Updating The Utility Relocation Policy

Maryland’s Progress
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Utility Coordination Evolution

- 2001-2010: Participant Presenters at the MDQI Annual Conferences.
- 2010: Approved as Sub-Committee to the MdQI Steering Committee.
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MdQI - Utility Sub-Committee

• Mission Statement
  • Through collaboration amongst stakeholders the MdQI utility subcommittee will improve utility relocation design, rights-of-way acquisition and construction processes, while increasing the level of service and minimizing impacts to the end user, tax and rate payers.
MdQI - Utility Sub-Committee

• Workshops Conclude that Procedures and Policies do not Reflect the Current Process.
• Sub-Committee is Chartered with Updating Procedures that will Influence the Policy Change by SHA.
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- Current Procedure Manuals
  - Follow Design Typical Milestones.
  - Process is Inherently Disconnected.
  - Do Not Address Use of SUE.
  - Do Not Address Design-Build.
  - Prior Rights Process Not Defined.
  - No Tie Between Design to Construction.
THE REAL PROBLEM

- Procedures Are Not Followed.
- Schedule Reductions.
- Process Not Well Known.
- No Triggers Within the Process.
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• Goals of the Revised Procedures
  • To be Up to Date and Relevant.
  • Solve Issues.
  • Easy to Follow.
  • Supported by All.
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• Rewrite Approach
  • Tried to get Main SHA Office to Provide Resources to Rewrite the Manual.
  • Sub-Committee Would act as Review Agent.
  • Declined Due to Funding Issues.
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• New Approach
  • Review Other DOT Procedures and Policies for Template that Best Meets Committee’s Objectives.
• Potential Candidates:
  • Georgia, Texas, Florida…Others???
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• Rough Long-Term Schedule
  • 2012 Select a Procedures Manual Model to Copy.
  • 2013 Adapt Model to SHA Standards and Future Utility Agreements*.
  • 2016-17 Utility Agreement Rewrite.
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• Challenges
  • Momentum
    • Lack of Program Funding Removes Immediacy.
    • Changing Positions.
  • Agreements
    • Varying Objectives Among Key Stakeholders.
    • Too Easy to Stick with old Agreements.