

*2016 AASHTO Right of Way,  
Utilities, Outdoor Advertising Control  
& National Alliance of Highway  
Beautification Agencies Conference*



Sunday, May 1–Thursday, May 5  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida


# Department of Transportation Utilities

**Who's that  
and  
what do they do?**

# State DOT Utilities

**They are the state utility agents, managers, specialists and engineers.**

**They administer the state DOT's Utility Program and interact with both internal and external customers to accomplish the mission of state DOT.**



I have no idea what  
he's talking about.  
Nod and smile.  
Nod and smile.

# Responsibilities

- **Develop, maintain and interpret utility policy and procedures ensuring that highway standards are satisfied while adhering to all laws, regulations and codes.**
- **Provide state DOT and utility personnel technical engineering expertise.**
- **Perform P.S.&E. engineering and Final Bill reviews of utility work and ensure that utility relocation costs are equitably distributed.**

# Responsibilities

- **Responsible for procuring Federal Aid participation in the state DOT's cost responsibility for utility relocations necessitated by highway construction.**
- **Administers the state DOT's Resource Sharing Program. This may include negotiating, writing and reviewing agreements, RFP's and task orders for resource sharing projects.**

# Responsibilities

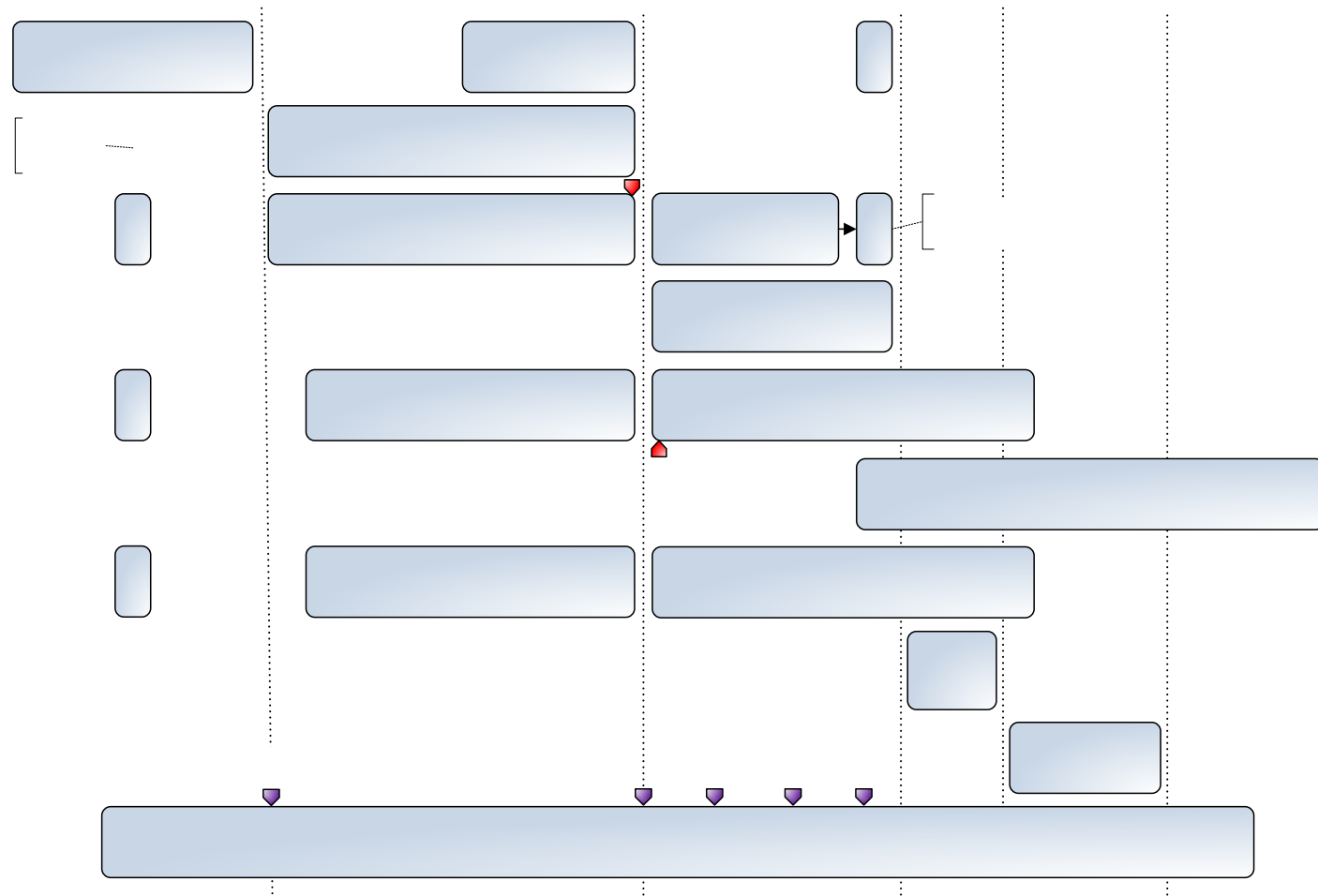
- **Ensure that 3rd party utility work incorporated into state DOT projects is handled properly.**
- **Agreements are executed, cost responsibility is determined and that 3rd parties are billed for their share of the cost.**
- **Mediates and resolves billing disputes between Utility Companies and the state DOT when engineering considerations are involved.**

# Responsibilities

- **Responsible for the accommodation of utility facilities placed within the state DOT's right-of-way.**
- **Oversee the utility coordination with districts, design groups and utility personnel to ensure timely delivery of the state DOT's Highway Capital Program.**
  - ❖ **COMMUNICATION**
  - ❖ **COORDINATION**
  - ❖ **COOPERATION**



# Project Development Process



# Before the project starts design...



**“Utility coordination?!? We don’t need any stinkin’ utility coordination!!!”**

# After the project is in construction...



**“Why didn’t you get the utilities relocated?!”**

# **AASHTO Right-of-Way, Utilities & Outdoor Advertising Control Subcommittee Executive Board Utility Members**

**Nelson Smith, Vice-Chair**

**Guy Rezendes, Region 1 Representative**

**Robert Memory, Region 2 Representative**

**Vacant, Region 3 Representative**

**Vacant, Region 4 Representative**

# UTILITY LINKS

- **Federal Highway Administration - Utility Program**  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/utilities/>
- **AASHTO Subcommittee on Right of Way, Utilities and Outdoor Advertising Control**  
<http://rightofway.transportation.org/Pages/Home.aspx>
- **Transportation Research Board – Utilities Committee**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/trbcommitteeafb70/>

# Questions

