



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

09:30am to 11:00am

6363 Selig Drive, Independence

### **1. Introductions**

- We had an excellent turnout for January – we had fifty-four individuals in attendance.

### **2.) Meeting Minutes Approved**

- The December meeting minutes were sent out as well as reviewed in person. There were no revisions to the minutes.

### **3.) Presentation: Jessica Burlett with GPD Group – Design Tickets**

- Jessica is the vice chair for the Central Ohio DPC and is the utility coordinator for GPD. She has twenty-five years' experience in the industry.

- GPD has been in service for fifty-nine years.

- OHIO811's design tickets support engineering and planning, not active construction.

- Design tickets help communicate future construction needs and provide valuable information for designers and engineers.

- Jessica provided a couple of case studies from GPD where a design ticket was created, and the utility owner responded with no conflict. A quick Google Maps Street view search showed signs of utilities, such as markings on pavement and utility structures. GPD found two four-inch telephone conduits and one four-inch fiber optic conduit.

- False no conflicts on design tickets cost designers time and money to work around.

- The following items are helpful to engineers and designers create accurate plans: general alignments and corridor limits, abandoned facilities, future improvements, expansions, retired in

place, any known restrictions or high-risk facilities, utility type, and record size (diameter, voltage, pressure class, duct count). Keep in mind that size, type, and material are critical for accuracy.

- Providing accurate records helps to protect facilities from damage during construction, which could result in outages and public safety incidents.

- GPD tracks all responses to OHIO811 tickets that they have for future documentation.

- ORC 3781.29.2.b.

- Jessica provided some examples of utility base maps that GPD creates.

- ASCE38-22 updated the standard for utility investigation. It is the latest version of ASCE's guideline for investigating and documenting existing underground utilities.

- Jessica will send out her presentation which will be shared with the council upon request.

#### **4.) OHIO811 Updates**

- In December, there were 102,507 notifications made to the center (up 7.04%).

- For 2025, there were 1,561,669 notifications made to the center (up 6.79%).

- This year's Cleveland area Paradigm pipeline safety meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7am at Todaro's party center in Akron. Please ensure to register at Pdgim.com.

- OHIO811 will be switching to new software from their provider (Norfield Development). It will happen sometime in Q1 of 2026.

- 56.85% of current notifications to OHIO811 are through i-dig. 31.75% are calls directly to the center. OHIO811 encourages everyone to utilize i-dig and e-dig to save themselves time and better accuracy.

#### **5.) April Safe-Dig Event Subcommittee**

- Our current plan for April is fruit tree planting at Vel's Oasis in Cleveland. We will have the OHIO811 trailer and plan to have demonstrations on the OHIO811 process, such as white lining, positive verification, and digging safely.

#### **6.) Open Discussion**

- The council needs guest speakers for our future meetings, except for February, March, April, and July (no meeting). Aspire offered to present for May or June.

- The council agreed to create a council damage prevention contact list and will share with OHIO811.
- We discussed that in-person attendees at council meetings will receive virtual raffle tickets to be used at December's breakfast meeting. The goal is to grow attendance during the year.
- Carter Creviston with the City of Cleveland ROW enforcement reminded everyone that permits will not be approved unless a contractor right of way registration is completed.
- ODOT will have a project at the I-77 and I-90 termination for four to five years as well as US 6 in Lake County will have a complete bridge closure.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:48AM.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at City of Independence Civic Center (Willow Room)**