



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

2. **Meeting Summary.** The May 18th meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at this meeting.

The Subcommittee approved the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting summary.

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

Chair, Robert Woodbury, lead a discussion to see if the subcommittee would be interested in adding a BMP to the Guidebook that new projects should add extra conduit for future development. It's getting too crowded in the ROW and there's nowhere to go. This could help future utility development by having a place ready for them. Cities could lease it out or put it in escrow to recover the costs. Some utilities would need to have ownership, like 911.

Edith Marvin suggested reaching out to the City of Addison because they have joint duct banks. The subcommittee would be interested in hearing about their experience. Robert said Burleson also had joint duct banks with 911 along 174.

There are concerns over cities who have no room for growth and concerns over wet utilities. TxDOT has a 10' wide corridor rule but problems arise with this because other utilities can't be that close to electric, etc. This could also play into future development of conductive wiring (cars transferring energy to wires as they drive by). Michael Morris has brought this topic up for our region and it could have a significant impact on our utilities.

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Edith Marvin shared an example of a street layout and suggested the group try to come up a common plan view. NCTCOG staff should reach out to other cities who may have a utility plan view or cross section.

Co-Chair, Misty Christian, shared examples of city ordinances that require utilities to go underground. These have been legally reviewed and are shared as a resource if the subcommittee would be interested in providing general language in the Guidebook.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

There was no Roundtable discussion.

### **5. Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next Subcommittee meeting is October 12, 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).