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INDOT’s New Paradigm

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Does this describe your utility coordination process?
What if....
Indiana Process

• July 1, 2008, 105 IAC 13 went into affect

• Specific steps per 105 IAC 13:
  • Initial Notice
  • Verification Plans
  • Preliminary Plans
  • Preliminary Final Plans

• Requires specific response times from utilities
  • 30 days for Initial Plans & Verification Plans
  • 60 days for Preliminary Plans
  • 120 days for Work Plans
Evolved to what we now call our new paradigm:

“Everyone knows where everyone goes.”
From headache to cooperation...

- Treat them as partners
- Meet early and frequently
- Change thought process from “they are in our way” to “they are our partners”
- Change thought process from “re-design” to “design around”
- Utility owners are not our enemies – after all, it is OUR project that is putting them in conflict. They’re just fine where they are right now.
The Keys to Everything...

- Communication! Communication! Communication!
- Have a conversation
- Early Coordination Meetings
- Partner with the utilities
- Work Together
- Be willing to learn from one another

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Early Coordination Meeting

• Meet with Utility Partners
• Discuss project goals & schedule
• Discuss expectations
• Analyze Risks – what could break your bank, or your schedule?
  • Material procurement delays
  • Scheduling issues
  • Permitting issues
  • Right-of-way restrictions or needs
Early Coordination Meeting

• Review of the Verification Plans
  • Identify critical points
  • Determine what information is missing
    • Do you need QL-A or QL-B information?
    • Who will do this work?
• Lines on Paper
  • Find out exactly what that “W” is or what that “T” means
  • Find out the significance of that facility for the utility
Lines on paper...
...don’t tell me this...
...or this.
Project Development

• Iterative Process
• Review with Utility Partners
• Develop overall utility plan
• Page turn review prior to relocation
• Include relocations in contract when possible
• Follow up with utilities during relocation work & during reconstruction
In the end...

Everyone knows where everyone goes.
Questions?