



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

1:30 PM, Tejas Conference Room B

NCTCOG Offices, CPIII

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Co-Chair: Robert Woodbury, City of Cedar Hill

Co-Chair: Misty Christian, Kimley-Horn

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **CycloMedia Technology, Inc. Presentation.** As requested by the subcommittee, Paul Madrid from CycloMedia will give an informational presentation on the technology available in this field.

Several subcommittee members were interested in the use of LIDAR data for visualizing drainage and for ADA compliance. However, there is a 4inch standard deviation on slope with this specific asset management technology.

3. **SPROW BMP Guidelines Document.** Group will discuss development and structure of a BMP Guidelines document. The Subcommittee will review several resources NCTCOG has compiled for review to determine next steps.

The subcommittee discussed what they were facing with small cells in their communities and what ROW issues they had. The subcommittee members wanted a better idea of what service and infrastructure providers will be asking for next. Mr. Woodbury suggested that the group arrange for a roundtable discussion with private companies. The subcommittee wants NCTCOG staff to arrange for CrownCastle to come to the next meeting as an infrastructure provider, and AT&T or T-mobile to come to a later meeting as a service provider.

The subcommittee discussed having a pros and cons list in the guidebook of different solutions communities have tried to use to face ROW issues. It was also suggested to design a preferred ROW utility corridor to help communities try to keep lines organized.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

4. **Roundtable Discussion.**

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Mr. Beckham from Lewisville noticed that the topics under planning on the topics list for the guidebook were very broad and some already have standards. He suggested the subcommittee point to outside resources and try to not reinvent the wheel. He also felt that planners have a hard time getting complete streets because of utility management. It was suggested to include a pros and cons list of different tree types and easement use in the guidebook.

Mr. Hurley from Dallas discussed the City's updated documents on the website including Complete Streets.

Mr. Thompson from Frisco stressed the issues of small cells. He also said he's been having problems with developers planting trees in the ROW before he can approve them.

Ms. Manhart from Garland discussed the need for an update on the PROWAG/ADA on the federal and state level.

Ms. Christian from Kimley-Horn asked how can the subcommittee make progress on the topic list. It was suggested that subcommittee members team up to bring information that would go into the guidebook using the format NCTCOG presented at the last meeting.

Mr. Cosgrove from Plano talked about his need for making infrastructure last longer because it was too expensive to redo roads.

Mr. Bunner from Carrollton asked NCTCOG to advertise the subcommittee and update the region on the topics they are covering. He also suggested that the subcommittee think about autonomous vehicles and how they can include that in their vision for the future. He also has staff members that focus on transit oriented developments that could present to the subcommittee when they got to that topic.

5. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet Tuesday Oct. 8th 1:30pm in the Metroplex Conference Room.
6. **Adjournment.**

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