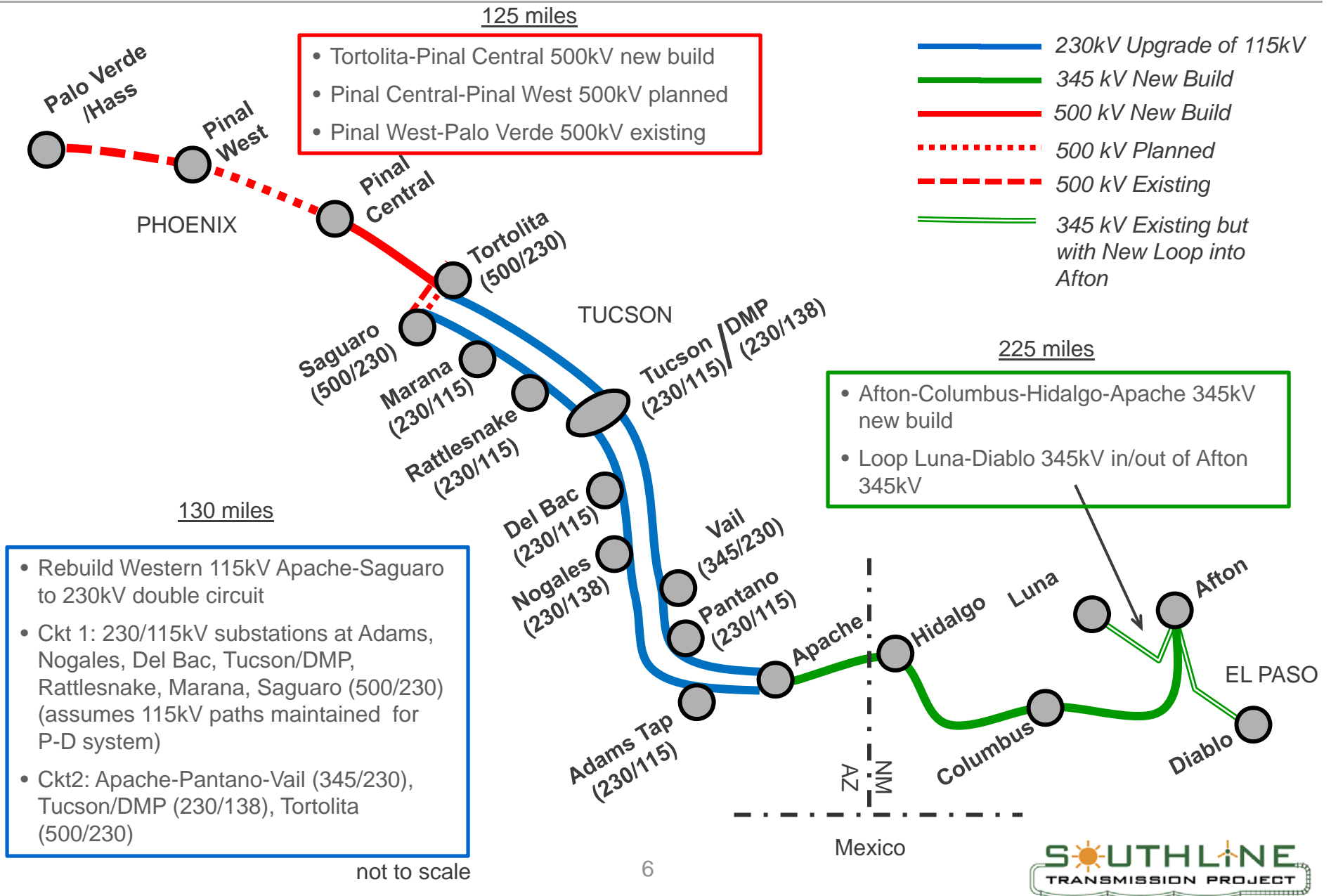
Strategy

- Role - Connect franchised areas & collect renewables
- Work *with* utilities
- Minimize siting challenges
- Focus on most economic opportunities
- Distributed benefits to broaden stakeholder base

Project

- Bi-directional path connecting El Paso to Palo Verde
- New build where buildable, Upgrade where siting is challenging, Counterschedule/participate where existing or planned facilities are most efficient
- Multiple stops, distributed benefits
- Multiple uses –
 - east-to-west path to market for renewables,
 - west-to-east capacity for load serving entities
- Commercially sized, with potential to scale
- 480 miles, 750-1500 MW, in service Q4 2014

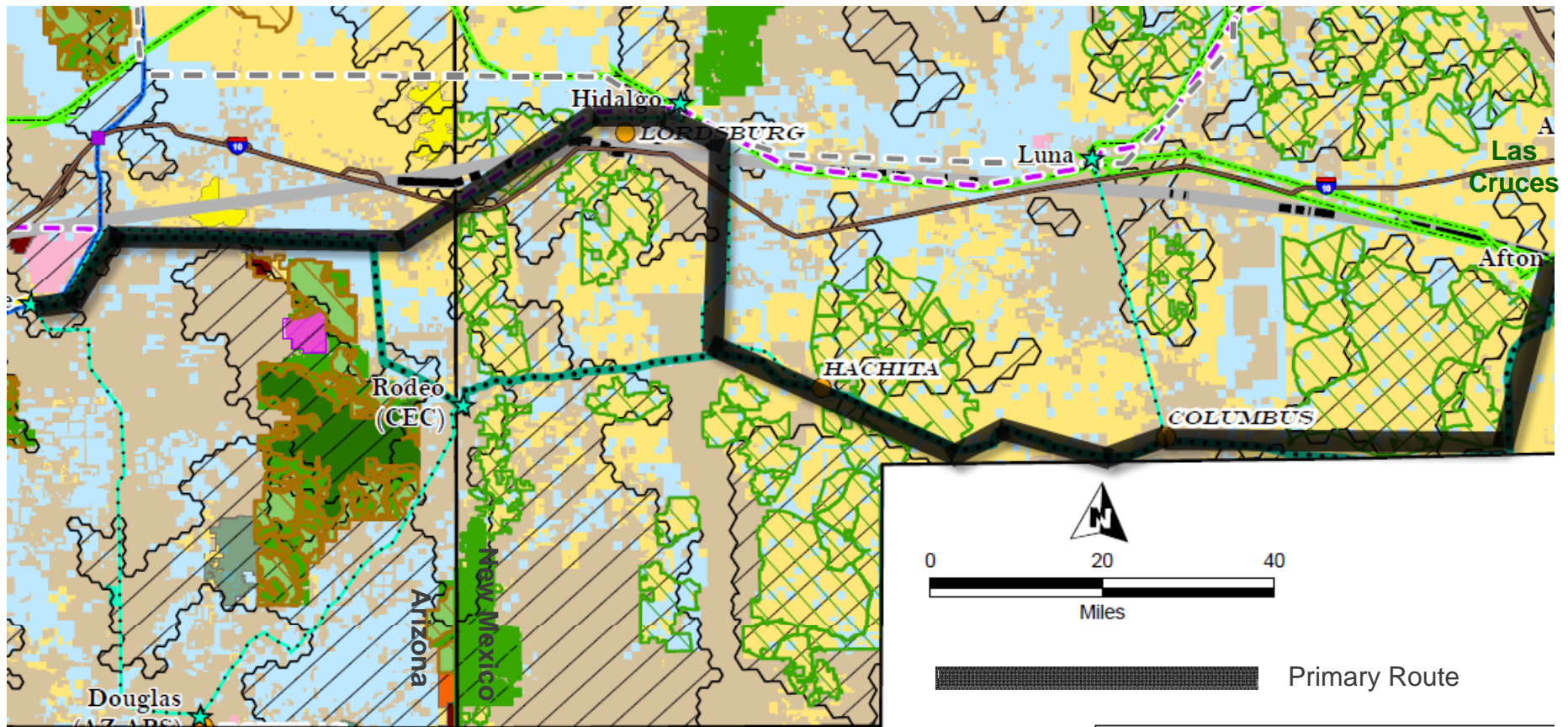
The Southline



New Build Detail

- Route is 85%+ on BLM and State lands
- Spares forest areas, riparian zones, wilderness study areas, etc...
- Recycles former rail lines and other ROWs

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Private
- State Land
- US Forest Service (USFS)
- USFS Inventoried Roadless Areas
- USFS (Wilderness)



Progress

- Southline-SATS Project Coordination Review Group (PCRG)
 - May Kickoff, Results September, Completing Sensitivities
 - Final PCRG meeting late Nov/early Dec
 - PCRG report and enter WECC Phase I in December
 - www.southline-pcrg.com
 - Generator indications of interest surpass estimated capacity
 - Begin permitting December
- Electrical, Economic & Environmental feasibility work to date supports moving project ahead

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