

OAC TECHNICAL COUNCIL UPDATE and ANPRM DISCUSSION

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Technical Councils Overview

- On May 5, 2003, the full Subcommittee on HIGHWAYS voted to adopt an internal organization for councils on each of the technical areas in Right of Way, Utilities and Outdoor Advertising Control. Chairs for the Right of Way & Utilities Technical Councils have been appointed by the AASHTO Right of Way, Utilities, and Outdoor Advertising Control Subcommittee (SCORWUOAC) Executive Chairman.

Purpose of Technical Councils

- The Technical Councils will assist the full SCORWUOAC Subcommittee by focusing the attention and expertise of the members of the Councils on specific business areas of responsibility in Right of Way, Utilities, and Outdoor Advertising Control; identifying technical developments, trends, initiatives, innovations and potential problems; and providing an annual report on current issues in each particular area of responsibility.

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- Encourage and facilitate broader participation among member state DOTs and allow people, who have a special interest in some technical aspect of our business to meet to compare notes and share ideas;
- Help the subcommittee gather ideas from these experts in various technical areas in order to help us plan for future work efforts of the subcommittee, research, conference programs, etc;
- Make the work of the Technical Councils more visible to the Subcommittee membership in order to encourage participation.

Participants on Councils

- Only those individuals eligible for general or active membership as provided in Article III of the Subcommittee's Operating Procedures shall become eligible to chair or hold membership on a technical council. Representatives of local government agencies and members of the private sector concerned with transportation and transportation issues, particularly those relating to right of way and utilities, are encouraged to become involved with and participate on technical councils. These individuals may participate in the council as affiliate members, but may not vote on matters taken under consideration by the council.

NCHRP 20-7 Proposal

Title: “Time/cost analysis and comparative study associated with the relocation and acquisition of outdoor advertising signs impacted by state highway improvement projects”

Submission Deadline: April 28, 2017

NCHRP 20-7

- The proposed research is to gather data and perform a cost and time savings analysis associated with the relocation of outdoor advertising signs either directly back off the right of way or to a location within a 50 mile radius under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (1970) compared to the acquisition of the same signs under eminent domain proceedings when impacted by state highway improvement projects nationwide.

FLORIDA RESEACH PROJECT

- Florida Reseach Project: “Establishment of Effective Control Factors to Achieve Federal Enforcement Consistency with the Highway Beautification Act (HBA)”;

PURPOSE OF RESEARCH PROJECT

- The Florida Research Project is intended to seek information on the differences in “effective control” to show areas where the inconsistencies are costing the states unnecessarily.
- The objectives are to identify the state outdoor advertising control factors utilized to measure effective control of outdoor advertising. Identification should concentrate on critical programmatic areas to obtain a baseline control measure for each state. These critical programmatic areas include: (a) OAC permitting process; (b) removal of signs; (c) inventory of signs; (d) peer reviews; (e) practices on penalizing the erection of illegal signs adjacent to regulated routes; and (f) urban and outside urban areas and jurisdiction of local governments.

ANPRM to revise 23 CFR Part 750

- Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (ANPRM)
- The informal rulemaking process, which often is referred to as “notice-and-comment rulemaking,” requires that an agency first issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) and provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposal before it can issue a final rule.

OBJECTIVE OF ANPRM

The objective of this ANPRM is to solicit comments to determine the scope and extent of revision necessary to meet current regulatory needs and reduce the administrative burden associated with outdated rules and regulations.

Any proposed revision will seek to afford greater flexibility in program administration, reduce the administrative burden to State and local agencies and clarify the standards essential to meet basic HBA objectives.

ANPRM DISCUSSION

- DISCUSSION OF ANPRM FOCUS AREAS:
 - State/Federal Agreements
 - Definition and Standards
 - Comprehensive Zoning
 - Non-conforming Signs
 - New Technology
 - Should the Bonus Program be retired
 - Program Administration



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