



2017 AASHTO Right of Way,  
Utilities, Outdoor Advertising Control &  
National Alliance of Highway  
Beautification Associations Conference  
Utility Relocation Technical Council Session

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00

# Utility Accommodation & Safety Technical Council

## 2016 Report

- **Members**
- **Quarterly Meetings**
- **Topics Discussed**
- **Surveys**
- **Annual Meeting Session Topic Ideas**
- **Research Projects**
- **2017 Potential Subject Matter**

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## Members:

- 55 Members
  - 36 DOT representing 25 States
  - 3 FHWA
  - 13 Consulting
  - 3 Academia

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## Meetings:

- 3 meetings held in 2016
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> (Annual Conf.)
  - September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - December 13<sup>th</sup>

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## Topics Discussed:

- Policies for Sharing Conduits and Trenches
- Policies on Utility Abandonment/Removing from Service
- As-built Collection & Repository (Lessons & Updates)
- Cell Networks – Microcell/Small Cell/Distributed Antenna Systems
- Joint Trench Accommodations Performed by DOT
- DOT Ability to Acquire ROW for Utilities Based on Limited Definition of Transportation

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## **Surveys:**

- Wireless Networks
- Survey of TC on future research and presentation topics

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## **Annual Meeting Session Topic Ideas:**

- Wireless Cell Networks – Microcell/Small Cell/DAS
- Policies on Utility Facilities Removed from Service (aka Abandonment)
- Buy America (at a minimum an update from FHWA)
- Mitigating Risk During Permitting & During Utility Relocation/Installation Process
- Lessons Learned from Use of Various Trenchless Technologies
- SHRP2 R15B (Utility Conflict Mngmnt) Update
- Technical Council Meeting
- General: Get utility companies involved in presentations.

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## Research Requests:

NCHRP 20-07 (Research Projects, due by October)

- None Submitted but were included with Project Scoping & Coordination TC in 2016 entitled “Effective DOT Utility Accommodation Strategies to Minimize Future Conflicts”

NCHRP 20-05 (Synthesis Projects, due by February):

- Managing Out of Service/Abandoned Utility Facilities inside Public Right-of-Way (submitted 1/3/17)
- Accommodation of Small Cell Sites within Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) (submitted 2/10/17)



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NCHRP 20-07 - Approved Research Requests

- None

NCHRP 20-05 – Approved Research Requests

- None

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## **2017 Potential Subject Matter:**

- Best Practices to Get Utilities to Follow DOT Requirements
- Wireless Cell Networks – Microcell/Small Cell/Distributed Antenna Systems (Session at Conference)
- Trenchless Technologies (Last mtg determined to Hold)
- Best Approach for Utility Coordination and Adjustment/Relocation on Design-Build Contracts (Last mtg determined to Table)
- Buy America (Session at Conference)

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## Other TC Items:

- **Webpage**
- **2017 Members**
- **2017 Meetings**
- **New Ideas**

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## Webpage:

- Trying to keep/get updated.
- Will continue to send minutes & RNS to AASHTO once completed.

<http://rightofway.transportation.org/Pages/Technical-Council-on-Utility-Accommodation-and-Safety.aspx>

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## **2017 Members:**

- Need to update list for retirements and folks not interested in participating any longer
- 58 members currently in spreadsheet
- new members

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## **2017 Meeting:**

- March 14<sup>th</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup> (meeting invite not yet sent)
- September 5<sup>th</sup> (meeting invite not yet sent)
- December 5<sup>th</sup> (meeting invite not yet sent)

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## New Ideas:

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Questions/Comments/Suggestions/JOKES: