

## 2.2.20 Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi

Environment Agency (EAD) mission is to effectively regulate the conservation of biodiversity, promote sustainable development, and tackle the threat of climate change in Abu Dhabi. NOC Procedure and Requirements

## 2.3 NOC Procedures and Requirements

No objection certificate is required when there are construction and/or maintenance activities to be carried out within the ROW of main roads. Such situations (Abu Dhabi Municipality, 2009) may arise due to the following conditions:

1. Protection of existing utilities: Such situation occurs when the existing utilities are in good condition and compatible with the geometry of the new infrastructure. These utilities are to be retained within the same utility corridor; however, protection is provided from traffic loads and maintenance operations. Furthermore, protection of existing utilities is not accepted by certain SAUP such as ADDC, if the existing network will be under the new roads / carriage ways and shall be relocated.
2. Relocation of existing utilities: Such situation occurs when the existing utilities are incompatible with the geometry of the new infrastructure or the existing capacity is undersized and requires improvement. These utilities are relocated to new corridors within the ROW of main roads at same location or other locations. Relocation of existing water and power network if required shall be done by the developer / utility provider/user / and Service authorities and not by ADDC. In general, all ADDC existing services (cables and waterlines) running parallel and underneath the new proposed road shall be relocated while perpendicular services shall be protected to ADDC satisfaction / approval.
3. Development of new utilities: such situations occur when new utilities are laid to support the futuristic demand.

As discussed in Section 2.2, there are mainly three authorities (UPC, DMA/ADM and DoT) from where the final NOC are to be obtained by the consultants or the contractors to proceed with design, construction and/or maintenance activities. However, Table 1 below provides the basic details about the conditions under which the NOC are to be obtained from these authorities:

**Table 1: Conditions Dictating NOC Requirements**

S/No	Typical Conditions	Authority Approvals		
		UPC	DMA	DoT
(1)	Protection of Existing Utilities		✓	✓
(2)	Relocation of Existing Utilities due to new ROW	✓	✓	✓
(3)	Relocation of Existing Utilities due to Capacity Constraints	✓	✓	✓
(4)	Development of New Utilities	✓	✓	✓