



# Outer Loop Utility Project Fact Sheet

## Project Overview

The Outer Loop Utility Project is an approximately 60-mile new natural gas pipeline designed to connect local gas supply to existing energy infrastructure in San Antonio and surrounding areas. Unlike some pipeline projects that move natural gas to distant markets, the gas flowing through the Outer Loop Utility will be used right here at home – powering local electricity generation and meeting the needs of homes, schools, and businesses.

The pipeline begins in South San Antonio, loops through portions of Guadalupe and Comal counties, and returns to the city's Northside. It's a critical step in ensuring our region has steady, reliable energy supply and is prepared for the future.

## Key Project Details

### Essential Infrastructure for Our Community

The Outer Loop Utility Project is designated as a public utility - similar to water, sewer, and telecommunications infrastructure - and provides essential infrastructure to keep local homes and businesses powered and running smoothly.

### Experienced and Trusted Operator

Howard Energy Partners (HEP) will build, own, and operate the Outer Loop Utility pipeline. Local electricity providers will use the pipeline to transport critical energy to local communities that need it most.

### Locally Built, Owned, and Operated

Founded in 2011 and headquartered in San Antonio, HEP is one of the nation's largest private energy infrastructure companies. We have safely built and/or operated nearly 1,500 miles of pipeline across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Mexico.

### Safety Is Our Top Priority

Safety is something we never compromise. In 2024, HEP was honored with four national safety excellence awards - reflecting our unwavering commitment to protecting our employees, communities, and the environment. We integrate safety and environmental stewardship into every aspect of our planning and decision-making, setting rigorous standards to minimize risk.

### We Live Here Too

Many of our employees live in the same zip codes where the Outer Loop Utility is being developed, giving us a personal stake in the project. We're committed to being good neighbors and take pride in supporting the communities we call home.

### Project Timing

The project is currently in the initial survey phase. We are working with landowners and communities to determine the final pipeline route. We evaluate several factors when selecting a route, including environmental, wildlife, and community impacts. We expect to start construction in the spring of 2026.

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