



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

1:30 PM, Microsoft Teams

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1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The [August 17th meeting summary](#) is available online for review. Approval will be sought at this meeting.

The Subcommittee approved the [August 17th meeting summary](#).

3. **Discuss 2021 Public Works Roundup highlights and review from the SPROW pathway.** See Agenda and various presentations on this webpage: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/annual-public-works-roundup/2021-public-works-roundup>. Sustainable Public Rights of Way Track included: North Texas Water Providers Regional Landscape Initiative; Trail Oriented Development (TOD2); EV Charging Stations; and Midway Road and Importance of Stakeholder Coordination.

During discussion of the 2021 Public Works Roundup, Trail Oriented Development was mentioned and a reference to the related goals of the Dallas County Southern Cities Meetings was made. Taking people off the roads, not just for exercise (multi-modal), but to go to the grocery store or get to work or go to a restaurant and/or retail was emphasized as important. Additional input was sought from NCTCOG staff on bike racks, public amenities, and if measurements on the effectiveness of trails such as referenced above were occurring.

4. **Utilities Planning.** The Subcommittee will discuss utility BMPs for the Utility Coordination chapter. In our August meeting, we spoke about utility related ordinance examples and content to utilize in our Utility Coordination chapter. We want to consider not only new ROW/street construction planning, but also rehabilitation and replacement ROW/street

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construction projects. The chapter should be sure to include information on vertical and horizontal separation needs as well as minimum depth for all utilities. To facilitate diminishing space available in the rights-of-way, discussions about previously installed joint conduit installations (or duct banks) should be explored for good practices and lessons learned.

Duct bank usage was discussed as mostly applicable to new construction. Cost concerns of duct banks were also discussed, and it was noted that these duct banks are used mostly for fiber and copper communication lines. It was suggested that periodic conduits crossing perpendicular to a road might be a cost-effective application.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

5. **Roundtable Discussion.**

The attendees did not provide any updates.

6. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next Subcommittee meeting is December 14, 2021 at 1:30pm, location TBD.

7. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Barbara Bradford by phone at (817) 695-9231, or by email at bbradford@nctcog.org.

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