

Michigan Utility Coordination Committee
July 20, 2015
9:00 am
MITA Office
Minutes

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1. Review – June 1, 2015 minutes
 - a. The minutes from the June 1, 2015 MUCC meeting were distributed and reviewed.

2. Status of GUIDE initiative
 - a. MDOT reported that they recently received \$100,000 from FHWA STIC program. This funding requires a \$25,000 match (total funding \$125,000).
 - b. STIC (State Transportation Innovation Council) Incentive program provides resources to help make innovations standard practice. The funding opportunity is \$100,000 per State per year.
 - c. The funding from this grant will be used to hire a consultant for the continued development of the GUIDE initiative.
 - d. As part of the grant, the following information will be defined/developed:
 - i. All data attributes (level of accuracy for x, y, z, data intervals, material type, datum, etc.)
 - ii. How to collect and submit data. Field submission or data dump after information is summarized.
 - iii. User manual (ex. Wiki type)
 - iv. Roles and responsibilities (i.e. utility company, TSC, central office, other local agency)
 - e. The ultimate goal is to have the issuance of a permit trigger the GUIDE documentation requirements.
 - f. It is anticipated that a consultant will be selected by fall of 2015.

3. CGA Excavation Safety Expo – Update
 - a. The GUIDE initiative was selected as one of the breakout sessions for the 2016 CGA Excavation Safety Conference and Expo.
 - b. Various committee members are planning on attending.
 - c. The date of the conference is March 8-10, 2016.

4. Update to the June 18, 2015 'Utilities As-built Data' webinar
 - a. MDOT provided an updated to the June 18, 2015 webinar.
 - b. Participating on the webinar were individuals from across the county and there was a great deal of interest in the progress we are making in Michigan.

5. 2016 MUCC Conference – January 20, 2016
 - a. Possible topics for the 2016 MUCC Conference were discussed. They were as follows:
 - i. Project/case study updates
 - ii. M-1 rail update
 - iii. Multi station Survey equipment demo
 - iv. Drone usage
 - v. Safety theme/accident survey
 - vi. Alternate energy
 - vii. Construction techniques and impacts due to utility delays
 - viii. Fracking – permitting requirements
 - ix. Enbridge – oil pipeline
 - x. Crane aerial clearance
 - xi. Dedicated stakers – Pilot M-53
 - xii. MISS DIG Best Practices
 - xiii. GUIDE Update
 - xiv. MDOT Region update
 - xv. Traffic Signals – how automated signals work
 - xvi. URTS (afternoon session)
 - xvii. Innovative contracting and impacts to utility coordination

6. MDOT's Utility Relocation Tracking System (URTS) computer application
 - a. An update to the URTS was provided.
 - b. MDOT continues to work on allowing access to external users.
 - c. This application will be beneficial for obtaining contact information and will help identify utility conflict areas.
 - d. The updates should be completed and ready for training this fall.

7. Next Meeting
 - a. The next is scheduled for September 30, 2015 at 10:00am at the MITA office.