



# WisDOT Utility Coordination News Bulletin



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UB#02.01	<p><b>Finding the “WisDOT Utility Coordination News Bulletins”</b> ■ Utility Bulletins are accessible on the Internet from our <a href="#">Utility coordination</a> and <a href="#">UC Guide</a> homepages; use the quick link for Utility bulletins in column on left to access the list. We will be adding some additional convenience links in the very near future from our internal dotnet pages. Each Utility Bulletin publication will also be archived within our BTS Utilities ShareDocs folder for those who have access.</p>
UB#02.02	<p><b>Showing compensable utilities on right of way plat - FDM 12-10-1.2.26 Compensable Utilities</b> ■ BTS-Utility staff recently attended a Plat User Group meeting where the issue of bolding compensable utility lines within the acquisition area was discussed. The bolding (or heavier line weight) idea was to make it easier to discern where the compensable facility begins/ends, but then plats appear cluttered and sometimes nearly unreadable. This was making it especially difficult for real estate agents, appraisers, access coordinators, surveyors, etc. The solution was to remove the requirement to bold the compensable portions of the facility within acquisition areas from in the Facilities Development Manual (FDM). This change will be <i>effective</i> with the August-September update to the FDM 12-10-1.2.26 Compensable Utilities. <i>No changes are required to current projects</i>, but after the FDM has been updated and published, please comply on future projects; please also share this development with consultants. See new verbiage in red text and information to be removed):</p> <p><i>“Some utilities that are required to be relocated because of a transportation improvement project are classified as compensable utilities. These compensable utilities have some land right that is being acquired, or they have a right to compensation by statute. Show the entire utility on the plat, when it is compensable or when any part of the facility is compensable. <b>Solid symbols shall be used for compensable utility facilities. Line styles shall be the same for both compensable and non-compensable utility facilities.</b> The compensable areas will be depicted with darkened utility lines and symbols. The compensable utility company will be shown in a separate utility schedule and given a utility number. Municipal utilities such as sewer and water do not need to be shown on the transportation project plat unless a portion of that utility is compensable.”</i></p>
UB#02.03	<p><b>STAR vendor information and updated forms</b> ■ Reference Anna Gent's email to Utility coordinators on <a href="#">STAR vendor info</a> (dated 06/07/16) for updated vendor forms as posted to our internal dotnet and other details relating directly to STAR implementation.</p>
UB#02.04	<p><b>Locating local program forms</b> ■ Anna Gent disseminated some more information and helpful tools for Utility coordinators showing key links to local program forms; see Anna's email on <a href="#">local programs forms info</a> (dated 06/07/16). Note: some forms are accessible only from our internal dotnet pages, while others are available via the Internet.</p>
UB#02.05	<p><b>Conveyance of rights and e-recording</b> ■ Guidance from WisDOT/OGC - When using SimpliFile for e-recording the state and local versions of the Conveyance of Rights in Lands (Non-Fee Land Interests) and Quit Claim Deed by Utility (Non-Fee Land Interests) the document type should be "Other" and then "WisDOT Utility Conveyance of Rights" (if the option for "other" does not exist, use "Deed." For a Quit Claim Deed, the document type should be "Deed."</p>
UB#02.06	<p><b>Pole on property line - compensable “yes” or “no”?</b> ■ When a utility pole is on the property line and prescriptive rights have been recognized, which real estate parcel should be referenced in the legal description? <u>Both</u> would be the correct answer; you must clear both right of way parcels.</p>
UB#02.07	<p><b>Legal description language - UC Guide 11.6</b> ■ WisDOT/OGC recommends we remove this statement currently used at the end of legal descriptions in TPPS for utility releases <i>“...and all subsequent revisions.”</i> This change is <u>effective immediately</u>.</p>

This bulletin has been developed to provide updates, clarifications, job aides and news pertaining to WisDOT utility coordination and related WisDOT programs, policy and services. Information published in this bulletin will be of interest to those who work closely with utility coordination. WisDOT's Division of Transportation Services Development/Bureau of Technical Services (DTSD/BTS) - Utilities will review each submission prior to publication. Questions, suggestions and comments may be sent to the DTSD/BTS-Utilities shared mailbox at [DOTDTSDCOUtilityCoordination@dot.wi.gov](mailto:DOTDTSDCOUtilityCoordination@dot.wi.gov).