2017 AASHTO Right of Way, Utilities, Outdoor Advertising Control & National Alliance of Highway Beautification Associations Conference

Utility Relocation Technical Council Session

Wednesday, May 3\textsuperscript{rd} from 3:00 to 6:00
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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 4th (Annual Conf.)
  • September 13th
  • December 13th
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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.

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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 14th
• June 6th (meeting invite not yet sent)
• September 5th (meeting invite not yet sent)
• December 5th (meeting invite not yet sent)
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New Ideas:
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Questions/Comments/Suggestions/JOKES: