

# SPROW

## Sustainable Public Rights Of Way Subcommittee

March 30, 2021



# Welcome & Introductions



# Approve Summary from Jan. 19, 2021 Meeting

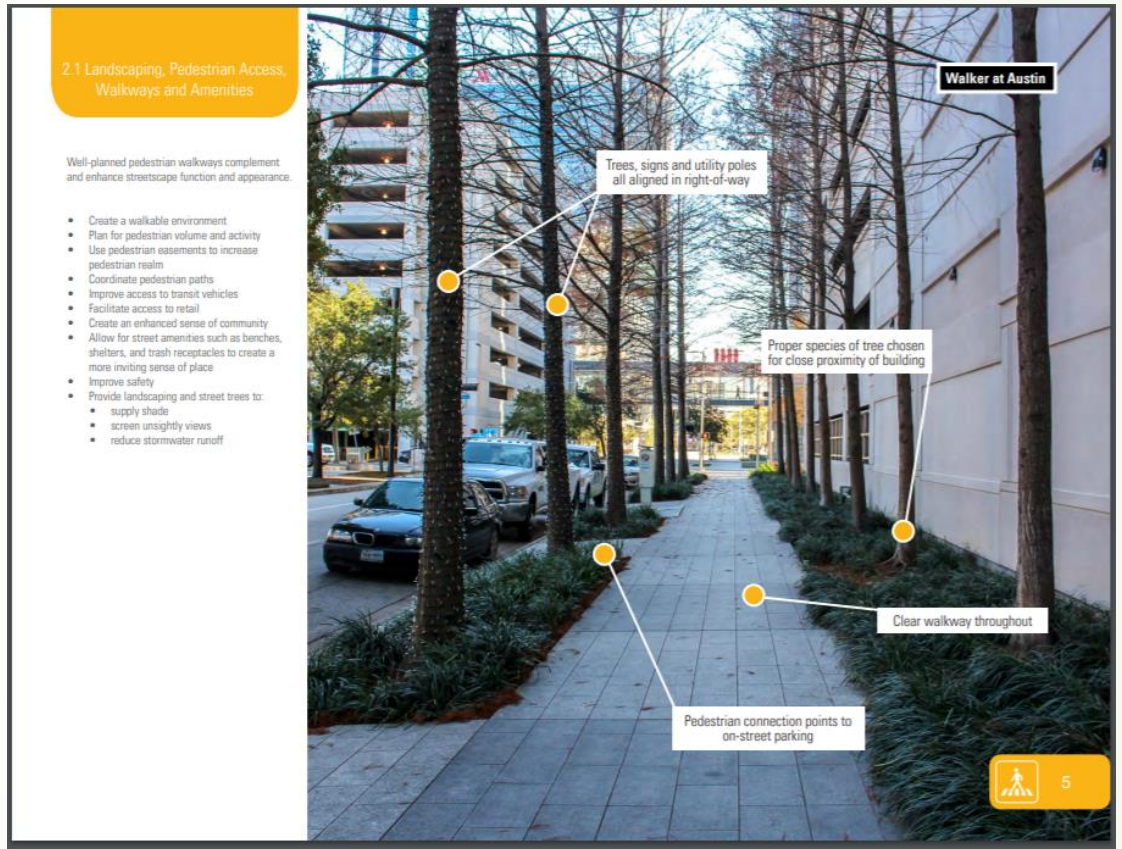
- ▶ The Subcommittee agreed that early coordination and clear communication helped complete a successful project.
- ▶ There was conflict over high pressure systems that need to be flown over by franchise utilities and cities that plant foliage over them without knowing they were there.
- ▶ There was also concern over limited recommendations on street rehab projects.
- ▶ Franchise utility reps also wanted to make it clear what laws and regulations they are under so cities know their limitations.

# BMP Guidebook Review and Finalization Process

- Present Guidebook to SPROW Subcommittee
- Provide Guidebook to the Region for comments
- SPROW Subcommittee reviews comments for incorporation
- Publish the document on NCTCOG website

# Creating the BMP Guidebook

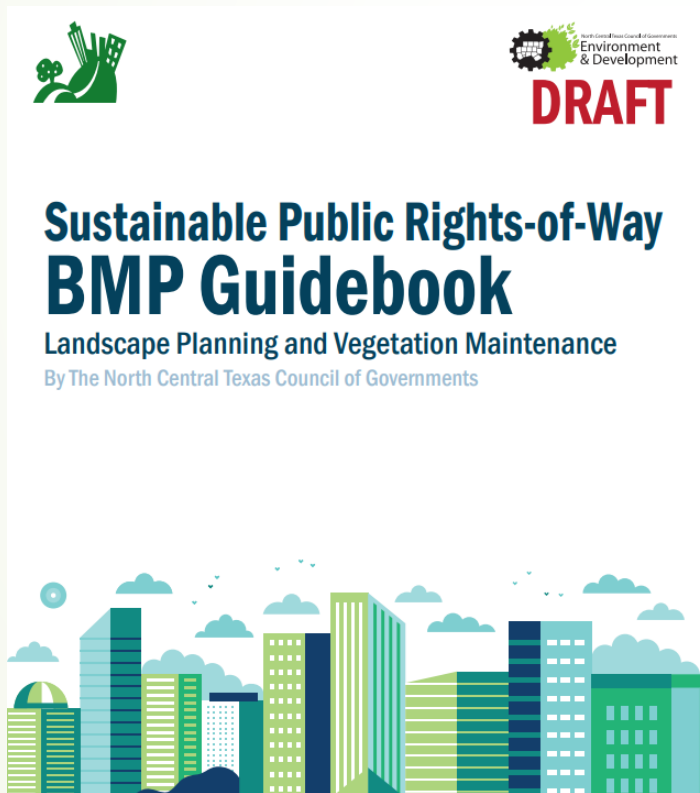
## Scenic Houston Streetscape Resource Guide



# Draft BMP Guidebook

➤ Posted on the SPROW website

➤ [https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Environment-and-Development/Committee%20Documents/SPROW/FY2021/SPROW-Draft-Guidebook-Edits-11\\_17-20.pdf?ext=.pdf](https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Environment-and-Development/Committee%20Documents/SPROW/FY2021/SPROW-Draft-Guidebook-Edits-11_17-20.pdf?ext=.pdf)



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**Tree Spacing**

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1. Trees should be planted a minimum of 5' away from the curb.
2. Tree spacing should be based on crown spread; see the Tree Matrix.
3. Root barriers can be used as long as the soil volume is adequately maintained for the species.
4. Trees planted near intersections and major driveways should be out of the visibility triangle. The city's code should be referenced for more details on the visibility triangle. If guidance from the city is not available refer to the Federal Highway Association 3.3.1 Sight Distance: [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwasa1108/ch3.cfm#:~:text=Figure%203.%20Sight%20Distance%20Triangles%20for%204-Leg%20Stop-controlled%20Intersections9](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa1108/ch3.cfm#:~:text=Figure%203.%20Sight%20Distance%20Triangles%20for%204-Leg%20Stop-controlled%20Intersections9)

# 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.



# Franchise Utilities

- ▶ What is the Subcommittee's expectations for the Utility Coordination chapter?
- ▶ How does the Subcommittee want to create BMPs for a higher standard of utility coordination?
- ▶ How do we make recommendations on utility coordination?
- ▶ Who do we recommend gets involved in the process? When?
- ▶ What steps need to take place for successful communication?
- ▶ What are the documentation needs?



# Public Works Council Presentation

## April 2016

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#### City's Lead Role

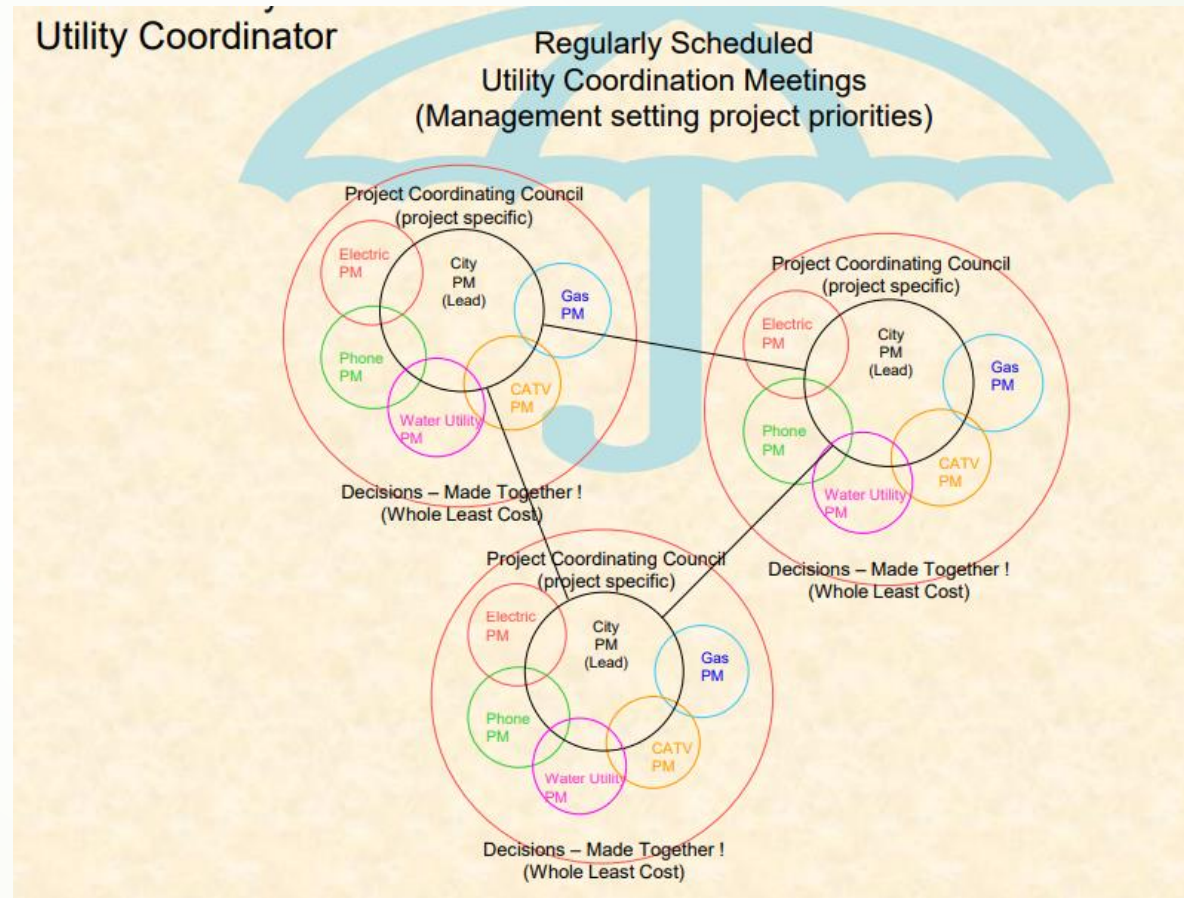
- Provide a place (& time) to meet
- Extend Invitations
- Provide an agenda

#### Project Coordinating Council

- Active participation in the process: (Communication)
- Answer the question: When? (Make Commitments)
- Ensure follow-through & performance: (Successful Completion)

#### Utility Coordinator

- Focus on interaction between utilities
- Become knowledgeable of all utilities' construction standards
- Recognize and address coordination issues
- Communicate responsibilities and accountabilities - Ensure follow-through & performance



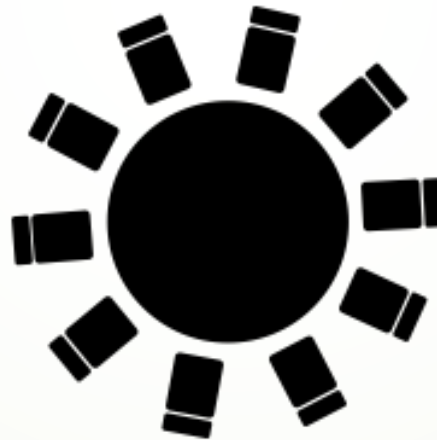
# Next Topic: Complete Street Planning

- Who should be invited?
- What questions do we want to answer?
- What type of information do communities need on this topic?
- What resources should we reference?

# Next Steps

- ▶ Determine action items for Subcommittee members and NCTCOG staff.

# Member Roundtable



# Next Meeting

- ▶ Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:30pm
  - ▶ Microsoft Teams
  
- ▶ Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:30pm
  - ▶ Microsoft Teams

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