

Transitioning to New Utilities Manuals

The Utilities Unit is currently in the process of updating NCDOT's existing utilities manual, *Policies and Procedures for Accommodating Utilities on Highway Rights of Way*. The updated version of this manual, simply titled *Utilities Accommodation Manuals*, will consist of four sections, each to be completed separately: Utility Policy, Utility Coordination, Utility Encroachment, and Utility Engineering.

As each section is completed, it will be made available for use and the guidance therein will go into effect at that time. In order to implement these new standards as quickly as possible, there will be a transition period during which new directives and old directives will coexist in order to provide complete guidance. In instances where new information conflicts with the old, the new guidance takes precedence. In instances where old documents address an issue that new documents have yet to cover, it is acceptable to follow the old guidance. Once all sections of the new manual are complete, the old manual will be discarded completely.

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Thank you for your cooperation,
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