

# SPROW

## Sustainable Public Rights Of Way Subcommittee

April 20, 2021



# Welcome & Introductions



# Approve Summary from March 30, 2021 Meeting

- ▶ NCTCOG staff will send a survey (matrix) for utility representatives to submit information on how they prefer to conduct projects and specific regulations they have.
- ▶ The Subcommittee asked for presentations from utility representatives on their overall business model and long-term goals in the NCT region.
- ▶ The group discussed communication problems with staff turnover at different agencies and how monthly/quarterly meetings have helped keep all parties informed of progress.

# Utility Coordination

- ▶ The next chapter of the BMP Guidebook is Utility Coordination (Coexisting Types, Franchises, Documentation, Coordinated Needs, etc.)
  - ▶ Each franchise has a different process and set of BMPs. As we develop BMPs the group should think about how to break down the chapter into different sections.
  - ▶ The BMP Guidebook should be beneficial and communicate the right information without getting too detailed.
  - ▶ The Guidebook needs to provide guidance that pertains to every jurisdiction in the NCT Region.
  - ▶ The Guidebook should consider sustainable practices for utility projects.

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# About Atmos Energy



Atmos Energy Corporation, an S&P 500 company headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor.

We safely deliver reliable, affordable, efficient and abundant natural gas to more than 3 million distribution customers in over 1,400 communities across eight states located primarily in the South.

As part of our **vision to be the safest provider of natural gas services**, we are modernizing our business and infrastructure while continuing to invest in safety, innovation, environmental sustainability and our communities.

Atmos Energy manages proprietary pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas.

We operate our system safely and in full compliance with state and federal regulations. We do this through

- Routine leak surveys
- Area service line replacement projects
- Pipeline replacement projects

Maintaining easements and rights of ways is key to our ability to monitor and access our facilities for routine maintenance and in the event of an emergency.

# Current Projects



Major urban pipeline projects currently under construction

- Bedford / Euless
- Denton
- Wylie

Area service line replacement projects are under construction throughout the Metroplex.



# Communication



Atmos Energy does not have a preferred method for receiving communication regarding coordination with city/town CIP projects.

Monthly or quarterly utility coordination meetings have been a very successful way to learn about projects, develop relationships with municipal partners and with other utility providers.

Since the pandemic these meetings have not been held in person and the new processes for notification are working well but our project specialists value the in-person meetings.

## Annual Planning Meetings

- City provides CIP project information for year.
- Files of city facilities shared with utility partners.

## Quarterly Meetings

- City provides updates on status of projects.
- Utilities provide updates on any relocations.

## Monthly Meetings

Format is similar to quarterly meetings. Valued on larger projects or as project nears completion.

# Successful Partnerships



Listed below are a few cities that hold regular utility coordination meetings.

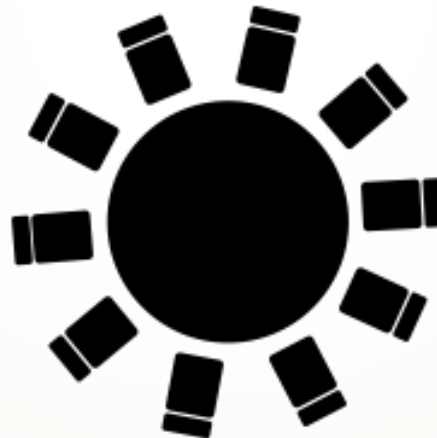
- Arlington, Denton, Flower Mound (pre covid), Frisco, and Plano

Early coordination meetings contribute to the success of the project whether it be a municipal or Atmos Energy project.

Atmos Energy would like to know as soon as possible about CIP projects in order to include that work in our capital plans.

# QUESTIONS

# Member Roundtable



# Next Meeting

- ▶ Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:30pm
- ▶ Microsoft Teams

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