FUTURE USES OF ROW

Abstract
The rights of way (ROW) alongside transportation corridors represent an enormous underutilized resource. CTR, along with RD Mingo and Associates, is leading a study for the FHWA’s Office of Transportation Policy Studies to explore future applications, trends, and imaginative possibilities for ROW usage under different future scenarios. The research team is exploring many applications including renewable energy, transmission, and truck electrification facilities as examples of emerging usage. With the inadequacy of funding from federal and state fuel taxes, there is a growing interest in broadening the ways in which ROW and real estate assets can be best utilized from a revenue generation perspective. In some cases the DOT may choose to partner with other public or private sector entities to bring new types of land uses into the state-controlled ROW with the goal of augmenting the total value of the ROW. Still, planners are mindful of the fact that these corridors were created to serve current and future transportation demand and that the benefits accrued from ancillary uses must be tempered against this original charge. This poster, presented at the CTR Annual Symposium, documents some of the early findings of the research and is intended to solicit feedback from attendees on proposed future uses.

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