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
Before the project starts design...

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

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After the project is in construction...

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

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

Nelson Smith, Vice-Chair

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Robert Memory, Region 2 Representative

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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