



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

1:30 PM, Microsoft Teams

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Co-Chair: Robert Woodbury, City of Cedar Hill

Co-Chair: Misty Christian, Kimley-Horn

1. Welcome and Introductions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Meeting Summary.** The October 20th meeting summary is available online for review and provided as a handout at the meeting. Approval will be sought at this meeting.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the meeting summary.

- Landscape Planning and Vegetation Maintenance Draft BMP Guidebook.** The Subcommittee will review a draft BMP Guidebook for the Landscape Planning and Vegetation Maintenance Chapter.

Several of the franchise utility representatives would like time to review the Landscape Planning and Vegetation Maintenance chapter and send feedback to NCTCOG staff at a later date.

Utility Coordination Section

- Add a comment that landscaping should not cover up utility markers, like the yellow post pipeline markers.

Tree Spacing Section

- Edit BMP 2, "Tree spacing should be based on crown spread of *mature trees*."

Medians

- Trees should not block the cone of light from streetlights in the median.

Irrigation

- Change "pressurized control lines" to "pressurized *main* lines" and add, "for private irrigation systems."

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4. **Utilities Planning.** The Subcommittee will begin discussing utility BMPs for the next chapter.

The SPROW subcommittee is looking for guidance on facility use and placement, intersections and service connections, and things to help keep the ROW clear and attractive.

Utility representatives brought up conflict with access to aging pipes that need replacement and finding protected space for new gas lines. It was also mentioned that it's important to find trees that work for the city and utility company. Utility companies don't want to damage trees but need to protect their lines. There have also been problems with encroachments and 3rd party damage.

All parties agreed that early communication and coordination between city and utility staff is beneficial to avoid problems down the line. This region has some mature cities with older infrastructure and some fast-growing cities with new infrastructure. It will be important to give guidance in both situations and work as a group to develop a guidebook for everyone to use.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

5. **Roundtable Discussion.**

Blake Alldredge said that Upper Trinity Regional Water District is finalizing the regional landscape guide that major water providers have been working on and will pass it along to NCTCOG to reference once it's done.

6. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next Subcommittee meeting is January 19, 2021 at 1:30pm. The platform for the virtual meeting is Teams.
7. **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.



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SPROW Attendance November 17, 2020

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Olivia Kale, NCTCOG
Tamara Cook, NCTCOG
Blake Alldredge, UTRWD
Bill Smith, TNP
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