



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

1:30 PM, Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The April 20th meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at this meeting.

The Subcommittee approved the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting summary.

3. **Utilities Planning.** The Subcommittee will discuss utility BMPs for the Utility Coordination chapter.

The Subcommittee reviewed an outline of what the Utility Chapter could look like based on past conversations. A subcommittee member suggested that they consider using a different term than franchise utility because telecommunications and small cells wouldn't be under this term. The guidelines should also be general for all utilities even if it doesn't apply. This will prevent private companies from thinking cities have stricter policies for certain type of utilities. The subcommittee agreed but also wants to organize parts of the BMP Guidebook material based on utility type.

It was noted that most but not all public utilities are regulated under the Public Utilities Commission.

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The Subcommittee also reviewed the survey that will be sent out to utility companies. They changed the questions about dual ownership to “What are your guidelines for overlapping service areas?”

NCTCOG staff asked the Subcommittee for presentation ideas at the Public works Roundup September 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a SPROW track in the afternoon with 5 35-minute presentation time slots. Robert Woodbury suggested a panel discussion with different types of professionals who work on a utility project. Don Knight suggested having a city that builds extra duct bank into their ROW for future utilities. The City of Burleson and Dallas does this. It was also suggested that there should be an update on the small cell industry in the North Central Texas region.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

### **4. Roundtable Discussion.**

There were no updates.

### **5. Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next Subcommittee meeting is June 15, 2021 at 1:30pm through Microsoft Teams.

### **6. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Olivia Kale by phone at (817) 695-9213, or by email at [okale@nctcog.org](mailto:okale@nctcog.org).