



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee

Monday, July 9th, 2018

10:00 AM, Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPIII

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Co-Chair: Robert Woodbury, City of Cedar Hill

Co-Chair: Vacant

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

All NCTCOG staff and subcommittee members were introduced.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

2. **Overview of SPROW Program and Past Activities.** NCTCOG staff will provide an overview of the history, goals, and past activities of the SPROW program.

Derica Peters, NCTCOG, discussed the history and past activities of the Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way (SPROW) subcommittee and the most recent goals set by the subcommittee. Most recently, SPROW has held Education Forums in conjunction with showcasing right-of-way related topics at the annual Public Works Roundup hosted by the NCTCOG. In addition, this subcommittee has developed a document entitled "Roadmap to a Sustainable Public Right of Way" that was updated in late 2017. The goals set in 2016 by the subcommittee are extensive and are under reevaluation.

3. **Discussion of Future Direction of SPROW.** The committee will discuss the goals and potential products or activities of this program in the future. The committee will also discuss the membership composition, committee structure, and frequency of meetings.

After reviewing the purpose of the subcommittee and reevaluating past goals, members collaborated to establish a future direction for the program. The new goals set by the subcommittee, which are to be accomplished by the next meeting, are as follows:

- Include Roadmap document in follow up email
- Coordinate with the Public Works Council on hot topic items that the subcommittee should address and who should make decisions regarding the items. Hot topic items discussed include:
 1. Infrastructure lifecycle
 2. Telecommunications and other technology integration
 3. Land use and other ROW needs
 4. Utilities coordination
- Include results from Design Guidelines survey in follow up email

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- Send out poll to subcommittee members to establish meeting times
- Discuss need for a co-chair

Gerald Cosgrove:

- *Making infrastructure that lasts longer, without inconveniencing the public*
- *Replacing arterials using materials that last longer*
- *Planners give engineers unrealistic design criteria, so find compromises that are best for everyone*

Clarence Daugherty:

- *Ensure Environment & Development department is working with Transportation department*
- *Establish need for this committee and address hot topics immediately*

Misty Christian:

- *Smaller cities want better ratings on infrastructure without using expensive technology, so consider benefit & cost ratios and find out how they are doing this*
- *Track evolving regulations and discuss how to address them (ADA, FCC, etc.)*
- *Pavement design and evaluation education, and opportunities to share ideas with counties and cities*
- *Since many cities have their own ROW ordinance, focus on the educational perspective*
- *Bring forward different perspectives*

Robert Woodbury:

- *Provide DFW with information and uses on ROW (small cell, underground utilities) that show current state and future state*
- *Create some sort of informative manual or guidebook to provide people with this information*
- *Hold efficient meetings and maintain steady communication*
- *Give cities the chance to reevaluate ordinances that may be outdated*
- *Discuss ROW acquisition*
- *Provide planning point of view, specifically in regards to relationship between land use and ROW*

Karen Flewharty:

- *Find generic document of what ROW is – including laws, regulations, etc.*
- *Update Roadmap to a Sustainable Public Right-of-Way*
- *Create single document with links to cities' ROW ordinances for easy access*
- *Add streamline construction to list of goals*

Edith Marvin:

- *Bring map with new projects and have utilities provide input where they need special accommodations; use ideal situation as a base and adjust accordingly*
- *Create a "How To" for cities*

4. **Regional Public Works Program Update.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the Regional Public Works Program.

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NCTCOG staff provided an update on activities related to Public Works. NCTCOG hosted the Public Works Roundup this past May, and had 150+ participants. The Standard Drawings Subcommittee is currently updating the Division 1000 drawings for the Construction Standards document. NCTCOG is also hosting a Construction Contracts training August 14th, 2018 with instructor Tim James. The next Public Works Council meeting is August 16th at 9:30 AM at NCTCOG offices.

5. **NCTCOG Sustainable Development Update.** NCTCOG Transportation Department staff will brief the group on the Sustainable Development Team's mission and current activities that are relevant to SPROW.

NCTCOG Transportation Department staff provided members with information on ongoing projects related to SPROW. The projects are as follows:

- Blue – Green – Grey funding Program
- Regional Pedestrian Safety Plan
- Fort Worth Active Transportation Plan
- SH 183 Corridor Master Plan
- Green Infrastructure Training
- FTA Grant – Transit Oriented Development Planning Pilot

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

6. **Roundtable Discussion.**
7. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** NCTCOG will follow up with an available date based on the decided meeting frequency.

NCTCOG staff will send a survey in the follow up email to determine future meeting dates, possibly September or October. The subcommittee plans to meet a week before the Public Works Council meetings in the near future. Members plan to meet quarterly and correspond via email, as necessary.

8. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Kathleen Myers by phone at (817) 695-9107, or by email at kmyers@nctcog.org.

Thank you.

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